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CYSF goes to polls

The electioneering has been low-keyed, so not many may have noticed there's an election happening at York.

There are 28 positions in all now open on Council of the York Student Federation. These will be filled in part by one of three presidential candidates and 21 of 31 candidates for councillor at-large.

Nominations closed Tuesday and since then some posters and the odd debate have been token gestures of political activity.

Voter turn-out has been traditionally low at York, but this year the chief returning officer is hoping for big returns from the seven polling stations around the campus.

The polls will be open for full-time undergraduates from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Atkinson college students, who began voting yesterday, will be able to vote tonight and tomorrow from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

Students can vote for a presidential candidate and their three college representatives on CYSF. A sessional validation card is all that's required to get the chance to make your mark on the ballot.

Inside are campaign statements by 29 candidates.

New act applied

The rules of the CYSF's new elections act will be applied for the first time in the elections this week.

The new act designed to sew up the loopholes of the old act was passed by CYSF in September.

It limits election expenditures to \$50 for college candidates and to \$75 for the presidential candidates.

No party or slate affiliation is allowed on the ballot under the new rules. All election polls must be manned at all times on election days.

No publicity is allowed 24 hours before polling, and any candidate receiving "partisan political coverage" as opposed to "news coverage" in any campus paper will be assessed at ad rates for expenditure reports. The coverage doesn't apply to editorial pages of the newspapers.

Because of the constraints imposed by the timing of the election, Excalibur was unable to interview all candidates and write-news stories about their platforms. Nominations closed too late for last week's edition and chief returning officer Kevin Anstey advised us that candidates might protest unfair or impartial coverage during the period of polling if we included stories in our regular Thursday edition.

This election special, sponsored by the CYSF, was intended to provide all candidates with the same opportunity to outline their ideas and goals and to inform the electorate.

Candidates were asked to limit to 500 words their answers to three questions: What should student government do? What is your program to represent the interests of students at York? What do you intend to do to democratize York?

What's a CYSF?

What's a CYSF? The Council of the York Student Federation — York's central student council.

Composed of a president and three representatives from each of the member colleges plus students from graduate and business faculties, it has operated in the past as a co-ordinating body for campus-wide activities and services. It has a powerful potential to represent campus-wide student interests.

This year was CYSF's first under a new constitution — hammered out between the college councils and the federation last spring. This constitution established CYSF as a viable political student body in its own right, expanding its original role as caretaker of student services to a recognized role as a central political body with responsibility for campus-wide issues.

There has been a long tradition of feuds between CYSF and the college councils. It has been a fight over the division of power. When student representatives from the colleges and the federation sat down last spring, it was to bury the hatchet and come up with a system of student government at York that would leave the colleges in charge of college activities while CYSF handled services and matters of a campus-wide nature.

The 28-member council is run chiefly by a five-man executive. Most of the executive power is in the hands of the full-time president. Each of the executive have assigned work areas — culture, communications, external and academic affairs. The rest of the council is consulted at weekly or bi-weekly meetings.

With an \$80,000-\$100,000 budget to administer, CYSF has potential to mobilize and support many student activities at York. The funds come from a compulsory student fee paid at registration. Of the \$27 collected, \$10 goes to CYSF and \$17 to the college councils.

This year, the council has spent most of its time housekeeping. Mismanagement of funds over several years left the council \$40,000 in debt. Debt repayment was set as the priority and the cramp for funds left clubs and services across the campus hard hit for funds.

Council also endorsed occupations, moratoriums and publicity expenditures for the fee strike, a province-wide action against government raises in tuition fees that, coupled with raises in the loan ceilings, are cutting back accessibility to university.

In budget expenditures this year, CYSF has spent \$25,000 for full-time salaries and office expenses; \$25,000 for campus media; \$4,620 on clubs; \$2,500 on the fee strike; and \$11,500 for part of its accumulated debt. It'll take another three years to repay the whole debt owed to the university, according to estimates.

Student government at York has a long history of election by indifference; last year, just 14 per cent of the student body turned out to vote and the year before that, only nine per cent put the student politicians in office. But electioneering took an upward trend at York this year when 25 per cent of the student body voted on the fees strike issue.



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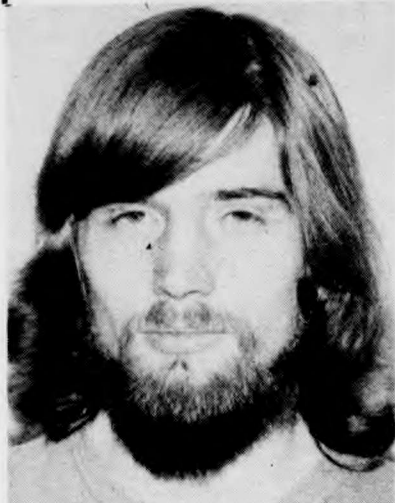
When

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:30 - 11 p.m.

Where

- (1) Bank
- (2) Drugstore Central Square
- (3) Vanier lobby
- (4) Vanier-Founders ramp
- (5) MacLaughlin-Winters ramp
- (6) Stong near coffee shop
- (7) Calumet near coffee shop

STONG



JOHN THEOBALD

Student government is an integral part of the university community. Student government must be able to represent the needs and interests of the student body as a whole in a responsible and coherent fashion in dealing with the university administration on campus and provincial or federal governments off campus.

Easier said than done though. Student government at York, or at any other university for that matter, is only as good as those who choose to stand for election and those who take the time to vote.

Many people at York attempt to pass off the low level of student participation in various areas, including student government, by accusing the majority of the student body of being apathetic and of not caring.

This line of thought only demonstrates their own lack of concern for the student body.

I believe that the students of York do care, that they are aware of what's happening around them.

It's up to CYSF as a whole not just the president and a few dedicated council members, to encourage and to provide the opportunity for any concerned student to "become involved", to contribute to the governance and administration of this university, to create an environment in which a student can feel comfortable.

The 73-74 CYSF must be able to carry on and complete the projects initiated and supported by this year's council.

The most notable issue that this year's CYSF picked up was that of the provincial government's policy initiatives to reduce, substantially, its financial commitment to post secondary education in Ontario.

Over the past 11 or 12 months, the provincial government has imposed budgetary restrictions on Ontario universities and colleges that can be termed nothing less than brutal.

For example:

—The government has frozen, for an indefinite period of time, all renovation and new construction projects on every campus in Ontario.

—The government forced every college and university in Ontario to jack their tuition fees up by a minimum of \$100 per student per year (in some cases graduate fees went up almost \$400 per year).

—A number of extremely detrimental changes were made in the Ontario student awards program (over 40 per cent of York's students rely on OSAP).

—Even worse, Queen's Park has refused to announce any policy on tuition fees beyond the 73-74 academic year and has refused to announce any policy on student aid at all.

