

## International Student Centre slated to go-another cutback victim

By Lynn Snelling

The York International Student Centre, established in 1974 by Susan Miller, is a student service assisting foreign students.

This year, however, may be its last, due to what seems to be the common problem with all student services this year: lack of money.

Vice-president W.D. Farr, presently on holidays, sent memos before he left to all department heads of Student Service Organizations, outlining possibilities for next year's budget cut. Farr's proposals included the elimination of ISC. The Centre currently operates on a \$20,000 budget.

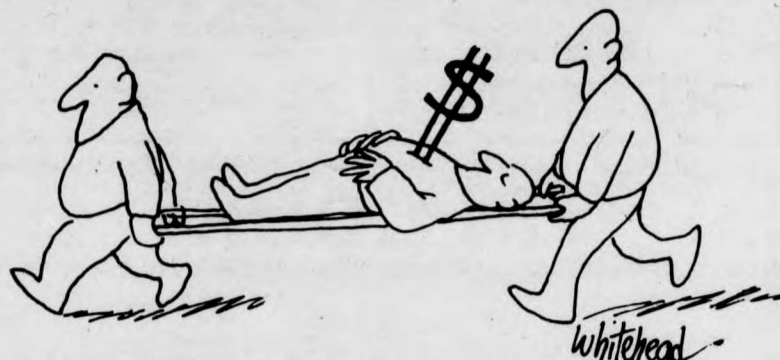
Assistant vice-president, John Becker, told *Excalibur* that the memo "welcomed comments and proposals" from all the student service department heads.

Before a foreign student arrives at York, a handbook is sent to them by ISC, outlining Canadian Immigration Rules and informing them of services available at York for their benefit. The international student population at York is one of the ten highest in Canada, and this year there are close to 1,100 foreign students on campus.

Immigration problems, which include such things as working visas and foreign student status, are also handled by the Centre. Most of the

student problems this year have been financial due to the fact that, even though the foreign student full-time tuition fee increased to \$1590, the amount of money the student was allowed to take out of the country remained the same.

The ISC handles group trips and some overseas research for international students, sponsors campus ethnic groups and acts as an liaison between cultural exchange programs and York as well as organizing other projects.



## Council censures member

By Laura Brown

Heated discussion and heightened emotion occurred only once in an otherwise peaceful February 8 CYSF meeting.

The disturbance occurred when McLaughlin representative Robert Steadman criticized graduate representative Abie Weisfeld for his February 2 letter to *Excalibur*, "RCMP at York."

Steadman called for an official censure of Weisfeld for his 'irresponsible letter' in his reference to political affiliation of some CYSF members.

Weisfeld's letter criticized CYSF president Paul Hayden and other council members for not responding to the *Toronto Star* report of an agent of the RCMP participating in the Western Guard's attack on Bethune College, painting Nazi symbols and slogans on its walls.

Steadman said Weisfeld "misconstrued the facts" and objected to the so-called "labelling." Steadman's motion of censure was passed with seven in favour, three against, and three abstentions.

During Steadman's criticism of Weisfeld, he referred a number of times to Leon Mitchell as somehow affiliated with the United Left Slate, although Mitchell ran as an independent candidate for Stong College.

Almost two of the four meeting hours was spent reviewing and approving the amendments to the Resolution Governing the Conduct of CYSF elections.

Hayden later told *Excalibur* that in past years some of the election rules have been "nebulous". Hayden, with Bob Freeman and George Manios, began working in 1975 on changing the resolutions.

The acceptance of five new council members was passed unanimously. Vanier College representatives Jeff Bien and Ryan Schoychet, Calumet College representatives Lawson Oates and Steven Campbell and Graduate representative Jim Elliot were accepted as members of the council for the remainder of the academic year.

## Set up shop with Calumet

By Laura Brown

Graduating liberal arts and science students may find an alternative to the unemployment line in the Calumet Praxis Project, designed to help students establish small businesses or cooperative enterprises.

Most students think only of having a job, but the Calumet

project demonstrates the possibilities of making an independent and permanent livelihood. It was started by Calumet master, Eric Winter, who was "concerned about the plight of graduating liberal arts students".

Winter's plan developed with the aid of Rein Peterson, Director of the York Small Business Programme in the Faculty of Administrative Studies. "I was lucky to discover that one of the most active Canadian workers in small business is at York," said Winter. "Without Peterson the project would have developed much slower".

The first development of the Calumet Praxis Project was the founding of the Lansdowne Artist Collective in July 1977. This is now a healthy studio for young artists located in a one-time factory near the Lansdowne subway station.

In December of that same year, Peterson assisted in designing a pilot program. This program consists of seven three-hour seminars held on Tuesday evenings. Sixteen Calumet students and four consultants from the Faculty of Administrative Studies attend the seminars. The projects at present include restaurants, bookstores, a publishing house, and a small manufacturing enterprise.

The group is periodically addressed by experts from outside the university and from the Faculty of Law. In addition, some one hundred hours of consulting time has been contracted.

Calumet forsees the small business program providing a significant change in the university curriculum. According to Winter, the second stage of the projects is to create college tutorials on small businesses. "We want to have college tutorials that straddle the ordinary academic requirements of the university and the possibility of earning a living."

The tutorials will be offered at the end of university rather than the beginning. Winter said the program will be an "extroduction" or "how to get out of university".

## CYSF

A student service

A column submitted by members of CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation). Views expressed are those of CYSF and/or individual members.

CYSF is sponsoring a Dixieland Jazz Band night in the Stong JCR March 9 at 9 pm, licensed by LLBO. Proceeds go to charity, live entertainment.

CYSF is supporting the JSF's Arts Festival Week, March 12 to 19. More information at JSF, Ross building.

Following the York Ski Club's successful trips to Georgian Peaks and Quebec City, a meeting time will be soon posted for a future (March) trip to Muskoka.

The York Sailing Club presents Gary Poyntz, 1977 World Albacore champion on "Sail trim and racing technique", today at 2:30 in Curtis B. The '78 Olympic film will be shown.

There will be Red Cross blood donor clinics Monday March 6 in the Stong JCR, and Tuesday March 7, Vanier JCR.

Students are invited to sign a petition to the soviet ambassador protesting violations of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 (i.e. Cosmos satellite landing in Canada) at the CYSF office, 105 Central Square.



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