

Edson wins by landslide



Musallam and Edson

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president Dale Ritch, Stong Flyer editor Ted Mumford, Mike Hollett, former co-editor of the Flyer and George Manios, the CYSF academic affairs vice-president and coordinator of the course unions.

External affairs vice-president Abie Weisfeld and Robert Kasher were the only big-names ULS candidates to win a seat in next year's CYSF.

News of the Edson landslide victory was greeted with acrimony by both the Silzer and Musallam camps, Thursday morning.

"Edson will make a very weak president," predicted Musallam after the announcement of the results. "I believe he will run the most corrupt administration of all, and I will be there, next year, to prove it." Musallam said he would rather have seen another ULS-controlled CYSF, than an Edson victory.

Surrounded by some 30 disheartened but still-bouyant ULS candidates and workers, Silver quipped, "I said to Barry (Edson), well Barry I wish you luck implementing our programme."

Afterwards she told Excalibur that people "had bought the Edsel in '56, and had now bought Edson in '76."

Feelings between Edson and Musallam have become especially bitter since Musallam, acting on the information supplied by Foun-

ders student Mathew Fisher, accused Edson of trying to bribe Vanier council president Kevin Smith with a salaried position in return for Smith's withdrawal from the presidential race.

"I've lost a lot of respect for Izidore Musallam," said Edson after the first preliminary results indicated he would become the CYSF president-elect. "He ran a negative campaign and students didn't like that. Gael Silzer ran a clean campaign on the issues and I have a lot of respect for her."

Most observers felt the vote represented a repudiation of the ULS's confrontation approach to politics, and a desire in the majority of students to return towards a more moderate approach.

Despite small turnouts at the candidates meetings in the colleges and the presidential debate on Tuesday noon at the Central Square Bearpit, a record number of students voted in the one-day election, giving rise to speculation that most students who voted, Wednesday, had already made up their minds long before campaigning began.

"The Board of Governors elections was a slap in the face and we didn't take it," explained one ULC member, accounting for the ULS's poor showing. "We had a choice—forget about our principles or lose. We didn't forget about our principles."

Manios, however, did not feel the vote reflected a purely anti-ULS feeling among the students.

"If you try to explain it logically, you can't explain it. Certainly the people who won were all well known and had established support from their friends in residences. Most of our members are non-residents," said Manios.

Although disappointed in the across-the-board rejection of the ULS candidates, Silzer said the defeat did not signal the end of the United Left Coalition.

"This means a revitalization of the ULS," predicted Silzer. "We will work to increase our ranks substantially and to increase at the grass roots level and our five councilors will be active in the Edson council."

As others see us



Peter Hsu photo

We noted with amusement a column on York University by the Sun's irreverent columnist, McKenzie Porter, which appeared in the March 11 issue of the Toronto Sun. In the cause of bridging the void between York and the Sun's newsroom, we thought it useful that students and faculty see how the Sun sees us.

By MCKENZIE PORTER

Bethune College at York University, Toronto, named after a Canadian Communist doctor, has asked for police protection during a conference on the political situation in Spain. How much longer must the Canadian taxpayer foot the costs of keeping order in educational institutions that teem with lecturers who provoke the students to riot?

York University is a notorious nest of long-haired, pot-smoking, blue-jean academics whose radical pratings on the political aspects of all the arts and humanities have driven many students to leave in despair. In a period when the average student is more anxious than ever before to acquire qualifications for a job York continues to engage lecturers who are interested only in turning out soap box revolutionists.

This university is a haven for pedants who began their careers as American draft dodgers, men who will be jailed if they dare to set foot in their own country. While some draft dodgers are sincere pacifists more are active Reds. Neither type serves the social, political and diplomatic interests of Canada by teaching in a University.

A few days ago, in a York pub, the Resident Master of Bethune College, Dr. Ioan Davies was approached by two men who described themselves as Nazis and uttered anti-Semitic remarks. Later the same two men attacked Dr. Davies in a field near the college residence, inflicting on him

an eye wound that required five stitches and, in Dr. Davies' opinion, "plastic surgery."

It is difficult to believe that Dr. Davies has done absolutely nothing to excite such savage actions.

Four weeks ago the walls of Bethune College were defaced with anti-Communist, anti-Semitic slogans, and with graffiti demanding an Adolf Hitler college. A group calling itself the National Socialist Underground claimed responsibility for this depressing vandalism.

Such violence and such sentiments are not common in universities these days. It would be naive to infer that the explosive incidents at York are the consequence of spontaneous combustion. Obviously, something is afoot at Bethune College something which incites students to strong reactions. Only action begets reactions. The expression of extreme views by some lecturers is goading students into extreme responses.

Education in political science is valuable only when the teacher lectures from a neutral standpoint. A polarization of standpoints at York manifestly results from partisan lectures.

The Canadian taxpayer, who was crippled long ago by the costs of bizarre education, cannot afford to see his children seduced into the political doctrines of his armed enemies. Nor can he afford to send policemen to restore order in the college when students are pricked by their teachers into moods of riotous outrage.

Nothing could be more inflammatory on the York campus today than a conference on the issues in Spain. Nothing could be a greater waste of students' time. It is up to the Governors of York to invite certain members of the faculties to seek more appropriate appointments in Moscow and Peking.

How you voted

	U.L.S.	EDSON TEAM (E.T.)	INDEPENDENT (I.)	ELECTED
Presidential	Gael Silzer (474)	Barry Edson (748)	Izidore Musallam (281)	Edson
Calumet College	Marry Marrone (42) Donna Mobbs (42) Simon Rivers-Moore (37)	Paul Lima (54)		Lima (ET) Marrone (ULS) Mobbs (ULS)
Graduate Studies	Robert Kasher (58) Mike Vitopolous (57) Abie Weisfeld (59)	Jay Bell (22) (withdrew)		Kasher (ULS) Vitopolous (ULS) Weisfeld (ULS)
Founders College	David Johnson (100) Paul Kellogg (151) George Manios (104)	Andrew Madden (180) J. Cal Martin (201) Stan White (182)		Madden (ET) Martin (ET) White (ET)
McLaughlin College	Anthony Astarhan (49) Joseph Lallman (47) Harold White (71)	Phyllis Firestone (119) Evan Leibovitch (122) John Wheatcroft (126)		Firestone (ET) Leibovitch (ET) Wheatcroft (ET)
Stong College	Mike Hollett (88) Daria Mercer (74) Ted Mumford (109)	Alastair Dale (122) Paul Hayden (149) Shelley Rabinovitch (131)		Dale (ET) Hayden (ET) Rabinovitch (ET)
Vanier College	Abe Hajjar (51) Paul Iordanidis (49) Tom Price (71)	Rich Lichtenstein (186) Karen Milne (201)	Cynthia J. Park (167)	Lichtenstein (ET) Milne (ET) Park (I)
Winters College	James Brennan (667) Jane Chisholm (79) Frank Lento (61)	George Clark (160) Robin Eaglesham (157) Keith Smockum (143)		Clark (ET) Eaglesham (ET) Smockum (ET)