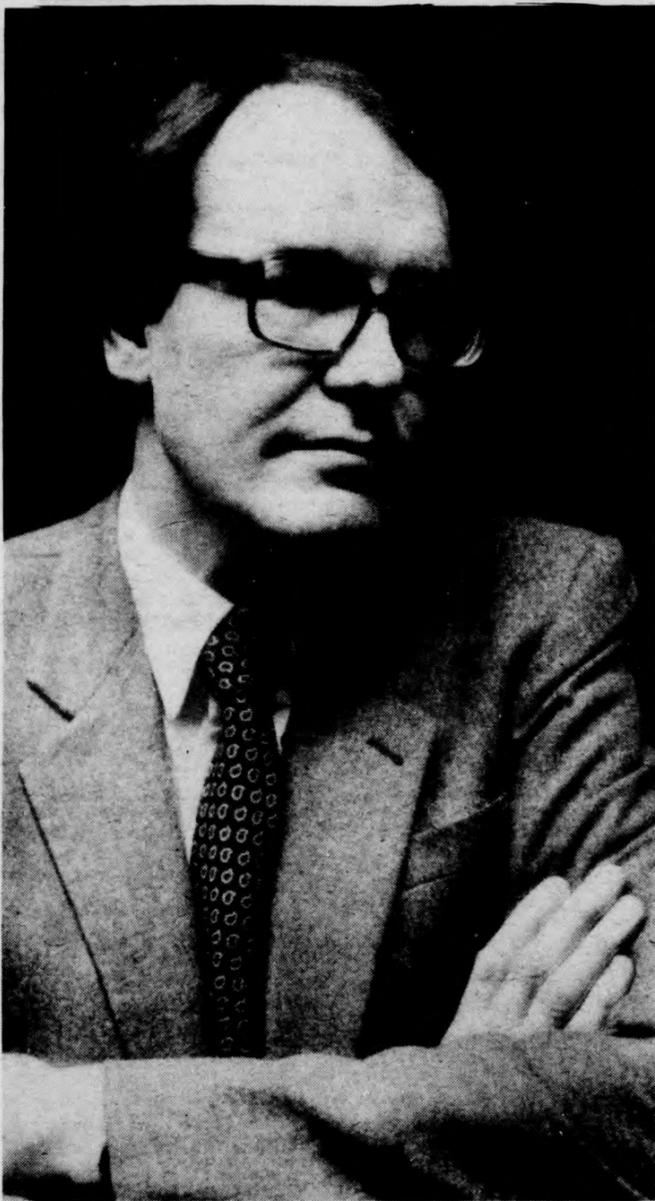


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## Sewell speaks

**Jonathan Mann**

When Mayor John Sewell entered Moot Court noon Wednesday minutes ahead of the welcoming committee he cried out in jest, "Who's in charge here?" A student replied, "You're in charge." Perhaps unaware of the irony Sewell retorted, "No one's in charge."

If he really believed that, he was wrong. The Osgoode session, originally planned as a debate between Sewell and opponent Arthur Eggleton, was all his.

The crowd of less than one hundred rarely challenged Sewell's uncontroversial remarks, nor those of the three-alderman with whom he shared the rostrum.

The aldermen, Ward 9's Pat Cressy, and Ward 11's Anne Johnston are all Sewell supporters who stressed that although they do not agree on every issue, they share a view of how the city should be run.

Sewell explained this view by referring to the group's three major concerns:

- Helping Toronto's racially, linguistically and culturally diverse community to live together more harmoniously.

- Ensuring that Toronto's aged, needy and unemployed get their share of all the city has to offer.

- Giving people "more rather than less control over their lives."

These three general issues were made a bit more specific in the course of the talk. Greater control over the Metro police, by a wider scope of people was mentioned as a goal of the group.

Increased funding for Human services, like daycare, was also mentioned by Cressie.

But little emphasis was placed on explicit policy statements. The group, obviously conscious of the warm reception they were enjoying kept their remarks informal, wisecracking with each other no less than the audience they faced.

The event was originally planned as a debate between Sewell and Eggleton, but according to Peter Klohan, chairman of the John White Society, Eggleton bowed out because, he said, he couldn't fit the meeting into his schedule.

Eggleton's office was first contacted September 18th according to Klohan. "We offered them a number of dates, but no suitable date was found."

## Montgomery wins

**Greg Saville**

A landslide victory for CYSF presidential candidate Malcolm Montgomery during last Thursday's student election capped one of York's poorest voter turnouts in years.

"I'm pleased with the extent of the majority I received," remarked Montgomery after the polls closed, "but I'm displeased with the number of students who turned out."

Montgomery polled 437 to Jenny Gonsalves, 141, and James Boyle, 114. Meanwhile in the race for Vice-President of Internal Affairs, Loretta Popeil drew 417 votes, twice that of opposing candidate Robert Burrows' 197.

