

## CYSF club definition ambiguous, say York club reps and professors

Representatives from some York clubs offer their views on the CYSF definition of 'political.'

By JAMES FLAGEL

The recent controversy over whether the York Students Movement Against Apartheid (YSMAA) should receive funding has brought into question the Council of York Student Federation's (CYSF) definition of a 'political' organization.

"The present definition of political is ambiguous," said Ron Clark of the Jewish Students Federation, "because at the moment, all clubs are potentially political."

"The definition is so broad that it does not offer a defined criteria needed to evaluate groups," added Clark.

"Political," according to CYSF, is defined as "having to do with organization or action of individuals, parties or interests that seek to control

appointment or action of those who manage affairs of state."

According to Professor Leselva of the Political Science Department, the definition is vague, and its use of 'control' could mean anything "from strictly controlling to merely attempting to influence affairs of state. In the latter context almost any group could be prosecuted for these types of actions."

Professor Dewitt of the Political Science Dept. added that "any organization is going to be political whenever they dwell into actions concerning normative value."

Dewitt described the example of a group attempting to promote good diet for Canadians. "Even this group would be political, for they are trying to persuade the government in assuring a better diet for more Canadians," he noted.

Both Leselva and Dewitt strongly support the YSMAA, but added that "under the current definition the YSMAA is definitely political. But

then again," they added, "with this definition, who isn't?"

Reya Ali, president of the CYSF, said the "YSMAA is political but due to the mass support for this humanitarian cause, an exception for funding would be made."

Ali also noted that, due to the ambiguous nature of the legislation, the exception could be made.

"You always have to have an escape clause," added Ali.

Amalia Koutakos, a member of the Hellenic Student Association, said that "CYSF should do away with the 'political' definition since most groups hold programs opposing this legislation anyhow."

Andrea Meeson, a member of the YSMAA, said that a redefinition of 'political' is desperately needed. "At present they can decide at whim what is 'political' and what is not," Meeson said.

According to Cal Bricker Political Science Phd-2 student, "If the legislation cannot include the exception the legislation should be changed."

## Anti-apartheid forum held at York

By SHELLEY WEISFELD

A speech equating Apartheid with Nazism was the highlight of an anti-apartheid forum held at York on Wednesday, November 20.

Joanne Naiman, a sociology professor at Ryerson, told a group of over 100 people that "Apartheid can be seen as a system of institutionalized Nazism."

The York Student Movement Against Apartheid (YSMAA) sponsored the event, which featured speeches by Yusef Salooje of the African National Congress (ANC) and Ara Azcurro, a member of the University of Toronto's Divestment Committee.

The forum began with a film about South African political activist Nelson Mandela. Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964 for his activities with the ANC. Recently, however, it has been rumored in the press that Mandela could be released from prison within a few months.

Naiman spoke immediately after the film, giving comparisons of racism between the Nationalist Party in South Africa to the German Nazi Party of the 1940s. "The methods may be different but the consequences are the same," she said.

She added, "The notion of racial purity, of being the master race... is consistent of both Apartheid and Nazi ideologies."

## CYSF to fund organizations despite absence of Trust Fund agreement

By LAURA LUSH

The Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) will go ahead and fund nine student organizations at its own expense until the allocation of their joint Trust Fund with Calumet College has been finalized.

"We will release some money now regardless of Calumet's approval, so that the organizations can start to do their activities," CYSF President Reya Ali said. "We're willing to run a partial deficit now so we can release the money immediately." Ali said CYSF will be reimbursed for the spending when the Trust Fund is settled.

Lesley Garant, chairperson of the Calumet College General Meeting (CCGM), said he hopes an agreement can be reached between the two parties within the next couple of weeks.

Naiman concluded that "for our government to have diplomatic connections is for it to be an accomplice to an international crime as genocide."

ANC member Salooje said, "Given internal and external forces, we are forced to carry an armed insurrection, a peoples' war." He continued by stating "when they shoot a baby in the head we will be prepared. We are left with no choice."

