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CRO invalidates Glendon's ballots

By GARRY MARR

Ballots cast at Glendon College in *Excalibur's* referendum were invalidated by Chief Returning Office Kerry Wright after students allegedly disrupted the voting process.

Excalibur held the referendum in order to increase the direct student levy from 20 cents to 80 cents per course, or from \$1 to \$4 per full-time student.

The Glendon poll was one of seven poll stations used for the vote. The results of the referendum, excluding invalidated Glendon ballots, showed 226 yes, 104 no, and 43 spoiled ballots.

Disqualified Glendon ballots totalled 71 — four yes, 65 no, and two spoiled. The decision to invalidate the Glendon votes was made before they were counted, but the referendum still would have passed if the votes had been included.

A report to the CRO by poll clerk Joe Zammit, CYSF Vice-President in charge of External Affairs, states that Glendon College Student Union (GCSU) executive member Chris Bennett "stood by the [referendum] table and proclaimed that all should vote no."

Zammit states that he told Bennett that his actions were inappropriate, and that Bennett replied, "I don't care. I'm staying here." Zammit requested that GCSU President Jennifer Barrett intervene, but Barrett

"stated that she would not help in the matter."

Zammit added that Bennett made an agreement with others from the GCSU to continue to get people to vote no after he left.

Zammit stopped the voting process at 12:15 p.m., declaring the group undemocratic. He took the ballot box to Barrett's office and launched a complaint against Gus Pantetides, chairman of Glendon residences. Pantetides had allegedly been "recruiting people to vote no."

Zammit then returned to the polling station and stayed until the prescribed 7 p.m. closing.

CRO Wright supports Zammit's report, and her decision to invalidate Glendon ballots was based on his report.

Wright was contracted to *Excalibur* by the CYSF to organize, run, and officiate the referendum. "The rules governing the referendum were those established by *Excalibur* in their instructions to me, as is made clear by the CYSF Constitution, By-Law Four, Article six, *other elections*," Wright said.

Wright states that all of the *Excalibur* specifications were carried. Anything not covered by the specifications was governed by established Canadian election practices found in the Elections Act of Canada.

Wright made a number of recommendations in her report for future

referendums. One was that the CRO not work as a polling clerk. (Wright was working as a clerk when Zammit called the CYSF for advice from Wright.)

Wright also recommended that the GCSU apologize to Zammit on behalf of students. She added that disciplinary action might include

one-year voting suspensions for Bennett and Pantetides.

Bennett could not be reached for comment.

Barrett said that referendum guidelines were unfair to Glendon students.

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Awareness emphasized at pub discussions

By RICK RUSSELL

Representatives from all York colleges met with the administration last week to discuss the vandalism associated with Thursday pub nights.

On October 19 Provost Tom Meininger and Housing and Food Services Director Norm Crandles attended the meeting which focused on solutions to security problems that have arisen after pub hours and special functions. The discussions emphasized increased student awareness of the problem.

"The meeting should have happened before the pub closures," said CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt, "but it was very important that the discussion took place."

Better training for security and

staff in preventing potential incidents, and a student education and awareness campaign were among the proposals at the meeting.

A coffee shop where students could unwind after pub hours was also suggested.

"I was impressed with the turnout," Meininger said. "It was a frank and open discussion. I'm happy with the results."

Hasselfeldt also said she was pleased with the outcome of the meeting.

"The Provost helped a whole lot," said Hasselfeldt. "Now we know where everyone stands on the issue, but we have to come up with a cohesive plan."

No implementation date was set for any of the ideas discussed.