My own interpretation of the situation is that government policy in the future will attempt to place a greater and greater portion of the financial burden of post secondary education on the shoulders of the student.

The people you elect this week must be capable of dealing with this and the many other issues, both internal and external, which will face them when they take office.

By running for re-election as Stong college representative, I hope that I will be able to contribute to the success of next year's council.



TOM [BLUE] SIMON ULS

I am running as representative for Stong College on the United Left Slate program. Some of you know me as Blue and some will recognize me from the Excalibur photograph of the recent Steacie occupation. If you don't know me I just enrolled in the Winter drop-in program in January. Hopefully this message as well as an active campaign will convince you I can best represent your interests as Stong representative.

I think this election is very important because of the recent government cut-backs in education — OUR EDUCATION. It is most important this year to elect candidates on the basis of their political programs, not their personalities. A united CYSF with strong student support has the best chance of successfully rescinding the cut-backs and giving you a better deal for your money. I therefore ask you to carefully read the United Left Slate printed elsewhere in the paper. This is my basic program. Neither I nor most members of the ULS belong to any particular political party but we do believe in working together to implement our program and become an active involved York council.

Dale Ritch, the ULS nominee for president has had two years' experience organizing at York. He was asked by CYSF to organize the November demonstration at Queen's Park and has since further shown his leadership capabilities. Dale and I were both elected as dual coordinators at the Steacie occupation and have continued to give strong leadership in the York cut-backs committee. Nearly all the leadership of the York cut-backs committee have joined the ULS to continue the struggle against the government's attempt at reducing the quality of our education (as the price goes up!).

At the moratorium I suggested the Ontario-wide demonstration at Queen's Park in February and if elected I consider building this demonstration an important priority as will all the United Left Slate.

My other main priorities, briefly, are building a strong student movement, the day care centre, women's liberation and student control of their educational institutions. I also intend to actively support the CUPE workers in their struggle against the cutbacks and for an equitable wage. These points are elaborated in the ULS Program.

The people most affected by decisions concerning education are obviously the students. On the other hand students have very little say in the running of a major part of their lives. Student government is as strong as you decide to make it. I ask you to decide who can best represent your interests and then MAKE SURE YOU VOTE! I firmly believe a careful appraisal of all the candidates will show you that our next council must be the United Left Slate. Our next president should be Dale Ritch. I also firmly believe I will be your best choice for Stong representative.

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

BOB SHARF ULS

I find myself with surprisingly little to say, other than stating my sincere support for the United Left Slate, what ever. I do not as of yet understand why I am seeking office, perhaps time will reveal a pattern.

I suspect N.O. Brown is the chief spokesman for my "politics".

"So much has changed
Perhaps the message is instability
permanent instability in the mind
corresponding to the permanent
revolution in things.

Revolution really is madness
political revolutions,
The political solution to the problem
of madness is
divide and conquer
segregation and repression
(like in asylums)
perpetual conflict

The political revolution is a temporary
break-down followed by
the reinstatement of repression
a cycle of explosion and repression

Perpetual conflict is the rule of
politics
A metapolitical solution to the
problem
of madness
would see politics as madness
and madness as the solution to
politics

Breaking down the boundaries is
breaking down the reality
principle
unification lies beyond the reality
principle
Madness is even the solution to the
problem of madness
it is sanity that needs to be
saved
(I don't mean, save your
sanity)

It is all a problem of communication
the poet says, Madness is oneness
lost
But oneness regained is madness
also."

What more. It's getting difficult to
come to York each day.

To make sense out of concrete and
words and the fineness we all are.
Nothing to be said. I hear laughing.

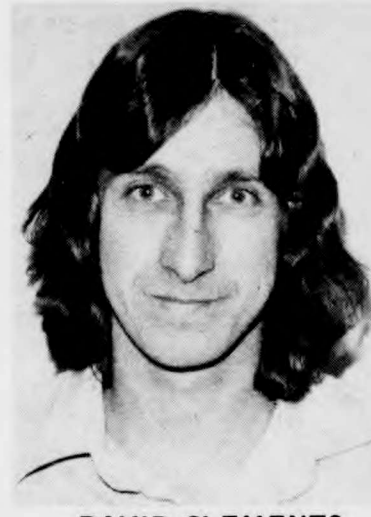


ALAN REDECKI ULS

One of the charges that will undoubtedly be levelled at the United Left Slate is that our platform is irrelevant to the vast majority of students. Students they will argue, are far more concerned with getting a degree and a job than fighting for utopian ideals. I think that this is both incorrect and an insult to the intelligence of students.

One of the most pressing issues we try to deal with in our platform is how we as students are to confront the government over the cutbacks in education. Many students are still befuddled by the smokescreen that the Davis' government and the press have managed to raise around this issue. I repeat for those who have not yet become actively involved in this struggle, that the issue involved is not a simple question of a long overdue \$100 tuition fee increase. The government's intent is made clear in the \$200 increase in the loan ceilings. As evident from this move and from the Wright report which recommends that students pay for 50 per cent of university operating costs rather than the present 13 per cent, that the government is trying to rationalize its inability to create skilled jobs by cutting out the children of lower income families from post secondary education. This is a reversal of the trend of the last few years of moving towards free and universal education. We agree with this trend as being the only realistic way of giving poorer students a chance at higher education and a better life and therefore pose our demands as the first step in this struggle. The only effective way of confronting the government involves electing a strong and united leadership to CYSF.

The added costs only cover part of what the cutbacks involve. It was only through student faculty pressure that a cutback in faculty has not already taken place. For the benefit of those students who were not here last year, this university was once a clean place. With the addition of Bethune college the administration has deemed it fit to lay off 9 inside workers. This situation will become worse as the new fine arts building is opened. The program of free films offered by the arts department has been cut-back. Not only are we paying more this year we are getting less, and the prospects for next year are worse. The only group which can provide leadership in our struggle is the United Left Slate. I therefore ask you to support me and the U.L.S.



DAVID CLEMENTS

My main area of concern, and my main reason for running for the position as one of the Stong college representatives to CYSF is student affairs. I feel that the student affairs area of York university leaves a lot to be desired. There are a great many areas where students should have a voice, as well as a vote, and in the coming year I shall work to do my utmost to get York students that voice and that vote.

The area of student affairs that I am most concerned with is university committees i.e. parking and food services, but I am also concerned with the handling of student registration and student fees. Many students run into problems and have questions related to one of these areas every day and very few really know what is happening.

Students should get involved with the workings of this institution but in the present situation they are blocked by decisions, rules and regulations, set down by the administration, without the voice of the student being heard or considered.

