

## Executives bemoan ignorance on issues of CYSF's college representatives

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OSA and plans to follow up his inquiry until a satisfactory explanation has been given.

Only two of the eight members of the CYSF Executive intend to return to student government next year. The reason cited by most is the heavy workload, and the strains it has put on their education.

This is a major problem for the Executive in that they must split themselves between their constituency needs and their own educational requirements. Adam French, Director for Internal Affairs, suggested that hiring an administrative assistant would greatly reduce their collective workload, freeing the Directors from a lot of leg-work, so that they could more effectively represent their undergraduate constituency. The purchase of a computer/word-processor has partially helped, but it is not enough, Latchana said.

For External Affairs Director, Anita Antoniani, the restrictions placed on personal time, have been responsible for limiting the proposed Winter Carnival (after Reading Week) to a one day event, as opposed to the desired three or four day extravaganza.

President Blink describes his job (somewhat simplistically) as, "going to a lot of meetings, reading a lot of reports, and writing a lot of reports." Blink explained that because of this workload, he was forced to resign as Chairman of the Union of Ontario Universities, within the Ontario Federation of Students.

The realm of communication was the final area where the CYSF Executive voiced their grievances. Changfoot said, "You can't extend yourself

without input (of undergraduates)," especially from the college representatives in the CYSF Council. According to French, "Most student representatives don't appear to realize their duties. When issues are presented, most (representatives) are ignorant." The CYSF Handbook, released by Services and Communications late in this academic session, was in response to the lack of representative responsibility.

In a clarification of last week's *Excalibur* feature of "an outsider looking in" it was explained that director's reports are distributed at the meetings, and not before. This is the practice, not the rule. Each director explained that reports are tabled 24 hours before a meeting and should be picked up the day of the meeting. A minority of student representatives do, but the majority do not pick up the report until the meeting is convened.

According to Changfoot, the fact that this year's CYSF budget was available on the Friday before the Council meeting the following Tuesday, and no college representatives, to her knowledge, picked it up, is indicative of their failure to assume full responsibility for their roles. Yet, according to Changfoot, these representatives were told at the Council meeting preceding the budget's release, to pick up the budget early, so they could examine it and pose any necessary questions on its contents.

To help alleviate such confusion as to responsibilities, Changfoot suggested more policy statements should be drawn up by Council. In order to instigate necessary changes to improve the quality of student representation, Changfoot as Chair of the Student-Senate Caucus, has

kept written records of their meetings for the first time in its history.

In complete contrast to the Student Relations Committee report of December 10, 1986 on the "inept methods of financial accountability by student governments," Changfoot reported she has taken great strides to remedy this suggested problem. This is indicated by the fact that no club's money was dispersed at the beginning of the year to clubs which failed to produce bank statements for 1985-86. In addition, clubs which did not produce bank statements in December did not receive second term funding.

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However, proving this stress theory is not so simple, according to Jozsvai. "I can't ask an animal a question (like) 'Why are you drinking?' (or) 'How does it make you feel?'" she explained. Jozsvai feels that the answers to these questions could be obtained indirectly by going into the body of the animal. "When an animal, or a human, for that matter, is stressed, certain physiological differences occur," she said. "The levels of hormones and neurotransmitters increase (and) epinephrine levels are raised." These indices are found in the blood and urine of the animal, so they can be measured from either of these sources and a sophisticated analysis can be done, Jozsvai explained.

According to Jozsvai, one such study has already been done using blood "but blood is not as good as urine because blood is immediate, and many environmental influences could affect your sample, so you

Academic Affairs Director Allan Armstrong described the improvement made this year in the course evaluation system. Previously the evaluation lacked any statistical validation, but according to Armstrong, through his portfolio's efforts such a tool has been instituted to accurately assess the quality of the questions in the survey and the grading of course quality and professors.

The grievances and suggestions presented by the CYSF Executive will go a long way toward making student government at York, and student representation to the York Administration, more effective. However, as indicated by the Execu-

tive, the struggle against an unsympathetic Administration is a lonely one, and to effectively see that their needs are met and acted upon, the undergraduates must voice their concerns to the CYSF, and to the Administration. As long as underfunding, Administrative policy, overwork, and inadequate communication plague the CYSF and its Executive, they will be stymied in their efforts to fully represent their undergraduate constituency.

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don't get such a clear-cut result."

Jozsvai hopes to solve the problem through a urine analysis of the rats. "I have already completed a three-month study of collecting urine samples from the animals," she said. According to Jozsvai, samples are first collected under no-stress conditions when the animal can have food whenever it wants. The urine is studied to determine what the indices of stress are. Samples are then collected under stress conditions when the animal's food intake is regulated and studied to determine how the stress levels have changed.

However, Jozsvai's research has been halted indefinitely due to lack of funding. The Addiction Research Foundation has agreed to train her in the technique of urine analysis. As well, York's biology department has offered her the use of the \$50,000 machine needed to do the analysis: however, "the machine is not enough," Jozsvai said. "Each sample has to go through a filter. A filter is \$1.25, and I have 500 samples to do

the complete study, so that makes about another \$500-600 right there. And I will need to buy the chemicals which the machine uses. It's another \$600." As well, Jozsvai must purchase an accessory to the machine which costs about \$700.

"My supervisor, Professor Keehn, who was very encouraging about this study, applied for research money," Jozsvai added, "but we didn't get any. So, our 500 samples, through the courtesy of (the biology department), are staying in the fridge at -60 degrees celsius and we are waiting for some money so I could start the analysis and finish up my Doctorate dissertation."

Jozsvai is impatient to continue this research which she feels could provide insight into human polydipsic behaviour. "We know now that it has nothing to do with physiology, in terms of having a malfunction in the kidneys," she said. "We don't know if it's stress or not, but my feeling is that's going to be it—the stress hypothesis."

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