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Donato elected CYSF Pres

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In an unprecedented voter turnout, Peter Donato has been elected by a narrow margin President of the Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) for 1989-90.

"I'm happy to win. I'm really looking forward to trying to change things here at York," Donato said after the results were announced. "I'm excited because I really am concerned."

Unofficial results show that Donato, who amassed 420 votes, outpolled runner-up Nick Nitsis by only 49 votes. Nitsis had 371 votes. Donato also defeated CYSF vice-president (internal) Bernie Polster who finished third with 362 votes, and Sean Wagman who received 261 votes.

An unofficial total of 1603 voters cast ballots in the president race, compared to 1190 last year. 27 ballots were spoiled. The Board of Governors election saw a record 2344 votes cast.

Donato attributes his victory to block voting by varsity athletes and Bethune College students. Donato has been on the varsity golf and tennis teams, and he is this year's Bethune College president. He said, "I made sure [Bethune's] elections were the same day of the CYSF's. I think that made a difference." He also thinks that "Excalibur's non-endorsement of any candidate may have made people go out and vote."

"My number one object is to get more money for the CYSF. We only have one tenth of what Western has. If CYSF is going to be stronger we need more money," Donato said. He believes he can convince students to

support this in a referendum.

Donato also wants to foster more awareness of athletics and plans to get all college constitutions legally recognized, as "a lot of colleges feel it's pointless to do anything if they're not recognized."

Bernie Polster was disappointed by his loss and said, "I congratulate Peter on his win, but I hope he realizes the responsibility placed upon him."

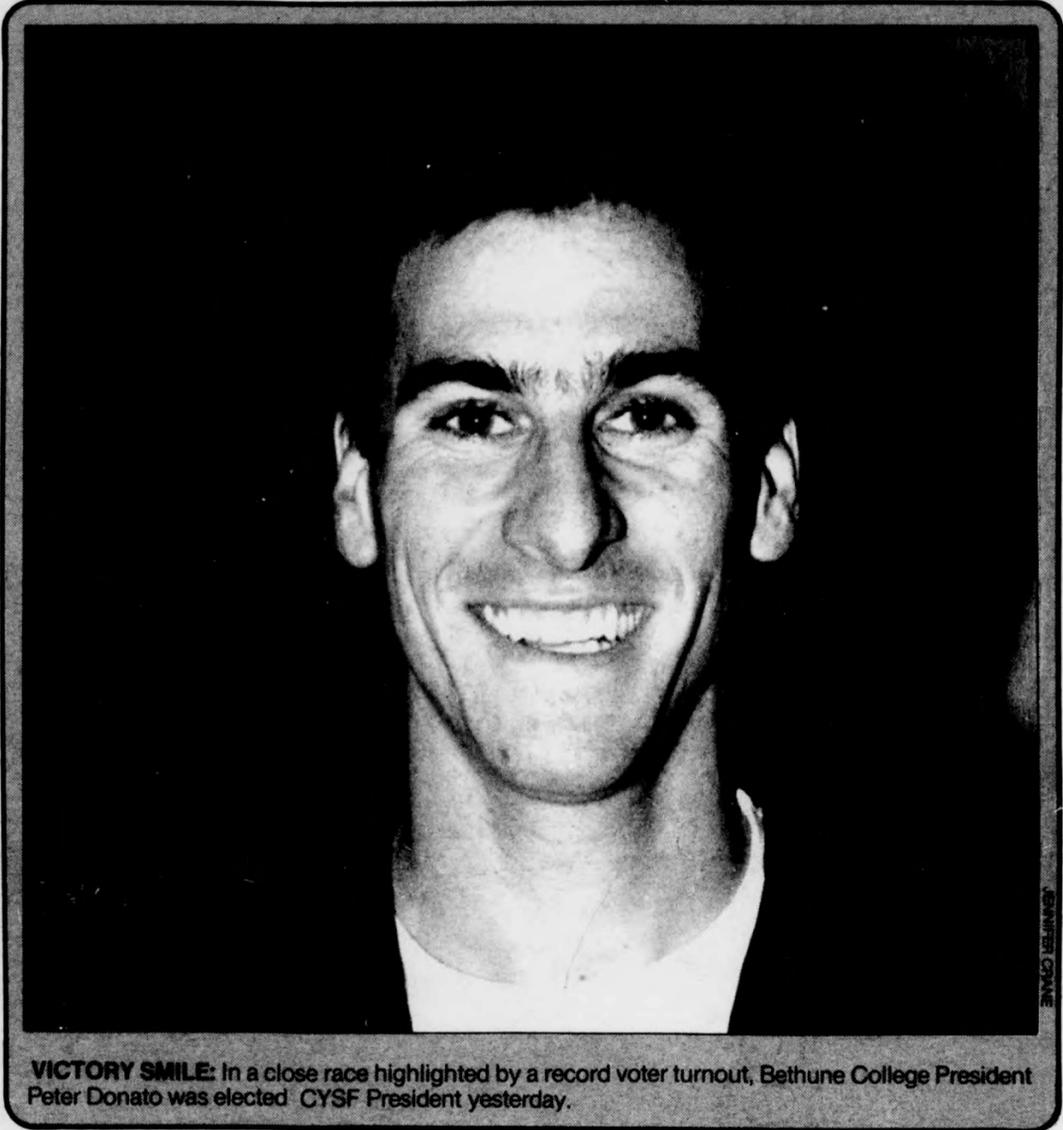
Carolyne Winship beat Andy Chow for vice-president (internal) by 244 votes. Peter Merrick won for vice-president (external), beating Scott Alardyce by 463 votes. Franco LoFranco was acclaimed last week as vice president (finance).