CYSF's role on campus should be to open the way for student participation in the decisions that affect their lives while at York and it should not waste its valuable resources doing otherwise i.e. bickering over budget allotments. CYSF is elected by the students and should serve the majority of the students, whether this clashes with the council's personal views or not. It should serve as a coordinator and not as the only student body on campus. There are a great many other student organizations on this campus and they are indeed necessary to the function of this university and CYSF should not attempt to assume their position as well as their own.

These are my views as an independent candidate for CYSF and I shall fight for them while I am in council next year. I wish to make quite clear that I will not under any circumstances allow my views to be changed by others on council and I will not be subject to party politics.

ULS Policy Statement

1) Fight the cutbacks: The cutbacks in educational spending are part of an attack on the living standards of students and working people in this province. During the last year we have seen a reduction in wage increases, cutbacks in hospital spending, and increases on gasoline and homes. Meanwhile, corporate profits have risen in the 1972-73 fiscal year and corporation taxes were lowered in the last provincial budget. The combination of higher tuition fees and lower grants means that fewer students from low income families will attend post-secondary institutions.

The Wright and Peitchinis reports (provincial and federal reports on post-secondary education) reflect the desire of the corporations to

change the entire post-secondary education system to correspond to their needs. In a period of high unemployment, the demand for highly skilled technicians and white collar workers has diminished. Therefore, the real desire of the government and big business is to cut back on education by raising tuition fees from 13 to 50 per cent of operating expenses. We see the fight against the cutbacks as the first step in our struggle for free and universal access to education. Therefore, we demand: free tuition and a guaranteed living allowance for students.

If elected, we would take immediate action around the following demands to stop all the cutbacks: i)

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CALUMET



DENNIS BEDEAU

A student government, as the name implies, should act like a student government and lend itself to more accessibility to the students. At least let the York student community get some strong feedback for their votes and their money. A distinct effort should be made to break down the communications barrier between CYSF and the York community. I ask these two questions: how many students at York know about the functions of CYSF, and as a result, how many care? Answer them yourself.

My platform is simply that I want students to be informed about CYSF and what goes on in meetings. I want them to care. The only way this can be done is to get rid of all that bureaucratic red tape and establish a direct line of communications between CYSF representatives and their respective colleges. As we are aware, some people get elected and are never seen by their colleges. This is something I would like to see changed.

On this campus, the general student body unfortunately does not have enough say in regulations directly affecting them. Student participation on senate committees is a mere gesture to pacify our yearning for democratization.

I will make a big effort to increase students' involvement in the goings on at York and strive for greater membership on senate committees.

Just vote and herald the change that's coming!



JOHN ROCCA ULS

It is my feeling that a student government should represent the students without the bureaucracy found in other governments, thus giving all groups or organizations on campus access to the government and not just ones which are favoured by the reps and president.

Because it is supposed to represent the students, the student government should bring the university to the student. This can be achieved by publicizing all events which take place in the university, and all issues which may arise, by publishing leaflets and press releases, in university as well as city papers. Student interests at York can be represented better by a student government which will give complete support e.g. mobilization of students, to push the interests of the students e.g. the fee strike, instead of one which will give just verbal support.

York University should be more democratic than it is now. The leaders of the university should be chosen by the students, faculty and staff as they are the ones affected by the everyday life at York. A person on the board of governors is not affected by budget cutbacks for he comes to the university to vote on the occasional issue. He is not pinched by the shortage of money as are the students, faculty, or the nine laid off CUPE workers.



LISA URSA ULS

"Contact" and "consciousness" have never been met by former student governments at York. One may say "consciousness" has been met in a way, in that most students are conscious of a lack of contact and have noticed a certain amount of elitism in the student governments so far. In three years at York, this is the first year I have encountered the better side of consciousness but this has occurred outside the student government system itself in, for example, the recent mass meetings against the cutbacks in education and the subsequent occupation of the student awards offices. With the support of the conservative and "liberal" factions of CYSF, John Theobald carried a negative vote against the fee strike to an Ontario Federation of Students council meeting before Christmas. Obviously, this vote was not in accordance with the wishes of the students.

Many people have joined the United Left Slate since the time of the mass meetings in sentiment with these strike. Whether it is successful or not has yet to be seen, but by the appearance of a growing unrest among students (not only in Ontario but in the rest of Canada as well) I would say that they are fed up with lackadaisical liberal leadership which tends to lean too much towards the administration's views and not enough towards the students' needs of a strong yet representative leadership. Within the workings of a university system, a student comes to feel the same insignificance and inability to control what he does and has, as he will feel when he works within society. Don't forget that York has a board of governors just the same as any big business would have a board of directors. I see in the United Left Slate a potentially strong leadership which is needed to make sure that the students are not forgotten for the sake of capitalist expenditures and profits.

I agree in principle with all of the United Left Slate's proposals. If you agree with these demands even partly and sense the sentiments behind the demands of the ULS I would advise you to take your chance now and make a decision — whether to allow students to be left unaware and unconscious of important issues which pertain directly to them, as has happened in past years with our many "Theobalds", or, to take the plunge and have your own interests represented and heard by the candidates of the United Left Slate.

Lisa Ursa — Candidate from Founders — CYSF Rep.

FOUNDERS



COLAN INGLIS ULS

I am a first year student in Founders College. I am running under the banner of the United Left Slate of which I have been elected campaign chairman. I have been active on the York cutbacks committee of which I was a member and press officer.

Why should I be elected as a CYSF representative from Founders College? I have been active on the York Cutbacks Committee as a member and press officer. I am willing to devote a great deal of time and effort to student government; Also to use my ability to produce ideas and solutions. I am also a United Left Slate candidate. The ULS as a coalition of activists will provide a strong student leadership. Especially if an adequate slate is elected.

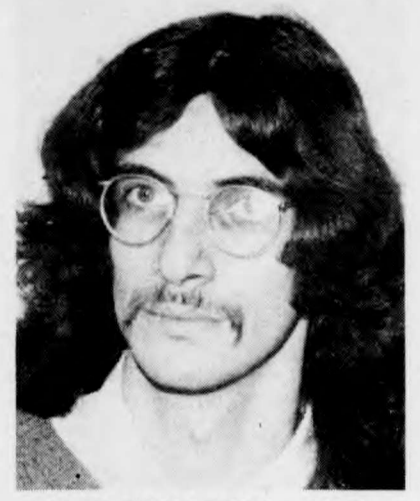
What should the student government do? The student government must provide a strong leadership and educative program. This program must be directed towards educating students and thus activating them in their own interest. The question of the CYSF budget is of course important. Priorities must be established and funds allocated appropriately.

The representation of student interests at York is obviously a question of reaching out to students. I therefore propose the establishment of liaison officers between the CYSF and the various student groups. Also making the CYSF more accessible to the student body as a whole. And also appropriate actions so that student interests can be determined and implemented.

The democratization of York must take the form of student, faculty and support staff control of the university. The ultimate form of a democratic university government is a long term project which must be formulated by the parties involved.

