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Presidential candidates wait for the decision of CYSF Election Tribunal

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The Election Tribunal of the Council of York Student Federation adjourned yesterday to consider the validity of charges of election violations filed against successful presidential candidate Maurizio Bevilacqua and runner-up Mark Pearlman.

The Tribunal's decision, expected next Wednesday, could lead to a new presidential election. Chief Returning Officer Tony Finn said, "Some situations call for the winning candidate to be disqualified and the second place finisher could assume the position. We can also recommend that a new election be held."

Abuse of chairmanship

Yesterday's session, which had to be called to order several times by CYSF Speaker Tye Burt because of heated exchanges between Bevilacqua and Pearlman, heard Pearlman accuse Bevilacqua of overspending on his campaign as well as failing to abide by the by-laws that require the filing of detailed spending accounts with the CRO.

The CYSF regulations limit a candidate's campaign spending to \$300.00 and obliges candidates to file receipts of expenses by "the final day of balloting."



York Student Fund chairperson Mark Pearlman has cried foul.

"Morris has definitely overspent his limit," says Pearlman, "by at least one hundred and fifty dollars." In his summation Pearlman went on to say, "Morris failed to submit his receipts by the final day and did not identify the source of his benefits." Pearlman concluded, "I believe he breached the by-laws with the intent of doing so."

Pearlman had several estimates from printing shops which had been asked to price the value of Bevilacqua's promotional material. According to Pearlman, his evidence constitutes proof of an illegal campaign practice.

In his rebuttal Bevilacqua produced receipts and a letter from the owner of Ved Printing Ltd. The letter contained an offer to "sell the same materials at the same price to any other purchaser, since I purchased my stock at a very good price." Bevilacqua asserted that Pearlman's charges were unfounded and said, "I haven't done anything illegal and I have nothing to hide."

At one point Bevilacqua responded to Pearlman's charge that ASUM had provided undeclared office space by saying, "That's a lie, Mr. Pearlman." The ASUM newsletter *Counterpoint* contains ASUM's endorsement of Bevilacqua.

Heated exchanges

The three-person Tribunal also heard defeated candidate Michael Hymas charge Pearlman with abusing his York Student Fund chairmanship. "Pearlman used unethical, unfair and irresponsible campaign practices in his office for undue advantage. Also, he used his CYSF office as a campaign headquarters without declaring the value as a benefit," said Hymas.

Hymas also argued that a

Excalibur cotillion

The editors and staff of *Excalibur Publications* now have the delightful pleasure of requesting your distinguished presence at its annual "bring your own" spring cotillion.

This is your opportunity to make the acquaintance of accomplished journalists and other campus socialites. It also gives us a chance to meet you, our reading public; let's face it, we need friends.

Come, eat rich food and dance to the refined tones of the world's largest selection of Muzak. The renowned spring event is scheduled to commence at nine o'clock in the evening in the spacious, tastefully decorated *Excalibur* offices in 111 Central Square on Friday, April 2, 1982. The place is subject to change and notice will be posted on our door if such is the case. Dress is required.

YSF ad, which ran in *Excalibur* a week before the election and which contained Pearlman's photograph, constituted an undeclared campaign benefit.

Pearlman defended himself by saying, "I don't think the ad qualifies as a direct benefit because I cleared it with the CRO before it ran."

Conflict of interest

In response to the charge of using his YSF office for the campaign, Pearlman stated, "If you go look in the back of my car you'll see my campaign office; I have an office at CYSF which I use only for student business."

When asked whether he received a fair hearing from the Tribunal, Bevilacqua replied, "I always mistrust these proceedings and I feel that Mr. Finn's presence constitutes a conflict of interest because of his two roles." CRO Finn, who is also CYSF business manager refused to comment.

Pearlman, on the other hand, said he was satisfied with the hearing.



Successful presidential candidate Maurizio Bevilacqua must wait to hear the decision of the CYSF Election Tribunal before celebrating his recent election victory.

Theft of Calumet computer equipment costs thousands

Mike Guy

Last Tuesday, three Apple computers, two printers and software with a value of \$12,857 were stolen from the Calumet College computer centre and the thief has not been identified.

Jim Schultz, manager of the centre, explained that the computers, paid for by students and faculty of Calumet College, were moved from room 123A to 121 three weeks ago, "because Atkinson College wanted the space", but for what, he was uncertain. Since Calumet is a college within Atkinson College, we had no choice but to move," said Schultz. He also stated that "had the computers been funded by the Administration, they may have had more adequate security."

The Security Services Occurrence Report states that Lew Lothar, night monitor of the centre and one of the three individuals with a key to the dead bolt, secured the door at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday evening. At 12:15 that night, cleaner Frank Limarzi and his supervisor, Joe Altieri, who has a key, entered the room and departed at 12:30 a.m. From 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, the report went on to say, "no strangers were noticed in the vicinity of the

centre."

At 10:00 a.m. John Beirne, the morning monitor, went to open the door when he saw the "dead bolt disengaged". He looked into the room and observed that some of the computers were missing. Beirne telephoned Schultz who reassured him that no one had borrowed the equipment. At 11:05, Schultz's secretary, Gabriele Hardt, telephoned York security and explained the situation.

C.M. Becksted, supervisor of the Department of Safety and Security, commenting on a statement made by Hardt that there were scratches on the window, said, "In my opinion, somebody with a key stole the computers. I had a number of people check the window and no way could anyone have used it to enter or to exit." Since the computers and printers weighed only twenty pounds each, and the software a few ounces, Becksted said that the thief or thieves could have used a car to carry away the equipment. He asserts that it is likely one person stole the computers because they are "light and easily disassembled." He said that plainclothes police are looking into the case and that they have no additional information.

Since last Wednesday, security has installed reinforced steel bars along the window in Room 121. Schultz said that they intend to install a burglar alarm within a few months, to protect the older computers and the new ones that were purchased earlier this week.

The computers are used by music, social science and computer science students.



C.M. Becksted of York Security.