

It is with real sadness that *Excalibur* says goodbye to a favorite photographer, Himbara. Born in Africa, he will be returning home after spending ten years in Canada.

Himbara began photographing for *Excalibur* in 1977 and graduated from the York department of Fine Arts. His experience with the newspaper helped get him a job as photographer with the publishing firm, Copp Clark. "Work experience is more important than even school. Working for the paper really helped me get the job."

His favorite photographic subjects are "people in their social context" and he's been known to spend hours getting the right shot.

A Canadian citizen, Himbara plans to return to Canada someday. For now, *Excalibur* looks forward to receiving photographs from Africa.



Photograph by Himbara

Budget yet to be approved

Council rejects business manager's report

John P. Schmied

At Tuesday's meeting, of the Council of the York Student Federation, a report written by business manager Tony Finn was unanimously rejected as being unintelligible and vague.

The Council's financial state was the subject of numerous questions at the meeting, during which more than \$10,000 was allocated to various campus groups.

Winters College representative Ellen Liebman pointed out that the report did not mention CYSF's cash position, nor did it contain a

projection of how funds would be used to pay off the council's debt and courtesy account it was noted, that money owed to the account had been paid but the figure was not brought up to date in the report, and she suggested that the report be sent back and redone in accordance with accepted accounting procedures. Her suggestion was accepted.

Budget allocations

As they recommended various allocations, council members consulted Finance

Director Marcello Di Francesco regarding available funds. A budget has yet to be approved for the '82-'83 financial year. In response to a remark made by Randy Dobson that "it would be nice to have a budget approved before the year is two-thirds over", Di Francesco promised members a typed copy of the proposed budget, and asked council to set aside a day in the near future where they could discuss the budget. (set for Nov. 30)

Among the allocations made by council were: \$1,500 to Campus Connection, which according to

CYSF President Maurizio Bevilacqua, was in danger of closing if it did not receive the money soon.

\$2,000 to *Excalibur* which, Bevilacqua said, is also in dire need due to the problems regarding advertisement and printing and paper cost.

Anti-U of T campaign

\$200 to Synapse (faculty of psychology association) for scheduled activities, among which are a lecture series.

\$6,000 (\$2,000 grant, \$4,000 loan) to York Independent Theatre Productions to help cover the costs of this year's production of *Grease*.

The Council also allocated \$350 for an anti-U of T

campaign to be run by the Communications Director. The campaign is being run in response to an anti-York campaign at U of T. The council felt that the campaigns will create a friendly cross town rivalry between the two schools. The money is to be put towards the printing of buttons carry slogans such as, "I go to U of Tea 'cuz I dun good on my profishincy 'xam." Profits from the sale of the buttons will be used to finance further anti-U of T activities.

President's report

At Tuesday's session, the Council heard Bevilacqua's report on the Canadian Federation of Students

convention in Victoria, which the President attended two weeks ago. He expressed his disappointment at the lack of organization of the Federation. He recounted an incident where a heated debate arose regarding the creation of an office of full-time financial coordinator in an organization which deals with millions of dollars a year. Bevilacqua stated that he will be making a full report to council in the near future, and mentioned that perhaps the Council should reaffirm its present involvement with the CFS.

Abortion clinic challenges law

Sanjay Dhawan

On November 18, Dr. Henry Morgentaler spoke at a public meeting sponsored by the newly formed Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics. He described his plans to defy existing legislation by opening a freestanding abortion clinic in Toronto within the next few weeks. Approximately 700 people attended and as many as 200 were forced to wait outside.

Rights ignored

Morgentaler stated that the government was ignoring its responsibility to civil rights because "the medical profession is not supplying optimum medical care because of an irrational law." He went on to state that the government was scared of opposition from the vociferous Pro-life and religious factions who do not realize the severe psychological complications of an unwanted pregnancy, but who "only care about concepts somewhere in their head."