In conclusion I must say that we of the ULS feel we have a strong student oriented program which will result in a better university community. I would urge all students to, support the ULS fight the cutbacks, and most importantly take an active voting interest in the CYSF elections.

Any feedback on the ULS program or this article plus any support would be appreciated. I can be reached in Ross N 109 or at 667-3532.



ABIE WEISFELD ULS

As a candidate for the United Left Slate in Founders College, I support the program as laid out elsewhere in this issue. The aspect of the programme that I have been personally concerned with in the past is the war in Southeast Asia and its relation to the Canadian universities.

At the present time when one phase of the war has ended and another begun it is difficult to understand what the prospects for peace in Vietnam are. What has actually occurred in Vietnam is that a freeze or imposed settlement has been put on the struggle of the Vietnamese people for their national independence and self-determination cannot be resolved with U.S. forces poised to defend the Saigon regime, with B52's remaining in Thailand, on aircraft carriers and other Asian bases, with U.S. war material being pumped into Saigon, and with the dictator Thieu having veto power over any proposed elections.

That of course leaves Canada in Vietnam trying to forestall any upsurge in the struggle against the Saigon regime and to try to impose an artificial settlement on the Vietnamese according to American interests. The only solution which in actuality can allow for the self-determination of the Vietnamese is the unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. personnel (military and civilian "advisors") and material from South-East Asia.

As a Canadian institution we then have a direct responsibility to speak out against Canadian intervention in Vietnam. As a member of the Young Socialists movement I find it necessary to also condemn the detente formed between the Chinese and Russian leaderships and the U.S. government for the benefit of the national interests of the former and the latter's desire to come to an acceptable manner of leaving the immediate arena of conflict while preventing a solution to the Vietnamese desire for national independence and subsequently socialism.

Here on the York campus we are not in any way isolated from the conflict. The ULS poses the need for an anti-war university because of the very nature of the university, that is the fact that the facilities of the university are being used to conduct war research for the Canadian Defence Research Board to the amount of \$96,350 and 14 projects and the American military to the amount of \$64,686. We call for the end of all war research so that this university is not being used to facilitate the military foreign policies of Canada and the U.S.

Together with fighting for our rights as students in the university and society we must see how we are also tied in to this society through the university and as a result recognize our responsibility.

Other aspects of the program of the ULS have been elaborated by the other candidates and if anyone wants further information or wants to help out in the campaign contact the ULS in Room N109 Ross, 667-3532.

ULS policy statement continued . . .

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rescind the tuition fee increases ii) return the OSAP loan ceiling to the previous level of \$600 iii) lower the age of independence to 18 iv) tax corporate profits to pay the costs of education v) rehire the fired maintenance workers.

If elected to CYSF, we would organize mass meetings on the campus so that students themselves can decide upon courses of action. CYSF would of course provide any financial or organizational assistance needed. The natural direction of student actions would be towards a mass, province-wide

demonstration at Queen's Park later this month. We support the fee strike in conjunction with other actions and are prepared to lead any activities that are essential to stop the cutbacks, including a student strike (shutdown of the campus).

2) For student-faculty-staff control of the university: We demand: i) the new president of York must be elected by students, faculty and staff and so be responsible to the learning and working members rather than the board of governors ii) fight big business interests on campus; abolish budget allocations, curriculum and hiring and firing

must be under the control of all the students, faculty and staff iv) the administration should be the servants of the learning and working community rather than our overseers.

3) For a women's liberation university: We demand: i) that the university administration carry through its proposal for the establishment of 24-hour daycare centre financed by the university and controlled by the parents. ii) the repeal of all anti-abortion laws iii) equal pay for equal work for all employees in the campus and the end of all discriminatory hiring

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BRENDA ENGELHEART

Student government should deal more with students' academic problems rather than put the emphasis on who is going to get a larger slice of the budget. I would like to see CYSF try to coordinate the nightmare of first-year registration if possible, and give more academic advising to first-year students during registration week. If students have academic problems during the year, CYSF should be able to inform the students of what channels of appeal they have in the university administration. A valid evaluation of courses etc. is needed in co-operation with the departments and divisions in the university. Although CYSF has college representatives, there is little co-operation between CYSF and college councils. In order to narrow this rift between college councils and CYSF, I would like to see either one college council representative on CYSF or one CYSF representative on their respective college councils. This I think, would make CYSF more accountable to the colleges in all respects.

Brenda Engelhardt is a second year political science major, member of the faculty of arts council, chairman of the student caucus of the council of the faculty of arts, member of the nominating committee of the faculty of arts council.



DAVE WILLIAMS

1. What should student government do?

It should forget party lines, and obey its primary directive which is to serve the students and represent them in their best interests. The students we represent are the only matters that should count to the CYSF.

2. What is your program to represent student interests at York?

Of first importance is to listen to the students. Ask them what they want and make damn sure they get a chance to be heard. What most representatives fail to realize is the duty we have to the students who elect us in our constituencies. They consider it too much bother to report back to their students on what is happening in the rest of the university. I have tried in my last term of office to see the students of Founders and find out what they would like from CYSF and to try to implement it. I will continue to do so.

3. What would you do to implement democratization of York?

Use the existing lines of communication with the faculty, staff and students. If these are lacking, supplement them with more effective methods, such as informal committees composed of the York community, to discuss and solve the problems inherent to a university of this size and complexity. With the many problems facing York, we should all try to work together to build a foundation of co-operation.



JANET KOROL

Janet Korol is a third year individualized studies student. She is a student representative on the faculty of arts council and is a member of the application and memorials, and undergraduate studies committees.

One of the main issues that a student government should be concerned with is the quality of education within the university. Unfortunately, the past administrations have tended to overlook the importance of student interests in this area. It would seem that while social and economic interests of CYSF are necessarily important aspects of its constitution, a more vital issue is the quality and quantity of learning taking place here at York. Further, I think that an increase in student representation on decision-making bodies within this educational system is essential. My own involvement in CYSF would therefore be directed toward such a purpose.



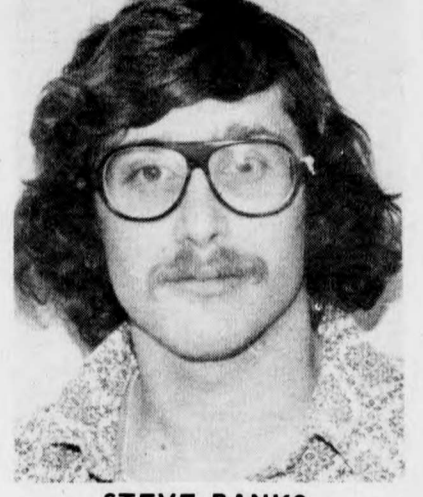
JERRY PASKOWITZ

It is and has always been my contention that an effective student government should endeavour to represent the interests of the student body. In the past, however, this task has more easily been said than done. While the students have always made their presence evident (the bookstore seems to enjoy a lucrative existence), their wishes seem to have been slightly more obscure. This year we have seen an upswing in student concern — the new education financing proposals with all the ramifications comes to mind immediately — and the student subliminal consciousness has been shaken down to the very roots of its apathy. On the eve of this new awakening I firmly believe that student government must exist as a collective effort of those few who meet to make the decisions and those who are ultimately affected by them.

