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## Bevilacqua is victorious but Pearlman challenges

Michael Monastyrskyj

Maurizio Bevilacqua was elected President of the Council of the York Student Federation last Thursday, but the election has been appealed by his nearest rival, Mark Pearlman.

Pearlman would not comment on his decision but Bevilacqua who received 351 votes to Pearlman's 308, stated, "I think the appeal deals with the section of the Election By-Law covering overspending." CYSF candidates may not spend over \$300.00 in a campaign. He added, "I'm not against Mark Pearlman exercising his right to appeal, but I don't believe his charges are justified." Bevilacqua is also disturbed that he has not been notified of what charges Pearlman is making.

Tony Finn, the CYSF Business Manager and the Chief Returning Officer, has announced that the Election Tribunal will meet on March 31 to consider the issue, but further sessions may be required. Should the Tribunal, which also includes Speaker Tye Burt and Secretary of Council Georgia Stevright, decide in Pearlman's favour Pearlman could be named President. "Some situations call for the winning candidate to be disqualified and the second place finisher could assume the position," said Finn. "We could also recommend that a new election be called."

Fearing the possibility of Pearlman being declared winner, presidential candidate Michael Hymas has also appealed to the Tribunal. The petition, signed by Bevilacqua, presidential candidate Peter Hobbes and three candidates for Internal Affairs, states that a York Fund advertisement in *Excalibur* should be included as part of Pearlman's expenses. The two page announcement cost approximately \$1200.



Newly elected Judith Santos.

Hymas, who believes that Finn's role as both CRO and CYSF Business Manager represents a conflict of interest, said, "I am very sceptical I'll get a fair hearing."

Other election victories are not being challenged. Pamela Fruitman received 559 votes and will become the new student representative on the Board of Governors. Her nearest rival, Darlo Gritti, was supported by 204 voters. Fruitman stated, "Among my first priorities will be pushing through the food services report and fighting the discretionary tuition increase."

John Chang, organizer of the successful food boycott, defeated Bipin Lakhani to win the position of Director of Internal Affairs. Chang received 343 votes to Lakhani's 243. Larry Till and Michael Strah were the other candidates.

Judith Santos was supported by 422 voters in her successful bid to become Director of Women's Affairs. The sole challenger, Frank Adriano, had 362 ballots in her favour. Santos, who is planning a week to discuss women's issues in October is currently consulting organizations such as the York Women's Centre, the Student Christian Movement and the Handicap Centre. "I want to get some feedback. I want to create wide understanding," said Santos.

## Ministry investigation points to safety problems at Farquharson

Ian Bailey and Mike Guy

Workers' complaints of potentially harmful working conditions at Farquharson Life Sciences Building have been supported by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, but improvements to the building will depend on a \$500,000 grant from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Donald Dawson, Manager of Physical Plant, states that the University already has \$90,000 and that Farquharson will be upgraded as soon as possible. Dawson also stated that he had petitioned for the funds before the Ministry made its investigation. Professor Joe Motsch, who has worked in the Farquharson Building for 14 years, disagreed. "If the Health Ministry had not waved its big stick, we would still not have any action," he said.

Early in 1981, inspectors from the Ministry of Labour found 1,258 safety violations in Farquharson, of which all but 90 have been corrected. Motsch, himself, named specific inadequacies such as "a lack of appropriate ventilation, improper number of fume hoods and storage cabinets", factors which he feels has resulted in the dispersal of fumes produced by organic experiments.

Motsch also cited an incident that occurred two years ago when nitrous oxide was released in the upper levels of the building. Farquharson was evacuated and after the gas had dispersed the workers returned. But the gas had simply settled in the building's lower levels and several hours later the basement had to be evacuated.

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## Another Osgoode student attacked

PJ Todd

Another York student is reported to have been attacked on the Keele campus and her assailant may be the same man that assaulted an Osgoode student at gunpoint three weeks ago.

The female Osgoode Hall law student, a resident of the university's Graduate Residence on Assiniboine Road, was grabbed from behind as she

walked along the first floor of the apartment building at approximately 8 p.m. "She saw the man reach into his coat pocket and she believed he was armed," said Andra Takacs, Co-ordinator of

the Osgoode Hall Women's Caucus. "He did not, however, produce a gun." The woman managed to slip from her attacker's grasp and fled physically unharmed. York

Security and P.C. Bye of 31 Division are currently investigating.

In both cases the attacker was reported to be a white male, wearing blue jeans and a dark blue ski jacket. The age of the first assailant is estimated to be 20, that of the second, 18. The second man's height is

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Julius Xavier

David Steinberg entertained a near capacity audience at Burton Auditorium earlier this week as comedy came to York.

## Steinberg stale

Comedian pleases uninitiated but wears out his faithful fans

Gary Cohen

There's an old showbusiness joke which best sums up David Steinberg's Tuesday night concerts at Burton Auditorium:

William Shakespeare walks into a publisher's office looking for work. The publisher asks, "Have you got any experience or credits?" and Shakespeare says, "Certainly, I've written *King Lear*, *Hamlet*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Othello*." To which the publisher replies, "Yeah, yeah. But what have you done lately?"

For those in Steinberg's capacity audience who've followed the Winnipeg-born comic's career, Tuesday's shows were an amusing rehash of his best material. Only about five minutes of the hour-long first show and hour-and-a-half-long second show consisted of fresh

material. Tapping his second favorite topic — by far, sex is his biggest source of inspiration — Steinberg harpooned several political whales, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford and Richard Allen among them, with incisiveness and humour.

The brief burst of new energy provided some funny material, while breaking the predictability of an otherwise stale, nostalgia-ridden performance. And, for Steinberg fans, it reinforced the notion that behind the slick, boyish manner there still lurks a very funny man.

For the most part, though, it was Steinberg's sense of professionalism, timing and stage presence that carried the show. Despite the sophisticated, double-breasted, blue velvet suit and

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