

Impeachment motion fails Stong council rep wails

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Malcolm Montgomery is staying and Stong College may be going.

At Tuesday night's C.Y.S.F. meeting, council members narrowly defeated a motion to remove student president Malcolm Montgomery before the end of his term and as a result Stong College will initiate proceedings to leave the C.Y.S.F. for the remainder of Montgomery's term.

In a secret ballot, four members voted in favour of the motion, four voted against it and four members abstained. In order to be passed C.Y.S.F. motions must be approved by a majority vote and thus in the event of a tie are defeated.

In bringing forward the motion Nick Pallios, Director of Social and Cultural Affairs and a representative of Stong College, said Stong would leave the federation until a new president was installed.

Before a college can remove itself from the C.Y.S.F. it must follow a complex procedure which includes negotiations with the administration. Olga Cirak, Assistant to the Master of Stong College, was asked if the threat to pull out was symbolic. "You might say that," she replied.

According to Marianne Kelly, Stong's Program Coordinator, the action involves "a matter of principle more than anything else. The government of Malcolm Montgomery is corrupt in our eyes."

When he proposed the motion to remove Montgomery Pallios commented on Montgomery's use of student money to fund a personal trip to Washington and also said, "I am not here on any personal vendetta against Mr. Montgomery."

Montgomery had promised to bring documents from the President's office concerning the trip, but when Pallios asked if Montgomery had the documents Montgomery answered, "I got them downstairs."

Later, when another council member, Steven Aronoff asked Montgomery to give an account of his trip Montgomery was unprepared. At this point one council member asked, "Did you have a good time?"

Pallios' motion to remove

Montgomery was seconded by the Director of Internal Affairs, Loretta Popeil, who is also a representative from Stong.

During a March 25 council

session both Palios and Popeil resigned, but their resignations were not accepted until yesterday.

At Tuesday's meeting the council also voted to accept, with

the exception of one paragraph concerning bilingualism, the Report of the Chief Returning Officer, Robert Steadman. In the report Steadman defended his actions concerning the Board of Governors elections, actions which included the use of English-only advertising at the bilingual Glendon campus. Commenting on the situation, Steadman wrote:

"You will notice from the cover that this is the english (sic) and only version of this report. It is my opinion that english (sic) is the language of business operation and thus should be held as fully operable. For those wanting elections in french (sic), they can watch the returns from Quebec this evening."

With regard to the C.Y.S.F. elections Steadman stated, "I am not satisfied that there were not irregularities." Steadman also said that the actions of student politicians are to blame for student apathy.

"It makes one feel old when they can remember when C.Y.S.F. election campaigns were "fun" and lighthearted. Parading horse through Central Square is ingenious in comparison to "mud-slinging" and tearing down posters."

The council also dealt with a complaint from Pat Stallaert of York Student Security. Stallaert argued that the student security service had not yet received \$500.00 that it had been promised in November. Montgomery stated that the money was to have been granted on the conditions that the service needed the money to keep from folding.

Saying the service only wanted to "put the money in a bank account," Montgomery proposed a motion to rescind the November motion which had granted the money. The motion was not seconded and Montgomery then said that the \$500.00 had in fact already been given to the service. After the meeting Montgomery told *Excalibur* that he was "pretty sure" the money had been paid out, but he was "not sure".



"MONTY ON THE RUN"

Errata

In "Dismissal sparks wide concern" (*Excalibur*, April 9, 1981) it was reported that Terry Boyd has been teaching at York since 1973.

Boyd has however, been at York since 1969, when he began on a part-time appointment. He has been employed full time since 1971.

In "Osgoode voters put Steve Ross on top" (*Excalibur*, April 9) it was reported that Steve Ross had been elected as President of the Legal and Literary Society.

In fact, Steve Rose was elected President.

In last week's editorial, the management of the Council of the York Student's Federation's Bookstore, Lyceum, was criticized for not entering the textbook market.

Excalibur neglected to mention that Lyceum does offer a selection of used texts.

Excalibur regrets any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

Report due September

Aimee Leduc

The final report of the Presidential Committee on Sexual Harassment will be ready next September, according to Committee Chairperson Ann Shteir.

Shteir told *Excalibur* in a Monday afternoon interview that there will be two major changes in the report, first released in a preliminary version late last September.

The preliminary definition of sexual harassment as, "Unwanted attention of a sexually-oriented nature; implied or expressed promise of reward for complying with a sexually-oriented request; implied or expressed threat of reprisal, actual reprisal, or the denial of opportunity for refusal to comply with a sexually oriented request," will be changed, according to Shteir. "People thought our definition was too

broad," she said. "Our revamped definition will be tighter in some ways and looser in others."

The second major change will likely be in the recommended procedures for dealing with complaints of alleged sexual harassment. "There was concern

that we weren't protecting the rights of the accused," explained Shteir, "so we've tightened that up."

The committee, which began its work in April, has been slowed down by scheduling problems, Shteir said.

"We have no choice"

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The fifth tier to Meisel's plan is popular desire for uniquely Canadian media, without which, he said that government action will be ineffective. "Neither the government nor the CRTC...can and should bring about the realization of our goals. It is Canadian society...which is critical."

He told the audience at Osgoode's Moot Court that Canadians must act now, "before we have lost the will to survive as a distinguishable collection of cultural entities."

While Meisel was unsure of how this consensus could come about, he stressed its importance. "Can we do it? We have no choice."

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