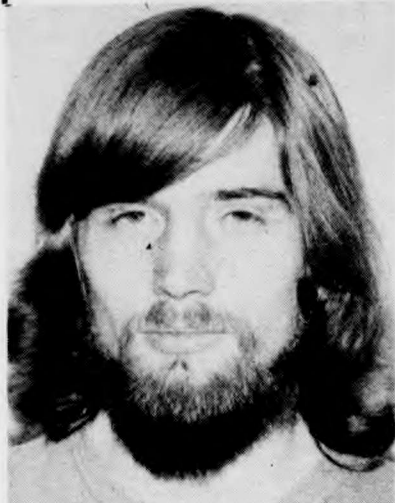


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JOHN THEOBALD

Student government is an integral part of the university community. Student government must be able to represent the needs and interests of the student body as a whole in a responsible and coherent fashion in dealing with the university administration on campus and provincial or federal governments off campus.

Easier said than done though. Student government at York, or at any other university for that matter, is only as good as those who choose to stand for election and those who take the time to vote.

Many people at York attempt to pass off the low level of student participation in various areas, including student government, by accusing the majority of the student body of being apathetic and of not caring.

This line of thought only demonstrates their own lack of concern for the student body.

I believe that the students of York do care, that they are aware of what's happening around them.

It's up to CYSF as a whole not just the president and a few dedicated council members, to encourage and to provide the opportunity for any concerned student to "become involved", to contribute to the governance and administration of this university, to create an environment in which a student can feel comfortable.

The 73-74 CYSF must be able to carry on and complete the projects initiated and supported by this year's council.

The most notable issue that this year's CYSF picked up was that of the provincial government's policy initiatives to reduce, substantially, its financial commitment to post secondary education in Ontario.

Over the past 11 or 12 months, the provincial government has imposed budgetary restrictions on Ontario universities and colleges that can be termed nothing less than brutal.

For example:

—The government has frozen, for an indefinite period of time, all renovation and new construction projects on every campus in Ontario.

—The government forced every college and university in Ontario to jack their tuition fees up by a minimum of \$100 per student per year (in some cases graduate fees went up almost \$400 per year).

—A number of extremely detrimental changes were made in the Ontario student awards program (over 40 per cent of York's students rely on OSAP).

—Even worse, Queen's Park has refused to announce any policy on tuition fees beyond the 73-74 academic year and has refused to announce any policy on student aid at all.

My own interpretation of the situation is that government policy in the future will attempt to place a greater and greater portion of the financial burden of post secondary education on the shoulders of the student.

The people you elect this week must be capable of dealing with this and the many other issues, both internal and external, which will face them when they take office.

By running for re-election as Stong college representative, I hope that I will be able to contribute to the success of next year's council.



TOM [BLUE] SIMON ULS

I am running as representative for Stong College on the United Left Slate program. Some of you know me as Blue and some will recognize me from the Excalibur photograph of the recent Steacie occupation. If you don't know me I just enrolled in the Winter drop-in program in January. Hopefully this message as well as an active campaign will convince you I can best represent your interests as Stong representative.

I think this election is very important because of the recent government cut-backs in education — OUR EDUCATION. It is most important this year to elect candidates on the basis of their political programs, not their personalities. A united CYSF with strong student support has the best chance of successfully rescinding the cut-backs and giving you a better deal for your money. I therefore ask you to carefully read the United Left Slate printed elsewhere in the paper. This is my basic program. Neither I nor most members of the ULS belong to any particular political party but we do believe in working together to implement our program and become an active involved York council.

Dale Ritch, the ULS nominee for president has had two years' experience organizing at York. He was asked by CYSF to organize the November demonstration at Queen's Park and has since further shown his leadership capabilities. Dale and I were both elected as dual coordinators at the Steacie occupation and have continued to give strong leadership in the York cut-backs committee. Nearly all the leadership of the York cut-backs committee have joined the ULS to continue the struggle against the government's attempt at reducing the quality of our education (as the price goes up!).

At the moratorium I suggested the Ontario-wide demonstration at Queen's Park in February and if elected I consider building this demonstration an important priority as will all the United Left Slate.

My other main priorities, briefly, are building a strong student movement, the day care centre, women's liberation and student control of their educational institutions. I also intend to actively support the CUPE workers in their struggle against the cutbacks and for an equitable wage. These points are elaborated in the ULS Program.

The people most affected by decisions concerning education are obviously the students. On the other hand students have very little say in the running of a major part of their lives. Student government is as strong as you decide to make it. I ask you to decide who can best represent your interests and then MAKE SURE YOU VOTE! I firmly believe a careful appraisal of all the candidates will show you that our next council must be the United Left Slate. Our next president should be Dale Ritch. I also firmly believe I will be your best choice for Stong representative.

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BOB SHARF ULS

I find myself with surprisingly little to say, other than stating my sincere support for the United Left Slate, what ever. I do not as of yet understand why I am seeking office, perhaps time will reveal a pattern.

I suspect N.O. Brown is the chief spokesman for my "politics".

"So much has changed
Perhaps the message is instability
permanent instability in the mind
corresponding to the permanent
revolution in things.

