

# THE CANDIDATES MAKE THEIR PITCHES

## POSITION: PRESIDENT

### CANDIDATE: MICHAEL LATCHANA

I was recently asked "Why do you want to be CYSF President?" My answer will justify my candidacy as well as hopefully give you the incentive to vote for me.

I am capable, competent, experienced, resourceful, and most importantly, I am in tune with the York community. My record speaks for itself. Throughout my years at York I have been actively involved in student life. From initiating campus organizations to participating in central student government, my experience is wide-ranging.

This past year I have successfully lobbied the University Administration to loosen its monopoly on University catering. Though this may be considered a small victory, this demonstrates that I do not hesitate to act on student concerns. As President, I will use the knowledge and experience gained to lobby for students' rights in areas ranging from sexual harassment, race and ethnic relations, security, and review of student government.

I intend to work closely with college councils as well as other student organizations on campus. The cooperative relationship between the colleges and CYSF must be strengthened, therefore making student government at York stronger, to ensure all student interests are served.

I know the job, I have the experience.

The answer? Michael Latchana, President.

### CANDIDATE: DREW McCREADIE

When you eat your Smarties do you eat the red ones last? Do you suck them very slowly, or crunch them very fast?

Why am I running? Who am I? What do I stand for? (Answers must be submitted on an official entry form or reasonable facsimile)

Actually, God spoke to me and said, "If you don't become President I'll let Oral Roberts live forever." And therefore I must be President!

I am running for the office of CYSF President. (For those of you who do not know, CYSF stands for Can't You Shut the Fridge?) So? What do I stand for? Urinals? The following is a list of the changes I would like to see at York:

- 1) Library Fines can be paid in sexual favours.
- 2) Tuition can be paid in scrip.

3) No account necessary to withdraw money for Green Machines.

4) Military assault and take over of Black Creek Pioneer Village.

6) There is no rules six.

7) America's cup in Stong Pond.

8) York Security vans replaced by motorbikes.

9) Extend subway to York. (To save money we can move Dupont Subway station up to York. No one uses it anyway.)

10) Pave over the entire campus.

11) York Security issued with guns and given orders to shoot on sight for parking violations.

12) Students paid to eat on campus.

13) Removal of all the new red signs on campus.

14) New Proposed Students' Centre built in Miami, with a free shuttle service set up to transport students back and forth.

14) Central Square turned into a bowling alley.

15) Manditory Deflowerization.

16) No cold weather on campus.

17) Final Grades based on need.

18) More dark, unsafe areas on campus.

19) Outlaw squirrels.

20) Grad. Residences converted to missile silos.

21) Don't pay a dime for six months time.

22) all of the above.

How much would you pay for all these campaign promises? \$10? \$20? \$29.95? Well, don't answer yet!!!! If elected I will throw in a set of Ginsu Knives, and this amazing Power Wheel (cuts through nails like butter!) But wait! There's more.

If you vote now you get a free ride on the amazing Three Bouys Water Weenie! (Shaves without a cord!)

So now what? Do you take him seriously or not? Is he for real or not? Well, just let me say one thing: It's all for fun and games until you put someone's eye out!

### CANDIDATE: KELLY RAMSAY

This year the CYSF election should not be taken seriously, not unless you want to see a student government working for the students. York is a very unique university, with its resident population and very large commuter population both functioning within a multicultural environment. In the past the CYSF has seen these diverse groups as problems, mainly because the CYSF has been unable to serve the needs of these groups. The difficulty does not lie in their diversity; the difficulty is in the assumption that their diversity is problematic. The diverse nature of York's students is not a problem, it is York's biggest asset.

These groups have felt pressure to relinquish their individuality, the argument being that they could be

better served if they assumed a single identity. My platform revolves around the attainment of a stronger student voice, a voice which will be heard, yet a voice which will not muffle the needs of the students. The CYSF should be addressing the real issues, improved student services, better communication and enhanced multiculturalism.

Improved student services means that the CYSF should be doing things that will benefit the greatest number of students. Improving food services is a major task, however it should at least be attempted. We are one of only a few universities without a student medical insurance policy. Such a policy is invaluable to the students as it is customized to their needs. The CYSF should also pursue the long awaited photo identification to replace our outdated system. These are just some of the issues that the CYSF should be addressing, but has not yet done so.

Communication is a necessary exchange that the CYSF has failed to realize. The CYSF should have a newsletter, not a single publication at year end, but a regular issue containing student concerns. This newsletter would lead to greater awareness of student issues and a more informed student body. Without improved communication between the CYSF and students the situation will not improve.

Multiculturalism is a fact at York. It is not something whose growth should be hindered. It is something that should be cultivated by the CYSF in conjunction with the students of York. This will lead to a more comfortable environment.

These are the issues that the CYSF should be addressing and these are the issues that I will be addressing if elected as president of the CYSF.

### CANDIDATE: JILL SHIBOU

The question is not what York can do for the students, but rather what the students can do to York. With over 30,000 students attending this institution we have an incredible chance at attaining excellence and it's time for a president to recognize this potential and harness this energy so as to make York rise above all else.

