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Ferry foments fiasco

Bethune taken for a ride?

By GORD GRAHAM

For the past seven weeks, Bethune College Council has been demanding a \$500 refund from McLaughlin College over the orientation ferry-ride fiasco of September 3.

This event saw dozens of students, as many as 70 of these from Bethune, turned away from the already-filled ferry at the Toronto harbour.

Earlier complications had arisen when the two 45-passenger buses ordered for Bethune's rough quota of 85 students lost their way to complex two and were half an hour late. Eventually only a single bus materialized, and arrived downtown when almost all the space on the 250-passenger ferry was already taken.

The venture had been funded on a joint basis between Winters, McLaughlin and Bethune Councils, each contributing \$500 to cover the total cost. This is the sum Bethune now seeks to recover, claiming McLaughlin should bear two thirds of the total expense due to the disproportionate number of their students which actually boarded the ferry.

However, there is no way to confirm the actual number of participants from each college, since eyewitness accounts differ notably with the witnesses' collegial affiliations: one estimate places the ferry passengers at McLaughlin 175,

Winters 60 and Bethune 15.

"But the figures don't matter," said David Holmes, chairman of McLaughlin Council recently. "All we know is Bethune didn't get their fair shake."

After a flurry of inter-college memos throughout September his council passed a motion on October 8 offering Bethune \$165 as "remuneration for their inability to attend the ferry boat ride."

This appears to be as far as McLaughlin is prepared to go in refunding Bethune, and is based on the rationale that any loss in a three-way business agreement, as between the three colleges, must be divided three ways.

James McMurdo, chairman of Bethune Council, termed this proposal "unacceptable to us" and added that "basically what we're trying to pursue is some kind of third-party mediation." He continued that McLaughlin council members "told me before they won't be bound by the dictates of any other body in the university."

McLaughlin Council acted as the initiating body who accepted tacit responsibility for the overall coordination of the event, ordering the buses, the ferry and the liquor for the occasion.

Holmes admitted to a "basic lack of communication between the three

colleges" in planning the event, and denied that the contentious issue of quotas for each college was ever discussed.

McMurdo, however, claimed there had been prior agreement to a division of roughly one third of the ferry spaces per college, or a limit of 85 students from each college.

And a memo to McLaughlin dated September 27 from then-president of Winters Council Jennifer Ives, states that "the quota was worked out months before the event and both other colleges agreed to and abided by these rules."

When asked if he felt the matter was creating bad feelings between the two colleges, McMurdo replied, "Definitely; there are people in this college who are very upset. There has even been a motion brought before our council to ban all McLaughlin students from all Bethune activities."



Andres Loosberg photo

York's Al Avery takes aim at the Waterloo goal in game Tuesday night at the Ice Palace. The York centre led the Yeomen, to a 5-4 victory over the Canadian champion Warriors in a game marked by tough play by both teams. Story on page 16.

Dispute arises over food seat

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

In a move already being reconsidered by some committee members, Michael Mouritsen, assistant to York vice-president Bill Farr, was acclaimed chairman of the

University Food Services Committee last Monday.

Mouritsen is the committee representative for the soon to be defunct Green Bush Inn. The right of GBI to committee representation is one of the points causing members to reconsider his election.

Another point of contention is the fear that a conflict of interest may develop since Mouritsen is employed by the university, which might cause the committee to lose some credibility.

Some new members said they felt they were not in a position to vote for committee officers because of their inexperience at the first meeting, but a move to post-pone the elections was defeated by a vote of six to four.

Ted Kapusta, the new representative for Vanier said, "I urged that the election of officers be put off for one meeting because the new members had no idea who to vote for and who the other people on the committee were. I was afraid they'd just go along with the crowd."

He said of Mouritsen, "He has no business being chairman on two counts. First, GBI should not have a seat on the committee because they will soon be ceasing operations, and they don't represent a 'user' of food services but a past supplier. Secondly, there's an obvious conflict of interest on Mouritsen's part. We report to the administration and that's who he works for."

"Mouritsen has proven in the past that he is not a good chairman. Last year, when he was president of CYSF he did not hold a meeting for over a month, contrary to the constitution. He came within two inches of being impeached."

