

Fletcher, Staff try to avoid ad bills

Council of the York Student Federation president Michael Fletcher and social affairs commissioner Neil Staff sent a letter to Excalibur on Thursday stating they would pay only \$188 of a \$951 advertising bill because they felt Excalibur's news coverage of winter carnival had been inadequate.

CYSF later ordered the organizers to pay the full costs although the council still owes \$10,000 in grants. Fletcher said he felt Excalibur didn't need the money as badly as other organizations such as Radio York.

On the Carnival scene, Staff told CYSF Monday "we were prepared to pay a reasonable amount...but we refuse to pay an advertising bill to cover events the student newspaper should be covering."

Graduate representative Doug Farquar said CYSF should have known what it was getting before complaining about the

coverage. Fletcher had said he expected news coverage along with the advertising.

Communications commissioner Neil Sinclair said "If Excalibur comes under the position where it must put this, this and this in the paper, then we might just as well become the editors of the paper. And that won't be a good thing."

Excalibur editor Andy Michalski said news was judged strictly on its own merits and not whether an advertiser asked for coverage. He charged that CYSF was once again tampering with the campus' press.

"First you owe us \$10,000 out of our grant and then you send a letter stating you won't pay an advertising bill because you don't like the coverage. Now you (Fletcher) tell me what that adds up to if you're not intimidating the press," he said.

Fletcher said he wasn't complaining about the news

coverage but just the extent of it. In his unsigned letter to Excalibur, he said "The official student newspaper of York University managed to give us less coverage (for a student event at York) than (sic) the city newspapers."

"The advertising costs were contracted on the faint expectation that Excalibur, as a student newspaper might consider printing some student news. Until this fault is corrected student groups like ourselves are unlikely to pay more funds towards an organization already receiving \$27,000 from the students of this university."

Michalski explained that cultural editor Lynne Slotkin was assigned to cover the carnival. She later said "Fletcher told me that considering the number of buttons sold, he didn't think he'd be giving any press passes. He'd let me know if he had and he never phoned back," she said.

Brand, 4th CYSF pres candidate

The race for Council of the York Student Federation's presidency gained a fourth contender on Friday. It's Vanier council president Chuck Brand.

Labelled as a "protest candidate", he says he finds the rhetoric put forward by the other candidates as fallacious and it makes him extremely irritated.

"This year, the candidates are talking about straightening out the budgets and the services but now they're \$20,000 in debt. Now that takes a great deal of talent (to get that debt)," he said.

CYSF owes \$20,000 to the major services such as Excalibur, Radio York, daycare and the student clinic. It will collect \$14,000 if College G and Calumet agree to pay \$4 and \$5 respectively of the \$10 fees normally going to CYSF. The two colleges say they are not charter members of CYSF.

Brand said he would try and make CYSF more viable. "Theoretically, Calumet and College G are not against a CYSF. They're simply against its past record," he said.

Brand's major issue is to change the environment between faculty and the student which he feels is administratively more like a baby-sitting service. He says he doesn't want to do anything radical or act for things students don't want.

He says there should be a greater emphasis on the social services such as Excalibur, Radio York, the student clinic and daycare with CYSF responding to action groups such as the abortion coalition.

He says he supports the York University Newspaper Act and the construction of a Student Union Building if CYSF can handle the money.

He feels CYSF should also work with the college councils on York-wide events such as the winter carnival. Although it was the best yet, he says CYSF did not approach the college councils to help defray the costs.

"There's a lot of foolish rhetoric," he says, "about who does what, social or political activities. In reality, neither do very much."

Although he says there's nothing really new about what he's saying, he wants to do "what hasn't been done."