A program for representing student interests at York must I feel be maleable. The voice of the people must steer the ship. CYSF is no ivory tower institution and has no place for ivory tower attitudes. I can at this time visualize a more effective method of confronting the student body with the issues before council, perhaps a spot in this newspaper for current issues whereby these issues would be made public (not that they have ever been secret) and publicized and you the students given the opportunity to speak out on the matters that concern you. It is your right to be represented — USE IT.

As an individual myself, I am lending my support to Bob Ashton in his bid for the presidency. This by no means implies that I agree with all his ideals or that if elected I will support all his actions. What it does mean is that I believe him to be the best man for the job.

In conclusion let me ask you to vote by your own conscience for those you want to represent you.



STEVE BANKS

(Steven Banks was last year's CYSF representative for Founders College).

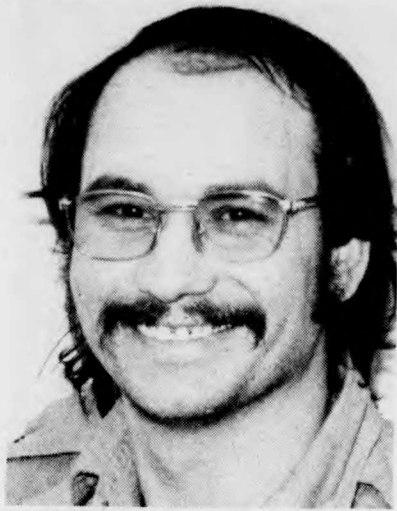
The basic role of student centralized government is the administration of bodies that are beneficial to the university as a whole. Examples of the recipients of financial aid should be the medias who responsibly report the news which occurs on campus. Also other beneficiaries of remaining monies should be clubs and student educational departments who supply a benefit for groups of people who represent a reasonable percentage of the York community. The student government should be able to run and be responsible for Winter Carnival, there is the problem of the underfunding of CYSF, therefore no social event can be run on reasonable scale without placing CYSF into greater debt. This will be the greatest disability CYSF will suffer for an indeterminable length of time. Until the reallocation of funds to a centralized government from the redundant student councils takes place, the CYSF will be unable to act effectively to handle any large amounts of financial assistance for any project which is deemed necessary to improve the York community.

To represent the students of a single college is not realistic when brought to a larger scale such as CYSF. The area of concern is the York people as a whole. The housing of day care centre is very important and urgent. The central housing of CYSF, Radio York, Excalibur, clubs, Green Bush Inn and an area for committee meetings are necessary. This would require a university student centre, which should be student-funded and accordingly student run. The reallocations of funds from your tuition service fees could pave the way for a building of that nature. Five dollars a student and one dollar per course an Atkinson student per year could pay off a 25 year mortgage. This building could be described as a student haven, a place which the student could identify himself with, which would be free of the administration contracts with other services (i.e. Versafoods — university food services.)

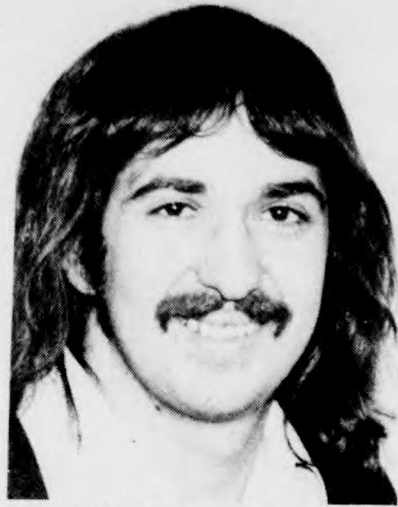
Also the past debts of CYSF must be paid off before the CYSF can function properly. These debts amount to approximately \$27,000 to the administration.

This and the other suggestions will be beneficial to all students, not only Founders College.

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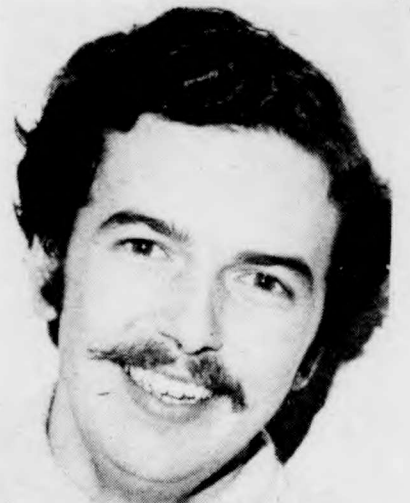
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Speaking as a ULS candidate I would like to make some remarks concerning one aspect of the ULS program, that is student-faculty-staff control of university. At York the cutbacks in post-secondary education have resulted in the occupation of the student awards office, the fee strike and disputes in the administration, which were followed by one resignation after another. The latest was the "resignation" of David Slater, which was soon followed by Richard Storr, who had taken up the post the day after. The acting president, John Yolton, doesn't seem anxious to keep the post.

The fact that the meeting in which the Board threatened to fire Slater if he didn't resign was held in one of the main offices of the Bank of Nova Scotia down on Bay St. raises the question of who runs the university and in whose interests.

As it stands now the university is run by and in the interests of big business and it is used to suit their own interests, as the cutbacks demonstrate. Since the unemployment rate among graduate students is high, it isn't good business to spend money on post-secondary education. These unemployed graduates may start questioning the system and may very well end up doing something about it. To remedy the situation they have decided to cutdown on the number of graduates by introducing the cutbacks.

The ULS wants to change the university from being an institution which serves corporations, to one serving the majority of Canadians — women, native people, farmers, workers, students. The university should open its facilities to trade unions, farmers organization, tenant groups and so on, instead of to the defense research board. How about open departments to native studies run by native people themselves, or open departments on women studies run by women? Did it ever occur to us that while we have departments to teach business administration there are no courses or departments to study and discuss trade union leadership, and other such subjects.

But student, faculty, staff control doesn't mean endless committees and endless discussion with just a few token student reps participating. That tokenism amounts to a band-aid solution to save a whole crumbling structure which we didn't set up in the first place. It means taking over the university and turning it around — from being an institution run by the corporation and supporting the status-quo to an organizing centre for movements for social change.

