

THE CANDIDATES MAKE THEIR PITCHES

POSITION: DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

CANDIDATE: DEAN FURZECOTT

With such recent achievements as the Student Centre, and some nationally ranked sports teams, York's spirit and image are now on the rise. Through my involvement at York, I've seen changes coming about at York, and this has inspired me to continue to work for a better York. Keeping with the progressive spirit, I have decided that it's time for me to make the move from college politics to campus-wide politics.

As Director of Internal Affairs, I hope to further the channels of information between students and Administration, as well as CYSF. The Internal Affairs portfolio covers most non-academic student services as well as any issues of general concern which may arise. A major concern next year will be the Student Centre. Now that the Centre has been approved by the students, the fine details must be worked out, and that will mean a lot of work for the Director of Internal Affairs. As a member of the Student Centre Campaign Committee, I have already put a lot of effort in to the Centre, and am eager to see it further, and make sure that any and all decisions are made in the student's best interest. This includes negotiations for food services, as well as efforts to put a used bookstore in the Centre.

Other issues facing the Internal Affairs Director are Food Services, parking and residence budgets. In the Food Services area, I will strive to raise the quality of the food by monitoring the new caterers in the colleges, as well as the other caterers on campus. This simply means being an active member of the University Food and Beverage Service Committee (UFBS) which automatically includes the CYSF Internal Affairs Director.

Another major effort will be to make parking appeals easier. Although some progress has been made by past Internal Affairs Directors, the effort must be continued in order to be effective. The Residence Budget Committee has seen little controversy lately, but I will sit on that as well, and be ready to tackle any problems which should arise.

With regard to other issues, I have already done extensive work with the Gilmor Report, and hope to keep up with that, as well as the Hare Commission. I hope to get as much student input on these, and other issues next year, so that I can be more effective as Internal Affairs Director. I intend to be the student's advocate, and an always open to comment.

CANDIDATE: GLENN GRAY

On April 1, the students of York have a choice to make. Who do they want representing them in their student government? Seeing names on posters, splattered throughout the university, isn't enough to go by when deciding, voters must know where the candidates stand on their

issues. For the Director of Internal Affairs, there are several issues presenting themselves in the forefront. If elected to this position, I would consider five major issues to be of the utmost importance.

Certainly the first should be Security and Safety. As detailed in last week's *Excal*, security and safety officers do not seem to know how to deal with certain situations whether it be a person indecently exposing himself, or a sniper taking shots at staff and students. My main objective would be to facilitate some sort of training program, perhaps one offered by Metro Police. With a student population greater than 40,000, there is definite need for (and an administrative obligation to provide) competent security.

The second area of concern is good services. With tenders being accepted this year for contracts, perhaps we can bring in quality food, and at a good price. This certainly is not too much to ask for!

Going into my fourth year at York, I have noticed each year that I am spending more and more on books. Just how much of a mark up does the bookstore impose?! Why, for instance, do they charge two dollars for student calendars when they're free at the Office of Student Affairs?

I elected, I would propose a study be conducted on the prices in our bookstore, compared to other universities' bookstores. If it means an eventual boycott, I will help. If it means organizing a separate used bookstore, I will help. Students pay enough in their tuition... do we need to pay up to \$500 more for books?!

The fourth issue I feel to be important is parking. Daily parking fees went up nearly 20% last year but I didn't notice a comparative increase in service provided. Acting as a student representative, I would welcome any suggestion one may have to make the price increase seem worthwhile!

The fifth major issue, and perhaps of paramount importance, is that of open communications. As Director of Internal Affairs, I would act as a liaison between the administration and you, the students, for such non-academic issues as those outlined. You must remember that the student government is there for the students—be familiar with it, utilize its services! If elected as Director I would ensure open lines of communication between the students and the administration, and make every effort to solve grievances quickly and fairly.

Finally, if you believe, as I do, that it is the student that is the most important component of the university then on April 1 vote Glenn Gray for Internal Affairs.

POSITION: DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

CANDIDATE: MARCIA COOPER

The ability to co-operate will be needed more than ever in the upcoming year. Issues such as security on our campus and expanded daycare facilities will need a person who will be listening to *your* concerns, acting on your behalf and working for all

York students.

I am seeking the position of women's affairs director because I believe these issues must be addressed. There are no "so called women's issues," there are only "people issues."

York Students demand a safe campus in which one can travel without fear of harassment. York students demand larger accessible daycare facilities which will meet the present and future needs of our student population.

Another important issue is equality in the work place. With this in mind I believe one way we can attempt to rectify the present day imbalance in certain job fields is by bringing in women from these areas to speak to us. Engineers, doctors, lawyers, businesswomen, these are the people who can give us a first hand view of opportunities for women in the work place.

My name is Marcia Cooper. I am a second year Political Science/Mass Communications student at York. In the past year I was involved in BACHUS and worked with others on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness week activities. This has taught me the importance of working with other people on issues that affect York students.