On the issue of sanctions, Salooje said, "The battle against the South African government is made more difficult by foreign economic support."

## Scott Library card catalogue goes way of Studebaker

By SHARON ANDRES

FOR SALE: Scott Library's used card catalogue.

Scott Library, and all the libraries affiliated with York University, no longer have use for the drawers full of cards that used to catalogue books by author, subject and title. Rather, they are opting for the sophisticated and more effective microcatalogue.

Rasma Rugelis, associate director at Scott, said the "superior service" offered by the microcatalogue and public query system has "major economic advantages over the labour intensive card catalogue system."

The last entry into the card catalogue was in 1974, and the first entries into the microfiche system began in 1979. "We are officially closing the card catalogue on December 10, 1985," said Len Draper, the administrative director at Scott.

Perhaps Scott Library will sell their cards to reimburse the cost of

the microcatalogue system. Scott's garbage may be useful for the average person's everyday use. Recipes and speeches are commonly found on this size of card. They could replace baseball cards in the spokes of bicycles or one could put several layers together and sew them in clothes for the fashionable football player look. By stringing several together, interspersed with popcorn, gummies and beads, these cards could become the newest jewellery craze. Keep them around for the next convention and write "Hi, I'm Alice" on it and tape it to your shirt. Perhaps Betty Crocker would be interested in buying them to replace the paper knives she so conveniently includes in her cake packages.

Finally, these outdated cards could be kept as souvenirs of the wonderful, wild days spent at Scott Library. After all, one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Calumet students pay \$18.50 out of their tuition toward the Trust Fund that funds central student run services and activities. He estimated that the CCGM funds between 20-25 organizations annually, "mostly services rather than clubs, such as the Daycare Centre and the Women's Centre."

Garant said that the CCGM and CYSF have not been able to agree on a method of administering funds. He said that CYSF has adopted a new procedural method that demands that the majority of the Trust Fund be immediately allocated to organizations. Ali said he wants to allocate at least 80 per cent of the Trust Fund at this time so that "organizations can become active right away." He said the Council will have a reserve fund of approximately \$5,000 to go toward late club funding.

Garant said that although Ali's proposed new procedure is a "cleaner, more efficient method, it doesn't leave enough available funds for reserve funding. He added that the CCGM has traditionally always set aside approximately 30-35 per cent of the estimated \$30,000 Trust Fund in a contingency fund to support those organizations that do not receive CYSF funding or have applied for funding after the October 9 deadline. "The old system has always worked out great," Garant said, "because those projects that got a late start were always funded."

Garant said that CCGM has a unique outlook toward their Trust Fund because they try to provide "some sort of recourse" for organizations having difficulty getting funding. "We don't want to lose sight of these goals," he said.



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## Financial Study may recommend new residences for Keele campus

By NAOMI PASCOE

A financial study due out by Christmas could recommend that York build a new on-campus apartment building or residence by September, 1987.

The study is being conducted by the Office of Business Operations and the York University Development Corporation (YUDC).

The apartment building would be for law, graduate and Atkinson College students with 260 bachelor apartments. The college residence would have 280 beds. Either way both buildings fall far short of providing the 700 units needed to exhaust the waiting list for housing.

The project would be the first new residence since 1973. Since then York's full-time student enrollment

has almost doubled, from 14,600 to 25,900. One of the reasons for the absence of new residences is the other projects were government subsidized. For this project York will get no financial support.

Dr. Philip Lapp, Chairman of the YUDC, does not want the project turned over to private business, as has been suggested. "The moment private industry takes it over it has to be identified as an asset that they can see. It is not a policy at York to sever its lands. York has to finance it."

Lapp said the YUDC's mandate is to develop the empty 400 acres with self-financing projects. The financial study is to see if the residence project is feasible. "The YUDC can't impinge on the University's budget," said Lapp.



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