

NEWS

Student pay back too costly says Chua

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of what was promised to York University students, and what wasn't delivered," said YFS/FEY president Jean Ghomeshi.

Ghomeshi supported the offering of a refund to those students. "There is a significant contingent of students who would like the option of a refund," said Ghomeshi.

Chia-Yi Chua, chair of the Student Centre Board maintained that this simply was not possible.

"On the one hand we had a compulsion to make good on the first paragraph of the referendum and on the other the compelling responsibility to manage the project in a financially viable fashion," said Chua.

The most pressing reason for not issuing a refund, according to Chua, was the threat of York Administration re-assessing the Student Centre Management Agreement, and the possible, subsequent loss of student control over the Centre.

According to Chua, refunding the levy would cost the SCC \$1.296 million and this would keep the Student Centre in the red an extra seven to eight years for a total of 14-15 years.

"VP (finance) Bill Farr in his

conversation with the General Manager, [of the Student Centre] has said he would take action if such an exercise was carried out," said Chua.

"We don't know what would happen if there was a refund, nor do we know what a refund would entail," said Ghomeshi, and added that he believed it certainly would not involve the loss of the entire \$1.296 million.

Ghomeshi also expressed his distaste with the nature of the public forum itself. "It didn't come across as a forum in which anything could change," said Ghomeshi.

Chua, however, pointed out that ads were placed in the *Excalibur*, *Obiter Dicta* and *Lexicon* when the problems concerning the levy first became apparent.

The solicitation for opinions, however, drew only one call: from former CYSF president Peter Donato.

Ghomeshi and Chua both agreed, however, that while the decision to hold onto last year's money was difficult, it has been made.

Their primary interest now is to complete the Student Centre as soon as possible and prevent any further problems.



1. I don't eat here anymore. But last year when I lived in residence, the food was greasy and unhealthy. There also isn't much variety for vegetarians.
2. I don't drive.
Milena Gomez (Calumet)
3rd Year Arts



1. The fillet mignon is bland and their selection of wine is sub-standard.
2. I really disapprove. The \$7.00 flat rate in reserve parking is not worth it because some days I only have a one-hour class.
Lou Fortini (Calumet)
3rd Year Philosophy

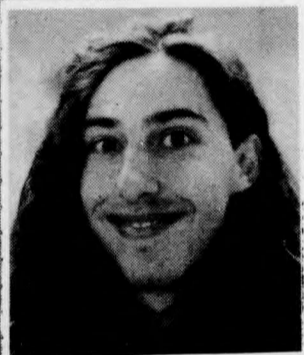
1. I'm starving. I'm wondering when they're going to hurry up and build that new student centre, so we can have McDonald's.
2. It's bad. I've had my bike towed as well as parking tickets. It's also too expensive - I have to pay \$4.00 just to park my motorcycle.
Dave Pe (Founders)
1st Year Arts

1. ARE YOU ENJOYING THE GOURMET FOOD AT YORK?
2. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PARKING SITUATION ON CAMPUS?

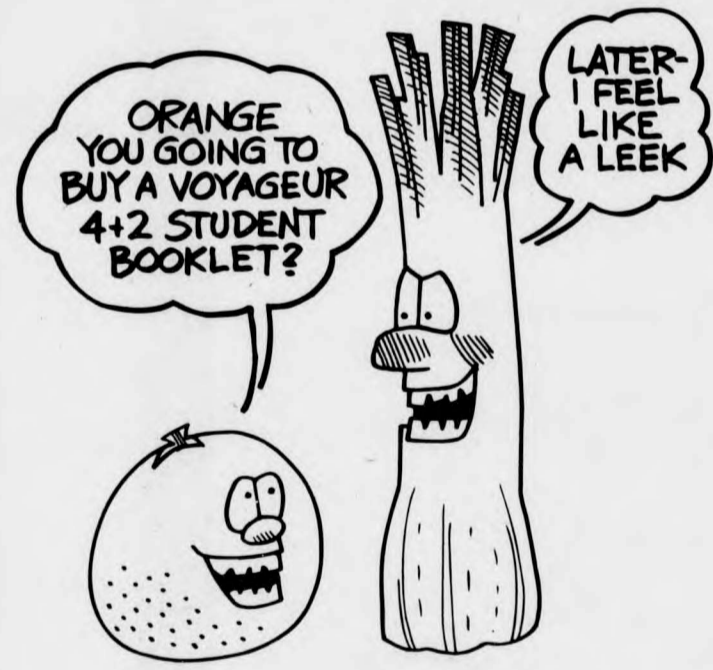
by Louise Batsch and Patricia Hutahajan



1. I don't eat here because the food is bad and I don't like long line-ups.
2. It's horrendous. I have to park miles away. If you aren't here by 8:30, you won't get a place.
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