I believe people can make the difference! I believe that your executive should and must play a leading role in the development of our campus. The yes vote for the students centre is an example of what we can accomplish.

By working together we can solve the issues that affect us. Together, and I mean working together, there is nothing we can't do.

I would appreciate your support.

CANDIDATE: SONIA OSTROWSKI

As Director of Women's Affairs, I will commit myself to the important issues that this portfolio represents. My primary focus will be in continuing the fight for an improved security system for York. I will work to establish a "Security Review Committee" with student representation, as outlined in the Open Letter to President Arthurs.

Secondly, I will strive to promote women's research and scholarship, possibly in the form of York sponsored symposiums, where issue papers can be presented by undergraduate students. There are a number of students who are doing fine research. We should share our knowledge.

Thirdly, a major interest of mine is in addressing the possibilities of expanding the present child care centre and program. A number of options exist and should be explored by and within the York community. As a feminist I believe that change is possible through a collective effort and I will operate within such a framework. I hope to work with other York Clubs and groups to address the issues of women of all cultural backgrounds. Alliances between all women at York strengthen not only the programs offered but the status of all women at York.

Next year will be my fourth at York. This year I have demonstrated my commitment to women's affairs in various ways. I participated in the drafting of the Open Letter to President Arthurs and was present at its delivery. Security is a real concern

for all members of the York community. I am employed at the Nellie Langford Rowell Library. Working in the women's studies library and majoring in women's studies have made me aware not only of the issues of concern to York women, but to all women everywhere.

As a mature woman student I understand the special concerns of women students, mature students, and financially independent students.

Female undergraduates make up the majority of students at York, yet we are often not represented, or misrepresented. The position of Director of Women's Affairs is a necessary one, and so is good representation. I believe I am best qualified for this position and am asking for your support.

POSITION: DIRECTOR OF SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

CANDIDATE: KARIN BARRY

"In every field there is a standard by which all others are measured."
1986-87- Student Senator
1986-87- CYSF Stong representative

I have the knowledge and the experience to represent the students of York responsibly, efficiently and wholeheartedly.

By electing me for Services and Communications, you are electing someone that really cares about the issues facing our University in the year to come.

CANDIDATE: DOUG BIES

First, let me introduce myself. My name Doug Bies, and I'm running for the position of Director of Services and Communications, CYSF. I'm a first year student currently studying Political Science and belong to and live at Winters College. I decided to run for CYSF representative at Winters just to see what really goes on inside this strange animal, CYSF, and a strange animal it is indeed. From by observations, two questions came to mind, these being: Does the CYSF really represent the general student population at York? Does CYSF have a good image in the York community?

I found that the answer to the first question is both yes and no. The present executive did a reasonable job representing students within their roles in Council, but these roles are to be questioned. Take for example, Joe Baiardo, the present Director of Services and Communications. He had done an excellent job within his role as Director, but I think the scope of Services and Communication Director's role has to be questioned.

As a council rep and member of CYSF, I had the hardest time finding out what was going to happen at CYSF meetings because the executive reports were not available until just minutes before the meeting. When this is the case, how can a council rep possibly report back to his council and get council input on issues that affect them? The council rep, and

consequently the College councils, are kept in the dark on issues that concern them. This situation serves to further diminish the legitimacy and the credibility of CYSF, thus leading inevitably to bad publicity, further deteriorating the image of CYSF in the York community.

I see this dilemma as being the root of all problems stemming from CYSF this year. I intend to use my portfolio to change the system such that the directors' reports will be available for members at noon on the day before a meeting in order to alleviate the problems I have mentioned above. Members are to be informed of meeting by mail, so as to give nobody an excuse to miss meetings because of lack of knowledge. These changes will foster a better relationship between CYSF and the colleges and subsequently the student population at large. Let's work together to strengthen CYSF in the York community, so on April 1, vote Doug Bies for Director of Services and Communications.

POSITION: BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE

CANDIDATE: CONNIE BONELLO

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the student body of York University. My name is Connie Bonello and I am majoring in economics and political science. After discussing with fellow students at York how best I can serve the students of York, I came to the conclusion that my skills can be best utilized as a Board of Governor for York University.

When informing people of my intentions of running as a candidate for the position of Board of Governors (BOG) many were unaware of what role it plays. I feel in order to effectively represent students' concerns at the Board level more students must be made aware of the role of BOG and what important decisions are being made that effect the students of York. The Board consists of directors from the community at large, two faculty members, and two student representatives.

The prime functions of the BOG is to oversee all administrative functions and management policies. The need for student representatives is to ensure that the decision process is open to the student body and to hold the board accountable to the students. It is a vehicle for the voice of students to be heard and it is the responsibility of the student representative that decisions and information are passed on to the students. Do you feel the lines of communications between BOG and the students has been effective? The position of Board of Governor needs a definite increase in profile.

Various issues that concern students are discussed at the Board level. However, the major issues I feel require immediate attention are department funding, professor to student ratio and security. I will try to ensure that all departments receive adequate funding in order to provide the best academic experience for students, which entails

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