David Gilinsky won a seat on the Board of Governors, and said, "I thought it was a very good campaign and I've learned a lot from my opponents."

Gus Pantelidis was elected president of the Glendon College Student Union on Tuesday.

This year's vice-president (external) Joe Zammit said, "We were surprised by the high turnout. Areas of the campus, and [Glendon] totally mobilized behind their candidates. That was unbelievable."

The most controversial aspect of the election was that four candidates ran together as a slate. Nick Nitsis ran for president along with Chow, Merrick, and Franco LoFranco. This year's CYSF president Tammy Hasselfeldt said, "Slates, from what I've seen in the past, generally don't work at York. When you run for a VP position you shouldn't support another VP candidate because right off there's going to be animosity. It's going to create problems that only half the slate got in."



VICTORY SMILE: In a close race highlighted by a record voter turnout, Bethune College President Peter Donato was elected CYSF President yesterday.

CYSF Elections Unofficial Presidential Results

- Donato 420
- Nitsis 371
- Polster 362
- Wagman 261
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Proposal to cut rent increases to 4.5%

By DANIEL WOLGELERENTER
Rents for most York residences will increase 4.5 per cent next year if the Board of Governors approves a proposal to be tabled Monday by vice-president (finance and administration) Bill Farr.

Under former assistant vice-president (business operations) John Becker's new 10-year plan for rent increases, rent had been expected to

rise 5.6 per cent next September for all housing units except bachelor apartments. Rents for bachelor units were to rise by 13.7 per cent next year, but will now likely rise about 12.7 per cent.

Beginning September 1990, rents for bachelor units will increase 13.7 per cent per year for three years, after which they will rise by about 7 per cent per year for the next seven

years. All other housing unit rents will increase about 7 per cent per year for the duration of the plan.

Bachelor apartments are currently priced much lower than a slightly larger one-bedroom apartment. The 13.7 per cent increases in the first three years of the plan are designed to bring the bachelor rents in line with others on campus.

Farr said he has adopted two of

the 19 recommendations proposed by the Residence Budget Committee (RBC) at their February 10 meeting.

The committee had been looking into Becker's plan through a sub-committee headed by York University Tenants' Association (YUTA) representative Stephen White.

Farr said he will recommend to the Board that the profits of the housing department be cut by \$76,000 to \$100,000 in order to allow rent increases to be decreased by about 1 per cent from what had been originally proposed. Farr said profits made by housing go to the "general purposes of the University," including maintenance and development costs.

He will recommend that bachelor apartment rents increase about 12.7

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Vandoo editor fired by council

By ADAM KARDASH
and DANIEL WOLGELERENTER
The editor of the Vandoo has been fired.

In a press release issued Monday, Vanier College Council (VCC) president Phil Downes said that Darryl Wiggers had been fired on Thursday because "on more than one occasion now, material printed in the paper has brought the college to the brink of facing legal action."

"The possibility of this occurring again under Mr. Wiggers' editorship is a risk the council is not willing to take," he stated.

In the Vandoo's January issue, Wiggers published a confidential letter written by acting security supervisor Terry Wright to the Security Advisory Council that had been leaked to him from an anonymous source. Wright threatened legal action.

In February, Wiggers published an anonymous letter about theft at the Open End pub implicating two staff members.

Downes said that although "people stated legal action would be taken," no action was actually taken.

Wiggers said he was notified of the VCC decision last Friday in a letter from Downes. He said the letter is vague, and "There's no proof to back up the allegations."

Wiggers has been editor of the Vandoo since October 1988, and he published issues in December, January, and February. Two more issues had been planned for this year in March and April, but Downes' press release states "the paper will not appear again this year."

Wiggers said he was surprised by his dismissal and was convinced

there was more to it than Downes said.

"The legal action excuse was used as a smoke-screen for the primary reason, which was grievances by council member against me," he said. "The firing had nothing to do with my performance as editor."

"There's no validity to the legal charges. In both cases I've sought advice from people familiar with the media and the law," Wiggers said. He added, however, that he had not contacted a lawyer.

"The function of the paper is to be outspoken and cover Vanier College issues. I don't think I have been destructive at all," he said. "I have no apologies for the articles I have printed."

Wiggers claims he was not given

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The Nationals, synonymous with hockey excellence in the CIAU, start tonight (6:00 p.m.) at Varsity Arena. Last year over 2,000 frenzied York fans showed up to see the Yeomen capture the title. The Yeomen will take on the University of Alberta Golden Bears in today's semi-final. The finals are set for Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for both days are available in the Tait-McKenzie building. See page 11 for how the Yeomen did in the OUA final four.