The government is trying to suggest that the taxpayers don't want to pay for education. But who are these taxpayers the governments is talking about? The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) not only opposes the cutbacks, but actually call for free tuition. The NDP, Canada's labour party, also calls for free tuition. If what the government says were true, shouldn't the workers at York, who are now negotiating with the administration for a better contract, support the fee hikes since they pay taxes? — but instead they are fully behind us, and the CUPE local at York gave \$120 to the York cutback committee to pay for buses to take students down to Queen's Park to protest the cutbacks.

One of the questions which has deeply affected my decision to run for CYSF is the nature of the present council. Students have participated in several actions since the school term began. From my view point the meeting of CYSF have been little more than social gatherings. While it is true that actions such as the occupation of the student awards office received vocal support of several members of CYSF, there has been almost no active support. None of the members of CYSF actively participated in any meaningful way in the occupation.

It has been only through the pressure of the students and the activity of the United Left Slate members that has forced CYSF to do anything at all.

The only way of turning CYSF back into an effective force instead of the social clique it now is, is by voting for strong united leadership and this in effect means voting for the ULS. I therefore urge you to vote for me and for other candidates on the United Left Slate.

My name is Jeremy Hill and I am running for the position of councillor to McLaughlin college council, I note the inadequacies of many of them. I address this petition for votes to those who are particularly interested in preserving and fortifying the college system. I do not pretend that the CYSF can, in all it's infinite wisdom, save the world, as so many of the candidates presume. I envisage my role primarily as a link between the people of the colleges and the demigods of CYSF.

It is a pity that I must run. Surely had the system functioned as it was intended to then I would never have felt the urge to challenge it. The CYSF is not a forum for world debate; it is not a testing ground for youthful politicians; it is a body of people (though I sometimes question even this premise) that attempts to function as a unit in conjunction with the colleges.

I will not endeavour to protect the interests of the other colleges. I will not stand for preservation of CYSF unless it serves this interests of McLaughlin College. Chauvinistic, conservative, and concerned; I stand for McLaughlin.

Student government should be responsive to and for the needs of the majority of students at York, while bearing in mind the interests of the minority. Since CYSF was originally established to take care of the financing of the university paper and radio station, they have become increasingly more political in their attempts to pressure both the administration and the provincial government. I feel this has biased a large number of students who have not been given both sides of each story, as well as giving a very bad image to the public outside York. A good council should be aware of both the long-term and short-term effects of each of their decisions, and act accordingly.

I have three concrete ideas about my participation in CYSF. Firstly, I shall do my best to oppose any political pressure moves by organized groups on council. Secondly, I want to decrease the amount of money available to CYSF from student monies, and make sure that this amount is spent wisely. Thirdly, I will promise to remain as accessible as possible to the students of McLaughlin and York, so that I may represent the interests of the silent majority for a change, instead of just the radicals.

The average student at York will never become too interested in the internal power struggle that some students have in CYSF, and most of them, rightfully so, don't give a damn about what goes on in the council, as long as their decisions don't affect them adversely. All I can promise in this election is to decrease both the political and economic power of the CYSF as best I can, and to make sure the streamlined council does a good job, without making too many waves, with guidance of the wishes of the McLaughlin student body.

My experience over the past two years at York, being the chairman of McLaughlin College council and college representative to CYSF, becoming CYSF's finance commissioner in November 72, has left me with some criticisms of the system. However some problems are to be expected upon the enactment of a new constitution for CYSF. Due to the actions of previous councils, CYSF has been left badly in debt, however to this date the budget has been followed, thus leaving the council with some funds to operate over the summer without taking a loan. At this time last year, with even larger budget CYSF was in debt to the tune of about \$2,000. It is unfortunate that some segments of York were hard hit by this year's hard budget line, I sincerely hope that this year's tightening will mean CYSF will be in a better position in September 73.

I propose the closing down of CYSF for at least a month in the summer and another year following a "not so tight" budget. The publication of Excalibur will have to be looked into, and hopefully it will become a better paper... I do not believe the students of York, or especially those of McLaughlin, want their money spent on demonstrations at Queen's Park or to hold "sit-ins", therefore I shall oppose such expenditures that the ULS seems to be continually moving.

We are again faced with the ULS slate that is opposed to the college system yet is supposed to represent the students of Mac. There is one DeFilici that for the past two years has been representing Mac, yet he has never been seen in the college. Now we have the added attraction of two, the DeFilici Brothers (a new circus act) running in this election to represent us. The ULS stand against the College system and therefore they can not only logically but also rationally represent Mac students by never being seen in the college. This is not the kind of representation that Mac students want or deserve. It is clear that the Young Socialists are only using the college system and the university itself for the betterment of their own aims, using your money!

Therefore I respectfully ask for your vote in the coming elections.

ULS policy . . .

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practices iv) we support extension of the women's studies program under the control of the women involved.

4) For an anti-war university: We demand: i) the end of all war-related research on campus and end to the Canadian government's complicity in the war ii) the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces including Canadian forces from Vietnam iii) we support self-determination for Vietnam and demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. military forces and material from S.E. Asia.

5) Get Kraft off campus: We support the National Farmers' Union boycott of products of the Kraft corporation and demand that no Kraft products be sold or used on the campus including Versafood, Beaver Food and Oasis store.

6) Support CUPE workers: Nine maintenance workers were laid off last month, without explanation and during crucial contract negotiations. The union (Canadian Union of Public Employees) support student actions and demands to oppose cutbacks and we must give our complete and active support in their fight. We demand: i) that the maintenance workers have the right to a just and equitable wage ii) that the nine CUPE workers be re-hired immediately.

Our struggle to transform the nature of the university is bound up inexorably with the struggle to change society and rid it of its social injustices.

We must reach out to movements or working people and the oppressed and bring the resources of the university to their aid. To achieve these ends it is necessary to mobilize students around a concrete action program and use the student council to provide a leadership as well as financial and organizational facilities.

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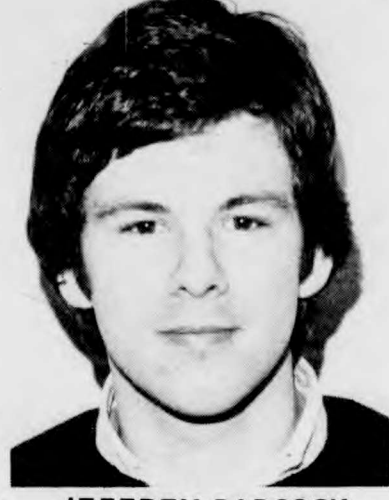
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I see the cutbacks in education as the most important political question facing students this year. Already they have had far reaching effects. Tuition fees have been increased \$100 and the loan portion of the OSAP has been raised from \$600 to \$800 with the probability of a further increase next year. Besides this any appeal comes back as a loan. For many students like myself who made an appeal and got \$190 extra loan the cutbacks have cost us far more than the \$300 which is the commonly mentioned figure.