It is because of this lack of response from the government that Morgentaler has decided to open the illegal clinic in Toronto. Organizers

of the clinic already have one doctor, Dr. Frank Smoling, who has agreed to perform the abortions.

In 1969, some abortions were made legal in Canada. The law, proposed by then Justice Minister Pierre Trudeau, allowed abortions to be performed under the supervision and approval of three qualified surgeons and only in an accredited hospital.

Morgentaler believes Roy McMurtry, Ontario's Attorney General, will probably attempt to stop the clinic from operation on the basis of the old law that states that abortions may only be safely performed in accredited hospitals. The Canadian Medical Association made that recommendation in 1967 when the latest medical techniques had not been perfected. Morgentaler said an abortion in the first trimester (first 12 weeks of pregnancy) is now 10 times safer than a natural childbirth. He added that freestanding clinics in Quebec have a safety record that supercedes that of major hospitals by 250 per cent.

He also believes that no jury

will ever convict a doctor for performing an abortion on the basis that the precedent set in Quebec in the mid-seventies when Dr. Morgentaler was acquitted by three juries on the grounds that he was performing a necessary medical service.

Gallup poll

According to a recent Gallup poll, 72 per cent of Canadians felt that women have the right to choose to abort their pregnancies; Dr. Morgentaler stated that, "We are not relying on the federal or provincial governments. We are relying on the will of the people as already expressed by three juries in my case, and the judicial precedent that was established thereby."

With this kind of support, the OCAC firmly believes that they will eventually force the government to change the abortion laws and open the door for freestanding clinics to open across the country. As the head of the OCAC, Judy Rebeck stated in her opening comments last Thursday, "We are the majority and are about to prove it."

CYSF Director jumps the button

Paula Todd

When CYSF members at Tuesday night's meeting voted in favour of printing anti-U of T buttons, they did not know that the buttons under consideration had already been ordered.

According to Rhonda Rosborough of Telemarketing in Scarborough, Tony Finn, the CYSF Business Manager, placed an order for 1,000 buttons on Friday November 19th, several days before the council meeting. The invoice indicates that the York student council will be billed \$345.23 for the merchandise.

"If I had known the buttons had already been ordered," said Ellen Leibman, Winters College rep, "I would not have voted in favour of them. This should not be done."

The suggestion to order buttons was made in council by Susan Cocomile, newly appointed Director of Student Services and Communication. Council was told that the rivalry between York and U of T was intensifying and potential slogans to battle U of T's "If you can't go to

university... then go to York" were considered. Accepted for printing was "I go to U of Tea cus I dun good on my profishincy test".

Suggested, but not approved, was "If you can't go to York try U of Tea". Both slogans, however, had already been submitted to the printers by Finn and the buttons arrived the afternoon after the council meeting.

When Finn was asked who gave him permission to place the order, he said, "Marcello (diFrancesco). He and Susan (Cocomile) and I sat around brainstorming and came up with them." Reminded that council could have defeated the motion to pay for the buttons, Finn replied, "Marcello said he would cover the cost under his own portfolio."

According to diFrancesco, however, all three CYSF members had planned to pay the bill. "If council had not accepted the motion, we would have paid for the buttons ourselves - Tony, Susan and I."

DiFrancesco made the motion for a loan of 350.00 to print the buttons; it was seconded by Darren Chapman of Winters College.

DiFrancesco did not have the right to authorize the purchase of the buttons in CYSF's name. Article XI, section 1.2 of the CYSF constitution states that he must, as Director of Finance, "act upon the approval of the Executive Committee of the Council and the Business Administrator where action is immediately necessary and cannot await a meeting of the members of the Council, provided that such action is reported as soon as possible to a meeting of the members of the Council."

The Executive did not officially meet to consider the matter and diFrancesco did not advise Council that he had already instructed Finn to order the buttons.

"I was given the impression that they had only researched the cost of the buttons, but that the decision was up to CYSF," said Leibman.

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