

\$4,000 paid out so far

Calumet budget meeting aids York community

By Kim Llewellyn

To date the Calumet college general meeting has granted approximately \$4,000 to student services outside Calumet, of the \$5,500 designated for this purpose.

The recipients of the money include Excalibur, \$2,000, Harbinger, \$750, City and Camera Symposium, \$300, Women's Centre, \$150, the Student Christian Movement, \$200, Student Writers Association, \$200, the York Chorus, \$150 and the York Chess Club, \$144.

central organization because, according to Student Liaison Officer, John Mays, "Our first commitment was to save the college by which we mean not mere physical survival but the maintenance of Calumet as an actively serving community."

To this end the general meeting opted to absorb the college's share of the university's cutbacks. Instead of cutting staff or salaries, Master Eric Winters, took the money out of Calumet's program

When queried as to whether it was reasonable to expect university wide clubs and services to approach the individual colleges for money as well as the CYSF, Mays was firm in his reply.

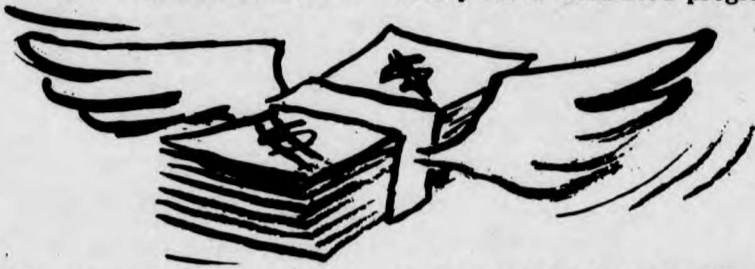
"The more student services accountable to the grass roots the better for them and the better for the students. They have an opportunity to plead their case and

promote their services. It makes them justify themselves and makes students aware of the problems. The more input the students have the better those student services will be."

He added he took pains to inform the York community that funding was available from Calumet.

CYSF president David Chodikoff disagrees that it is better for

campus clubs to approach several different funding bodies. "All it does is provide more bureaucracy. Councils like Calumet are not the grass roots because 1) less than ten per cent of the students come to the Calumet General Meetings and 2) most of the college councils don't run like the Calumet General Meeting. CYSF should maintain responsibility over clubs."



Calumet students generate a budget of approximately \$32,500, of which \$5,000 is to go to the Council of York Student Federation, as specified in the arbitration decision reached in the fall by university vice-president Bill Farr, after Calumet withdrew as a member of CYSF in the spring.

The move inflated Calumet's budget by \$8,700 because as a member of CYSF it would have given \$13,700 to the central student council.

The college now provides a total of \$10,500 to the larger community of York University.

Calumet withdrew from the

account, which foots the bill for Calumet's cultural activities.

The General meeting reimbursed the account with \$4,672.

A further \$6,000 of the budget is allotted to pay half the salary of the student liaison officer, "one of the few staff positions at this university which deals entirely with the promotion of student affairs and interests," according to a member of the Calumet Steering Out Committee member Lynn Mackay in an open letter to the York Community.

Finally the general meeting allotted \$5,775 to its own internal affairs.

Final enrolment figures in

By B.J.R. Silberman

The final figures are out and enrolment is down 2.87 percent at York according to David Atkinson, executive assistant to vice president George Bell. This figure is very close to the prediction of a three per cent decline made by the Administration early last year.

The worst hit department has been the Faculty of Science. Dean O.R. Lundell believes that the major reason for the enrolment drop has been due to the University of Toronto taking in more science students than usual by accepting them below its normal admission requirements.

Lundell added that enrollment in science faculties all across the province has been down.

The Faculty of Education is

almost three times as large as it was last year. This has been due to large off campus demand for teachers specializing in education for exceptional children. The program known as EDEX has been very successful and Atkinson believes the demand for it will continue to rise.

In general, enrollment at York shows two basic trends. Atkinson stated, "I think the combination of the Faculty of Arts', Atkinson's and Glendon's decline in enrolment could be an indication of a declining interest in the Liberal Arts."

Working as a reciprocal to this, Atkinson suggested that indicators from professional faculties such as Administrative Studies, Law and Education would show an in-

creased demand for professional job orientated education.

With an eye to the future, Atkinson stated that York can improve enrolment by exploiting the demand for these programs and markets.

