

Director of Communications resigns

CYSF member disillusioned with council

By DENISE BEATTIE

Evan Leibovitch, previously the vice-president of student services and communications in the CYSF, resigned from the Executive Council this week, although he will remain a voting council member.

His reasons were that he did not have the necessary time, and he was unhappy with the work of some of the other members on the executive.

Leibovitch elaborated that some members of the executive, Paul Hayden and Andrew Madden in particular, hold strong views with which he could never agree and that their positions contained no room for compromise. He cited the issue of CYSF bi-elections as an example, which Hayden and Madden were against holding. Another example was what he considered to be the treatment of ex-CYSF secretary Tara Fricher-Balance and CYSF Speaker George Manios. According to Leibovitch, both were put under unfair and unethical pressure to resign.

Other complaints by Leibovitch included the practice of allowing certain council members, Al Dale

in particular, to attend the supposedly private executive meetings. Leibovitch feels that if this is going to be allowed, then all council members would have the same opportunity. He was also frustrated in the belief that the formation of strong opinions by some executive members led to lack of worthwhile discussion through which he could effectively introduce his opinions.

Edson confirms these reasons as comparable to the ones that Leibovitch gave him. He sees these reasons as unjustified and unacceptable. He stresses that "If Leibovitch is unhappy with the work of some members of the executive, he should become more active in getting his position accepted." Edson went on to say that Leibovitch played a passive role at many executive meetings, thus leading to the assumption that he concurred to the majority opinion. However, he then proceeded to dissent, continued Edson, after the meetings. Edson believes this to be a very ineffective means of trying to convince the executive that their positions are incorrect.

Concluding, Edson deduced that if Leibovitch was more active he would be able to influence executive members and that it therefore must be concluded that "his basic reason for resigning is lack of time and perhaps commitment."

"How does one become active in an executive that has consistently made regressive decisions?" was Leibovitch's response to criticisms of lack of involvement. He also cited a record of accomplishments requiring time and effort, which he felt would prove his commitment. Examples are the new agreement with the TTC, where, starting next September, there will be a regular bus route going from within the campus to the Spadina Subway, petitions, proposals to the Administration and interviews with the TTC. He also helped write the new Radio York constitution, resolved disputes concerning Radio York with John Becker, Assistant to the Vice-President of Student Affairs, and was on the board of the Association of Student Councils (a non-profit travel organization run by student councils, as well as the



Excalibur Board of Publications and the Harbinger Board of Directors.

By resigning his position on the executive, Leibovitch was forced to resign from the CYSF position on these boards. However, he has since retained a position on the Board of Publications as the McLaughlin College represen-

tative.

Edson conceded that the council needs reforming but believes it dynamics reflect the general apathy of the students. The executive members and council can only do "so much". He says that unless students take a greater interest in what's happening, things won't change.

Faculty citizenship is Canadian issue

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, in a recent statement on faculty citizenship, said they felt that landed immigrants already in Canada should not be distinguished from Canadian citizens with respect to university appointments, "but that there be no discrimination in the awarding of promotion and tenure".

The OCUFA statement said that when a Canadian academic does not have the necessary qualifications "it is apparent that the appointment of a non-Canadian is justified".

OCUFA accused the federal

government for "making us dependant once again on other developed countries," though it supported a policy of support for Canadian applicants.

"There is danger that legitimate measures to ensure that the universities reflect and serve national needs may damage them as institutions which must, by their very nature, also serve universal goals of scholarship and research. It is therefore essential that there be adequate provision for the universities of Ontario to appoint visiting professors from abroad and that nothing be done which would hamper the exchange schemes.

Students demand tuition inquiry

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government will agree to student demands for a full public inquiry into the financing and planning of post-secondary education if provincial governments agree to it first, federal cabinet ministers told student representatives on parliament hill November 9.

Finance minister Donald MacDonald and secretary of State John Roberts told representatives from the National Union of Students (NUS) the government welcomed the public inquiry on higher education on the provincial governments' initiative, but

rejected a NUS request that federal financing continue, for a two to three year period during the inquiry, without spending restrictions.

The NUS requests were contained in a sixteen page document summarizing the themes of tuition increases, regressive student aid programs, and high unemployment presented to the ministers on National Student's Day, the nationwide action reaching about three hundred thousand students on campuses across the country.

NUS executive secretary, Dan

O'Connor, said later he found the ministers' response disappointing because they refused to consider postponing current negotiations between the federal government and the provinces on federal financing of higher education and social services.

He said NUS objects to the federal government's stated aim of reducing further its financial commitment to post-secondary education when the current cost-sharing agreement, the Fiscal Arrangements Act, expires next April.

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