Revolution really is madness
political revolutions,
The political solution to the problem
of madness is
divide and conquer
segregation and repression
(like in asylums)
perpetual conflict

The political revolution is a temporary
break-down followed by
the reinstatement of repression
a cycle of explosion and repression

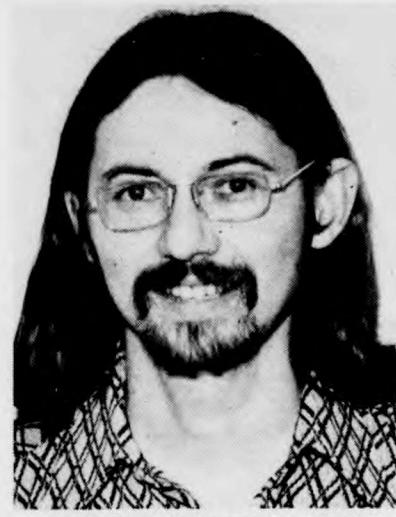
Perpetual conflict is the rule of
politics
A metapolitical solution to the
problem
of madness
would see politics as madness
and madness as the solution to
politics

Breaking down the boundaries is
breaking down the reality
principle
unification lies beyond the reality
principle
Madness is even the solution to the
problem of madness
it is sanity that needs to be
saved
(I don't mean, save your
sanity)

It is all a problem of communication
the poet says, Madness is oneness
lost
But oneness regained is madness
also."

What more. It's getting difficult to
come to York each day.

To make sense out of concrete and
words and the fineness we all are.
Nothing to be said. I hear laughing.

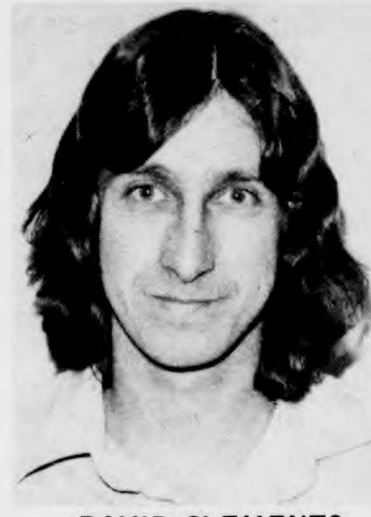


ALAN REDECKI ULS

One of the charges that will undoubtedly be levelled at the United Left Slate is that our platform is irrelevant to the vast majority of students. Students they will argue, are far more concerned with getting a degree and a job than fighting for utopian ideals. I think that this is both incorrect and an insult to the intelligence of students.

One of the most pressing issues we try to deal with in our platform is how we as students are to confront the government over the cutbacks in education. Many students are still befuddled by the smokescreen that the Davis' government and the press have managed to raise around this issue. I repeat for those who have not yet become actively involved in this struggle, that the issue involved is not a simple question of a long overdue \$100 tuition fee increase. The government's intent is made clear in the \$200 increase in the loan ceilings. As evident from this move and from the Wright report which recommends that students pay for 50 per cent of university operating costs rather than the present 13 per cent, that the government is trying to rationalize its inability to create skilled jobs by cutting out the children of lower income families from post secondary education. This is a reversal of the trend of the last few years of moving towards free and universal education. We agree with this trend as being the only realistic way of giving poorer students a chance at higher education and a better life and therefore pose our demands as the first step in this struggle. The only effective way of confronting the government involves electing a strong and united leadership to CYSF.

The added costs only cover part of what the cutbacks involve. It was only through student faculty pressure that a cutback in faculty has not already taken place. For the benefit of those students who were not here last year, this university was once a clean place. With the addition of Bethune college the administration has deemed it fit to lay off 9 inside workers. This situation will become worse as the new fine arts building is opened. The program of free films offered by the arts department has been cut-back. Not only are we paying more this year we are getting less, and the prospects for next year are worse. The only group which can provide leadership in our struggle is the United Left Slate. I therefore ask you to support me and the U.L.S.



DAVID CLEMENTS

My main area of concern, and my main reason for running for the position as one of the Stong college representatives to CYSF is student affairs. I feel that the student affairs area of York university leaves a lot to be desired. There are a great many areas where students should have a voice, as well as a vote, and in the coming year I shall work to do my utmost to get York students that voice and that vote.

The area of student affairs that I am most concerned with is university committees i.e. parking and food services, but I am also concerned with the handling of student registration and student fees. Many students run into problems and have questions related to one of these areas every day and very few really know what is happening.

Students should get involved with the workings of this institution but in the present situation they are blocked by decisions, rules and regulations, set down by the administration, without the voice of the student being heard or considered.

CYSF's role on campus should be to open the way for student participation in the decisions that affect their lives while at York and it should not waste its valuable resources doing otherwise i.e. bickering over budget allotments. CYSF is elected by the students and should serve the majority of the students, whether this clashes with the council's personal views or not. It should serve as a coordinator and not as the only student body on campus. There are a great many other student organizations on this campus and they are indeed necessary to the function of this university and CYSF should not attempt to assume their position as well as their own.

These are my views as an independent candidate for CYSF and I shall fight for them while I am in council next year. I wish to make quite clear that I will not under any circumstances allow my views to be changed by others on council and I will not be subject to party politics.

ULS Policy Statement

1) Fight the cutbacks: The cutbacks in educational spending are part of an attack on the living standards of students and working people in this province. During the last year we have seen a reduction in wage increases, cutbacks in hospital spending, and increases on gasoline and homes. Meanwhile, corporate profits have risen in the 1972-73 fiscal year and corporation taxes were lowered in the last provincial budget. The combination of higher tuition fees and lower grants means that fewer students from low income families will attend post-secondary institutions.

The Wright and Peitchinis reports (provincial and federal reports on post-secondary education) reflect the desire of the corporations to

change the entire post-secondary education system to correspond to their needs. In a period of high unemployment, the demand for highly skilled technicians and white collar workers has diminished. Therefore, the real desire of the government and big business is to cut back on education by raising tuition fees from 13 to 50 per cent of operating expenses. We see the fight against the cutbacks as the first step in our struggle for free and universal access to education. Therefore, we demand: free tuition and a guaranteed living allowance for students.

If elected, we would take immediate action around the following demands to stop all the cutbacks: i)

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