

CYSF refund

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According to Tony Finn, Business Manager of the Council of the York Student Federation, it has recently been discovered that the CYSF should not be paying fees to the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario for approximately 18 per cent of the students who belong to the CYSF.

According to Finn, this means that last year, the CYSF paid the CFS-O \$2,478 more than it should have, and that this year, the amount owed to the CFS-O is much lower than expected.

Total fees paid to the CFS-O for 1981-82 were \$14,049. This figure is based upon \$1.50 per full-time student or full-time equivalent (FTE) (two students each with a half course load are equivalent to 1 full-time student) who belongs to the CYSF.

But, although fees were paid for every student who belongs to the CYSF, Finn says that, in fact, all of these students are not CFS-O members. He said that the Graduate Student Association, the Graduate Business Council, and the Environmental Studies Student Association all belong to the CYSF but do not belong to the CFS-O.

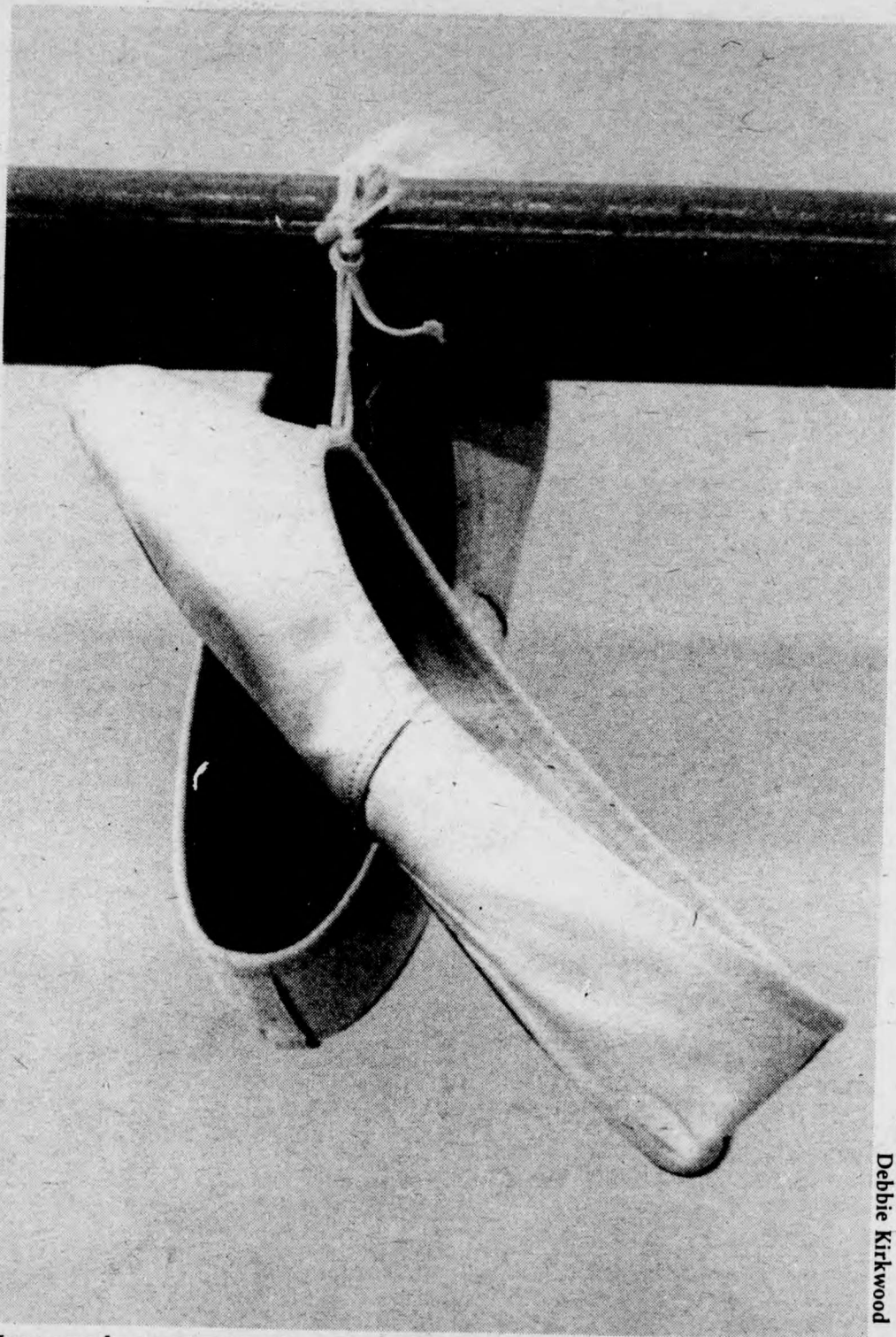
Finn says that the total owed to the CFS-O for this year is \$26,772. This figure is based upon \$3.00 for each student who belongs to both the CYSF and the CFS-O. (An increase in CFS-O fees from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a student was approved by referendum two years ago and came into effect this year.)

To date, the CYSF has paid the CFS-O \$15,000 and has given them a cheque for \$10,000 post-dated to June 1. Finn says that with the addition of the \$2,478 overpayment from last year, as of June 1, the CYSF will have paid the CFS-O \$706 more than it owes for this year.

Finn said that he and Jan Turner, Business Manager of the CFS-O discovered the error about ten days ago. Finn said that it has to be understood that the fee granting system at York is the "most complicated system available". Finn said that last year, he took the FTE enrollment figure as given, but that this year, when Turner enquired about the figure, they looked into it in detail and discovered the error.