Bridging the gap

MACAO (CUP/EN) - You can build a lot of bridge for \$8 million, but not much highway.

Government officials in this Portuguese colony in the South China Sea proudly opened a new bridge last weekend, spanning the ocean from mainland to the Island of Taipa.

The first motorists who crossed the \$8 million bridge were dismayed to find they had to turn around when they got to the Taipa end, though.

No one had thought of building any roads on the island itself.

Mike Hennessey, who was elected vice-chairman at the meeting, defended Mouritsen saying, "He's the best man for the job. Last year I was dissatisfied with Ioan Davies (past chairman) because the meetings weren't led as effectively as they should have been. I admit that there is an arguable case against a Green Bush representative but I think it is important that Michael be chairman."

Hennessey said, "I don't see where there's any conflict of interest."

NO CONFLICT

Mouritsen said, "I work for Farr but the committee reports to vice-president Small. As far as I'm concerned there's no conflict of interest."

"If I worked for the other vice-president's office there would be."

He said, "Clearly GBI will not be a very active organization in the future but they were on last year's committee. However, I don't think they should be on the committee and I'm going to suggest they lose their representation."

"I'm also going to suggest that the chairman be a non-voting member representing no constituency."

Mouritsen said he would ask that he be retained as chairman, since an impartial chairman would be an asset.

When asked if this would mean the position would then be open to any interested member of the community he agreed, but said the UFSC would not be obligated to announce this: it could simply reconfirm this chairmanship.

"I am offering myself as an impartial non-voting member. Ioan Davies wasn't impartial and made no attempt to be impartial," he said.

The next UFSC meeting is to be held November 11.

In which we learn where Aruba is, and Miss Edmonton wins a pageant

By RALPH ASHFORD

York University had a piece of the Miss Canada Pageant this year.

Rosemary Knox, Miss Toronto, is a physical education student living in residence here at York. Unfortunately she did not place among the eight semi-finalists, and consequently did not take the crown of Miss Canada. Twenty-two year old Terry Meyer, Miss Edmonton, an English major at the University of Calgary, was the winner.

According to the judges, Miss Meyer had the best combination of poise, talent, personality and beauty; none of the contestants I

spoke with thought she would win.

Of the 30 contestants, 14 were from Ontario and only two were from Quebec. There were no black contestants, but there was a National Indian Princess (token, no doubt).

The pageant was held at the CFTO Channel 9 studios. The audience consisted of friends, family, news media and a who's who of fashion. Nobody knew who was who.

A social event of this calibre gives everyone a chance to drag out their tails and evening gowns. Many of the women were dressed as stunningly as the contestants,

while the gentlemen, including studio staff, were in tuxedos. The media people were decked in their usual corduroy.

The Master of Ceremonies, Jim Perry, was dressed in stunning mucous green, and to the delight of us all sang a heart-rending tune after the crowning of Miss Canada. Barbra Kelly, a former Miss Canada, acted as commentator and Blake Emmons of Funny Farm fame sang a medley, while the contestants' ensemble chucked and jived all over the stage.

And the climax. Blair Lancaster, the 1974 Miss Canada, gave a sweet speech and then announced the new Queen. No tears. In fact, the audience was doing all the crying. Bored to tears. And sore from sitting in rock-hard chairs for over two hours.

The contestants clustered around the winner, followed by 20 photographers. If you think the pictures they took weren't very good, you're wrong. She actually looks like that.

Everyone then herded into another studio for refreshments and conversation. The liquor was free and the talk was cheap.

After a press conference, the new Miss Canada entered and proceeded to give a thank you speech. Then we were treated to a speech from a representative from Aruba, who was kind enough to tell us all where Aruba is. You had to be there to appreciate it.

At one o'clock the girls left the studio smiling, and at least one reporter left inebriated. And I owe it all to Cleo Productions.



Peter Hsu photo

Excalibur's indefatigable newshawk, Ralph Ashford, poses with York student Rosemary Knox, Miss Toronto, at the Miss Canada pageant held last Monday night at CFTO's Agincourt studios. Ralph is the one with the moustache.

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