After a year and a half wait, last week's election proved to have one of the lowest voter turnouts to a CYSF election in years. In 1977, Paul Hayden became CYSF president with 764 of 1392 total votes. A year later David Chodikoff narrowly defeated his opposition in a voting total of 1126 ballots while last year Keith Smockum became York's first acclaimed CYSF president. This

year's total number of presidential votes was 692, (not counting spoiled ballots).

In spite of low voter turnout, Montgomery described himself as "ecstatic" and "relieved" that all the canvassing and electioneering was over. Items he listed as major issues in his term were:

- CRTC licencing for Radio York.
- Space for campus clubs.
- a women's affairs committee.
- Excalibur funding.
- a course evaluation booklet.
- a CYSF winter carnival.

Montgomery is also seated as student representative on York's Board of Governors. There are no CYSF bylaws prohibiting this but he stated, "if it appears there is going to be a conflict of interest, then naturally I'll drop out. But I think it will be very advantageous to combine these positions because there'll be no middleman involved."

With an open invitation to any students interested in food services, housing, transportation or safety and security, Loretta Popeil stated she will start her term by "trying to set up

committees with more teeth on Food and Beverage" issues.

After an Election Tribunal ruling two weeks ago, Peter Mednes was acclaimed for the position of Vice-president for External Affairs. His opponent Chris Savvas was declared ineligible for candidacy by Chief returning officer, Robert Steadman, after a controversy involving unpaid university tuition fees.



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Malcolm Montgomery

## CUEW threatened

**Lydia Pawlenko**

A memo by Dean of Arts Harold Kaplan has upset members of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers, putting a tentative contract agreement in jeopardy.

The contract offers an 11 per cent pay increase and a study of class size.

The 18-page memorandum, entitled "A Preliminary Statement on Long-Term Planning for the Faculty of Arts" was publicly disclosed on a segment of the CBC-TV program Newshour dealing with relations between the CUEW and York University. In it Kaplan suggests that "...all part-time budgets...revert to zero in planning for a forthcoming year, and each unit should plan its curriculum on the basis of full-time tenured faculty available." Any further assistance beyond this will require convincing requests from chairmen of departments.

While the union's formal ratification vote continues until Friday, Kaplan's proposals have aroused anger and dismay within the CUEW.

"I thought they would be definitely reducing the budget," said CUEW Chairperson Michael Michie. "The memo didn't surprise me. But the timing was bad."

The union executives are, at this point, uncertain whether the part-time faculty will ratify the agreement.

University President H. Ian Macdonald had read a statement over the phone on Sunday night which attempted to reassure the CUEW that the memo was not a statement of university policy, but "a long and complex document" in which specific

parts should not be taken out of the context of the whole.

At a poorly attended press conference in the bear pit on Monday, union members expressed bitterness over what they felt was indifference shown by the university administration concerning the future of approximately 300 part-time teachers.

A letter had been sent by the CUEW to President Macdonald, demanding a public statement to assure the university that there will be no reduction in the part-time faculty in the 1980/81 academic year. The President either did not receive the letter or chose not to reply by the 3:00 p.m. ultimatum that was set by the union. The letter was left unanswered.

"To use a term like 'zero' budgeting was unfortunate," Harold Kaplan explained in an

interview with *Excalibur* yesterday. "All it really says is that departments requesting further funding must make a good case for it."

Kaplan said that he has been responsible for budgeting the faculty of arts for the past two years and, "in neither of those years has there been a decrease in part-time staff." The Dean stressed that the document was in fact an "expansionist type", calling for the development of stronger features of the university programmes:

"I think that if one reads the entire document it should be clear that the emphasis is that York can grow stronger," he stated. "It is not a document that threatens jobs."

"If ratification is turned down, then we'll return to the bargaining table," CUEW negotiator Leslie Saunders said.

## OFS wins referendum

**Greg Saville**

The Ontario Federation of Students can claim a narrow victory at York, with last week's referendum favoring a fee hike 383 to 341.

There were 18 spoiled ballots and according to one source, "some students even had the audacity to mark 'who cares' atop some of their ballots." The fee hike means that the \$1.50 per student levy presently going to OFS will double, and York students will pay more than an additional \$10,000.

In deciding not to follow the example of some other Toronto learning institutions, York breaks a local pattern. Two weeks ago Glendon College

students defeated the OFS referendum for a proposed fee hike even though 57 per cent of votes case supported the fee increase. A Glendon Student Union by-law stipulated 60 per cent of the vote must support a proposition to be accepted.

On October 7 and 8, students at the University of Toronto also rejected a membership fee increase for OFS in a referendum, even though the U. of T. Graduate Association had decided to support the fee hike on their own. A referendum has yet to be held at Ryerson.

To date OFS has won referendums at Western, Waterloo and Guelph.