

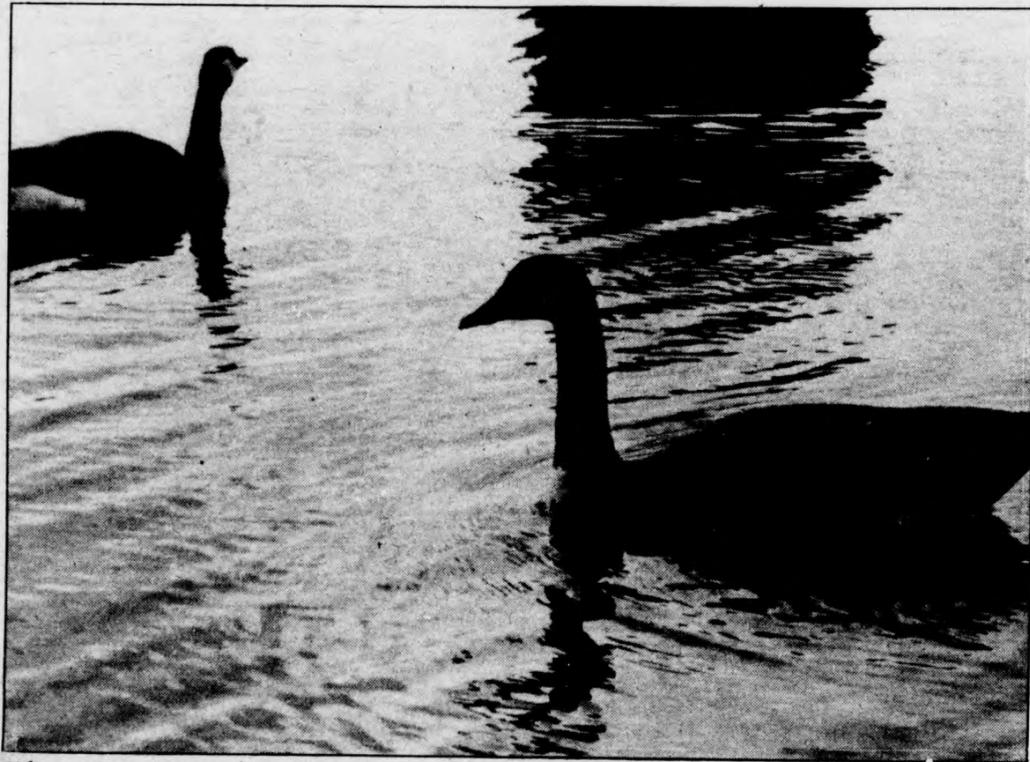
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Exam schedule inside



Why are these ducks smiling? Is it because they can't read this year's exam schedule inside today's Excal?

Monty's trip sparks protest

Mike Monastyrskij

The CYSF lifeboat may have lost three more members, while its outgoing president, Malcolm Montgomery may be dismissed before his full term has ended following accusations that he misused council funds.

At a council meeting held last night, Internal Affairs Director Loretta Popiel and Social and Cultural Affairs Director Nick Palios offered their resignations to the council in protest against the use of council funds to finance a trip to Washington made by Montgomery and External Affairs Director Peter Mednis.

Montgomery drew \$650 from a council bank account to pay for the trip.

After the meeting Mednis also resigned, saying Montgomery had deceived him. Montgomery acknowledged using the money, but said he only did so thinking that he would be reimbursed for \$250 by the University President's office. According to Montgomery, any costs above the University grant would be paid for by Montgomery and Mednis.

Following an emotional statement in which she described the Washington trip, Popiel asked the council to dismiss Montgomery because, "I cannot see how this action

taken by Mr. Montgomery, which is arbitrary, unconstitutional and selfish...can go unnoticed or be dealt with lightly."

In the statement she explained that the CYSF president cannot personally authorize an expenditure over fifty dollars and asked why "Montgomery did not raise this issue (the trip) in the February 11, 1981 Council meeting."

Montgomery told *Excalibur* that the council was not consulted because he did not know he "was going until the last minute." He also said his action was influenced by former President Keith Smockum who had once loaned himself council money. According to Montgomery, "I pulled a Smockum."

After Popiel and Palios had left the University Senate chamber incoming President Greg Gaudet, now a Stong representative on the council, announced his intention to introduce a motion to dismiss Montgomery. The CYSF charter requires that members be notified in advance of the introduction of a motion to dismiss a member.

In other council business, the Physical Education Club was denied a \$300.00 grant which would have brought its total CYSF funding to \$500.00.

