

Open End pub faced with \$35,000 debt

By JAMES HOGGETT

The financial problems of the Open End Pub should have been stemmed earlier, according to interim pub manager Elizabeth Mick.

"I don't know why something wasn't done about the problem sooner," Mick said. "The problem seemed to get worse as each quarter went along."

For the year ending April 30, 1988, the Open End ran a deficit of nearly \$30,000. They also owed the University Beverage Department over \$21,000.

The debt to the Beverage Department has since increased to \$35-40,000 according to Mick.

"The University has been very patient with us so far," Mick said. "Right now we are trying to keep current with our bills to the Beverage Department."

On January 6, pub manager Pat Chester was dismissed by the Open End Management Board because it felt he had failed to act on the growing debt. The pub was subsequently closed for a week until an interim manager was found.

Mick, who was the Open End's manager, said she was "pleased" that the University had agreed to a verbal agreement with last year's CYSF President, Drew McCreadie.

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Pages Plus denied funding

By DAVID WEBSTER

The CYSF has denied funding to Pages Plus, the newly opened desktop publishing company based in Calumet College. The decision was made late last week.

"It's an unfortunate thing," said CYSF President Tammy Hassfeldt, "but based on our budget, we couldn't afford to do anything."

Calumet College Master Pegg, Keall said Pages Plus based its request for funds — \$18,000 this year and a smaller amount over the next two years — on a verbal agreement with last year's CYSF President, Drew McCreadie.

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Last year the company received \$17,000 from the Calumet-CYSF trust fund, but this fund no longer exists.

Pages Plus needs money to pay for staff, computers, and other equipment. After this initial period the company would start to make a profit, said Keall.

Hassfeldt said this year's executive did not know that there would be a request for financing from Pages Plus, as McCreadie did not sign a three-year contract with Pages Plus.

CYSF Vice-President of External Affairs Joe Zammit said that no

CYSF council has the power to commit the funds of future councils without a written contract.

Keall said she takes the CYSF's claim that it didn't know Pages Plus needed money with "a grain of salt." She felt that the CYSF "didn't fulfill its responsibilities."

Keall is looking for other sources to keep Pages Plus going past the end of the school year. She said there was a good chance that arrangements could be made without the help of the CYSF.

CYSF rejects *Lexicon's* bid

By NANCY PHILLIPS

The Lexicon, Bethune's college newspaper, has lost its bid for official recognition as a central student service, which would have secured \$1,500 to \$2,000 from the CYSF.

In his presentation to the CYSF at last week's Council meeting, *The Lexicon's* business manager Rajiv Persaud explained that the college newspaper deserves to be recognized as a central student service, since membership is open to students from every college, and the paper covers news and events from the whole university and the surrounding community.

Persaud said *The Lexicon* can "put out a newspaper embracing Bethune's mandate and still qualify as a central student service."

This year *The Lexicon* received about \$7,000 from the Norman Bethune College Council in addition to other revenue, and it predicts that it will have a deficit of \$1,440.

Last year *The Lexicon* received \$1,500 from the Bethune-CYSF trust fund. Persaud said this meant that "last year Council recognized us as a central student service."

York's provost Tom Meininger agreed with *The Lexicon's* position. He said, "In the past couple of years, as a result of the trust fund agreement, the CYSF has been willing to recognize *The Lexicon* as a central student service, a point of view that I subscribe to."

But CYSF president Tammy Hassfeldt said after the Council meeting that "to get money from the trust

fund a group had to satisfy the administration that it was a central student service, not the CYSF. The CYSF never acknowledged that [*The Lexicon*] was a central student service."

One of the CYSF's main concerns was that it would open itself up to requests for funding from other college newspapers if it accepted *The Lexicon's* request.

"I think we'd be setting a horrific precedent if we funded *The Lexicon*," said Founders College representative Warren Pratt.

In order to raise additional funding, Persaud said before the council meeting that *The Lexicon* may hold a campus-wide referendum this spring.

Details of the referendum, however, have yet to be finalized.

By-law won't effect students: Lastman

By ALEXANDER SGROI

North York Mayor Mel Lastman has assured the CYSF that university students will not be affected by the enforcement of the exclusionary by-law, which restricts the number of unrelated people living in one dwelling.

North York's by-law allows three unrelated people to live together and subsequently caused a number of students living in the area to be evicted.

Last Thursday several groups — including the CYSF, OFS, and the Committee to Stop Rooming House Closures in North York — met with

Lastman to urge him to repeal the by-law.

Although the Mayor supports the law, he assured CYSF Vice-President External Joe Zammit that university students will not fall victim to the by-law's restrictions.

Lastman was unavailable for comment but his executive assistant Sheila White explained that the by-law implementation committee does not actively search for illegal dwellings, and only acts on complaints launched by the community.

Zammit said he was "pleased with Lastman's assurance," but added that he will forward a letter to the mayor requesting his promise in writing.

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