To fight the cutbacks it is important that we unite all segments of the university community; students staff and faculty against the government. The cleaners union, CUPE Local 1356 has already supported the demonstration in November by contributing \$120 for buses. They also supported our demands for the release of the OSAP grant cheques during the occupation.

Two weeks ago nine staff members were laid off. Right now the workers are negotiating for a contract that would be comparable to the other workers in the same field in Toronto. It is important to unite with them in their struggle as they have supported us in our struggle. Only by building a strong united front against the administration and the government can the cutbacks be stopped and then reversed.

The faculty will be facing the possibility of firings, courses may be cut and the quality of education will decrease with larger classes. In the event of such a possibility we should respond in much the same way the Brock students did. When 16 faculty members were fired there they immediately called a mass meeting which 1,600 people attended, leading to an occupation and a strike successfully forcing the administration to rehire 5 professors.

It is also important that we move and get community support for the cause. Already the New Democratic Party and the Ontario Federation of Labor have supported us at the November Queen's Park demonstration.

In order to win, the student leadership will have to adopt an action orientated strategy. The present CYSF and the Ontario Federation of Students have only acted when they have been forced to do so by large numbers of students. A change in leadership is necessary. If elected, the ULS will pressure the OFS into calling a demonstration for sometime in February and would be willing to take any other action including a possible student strike (shutdown of the campus) to stop the cutbacks.

For further information contact the United Left Slate in room N109 Ross building, 667-3532.

On Feb. 12-15, the students of York will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate of their choice to serve on the Council of the York Student Federation. This statement is directed primarily at the students of Vanier College where I am running along with Ray Van Eenoooghe and Gwen Maloney on the United Left Slate for the post of College representative.

The United Left Slate is a coalition of left-wing student activists who feel that they can provide a viable alternative to the present politics prevalent on campus. The present administration has failed to provide effective leadership in the fight against the cutbacks. The same administration has failed to tackle any of the problems that faced them at the beginning of the current academic year let alone solve them. We feel that our opposition in this election will do no better. They call for reform of the educational process. However, they fail to mention how much this will be worth if the chief criteria for admission to this university becomes how well you can afford it. If present government policy continues unchecked, the cost of an education will definitely increase and more and more students will turn away from a post-secondary education because they will not be able to afford it. Those of you who feel that you are safe because your father runs a grocery store down in the inner city may be in for a surprise in a few years because you can't get that honours BA you've worked so hard for because your parents can't pay taxes, the food bill, keep the car running and pay for your education. (There's that poor oft-used word again. Anyone know a good synonym?) Besides we have the arts council to handle that — and they fit in more with the administration than CYSF.

Now we come to the good part — me! I am a first year student residing in Vanier residence. I first became interested in university politics last fall when I ran for CYSF where I placed second (in a field of two.) This I did because of a certain appeal that politics has for me. I seriously became involved with the beginning of the fight against cutbacks. It was then that I became disenchanted with the efficiency of the CYSF. I feel that the ULS can accomplish a lot more than the present office-holders.

I support the platform of the ULS and believe that this is the way to better the life of the university community. In addition, I feel that there is a very real need for a "university centre" that will provide a focal point for student activities. One need this centre would solve is the final resting place of the Green Bush Inn. Such a centre needn't be large. I propose that CYSF acquire control from the university or whoever the titleholder is, of the farm house at the corner of Keele and Steeles. This would make a wonderful locale for the Green Bush Inn. The location may not be the most convenient on campus but it would eliminate the annual fuss of who gets to host the noise.

In conclusion, I would like to ask you to support the United Left Slate and vote Dale Ritch for president and Ted Kapusta, Ray Van Eenoooghe and Gwen Maloney for Vanier College Representatives.

In the public's mind equal opportunity has always equated with equal education. Many people believe equality of education actually exists. Why, then, is there a lack of educational opportunity? The recent actions of the Ontario government have made it impossible for post-secondary students to remain passive. Their very existence has been threatened. The government once supported post-secondary education. We can all remember the "stay-in-school" propaganda of a few years ago. Now the Bill Davis government is making it increasingly difficult for us to stay in school.

Why the sudden change? The government has found that a university education does not insure jobs. With many PhD's out of work it feels that post-secondary education is a waste. Hence the increases in tuition fees and higher loan ceilings. This affects not only the university but also nursing schools and teachers' colleges. At one point we had a shortage of teachers and nurses. Now there are too many. The government's solution is to make it more difficult for people to attend these institutions. This is a blatant example of the government's attitude towards education. Education is job-training and if there are no jobs to be gained from having a university education then there should be less stress on it. There are too many people graduating and not enough positions for them to fill. The government is, therefore, trying to make university less attractive.

Higher tuition and the raised loan ceiling make post-secondary education unavailable to many students from lower income groups. Financially, access to post-secondary education is prevented in two ways. First, some families cannot save the money to send a child to university. Second, other families do not value education enough to sacrifice for it. Lower classes often expect their children to bring money into the family. They do not expect to give continued support to the student. The government ignores earnings foregone in its student loan plan. Also it ignores grades twelve and thirteen — a time when many students are forced to leave school. The loan system does not work well, especially at lower class level. One accumulates more debt the longer one stays in school. This makes students unwilling to do graduate work as they will be incurring more debt. Nor are loans an incentive for volunteer work such as CUSO.

We must make our position known. To allow the government to continue in this manner will lead to an intellectual elite. Equal opportunity for education must become a reality not a myth. It is necessary for the students to oppose this system.

Jeffrey Babcock, chairman of the history student's association and a member of Vanier college council, is a candidate for the Council of the York Student Federation, representing Vanier college. He is a member of the department of history council and the curriculum committee of the department of history. He is chairman of the contracts and the constitution committees of the Vanier college council.

Excalibur Publications has asked every candidate to respond to a set of three questions. The third of these questions is: what would you do to implement democratization of York? The implication of the question is that York is something other than democratic. I do not believe this to be the case. If anything, there is an overabundance of government at York. Students govern the colleges through their councils, and in the case of the department of history have parity on all department committees. Student representation on the faculty of arts council is up this year from last, by a substantive margin. York university has acceded to considerable student representation. Certainly one might further consider increasing student representation on the senate of the university, or gaining representation on the board of governors; however, while this might provide greater representation, it does not necessarily imply greater democracy. A democratic state or institution is, after all, a state in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them, rather than by elected representatives.

The York Student Federation has directed and participated in a feeble campaign to protest the increase in student fees in Ontario. The federation has wasted our money and their term of office in this pursuit. The government of Ontario is committed to an increase in the percentage of the cost of post-secondary education which the student shall bear. If the mood of the press in any indication of the public will, and I believe it is, the government's thinking is not out of line with that of the general public as regards the increase in fees.