Tribunal to meet

Jonathan Mann

Following a number of complaints about the conduct of election candidates and officials, the Council of the York Student Federation will convene its Election Tribunal tomorrow.

Three victories are expected to be contested: Greg Gaudet's election to the position of President of the CYSF, Elaine Hick's election to the position of Director (Women's Affairs); Caspar Verre's election to the university's Board of Governors.

The greatest furor has arisen around the BOG race. While students at York's Downsview campus voted for the BOG representative over a two day period, Glendon students were to vote on last Wednesday, March 18, only.

The vote, scheduled to begin at 10 am, began at 1 pm instead, when the first ballot boxes were brought to the Glendon campus by Council of the York Student Federation Chief Returning Officer Robert Steadman.

According to Steadman, Dorothy Watson, President of the Glendon College Student Union, was to manage Glendon voting for the student representative to the Board of Governors. He told *Excalibur* "Initially she said she would handle it. She mishandled it...So I brought up the boxes."

Watson denies ever having offered to run the Glendon BOG vote. She asked of Steadman's account of the incident, "Why would he ever say something like that?"

Following the mix-up, Steadman planned a second vote for Friday, March 20, he said. He began advertising the election Thursday, "sometime in the afternoon," posting English signs advertising a "CYSF Election" for

the following morning;

Watson is strongly critical of Steadman's decision to hold the vote on Friday, as well as his manner of advertising it.

She contends that Steadman did not advertise the new vote properly nor early enough.

"He put up the posters after 4 on Thursday," she said. "They were in english only, advertising a CYSF

election. 3/4 of our students aren't there on Friday...and it was a BOG election." Watson added that Glendon has a significant French speaking population which she felt would not be well notified of the election by English posters.

She believes that had the election been run differently, Glendon student Courtney Doldrun would have won.

Ballots breed bitterness

Greg Saville

Bitterness emerging from York's recent CYSF elections has driven a wedge between old friends and it sometimes seems only political victories remain.

With defeated CYSF President Malcolm Montgomery, and recently fired business manager, Gary Empey, this appears to be the case.

Montgomery's convictions about the need for a strong central student government remain unchanged despite the controversial firing of Gary Empey, unofficial loans to CYSF officials without council consent and probably even despite harried criticism from two of his directors during last night's council meeting.

In fact about the only changed aspect following last week's election, aside from his presidency itself, is his friendship with his former campaign manager, Don Sugg.

After Sugg resigned as Montgomery's campaign manager during the election, Montgomery says they haven't met or discussed anything. He says he's certain there's no longer a friendship between them.

"I've learned that you can trust your brother and you can trust your family," replied Montgomery when asked about criticisms about his presidency.

"Most of this has been election rhetoric," he said yesterday, "and I'd call most of that garbala."

Montgomery said he would not return to student politics except for maintaining his seat on York's Board of Governors which ends next year.

Ironically, the person whose firing may have cost Montgomery the election is just as bitter. But it's for different reasons.

"I'm just glad to get the heck out of that office," said Empey last week. "Nobody at that office knew what my responsibilities were supposed to be." He has stated that he was fired because he was caught in the middle of a political controversy.

Comments by a MacGillivray and Company auditor in *Excalibur* about the "godawful shape" of last year's business records were totally unfounded, says Empey.

The reason MacGillivray's auditing fee went from \$1,000 to \$4,000, he claims, was due to disorganized typing service records. Empey says it was not his responsibility to complete

accounting for the books of Lyceum and the typing service.

Yesterday Montgomery reflected on recent events.

"I really feel it's too bad about all this because it has put a bad taste in people's mouths about student

politics. Some people will say maybe we should just disband central student government, but that would be horrendous."

See 'Monty' page 11.

\$2,900 missing in recent York thefts

Aimee Leduc

Recent thefts have cost two York cafes \$2,900.

Armando Cappuccitti, Manager of the Undergraduate Business Council's Financial Poste snack bar, discovered its door ajar on the morning of February 19. While he told *Excalibur* that "It's nothing unusual, when we went to take out the money, we noticed it was gone."

The missing cash totalled approximately \$2,400 in the Poste's receipts.

Metro Police have been notified of the incident, but an investigation has not yet begun.

According to Graduate Student

Union President Don Naulls, the Graduate Student Lounge was the victim of a similar theft. He said that \$500 in quarters is missing from the 'Grad Pub'.

Unsure of its exact date because "there was no broken entry," Naulls puts the theft "between March 6 and 10."

"It was done during the hours of operation," he said. "Someone just picked it up and walked out with it."

While the incident is currently under investigation, "There are so many people that use the pub, there are so many people that work in the pub...we've got no leads whatsoever."

"It's wide open," he remarked.