

# Michel Chartrand to speak at York today

By DAVID CHUD

Michel Chartrand, militant Quebec separatist and radical union leader will speak in Winters College dining hall this afternoon at one o'clock.

Chartrand, who has been active in union organizing in Quebec since the 1930's, was among the first arrested after the implementation of the War Measures Act in October 1970.

He is president of the Montreal

Council of the Confederation of National Trade Unions and is a former member of the provincial executive of that union.

Also speaking at the forum, which is sponsored by the New Democratic Youth, the Student Christian Movement, the Council of the York Student Federation and Winters College Council, is former CBC interviewer Laurier LaPierre.

LaPierre is a member of the

Quebec wing of the New Democratic Party and was a leader in the recent move to take the NDP out of Quebec provincial politics and accept the right of self-determination for the Quebec nation.

Chartrand was incredulous at being charged with seditious conspiracy. He was accused of conspiring between 1968 and October 1970. To this charge he responded:

"That charge should read since 1938."

He was referring to the fact that he has consistently opposed both the provincial and federal governments' repressive legislation aimed at workers and nationalist elements in Quebec.

Chartrand was held in Montreal jail for almost four months without bail until his trial for seditious conspiracy, for which he was acquitted. He faces one year in jail

for contempt of court.

One of the conditions set by judge Roger Ouimet when Chartrand was finally granted bail was that Chartrand "be cautious" about political statements.

Asked what he would do about the judge's advice he said, "being cautious means doing everything short of killing people... Being cautious is being aggressive in order to rectify society's ills."

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## \$1500 is spent without any O.K. from CYSF

By KAREN HOOD

Evidence brought forward at the Council of the York Student Federation meeting on Tuesday indicates that \$1,500 was spent by president Mike Fletcher without council endorsement.

This incident occurred while Fletcher was social affairs commissioner on the previous council.

The \$1,500 was loaned by the Founders College Council for a proposed concert by the Guess Who. Although the concert never occurred the funds were spent, apparently given to the Guess Who.

Founders has been requesting the return of the loan for several weeks. CYSF members, under the impression that CYSF had incurred the debt, passed a motion Tuesday stating that the council recognize the debt and pay it upon documentation of the agreement between CYSF and Founders.

Present social affairs commissioner, Jeff Otis, has charged that no such documentation exists and that Fletcher is trying to cover up the loss.

"It seems that the council by

giving Robin Macrae, the current treasurer, the right to arbitrarily decide whether suitable documentation is available, is only a ploy to cover up this loss by Mike Fletcher," Otis said after the CYSF meeting.

"To my knowledge there is no documentation available."

When contacted after the meeting Fletcher said he expected the documentation to come from Paul Axelrod, the previous CYSF president.

Axelrod, however, told EXCALIBUR that no such documentation exists because CYSF never endorsed the spending of the \$1,500. Fletcher made the decision on his own, Axelrod said.

Otis said he was "appalled that the previous social chairman made a decision of this magnitude."

He says he will demand that treasurer Macrae produce the alleged documentation at the next council meeting.

"I do not feel that the money that students pay to CYSF should be taken so lightly and that the mistakes of council members should be glossed over," he said.

## Book thieves may sign confessions

By LES DURKIN

Assistant vice-president John Becker (student services) has proposed that any student caught stealing in the bookstore be compelled to sign a confession and pay a minimum fine of \$25.

The proposal was put forward at the bookstore committee meeting March 3 and will be voted on at a future meeting.

The minimum fine of \$25 would be imposed on a theft of \$3 or less with higher fines for thefts of more than \$3.

On being caught a thief would have to immediately sign a confession. The confession would be in triplicate with a copy going to the assistant vice-president, the college master, and the bookstore.

Should a thief refuse to sign a confession the case would be handled by a higher university authority and could result in public prosecution.

According to a criminal lawyer present, the signed confession would virtually be a criminal

record as it could be subpoenaed by the police. It was suggested that the signed confession be destroyed after the fine is paid. This suggestion was taken note of.

Pilferage has resulted in a loss of \$15,000 or 3 to 4 per cent of income this year. This is down from 7 per cent last year. The drop is credited to the security police which have apprehended between 3 to 5 students a day when they are on duty.

S.A. Zalewski, chairman of the Bookstore Committee, said the new proposal, with a couple of minor changes, would be an improvement in the handling of thieves.

Another topic the committee discussed was the foreign domination of publishing houses in Canada. A sub-committee was appointed to probe the effects of this at York. It was suggested that a list of all Canadian publications be sent to university professors across Canada.