Had the error not been discovered, CYSF's fees for this year would have been assessed at about \$32,000 to \$33,000, which, on top of the fees already paid and the \$10,000 payable June 1, would have left the CYSF owing \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Finn says that the final \$9,294 still owing to the CFS-O may be paid before the end of April rather than on June 1. Early in March, CYSF learned that its total operating grant for this year would be about \$27,000 higher than the figure upon which they had based the budget. Previously, the CYSF was looking at a deficit of about \$20,000. Now, the CYSF is looking at a surplus of about \$7,000. Finn said they were considering giving more funding to some



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Union participation in Graduate Student Association election creates controversy

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While recent publicity has focused upon the CYSF and its activities, a controversy has developed in the Graduate Students Association (GSA) election campaign. At issue is the fact that GSA presidential candidate Terry Conlin is a vice-president of the York chapter of the Canadian Union of Educational Employees (CUEW). Conlin and his running mates, Enzo Berra and Walton Brown, advocate a closer working relationship between the GSA and CUEW, among other groups.

Ron Moore, Conlin's opponent, is determined to fight the election on that issue. "The primary issue in the upcoming GSA elections," reads one of Moore's posters, "seems to have centred on the desired state of the GSA/CUEW relations." The poster also says that a merger between the two bodies "can have potentially divisive consequences with respect to that portion of the GSA membership which is a more moderate and perhaps anti-union character."

When contacted by *Excalibur*, Moore repeated the

poster's statement. "There has been a tradition with the GSA to remain aloof with (sic) CUEW," he said, "because the GSA membership represents all parts of the student body - pro and anti-union, and those of anti-union feelings will see their

positions within the GSA reduced by such a move."

Conlin, on the other hand, sees this as a red herring election issue. "I'd be one person in a nine person executive," he said. "How could I control the GSA?" According to Conlin, his

platform advocates greater involvement between the GSA with all groups on campus - Black Creek Food Co-op, the Women's Centre, the Day Care Centre, etc.-something with which Moore agrees.

Moore and Conlin both believe that the GSA's

General elections in early April

CYSF President wants to stay

PAULA TODD

After months of speculation, only two candidates have emerged in the CYSF Presidential race-and one of them is incumbent, Maurizio Bevilacqua.

Bevilacqua, a 22-year-old Political Science major, says he wants to serve another term "because I have the experience and the ability to bring about changes and represent the needs and concerns of the students." Bevilacqua claims his year gave him the opportunity to "really learn the ropes of the government. And considering the political climate I faced, I think I did a good job."

His only opponent is Chris

Summerhayes, a third-year Philosophy student who is the Speaker of the Winters College Council, a residence don, part-time employee at the York Track and Field Centre and the Chairperson of the University Food and Beverage Service Committee and helped write the Weston investigated York's Food Services this year.

CYSF released notice of official candidacy yesterday at 5 p.m. Four positions have been acclaimed: the new Director of Internal Affairs is Jenny Burnaka, Lana Flomen replaces Judith Santos as Director of Women's Affairs, Stuart Cork is the Faculty of Science Senate representative

and Marshall Golden enters his third term as Fine Arts Senate representative.

The following candidates will compete in the general election on the 5th and 6th of April.

President: Maurizio Bevilacqua
Chris Summerhayes

Director, External Affairs: Paul Isenberg, Marcello DiFrancesco

Board of Governors: Claudio Calvin Lewis, Martin Zarnett

Senate, Faculty of Arts: Bipin Lakhani, Sean Ford, Chris Kozachenko, Danny Simile, David Spiro, John Walters, Belinda Levine, Makhail Bronshetyn, Christopher Costello.

How many voters missed chance to hear candidates?

PAULA TODD

If candidates in the upcoming Board of Governors and Senate representative elections were disappointed with the small turnout for their All Candidates Meeting held in the Central Square Bearpit yesterday, they might ask CYSF Chief Returning Officer, Larry Till, why he gave the York community just one day's notice of the meeting. This when it was the only CYSF-organised public election forum for these candidates.

Conflict of interest

Till, whose appointment as C.R.O. was challenged last month because none of the other qualified candidates were even interviewed and because his current job as Managing Editor of the Vanier College newspaper, *The Vandoo*, presents a conflict of interest, was apologetic about the short notice but does not intend to make other arrangements for the candidates. "You know how things are," he said, "I'm very busy. But I put posters up yesterday."

When *Excalibur* expressed concern that Till had not given thousands of York voters enough time to respond to the meeting and the opportunity

to hear the candidates' platforms, he said, "I know, I know. But that's how things are. I had to do it with things so late already." Till was referring to CYSF's postponement of the general elections. Advance polls now fall on April 5 with the election scheduled for the last week of the academic year on April 6th.

Excalibur learned about the candidates' meeting 15 minutes before it began and was unable to assign a reporter. In an attempt to get some coverage of the event, *Excalibur* approached Radio York, the campus radio station which received approximately \$12,000 from CYSF this year. "This is the first I have heard about the meeting," said Station Manager, Andy Holowaty.

'I don't have time'

"You're the first person to tell me about this. I don't have time to get the equipment set up now." Neither Tye Burt, the CYSF Speaker nor Till made arrangements to tape the discussion.

As David Spiro, a candidate for Student Senator said, "If I wasn't a candidate I never would have known about the meeting."

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