We are currently spending \$30,000 annually to maintain our membership in OFS (Ontario Federation of Students). The lobbying power that OFS has could be used to our advantage in the areas of government funding, visa students, etc. . . . if we only try. Do the students of York realize how underfunded this institution is. Do they realize the problems facing a visa student? CYSF must develop some sort of policies on these issues to take to OFS and see that our problems are being dealt with in an effective manner.

There is then the problem of Bethune and Calumet college not falling under the Council's umbrella. CYSF must recognize this as a major fault within the current structure and seek out a solution. This solution can be attained through the re-enactment of CCOY (Council of Constituents of York). Here the heads of student governments can get together and discuss a restructuring formula so that all students at York will be properly represented.

Another problem that CYSF must

rectify is its fence sitting tendencies. When there are Commissions such as Hare and Gilmor coming into the University and examining our current structure then CYSF must make a stand. In the case of the Gilmour report CYSF should form an Ad Hoc committee to examine the issue and then report back to Council so that a final decision can be made there.

When there is a problem at York we should follow the model that the students used when protesting the current structure of security at York. When they realized the great extent of the problem they got student leaders together, drafted a letter of protest, then formally presented it to the top administrator. This type of action should continue with regards to a break down of exactly where all our money goes, close watch on the incoming Beaver foods, a financial liaison officer, YUDC, and even Council itself, so that the students will be guaranteed effective action on matters that concern them.

Currently York is overcome with apathy. This must stop! We have to have an information network so that all students will know what is happening at this institution, how it affects them, and what they can do. A president must meet with all student governments and clubs continuously so as to know the problems that they are facing. If the president doesn't show an interest then how can we expect the rest of the York community to get involved.

The students at York need someone who isn't afraid to stand up to the Administration when they want a change. We need to bring together all the various types of people that make up this institution so as to have a united community that will stand out. That way we will be more than the third largest, we will be one of the strongest most effective universities in this country. The time is right, the time is now!

## POSITION: DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### CANDIDATE: ANNITA ANTONIANI

I'd like to take this opportunity to outline the events I've organized this year and explain my intentions for next year. The external serves as a contact with politicians. It surrounds such issues as the Ontario Student Aid Programme (OSAP), funding of universities, Visa students, etc. As Director I have attended conferences held by the Ontario Federation of Students. Together with other student leaders around the province, we discussed problems pertaining to university students and possible solutions to them. OFS served as a united lobbying group in which I was an active participant representing you. These lobbying efforts contributed to the changes in OSAP assessments for next year.

In order for lobbying to have a full impact, student leaders need statistics to back up their arguments. Last year I organized the OSAP Appeal Clinic where students could question their assessments. These cases were recorded by me and used as examples when I lobbied political leaders. As Director next year, I will continue

to bring you this service.

In February of this year I organized a political debate with guest speakers, Honourable Gregory Sorbara, Dr. Richard Allan, NDP Critic, and Mr. David Allan, PC Critic. The aim of this debate was to allow York students to voice their concerns on their own behalf.

As Director next year, I will lobby political leaders and serve as a voice for York.

Finally, my aim is to make myself more available to the York Community. I urge all students to come and speak to me at any time.

It is time that York is recognized for the programmes it offers. It has one of the best law schools, Masters of Business programs, and the best fine arts department in Ontario!

As Director, I will ensure that we here at York are properly represented and recognized. As the saying goes "let's UP YORK."

### CANDIDATE: TAMMY HASSELFELDT

A strong voice for York.

You may have noticed this slogan throughout the campus. This slogan was selected for many reasons, as it best reflects what I believe is needed from an External Affairs Director. The first reason is that I represent a strong voice in my college, through my position as President of Vanier College Council.

Secondly, I have been Vanier College's representative to CYSF for the past two years, a position that has given me a wealth of experience through working with CYSF and York's Administration on the various issues that have come to the forefront in the past two years.

Thirdly, my experience as President at Vanier involves an external element for I represent Vanier to the other colleges, CYSF and the Administration.

I can see this experience lending itself well to the position of External Affairs Director, only I would be representing York to the other universities, Ontario Federation of Students and the provincial government.

Moreover, I feel the position of External Affairs Director would be fascinating and a great challenge as a result of the exciting development York is undergoing. I feel the position of External Affairs has a great deal of potential that needs to be realized as a result of the major developments on and off campus. I have been involved with these changes for the past year. Furthermore, my position as chair of the Student Caucus to the York University Development Corporation along with my work on the Student Centre committees has offered me an opportunity to take part in the developments as they proceed, thus providing me with an understanding of the direction York is taking. This is a unique advantage I would bring to the position of External Affairs Director.

It is for these latter reasons that I would be able to bring to the position of External Affairs Director a strong voice for York. I believe that Director of External Affairs should be someone who recognizes York's needs and is willing and determined on behalf of all York students to offer them a strong voice.



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