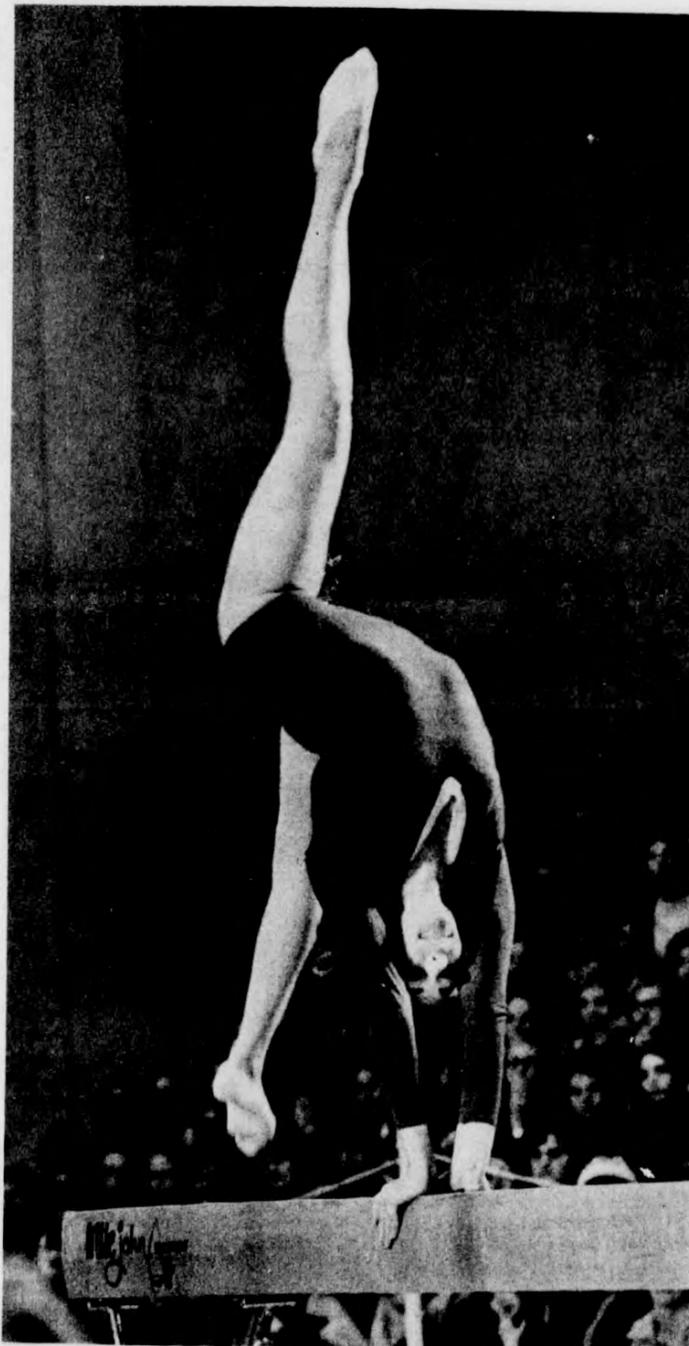


photo by Tim Clark

York's Sue Buchanan shows the tremendous form that gained her the individual women's championship at the Canadian Gymnastics Championships last Saturday — see page 16.

## Students hate noise

By IVAN FENTON

Five students took their protest concerning the noise level in Steacie Science Library to president David Slater Monday.

Since October, fine arts students have been practising music directly below the main study area in Steacie. Students who complained about the noise were told by the science faculty library committee that the university administration, including the president, was aware of the situation and that a solution would be found.

When five science students met Slater on Monday they were told he had only learned of the noise

problem at Steacie when they requested the appointment.

They then presented to Slater a petition containing about 250 signatures of students who had found that the noise impaired their ability to study and do research in the library. The five also played a tape recorded at various locations in Steacie.

Slater agreed that the noise was a problem and stated that a more compatible combination of uses should be found for Steacie.

Committees of the science faculty have met with the fine arts faculty to discuss the problem, but no solution has yet been put forward.

## 250 apply to computer for dates

By JIM SMITH

Almost all of the 250 applicants to Founders' Computer Dating service have been matched with dates.

The results were released last week and are now in the council office.

Questionnaires were sold in the last week of January for the service. The experiment was organized by Marina Difrancesco, Founders council social representative at the time and John McCallum, a graduate student in space science.

The computer first attempted to match the names of the prospective lovers shortly after reading week. Of the 250 people who participated, however, 99 did not get matched.

According to Difrancesco, "the number of persons not matched was high because the computer was programmed for 1,000 names and only received 250. This meant the criteria for matches were too stringent."

She also said the programme is still basically sound and will definitely be tried again with a few minor revisions.

Because there were 99 people left unmatched, Founders Council gave the service more money so the computer could again be rented — hopefully with more success.

After a few slight re-adjustments in how much personality difference would be allowed, the computer spewed out another little bundle of joy. Most people were successfully brought together — at least on paper.

McCallum was pleased with the results. He said "some people who go out on dates never really get to know the preferences of the other person. With the help of the computer, couples will now be able to get to know each other ahead of time."

As far as the section on sex was concerned, he doesn't believe people are that different regardless of their sex.

After the results came out McCallum said he watched people's reaction as they read the reply. "Some people got upset that the computer found them matches and others did exactly the opposite."

From his observations he concluded that "the average person is not what one expects, some people who got matched are not at all average and the computer was set to find people of the opposite sex who had things in common. Perhaps we have redefined average."