

ELECTION SUPPLEMENT

CYSF Presidential candidates

TOM DIOTTE



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For its smooth operation, management of student affairs has little to do with party politics. The trend during the Edson administration has been for elected representatives to lose sincere interest in the student body and to become increasingly preoccupied with each other. If you want a president who will promote intelligent discussion over acrimonious argument, conscious representation over political intrigue, support Tom Diotte on March 9 and 10. A leader must be a kick-ass type of person. A leader must instill pride within his organization, avoid conflicts when possible, and most importantly, a leader has to be a person willing to work. Tom Diotte is a leader.

Tom is concerned about the fact that there are no rates for York students on the TTC. A more

reasonable bus fare is an important priority.

The kindergarden socialists at York are ineffective in their method of pursuing increased university funding. A mature approach to the government is a more effective tactic than screaming like spoiled children. Tuition has increased for the first time in five years. Some sort of increase seems reasonable. But no more . . . not for at least another five years. Also, a more equitable system of distribution of grants and loans (the poorer the student, the greater the grant portion) is in order. Tom is against OLANG and its regressive intent.

The 1977 Social Co-op under the leadership of Gord Travers has presented an excellent social programme. Richard Gould, Brad Meslin and other members of Radio York are making every effort to

reach a wider audience and to create a successful enterprise. These two organizations are vital to the York community and Tom supports both of them fully. Both services can provide good things in the future only with continued, solid support.

This year, it was suggested by some people at CYSF to do away with by-elections. Of course, CYSF as a whole disagreed with appointments instead of elections after much heated debate. Perhaps next year a fixed date for by-elections could be set early in the year to avoid confusion.

The college system has not been working all that well. Course unions can supplement the present system and the combination of the two can create a dynamic student community.

PAUL HAYDEN

Paul Hayden is an experienced member of CYSF, a member since May '75 Paul has been able to learn and observe the operations of two councils. Paul knows what are the limitations as well as abilities council and will not make any "Pie in the sky promises"

He knows that a council committed to the politics of confrontation, hence frustration cannot achieve anything of a constructive nature. He believes we need a well balanced student government that will not ignore the social, academic and athletic interests of its members while playing political games.

As a vice-president of CYSF Paul worked to establish a contemporary social programme as well as working with Barry Edson to gain a meaningful voice for students in the determination of rents on the campus. This work earned Paul the endorsement of Dave Fleet

President of the York University Tenants Association.

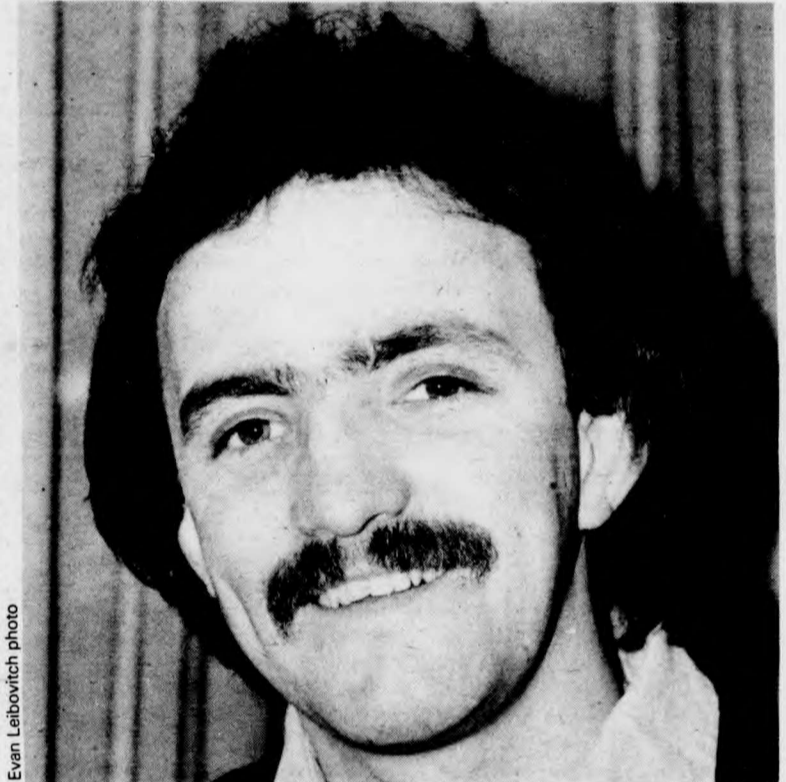
Paul is not a headline hunter. He knows that quiet diplomacy and hard work are more productive.

