

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity
—Lord Acton

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York's student council is wishy-washy, refuses to put money where its mouth is

At its last meeting the Council of the York Student Federation CYSF reversed a previous "similar" motion and decided to support "labour's right to protest on the National Day of Protest" while at the same time they refused to fund a group attempting to generate support for the day at York.

This is a clear case of the council refusing to put its money where its mouth is.

By pretentiously approving "labour's right to protest" council also manages to keep itself at arms length from the 'dirty' world of the Canadian working people.

When approached by representatives of York's October 14 support committee, the CYSF made it clear just how token their motion was. While willing to go on record with wishy-washy support for the day of protest, they refused to provide nominal funding — up to \$99 — for a campus group wishing to organize real and active support for October 14. Without funding the support committee the council motion is meaningless hot air. Had they funded the committee, they would have helped bring the issue home to York University.

The development of the October 14 support committee, with representatives from all sectors of the York community, including students, faculty and staff, is a healthy

development and should be encouraged.

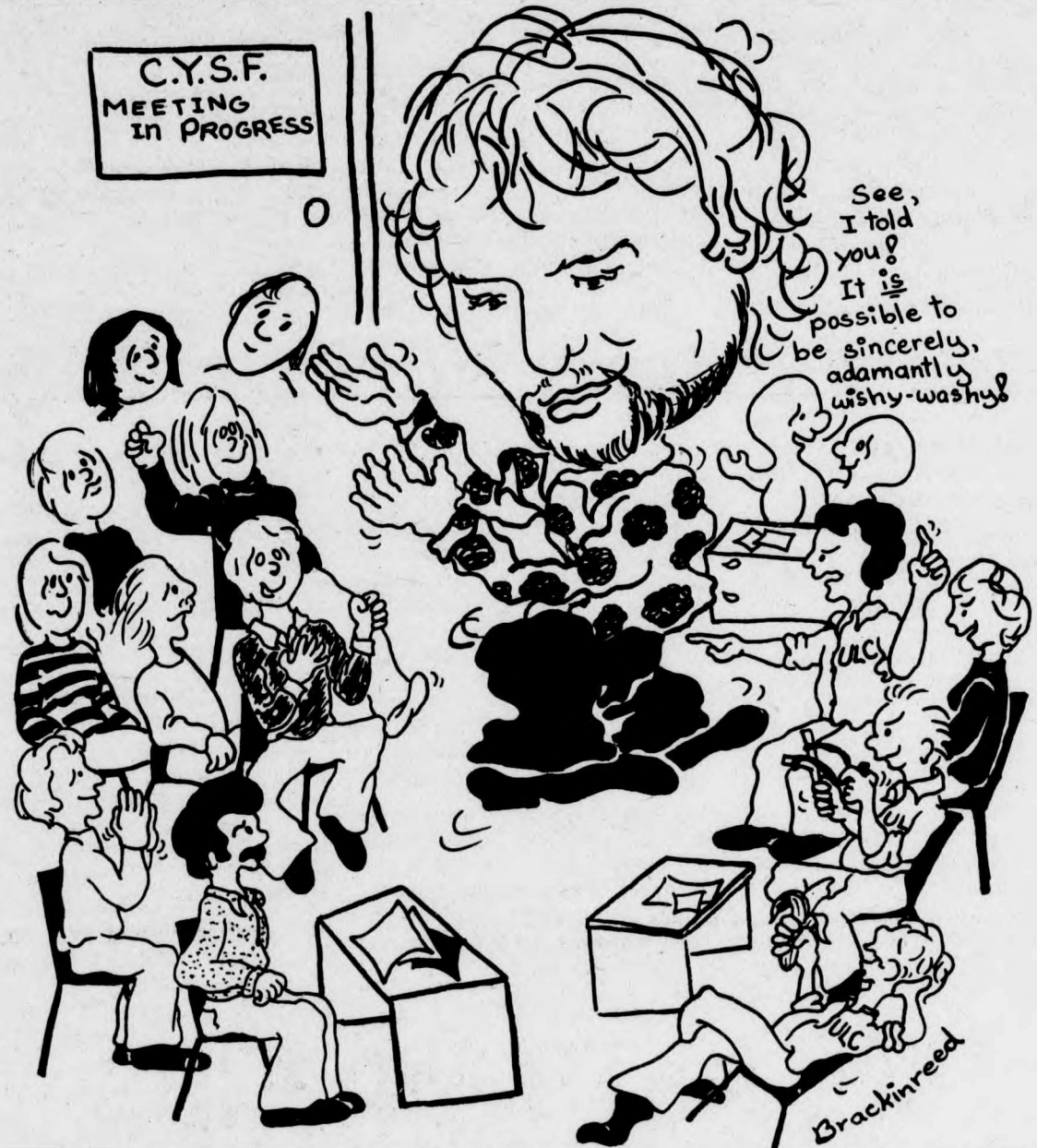
It seems that due to the fragmented nature of Edson's support on council he is unable, or afraid to take a meaningful stand. Edson, being a firmly entrenched NDPer must follow his party's line and support the day of protest but this is a difficult position for him to sell to his supporters on council, some of whom are Liberals and Conservatives.

A group of politicians, like Edson and the team, 'united' under an anti-politics banner will always run into problems.

An argument used by council members against funding the committee was that the council would then have to fund a pro-controls committee. Fine, council should try and stimulate debate on campus. If a credible pro-controls group approached the council for money, they should consider funding them.

Suprisingly, considering CYSF's decision, the Students Administrative Council SAC at the University of Toronto did give money to a October 14 support committee on their campus even though SAC was unconditionally opposed to supporting the day of protest.

It is interesting to note that immediately before refusing to fund the October 14 support committee, CYSF voted unanimously to give \$75 to the Society for Creative



Anachronism.
A council that unanimously gives money to a group of

people playing historical dress-up without providing any financial backing to a

serious and important campus group has little credibility.
M. H.

**EXCALIBUR
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TODAY
AT 3 P.M.**

A dose of preventive medicine will never hurt anybody at York

We have just experienced another watershed in the history of York University. York's security department is now sending its night supervisors to patrol the campus

pubs and coffee shops. In response to community concern over the high incidence of vandalism and other crime associated with pubs, the officers are now, according to our sources, "poking their heads through the doors to make sure everything is O.K."

Considering the history of vandalism and other crime associated with the pubs for the past two years, this somewhat trifle step forward for York security seems long overdue.

Why is it, though, that we

have to wait for people to get mugged and raped before we do something to prevent it?

The presence of the security men in the pubs will hopefully deter any troublemakers from doing their thing.

In a residence community of 2,700 students and a choice of nine liquor outlets to drown their sorrows in, there are bound to be problems. And particularly when outside publications, - as was the case with Toronto Life last month, announce that the York pubs are open to the public.

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