While final statistics are not yet available, it would appear that York has fared better than most universities across Ontario which have suffered on the average a three per cent enrolment decline. Preliminary figures show that Brock University and the University of Guelph are down by 12 per cent. Carlton is down by six per cent and Queen's has almost broke even. The University of Toronto is in a small minority enjoying a 3.5 per cent increase this year.

Faculty gets six per cent increase

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After all numbers are computed, Farr says, each YUFA member will receive slightly more than a flat six per cent increase.

The contract also includes agreement on the part of the administration to pick up more of the cost of the faculty dental plan.

According to Farr, the new contract is a fair settlement, since the university is restricted financially by its reliance on the province for funds.

But this financial restriction is of small consolation to YUFA members. Says Lary: "What is unsatisfactory to a number of people is that this contract is the fifth lowest settlement in the province at a time when York's salaries are lower than most other universities in Ontario."

"We've been pressing the administration for a number of years to adjust the salaries to a comparable level."

Lary says it is the assistant and associate professors who are most affected by the "low" settlement. They are "near the bottom" of the pay scale as compared to other assistant and associate professors in other Ontario universities. The regular professors are "comparatively well off."

Available figures show salary for a York assistant professor is \$21,042. This compares to an average of \$21,500 at the University of Toronto, and slightly over \$17,300 at Lakehead, which is the lowest. A full professor at York averages \$36,439.

"At this stage, I think that both parties' interests must have intersected along the way," Farr argues, "otherwise the contract wouldn't have been accepted. They (YUFA) accepted it. If it were so inadequate, then they shouldn't have accepted it."

But it wasn't only the dollars and cents issues that concerned YUFA members during the negotiations, and some of these other issues were among the reasons the contract took so long to negotiate.

Perhaps the biggest stumbling block was the Career Progress increment. The YUFA negotiating committee wants it computed to a formula, as is done at the University of Toronto, giving a calculated percentage increase in each new contract.

YUFA wants Career Progress entrenched in the contracts so that it will come into effect automatically when a new salary year starts. Doing this, Lary suggests, would remove a major hurdle that is standing in the way of speedy negotiations. This automatic increase is seen as a way of keeping up with the cost of living.

"In terms of inflation, we're losing anyway," Lary claims.

While the administration has refused to accept entrenchment and an automatic increase each year, it has agreed to negotiate this part of the contract first each time a contract comes up for renewal, Farr explains.

Another hurdle in negotiations was the administration's insistence on taking more responsibility for deciding on faculty workloads and on moving people around in the faculties.

Under the old contract, altering workloads of faculty members was done in accordance with guidelines prepared by a Joint Committee of three YUFA and three administration members under a chairman acceptable to both sides.

In the draft of the new contract prior to its approval, the powers of the seven-person Joint Committee would have been decreased as the administration assumed more responsibilities. The compromise that emerged from a December 6 meeting allayed some of YUFA's concerns: Guidelines will still be proposed by the Joint Committee, but its role will be somewhat weaker.

Farr admitted the administration did seek more responsibility regarding workload adjustments and employee redeployment, but he says that

right exists in the contract, "but we haven't exercised that right."

Section 18.26 of the 1978-79 contract states under "Redeployment of faculty members" that the university may move employees from one faculty or another "and/or one department to another within a faculty... with the consent of the individual employee and the Deans and Chairpersons of the faculties and departments involved." It also states that in "exceptional circumstances" an employee may be transferred to a new department or faculty "without their consent".

The contract goes on to stipulate that transfers may either be short-term or permanent, depending on the circumstances outlined in sections 18.27 to 18.30.

YUFA's concern is in maintaining faculty independence, because Glendon College, Atkinson and York work with very different kinds of students, Lary argues. Glendon handles bilingual students, Atkinson mature students and part-time night students, and York the regular stream of high school graduates.

"We want to be reasonable about this," Lary says. "Obviously where there are no students in a program, there will have to be changes, but we want to protect our programs."

York needs priorities

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To what extent can we reorganize and yet keep research and teaching at the present level of quality?"

Green spoke of establishing priorities in terms of what educational programs can be supported at York.

"York has got to be a different institution in several years time," said Green.

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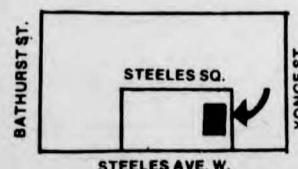
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