Paul is committed to serving the interests of all York students. Not willing to sell out his principles for political expediency Paul has taken a controversial stand; the first no-no in the professional politicians handbook. Paul has told you that through his experience as a Vice-President of CYSF and as a representative to OFS and NUS that he believes membership in OFS-NUS is not a good investment for York students. Not one of those who sits on the fence Paul has decided to incur the wrath of OFS-NUS, the United Left and their political voice-Excalibur. Twenty three thousand dollars or 24 per cent of the CYSF budget going to these organizations while our student council has to

watch helplessly while on-campus organizations such as Radio York have to be refused adequate funding is too heavy a price for membership.

The President of CYSF must be a dedicated individual, who will not be engaged primarily in off campus political events. Yet the president of a student council must be prepared to take a stand when the interests of students are at stake. The students at York cannot afford indecivness and acrimonious debate while nothing gets done. Students at York need a strong leader who will not succumb to the pressure of any minority political pressure groups. Paul will serve all York students not only the vocal minority.

The space provided herein does not allow for a complete outline of the Hayden programme. Anybody wishing further information can contact Paul at 667-6001. Vote York First!



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ALICE KLEIN (ULS)

It would be nice to be able to spend our time at university concentrating on our studies and relaxing from time to time. It would be nice not to have to worry about politics.

Unfortunately, the government has lately been implementing some pretty worrisome policies. Next fall tuition fees for all students in Ontario will be jacked up by \$100. Foreign visa students are being hit with a fee hike that will see their tuition go up to a staggering \$1,600 next year. On top of all this, the government is considering recommendations to end all grants for students classified as dependent (as almost everyone will be) whose parents earn over \$11,000 net a year. The report also calls for students to begin accumulating interest on their loans the minute they get them, instead of after studies end, which is now the case.

This comes at a time of increased costs for housing, food and transportation. When students face the worst summer of unemployment since the Depression. It should be noted that women students whose earning power is significantly lower than that of their male counterparts are hardest hit by the cutbacks. The

quality of education is being eroded by a virtual freeze in faculty hiring and library spending, growing class sizes, and a scarcity of equipment and facilities.

All this adds up to one thing — more and more of those who do not come from wealthy families are being forced to forget about university educations.

We believe that willingness to learn and not the ability to pay should be the criterion for access to university.

Education is a social need. The costs should be socially borne; and those who profit most from it and are most able to pay for it, the big corporations, should be made to bear their fair share of the burden.

Working towards that aim should be a central responsibility next year's council.

The ULS believes that York's membership in the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) and the National Union of Students (NUS) is essential to provide the organization, coordination and information we need to speak with a clear and united voice to the people and governments of Ontario and Canada. We urge students to reject the irresponsible and destructive

approach of Hayden and Edson. Vote YES to OFS and NUS.

In addition to working to promote the interests of students in Queen's Park, it is important that next year's CYSF be committed to providing the kinds of services and activities which can make this university a better place for students. Those organizations which are oriented towards women, such as, Harbinger, Breakthrough, York Daycare and the Women's Centre will receive special priority from a ULS council.

The Social Co-op, initiated by the ULS last year, should develop and expand its program to fight the blues at York. The work of the Course Union Administrative Committee (CUAC), which provides funds and coordination for the course unions must be furthered.

I am currently doing graduate work in the History Department at York. I received my Honours Degree from University of Toronto. I am a Graduate representative on CYSF this year as well as a member of GAA. Last year I was the administrative assistant of CYSF.



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