

**First meeting resembles circus**

# Several CYSF resignations over summer

There wasn't really a circus in the senate chamber of the Humanities Building. It was only the Council of York Student Federation having its first Tuesday night meeting.

It could have been worse. Several councillors resigned through the summer.

McLaughlin, Calumet, and Winters Colleges each have one position available. College G has three positions to fill on council. By-elections will be held within

## Tucker seeks lower fees for residence

With Glendon's residences possibly 40 per cent vacant, principal Albert Tucker wants an end to the joint sharing of residence costs with York.

Because Glendon students can more easily find off campus housing for under \$1,185 than can York students, Tucker feels Glendon should lower its fees to attract more students into resident life. (\$1,185 is the cost of a single room with 14 meals per week.)

Tucker points out maintenance of the two residences is cheaper since Wood has no mortgage and Hilliard's is mostly paid off.

President David Slater said the university could not charge different prices because one area by accident had different conditions. Without the pool operation, he claimed costs would become astronomical.

"University housing is handled on a pooling basis for exactly the same reason as the London County Council handles its public housing," declared Slater.

Despite the attack of inflation and the rapid rise of interest charges on student housing, Slater remains confident because York's rates "are not at the top of the scale in Ontario."

With few students in the residences, Tucker fears academic life would be seriously hindered at Glendon.

In York's brief to the Committee on University Affairs, Glendon aims for a 67 per cent resident population of 835 but only has 436 when full. Tucker feels Glendon will have a 25 per cent vacancy rate at best.

York business manager Jack Allen personally felt "We should be looking at the ramifications of the total picture rather than trying to give a privileged position to Glendon students who happen to be in a privileged set of circumstances."

three weeks.

There are several resignations at the executive level. Or so it appears.

Jeff Otis, ex-social co-ordinator, officially resigned. Several others had verbally done so, or were requested to do so. The general proceedings weren't very clear as none of these councillors were present.

Otis' resignation was tabled until the next council meeting. Council president Mike Fletcher had forgotten to bring Otis' letter of resignation.

Fletcher had not prepared a report on CYSF's summer activities. "I have been occupied in doing basic things which have made it impossible for me to do my report."

CYSF has neither a secretary or a business manager to handle the

paper work and the \$100,000 finances. The president and the vice-president did all the stamping this summer.

Fletcher moved that council advertise for a retired business man to produce some kind of business and financial efficiency. However, Fletcher said that this individual would receive no payment.

He also demanded the resignation of finance commissioner Robin Macrae who was not at the meeting. Fletcher charged Macrae had done no work during the summer.

CYSF claims he wrote himself a \$100 cheque and made \$264 worth of phone calls to Bermuda.

Two executive signatures are required for council cheques. However, the Toronto-Dominion bank accepted the cheque with

only Macrae's signature.

Fletcher also asked Bill Stephaniuk to resign as external affairs commissioner and charged that he had done little work. When asked to give a reason or explanation, Stephaniuk refused saying "I don't want to." He will prepare a statement for the next council meeting.

Otis accused Fletcher of being an illegitimate president. He failed his year and has applied to Atkinson College, but has not yet been accepted.

The constitution states that all council members must be full-time members of a college. Vice-president Dianne Moore is in the same position.

"I can show you several constitutional theories that are con-

tradicted in practise" explained chairman Robert Ashton.

The York Directory phone book may not be printed this year. Last year, the council lost \$2,205.

The meeting finished with a debate over the CYSF booth, in the Youth Pavilion at the Canadian National Exhibition. Otis called the CYSF display "the worst exhibit in the whole CNE. That's quite an honor."

## Surkis claims colleges cause social hassles

The social and cultural affairs coordinator for the Council of York Student Federation, Herman Surkis has complained that the college councils have refused to coordinate orientation activities.

At the Tuesday night meeting, Surkis said he gave up hope in the colleges and decided "to let them stew in their own juices" when they refused to cooperate.

Blaming the vested interests in various college councils, he said all hope of joint action was lost when McLaughlin's social affairs commissioner Grant Corbett became very difficult to work with because he wanted to dominate the entire program.

Corbett says he is about to quit the temporary job due to a lack of interest.

Social affairs coordinator Jeff Otis resigned from the CYSF executive citing a complete lack of cooperation from the CYSF and the college councils.

CYSF reallocated the social affairs budget of \$10,500 to other departments leaving Otis with no money. He felt CYSF had made the change to suit the college councils so that their affairs would not be overshadowed.

Despite their pledge of cooperation for a funding pool, only three of the seven colleges attended meetings despite several reminders.

## Off campus housing service termed poor

According to Bev Davis, the off campus housing service does not offer enough listings to fulfill students' needs.

Davis, who runs the service with Mrs. Margaret Newman says the university cannot solicit listings due to a North York housing bylaw that protects single family dwellings from rooming houses.

After the increase in residence costs to \$1,185 (a single room with 14 meals per week), the demand for off campus housing rose substantially. Most listings are in the Bathurst and Wilson Heights area which are not in walking distance.

With basement apartments in short supply, Davis says most people are "quite pleased" with what they get. Rooms are still plentiful.

But because York cannot solicit listings, most apartment owners are not aware the service exists.

Many demand a 12 month lease and thereby make the costs prohibitive to students.

Apartment owners are leary of renting to students due to the poor condition students leave them. Fourteen out of 15 Davis checked, were filthy and thereby "cut off all other students that could come back."

Both men and women students were guilty of this, so landlords would rent to students only if they needed to fill a new building.

In York's brief to the Committee on University Affairs, York complained that North York did not provide the student housing expected by the administration due to the single family dwelling bylaw.

Davis explained the Glendon area had no such problems so students had little trouble finding off-campus accommodation.

York's residence manager Don Nesbitt remains confident that late applicants will fill the 1,278 beds on campus with the only vacancies at Glendon.

## Prejudice threat near York campus over dwellings

Due to a Toronto case before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Human Rights Code of Ontario does not apply to those single unit dwellings located south of the York campus.

Effectively, students can be barred from most of the area located near the campus because of race or color.

Only those apartments totally self-contained come under the jurisdiction of the code.

In a recent case, the court ruled that a landlord who had refused to rent a room to a black youth had not violated the code, because the accommodation sought was not self-contained.

R. S. Mackay, dean of law at the University of Western Ontario criticized the court's decision.

"The preamble of the Human Rights Code stated that human rights are indivisible, yet the Supreme Court decision indicates they are indeed divisible," he said.

In quoting Jonathon Swift, he said with the case "the law is an ass."

## Olson switches to academic affairs

Terry Olson, past chairman of the Glendon political science department has been appointed assistant to the president on academic affairs.

He is gathering data on educational technology and instructional formats in North American small college systems.

During the summer, he compiled information on the success and downfall of the college system at the University of California.




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