What I suggest the student federation should have done, and can do, is to negotiate with the government of Ontario as regards the increase in the loan portion of the Ontario Student Awards Program. I do not believe that the government is intransigent or intractable. But, to effectively deal with the government, York and other Ontario universities need leaders in student government who are familiar with the governing institutions of the university and the province of Ontario, students who have had experience in curriculum and administrative planning. My capability in both these areas is proven.

I support Michael Mouritsen in his candidacy for the presidency of the York student federation. I believe that Mouritsen, chairman of the faculty of arts council for the past two years, has the experience and the stamina to effectively work for students at York as regards the quality of education, an area of primary concern to any student, which has been subject to total neglect on the part of the previous federations.

A student running for Atkinson college rep. faces the unique problem of serving the needs of two communities; day and part-time students. The ULS platform is aimed primarily at full time students oriented towards the university. Atkinson people are working people only casually attached to their courses. Political struggle around the university has little appeal to a wage-earner understandably. As a full-time Atkinson student with four courses, I'm committed to York activities and to defending the interests of the college. As one of the elected ULS candidates I will be pushing for a greater awareness of Atkinson. The struggle to eliminate financial barriers to intellectual training is crucial to turning our college into a working-class university. This theme is central to the ULS platform and we'll be actively organizing the student body in mass efforts and mass decision-making around the cutbacks issue — the only truly democratic method of working.

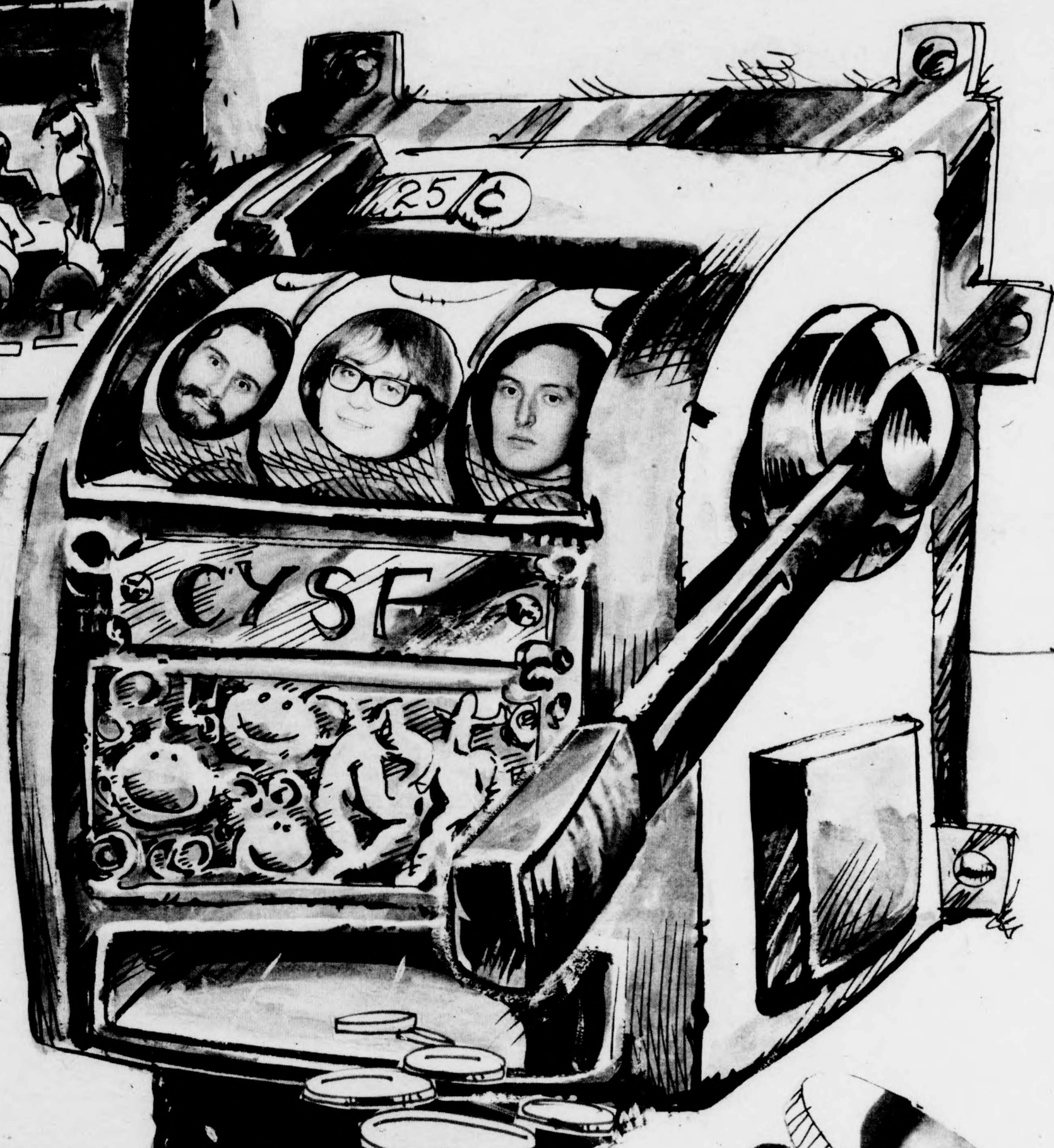
A special interest of mine is the boycott of Kraft products. The increasing impoverishment of the Canadian farmer by rising costs and falling prices for their products is driving them off the land completely. At the same time we, the consumers, are unable to control rising food costs and a steady deterioration in quality (chemicals are cheaper). CYSF has already pledged itself to this cause and I'll continue to propagandize and support the efforts of the National Farmers' Union.

Every effort is made to popularize the faculty and students as the legitimate members of York. The staff; janitors, cleaners, security etc. are pushed aside — the untouchables. This is an unconscious attempt by the administration to divide the students from their natural allies, the staff. I feel strongly about the firing of the nine CUPE workers — clearly an attempt to intimidate the union in their present negotiations. If they are forced to go on strike, I will personally organize a support group to help win them a just and equitable wage.

As in all levels of labor, discrimination denies the better paid, more interesting jobs to women. The sexism of our society is not only reflected in the hiring practices of York but also in the left. I will continue to encourage more women to run for CYSF and to become politically involved.

In a mass society, individuals have very little ability to influence broad trends. That is why I support the ULS. Our platform is a broad left statement by activists from many areas of struggle at York. By voting ULS you are voting not for 1 to 3 members but for a large group who are in general agreement and have already demonstrated their willingness to put their bodies where their mouths are. As a left group we are very sensitive to the mood of our leaders — you. To vote is the minimum of political acts but it means much. After you've studied the ULS carefully and considered what our position offers — vote! In times of crises every absent vote is a vote for the status quo, a continuation of all the problems that plague us. Use your suffrage and vote ULS!

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