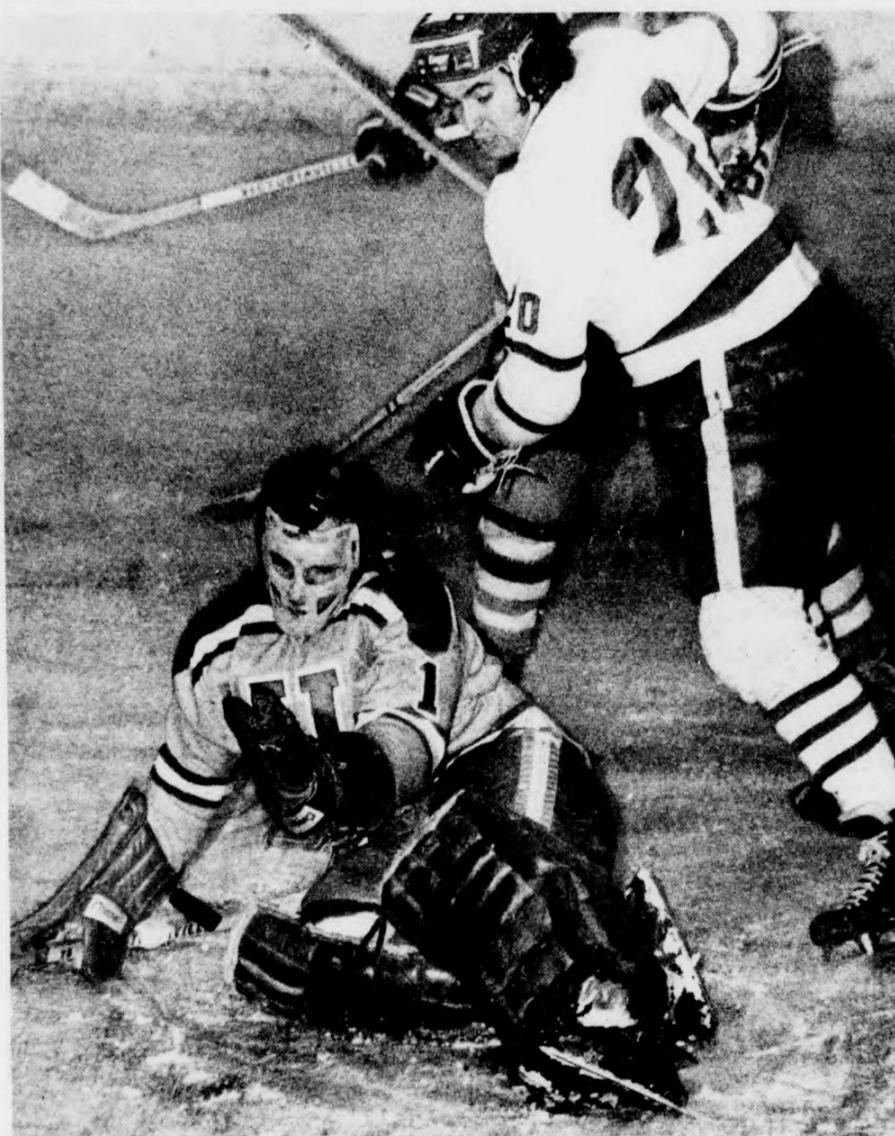
Brand was president of Vanier's college council last year and was instrumental in assuring council support for renting a farm.

The council came under attack in February because only a few people directly benefit from the project.

Council has promised to keep under-writing any bills.

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Laurentian's goalie had a hard time on Tuesday night. He was attacked from all sides by York players as John Hirst (20)

demonstrates. York plays Guelph at Varsity Arena, Friday at 9 pm in the semi finals. Photo by Tim Clark

News Act passed by 6 councils and CYSF

Despite a bitter debate over Winter Carnival coverage, Council of the York Student Federation passed a major section of the York University Newspaper Act on Monday.

It approved "the principle of relegating legal and publishing responsibility be transferred to the proposed board of directors of Excalibur Publications."

The act now has the support of six councils plus Council of the York Student Federation. Three presidential candidates, Bryan Belfont, Chuck Brand and John Theobald support the act although a fourth, Phil Petrelli does not.

Communications commissioner Neil Sinclair said he wanted the basic principles of the act spelled out clearly to CYSF so that everyone perfectly understood the significance of the act.

The other principles of finances and responsibility come before CYSF next week. "If we agree to all the provisions of the act, then I am obligated to push it wholeheartedly," Sinclair said.

Neil Staff and Mike Fletcher felt there wasn't enough direct student control on the paper with the board of directors appointed from the college councils.

4 candidates to honor CYSF commitments

The four presidential candidates Bryan Belfont, Chuck Brand, Phil Petrelli and John Theobald say they will ensure that Council of the York Student Federation service groups receive the full amounts promised them by this year's CYSF.

At stake is \$10,000 still owed by CYSF to Excalibur, \$2,000 to Radio York and about \$7,000 to the student clinic.

All candidates save Theobald signed a statement to this effect. Theobald said he would work to the fullest of his capabilities in conjunction with the present and past CYSF to honor these commitments.

Lumbers gets lawyers to fight Atk. student

Board of governors' Leonard Lumbers has mustered the prestigious services of the law firm Holden, Murdoch, Walton, Finlay and Robinson to fight Atkinson student Gar Mahood in the courts on May 1.

Mahood is suing Lumbers for \$10. He has charged Lumbers with blocking a Glendon roadway with his Lincoln and thus ruining his (Mahood's) evening plans. Mahood will serve as his own counsel.

In a statement Feb. 29 Lumbers charged he was subjected to Mahood's verbal abuse which could give rise to legal action. He charged Mahood has started action against him "solely in an attempt to embarrass him."

In his statement to the 12th division of

small claims court, Lumbers denies all of Mahood's charges and states that Mahood's own car was illegally parked and that his (Lumber's) car was just one of several parked that way.

Lumbers states he moved his car immediately on Mahood's request and that Mahood was in no way delayed or inconvenienced. He says the entire case is spurious and an abuse of the court process and should be dismissed with Mahood paying the costs.

Lumbers was recently listed by Macleans Magazine as one of the top 100 bank directors in Canada. He sits on 18 boards of directors with company assets totalling \$12,689,000 and a main corporate interest in Noranda Manufacturing.



Chuck Brand

Ummm Uteric course

Rumor has it that a York English professor will offer a course in the use of "uteric" symbols in literature to third-year students next year. This sort of study has long been neglected, he said and too much time and space has been devoted to the "phallic" symbolism in literature.

He plans to consider such obvious "uteric" symbols (those that represent or symbolize the female reproductive organs) as a hole in the ground, a tunnel and a dough-nut.

There is, in his opinion, a valid case for this study in light of the rise of the women's Feminist Movement and he is also considering the traces of "uterus-envy" existing in the works of such noted authors as Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness.