

Board of governors intervenes in debate on MAC referendum

By DAVID CHUD

York's board of governors has told McLaughlin college it can pull out of the Council of the York Student Federation even though last term's referendum failed to produce the two-thirds majority constitutionally needed to do so. In the referendum 53 per cent voted to withdraw from CYSF.

According to the CYSF constitution, which was endorsed by the college councils, a two-thirds majority is needed for withdrawal.

On the eve of the referendum, however, board secretary Bill Farr sent a letter to McLaughlin council saying the board would recognize a simple majority.

The two-thirds clause in the

CYSF constitution was formulated working under the assumption that student opinion can vary from month to month so a vote to withdraw should be overwhelming.

The board has continually refused to accept this part of the constitution.

The results of the referendum on the main question, "I feel that McLaughlin College should end its membership in CYSF," were 140-124 to withdraw.

On the supplementary question students expressed "non-confidence" in CYSF policies by a 193-62 margin.

CYSF vice-president Karen Hood commented on the outcome: "It's really disappointing to see us losing a referendum when there were no issues. Students are the ones who lose in this whole thing. To allow the board of governors to control the decision plays right into their hands."

On Monday McLaughlin council meets to decide whether to abide by the constitution or accept the board's offer.

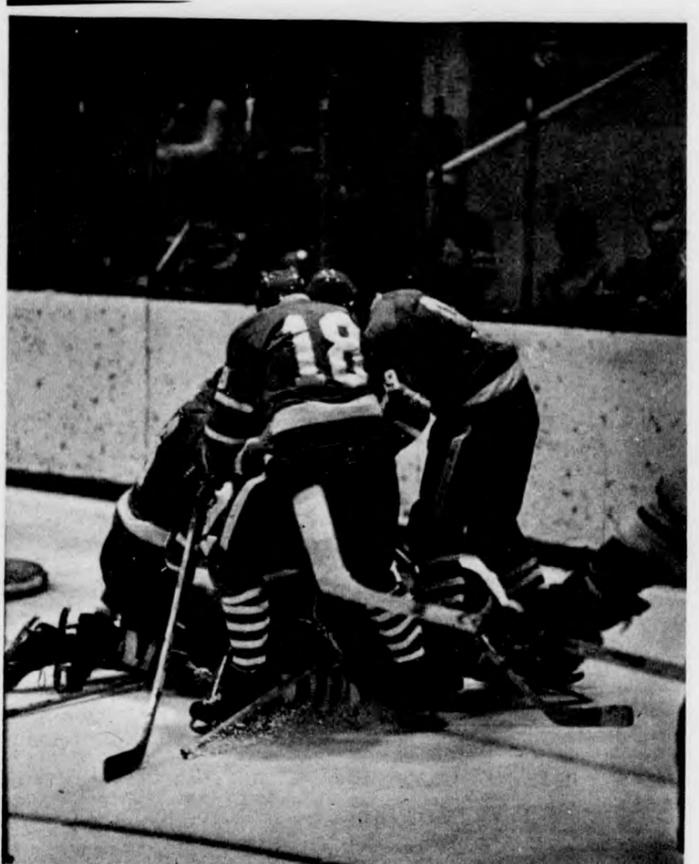
Last year the same situation developed when the Graduate Students Association voted by just over 50 per cent to leave CYSF. The association declined the board's offer and remained in.

It has been suggested that McLaughlin council is willing to negotiate with CYSF over conditions under which they would remain in the federation.

Oakes not well

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (UPI) — Richard Oakes, Indian leader who was hit on the head with a pool cue during a tavern fight last June, was admitted to Santa Rosa Hospital recently because of head pains.

Other than to say Oakes "seemed to be in fair condition," a hospital spokesman would not comment.



TIM CLARK

A fight? No, Murray Stroud (under the pile) was mobbed by his teammates after scoring the winning goal in the game against U of T in the Hockey Canada Tournament. More details on p. 16.

Report next week

Task Force delayed

The report of the Task Force on Canadian education which was to have been presented last Monday has been delayed.

The report, which examines the effects of Americanization of curriculum, methodology, and books in various York departments, is finished according to a Task Force spokesman.

However, final preparation of the texts, typing, and reproduction have yet to be completed.

The spokesman indicated the report would be released sometime next week.

The Task Force has been plagued by difficulties since it was

organized last spring. Several original members of the group have moved from Toronto, which complicated the jobs of the remaining members.

As well, there have been problems in formulating a meaningful way in which to present the findings.

A Task Force spokesman indicated in an interview that there are hundreds of pages of interviews, survey documents, and results and related research information, which, while they may not appear in the final report, can be an excellent guide to others interested in the problem.

Too radical

U.S. student papers being heavily censored

NEW YORK (LNS) — Editors fired, evictions and lock-outs from offices, freezing of funds, suppression of particular articles about women's oppression, and outright prohibition of publication. U.S. College papers are now experiencing these forms of repression.

USSPA (United States Student Press Association) lists 25 papers which have been overtly censored and two campus radio stations which have been shut down since this fall. Forty per cent of the papers replying to a CPS (College Press Service) questionnaire report that they have been censored or harassed because they express radical politics.

The administrations of Dillard University and Norfolk State College, both Black schools, have had their presses shut down. Dillard's newspaper staff refused to submit copy to an adviser for censorship; and Norfolk's paper supported student actions against the invasion of Cambodia this past spring.

When a "God is Dead" editorial appeared in the Reflector of Mississippi State University the state government set up censors

for all campus papers and year-books.

Niagara University's student paper was told that its funds would be cut off if they published anything about abortion referral.

Ads for abortion referrals and articles about the myth of the vaginal orgasm have been banned by school administrations and state governments at Concordia College in Minnesota, Metropolitan State College in Pueblo, Colorado, the state university of New York at Buffalo, University of Connecticut and colleges in Massachusetts, Ohio, South Dakota and Georgia.

When Argus magazine of the University of Maryland published a photograph of a burning American flag on its cover, the state Regents attempted to take control of student fees. Student agitation thwarted the attempt.

In New York state, the state university at Albany's paper funds were frozen when members of YAF (Young Americans for Freedom) sued the school for allowing students to use school money to charter buses for November 1969's moratorium march in Washington, D.C.

University switchboard refuses to call outside help

23 students trapped in elevator for over half hour

By RONALD GRANER
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I have just been released from a north tower Ross elevator where I was trapped for over a half hour with twenty two others, one female. At time or rescue one student was barely conscious.

The elevator had hardly begun to move when it stalled between the second and third floor. We were jammed cheek to jowl in our heavy coats. A head count revealed we were three over the legal limit of twenty persons.

While one student called on the emergency phone to the switchboard others began to banter.

"Why don't we all jump up and down at the same time?"

"I knew a guy who was trapped for six hours."

"You know I always wanted to be trapped in an elevator."

"Why don't you guys all shut up."

Within two minutes the temperature had already gone up to an alarming degree and the air seemed dangerously foul.

Someone was whistling the music from a Ban deodorant commercial.

We again raised the emergency switchboard and were told that Security had been notified and that there was an elevator man on campus — but that he was out to lunch.

We asked her to call metro police and the hell with the elevator man. Switchboard refused to call police.

"They can't do anything," said the operator and hung up.

An attempt was made to pry open the door with a clipboard and a bottle opener to get some air. We had been there for fifteen minutes and breathing was difficult. The door was pried open about half an inch.

Suddenly one of the boys complained he felt sick and there was a flurry as we squeezed him to the opening at the door to give him some air.

I and another man removed one of the metal poles from the ceiling and tried to open the small plate in the ceiling where the ventilation fan was mounted. The fan

was off and the switch controlled by a key.

We gave up on the door in the ceiling and replaced the metal pole.

People gasping in the heat and fetid air were helping each other off with their coats; a two man job in the cramped quarters.

Operator, will you call the fire department on Keele street and tell them that people are getting sick in here?

We were informed that the elevator man had gone to founders college by mistake and that he would be coming soon.

A search through a brief case next to me produced an elbow in my kidneys and another clipboard.

The third clipboard got the door to move and a wave of fresh air bathed our faces.

The body on the floor said he felt better and stood up.

A girl on the outside third floor went to call the fire department and other students took our books and bags which

we squeezed down to them from between the third and second floor.

No one wanted to risk falling down the open shaft by crawling out the hold so we stayed there.

A call to switchboard raised a male operator this time and he angrily told us everything was being done.

He asked us if we needed a respirator unit. The fellow who had fainted said he was O.K.

"Tell them we need it," another hissed. "Maybe they'll send someone."

We said we were all sick and three minutes later the elevator man arrived. In another two minutes he had released the frozen motors and sent us up to the fourth floor.

Oh, Yes. . . Just a hint to Otis Elevator and York maintenance. How about leaving the fan on next time in your elevators or installing a little window someplace that can be opened?

. . . And Kids, don't crowd the elevators.