

CYSF President Bevilacqua promises exciting year

From the Government Benches is a weekly column in which a student representative from the Board of Governors, the Council of the York Student Federation, or the Senate reports to the York community on the activity of her or his organization. The views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect those of Excalibur.

I take this opportunity to welcome you to York University and to the Council of the York Student Federation.

Shortly after the March 1982 Student Council elections I began my term as President. I recall vividly the idealism and electrifying energy I felt toward

my newly-acquired position with an organization of such great potential. This potential exists not merely because of the organization itself, but also because of the enthusiasm and ability of individual students like yourself who are willing to devote their time, energy and effort to the well-being of the general student body.

Four months have elapsed since I first accepted the responsibility of President, and I still believe that the Council of the York Student Federation is the great central student government that I envisioned it to be. The experiences I have had in the past four months have been very positive, healthy, and have definitely reinforced my belief that a united central student

government is the best body to represent the needs and desires of the York University student. The academic year 1982-83 will prove to be one that all York University students will treasure forever!

Through each and every day I learn more about students' needs and concerns, and more about the actual workings of the organization, I have come to realize there exists a common denominator; students working for the benefit of students. It is for this reason that the CYSF should be looked at as a student-serving student organization.

Progress has been made over the past four months but we must encourage more active participation on the part of the student body, as well as much

more involvement from everyone on campus. These are very challenging times for students and now more than ever a maximum effort is required from all of us. Over the next eight months, it will become important for all of us to become involved. The priorities of the Council of the York Student Federation for the next eight months will be in the area of policy; we will be examining issues such as the student activity fee, our constitution and other important issues whose projected resolutions will definitely benefit students.

Throughout the summer we have developed our programmes and periodically we will be presenting them, via *Excalibur*, Radio York and other means of

communications, to you the student. We have put together a number of programmes, ranging from assistance to clubs, to programmes that encourage individual initiatives, which will benefit York students. However, the success of our programmes remains in the hands of the students whose participation is absolutely essential.

As a fourth year student I feel that York University has a great deal to offer you in the social, political, religious and academic spheres; however, it is up to the individual to take advantage of the available opportunities. On this note I would like to personally invite you to visit my office, Room 105 Central Square. I sincerely hope to meet you in the very near future.

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