

Board of Governors candidates

Below are the answers of the Board of Governors candidates to questions posed by Excalibur. The names of the candidates appear in reverse order to that of the October 19 issue of Excalibur, in which all of the candidates presented their platforms.

EXCALIBUR: What would be the first proposal you would bring to the board.

HERMAN SCHINDLER: I see so many things happening on the board it is difficult to say what is the most important. I certainly believe that considering some recent reports that have been circulated that the board needs to affirm Glendon's right to exist and the continuation of Glendon's existence.

LEON REGAN: There is already a movement in Atkinson college to open the university to a wider segment of society. The concrete proposal is to A) get more people to take non-degree courses, and B) to get more people to audit courses. By auditing courses I mean the

student pays a small fee like \$50 and let the student take part in the discussion, attend all the courses, and so forth, but not be tested.

The university should be open to a greater segment of society because I feel that there is a lot of antipathy against universities. We're looked upon as crystal palaces that are not accessible to the general population. Therefore by opening the portals wide, we will gain popularity and by gaining popularity we will get more support.

PAUL HAYDEN: My first proposal would be to guarantee the student service fees to the student governments here on campus. As I mentioned earlier right now its on a granting system and the university could pull them back any time they wanted as they've done in the past. In the residences, last year's budgets were unilaterally cut, arbitrarily cut, and it's just at the whim of the Board of Governors or the administration.

VIC ROSKEY: In this campaign my main platform is the general openness on the Board of Governors. My first proposal is an open

budget. An open budget by definition is a budget that copies can be readily obtained. They're distributed to most of the decision making bodies on campus so it's open for criticism. As it stands now, its not done and most people wouldn't even know where to obtain a budget if they wanted to. And when I talk about budget I don't mean just a general financial statement, I mean a specific budget for the operating year so its open for examination.

ABIE WEISFELD: The first proposal is for a third student representative on the Board of Governors from Glendon College since Glendon feels very unrepresented in this whole election because of various difficulties in terms of the election procedures and also because they are a minority of the student body. It would be rather difficult for them to elect a representative unless this representative was selected solely by them.

CHRIS CHOP: There should be an overview taken by either the finance committee or by the entire board of where York will stand with regard to the cutbacks that will be taking place during the fiscal year.

And one thing which is very important is the closing of Glendon college. This is something that Glendon's been threatened with for a long time and it's always like a dark cloud hanging over its head each September. I'd like this question to be dealt with because I think its important.

JIM CARLISLE: The first one I would bring before the board would be that in the next budget we start with a zero based budget and require that all budgets are justified right from the beginning. Financial supervision is the function of the board according to the York Act.

I think that each department is going to have to justify right from the ground up every dollar that it gets, keeping in mind our priorities are education and research.

PETER BRICKWOOD: The proposal that I would first bring before the governors would vary according to what I see to be the desires of the students arising out of the forthcoming campaign. At the present time there would be three possibilities: one would be that Glendon should have its own student governor; second would be that the Board should pressure the

government for an increase in funding to the university; third would be that a student should sit on the executive committee of the board.

SHAWN BRAYMAN: The first proposal is that I want the board to take the incentive to set up a special committee, to be comprised of members of the Board, the Senate, and student governments, whose sole purpose would be to research and explore new avenues of funding for York. The cutbacks are the immediate problem in need of an immediate solution.

EXCALIBUR: In case of disagreement between you and the majority of BOG members, how would you react?

SCHINDLER: This would obviously depend on the issue at stake. Serious issues regarding students or budgeting for student services would certainly require very assertive action on the board. I hope to be able to do this from the working rapport I'm sure I can establish with the board members. Of course, minor issues are not worth ruining a working rapport you have with them.

REGAN: I would voice my opinions knowing full well that ours is the voice of a minority and ours is a voice that is tolerated perhaps listened to but tolerated rather than taken notice of. Therefore I will put the students point across as often and as well as I can and let it go at that.

HAYDEN: Well I hope that there isn't going to be any disagreements. I think that I'm a knowledgeable person and can get along with the board members. If the majority of the members decide against something that I'm in favour of then I guess my reaction would be to still vocalize my opinion as much as possible and get more support; but majority rules and there is a chance I could get voted down, but hopefully not.

ROSKEY: There's always bound to be disagreements. So, because the student reps have so little power in the way of votes our main purpose of the Board of Governors is to present students' views and, in that respect, try to represent to the Board of Governors what our feelings are.

WEISFELD: Such a disagreement would be anticipated by myself and I would organize to bring the opinion of students to bear as a pressure on the Board of Governors. I wouldn't go in there with unrealistic expectations of what the board is going to agree to and so, by exerting the maximum possible pressure by organizing students at large, we would be able to wrest significant concessions from the board that someone without a mass perspective would be unable to do.

CHOP: I would represent the student body. If there was a blatant disagreement and there was not a consensus reached between the other members of the board and myself, I would ask for an explanation about the situation we had a disagreement on.

I have the confidence that the present members of the Board of Governors would not act with total disregard to the students. I believe they would act for the most part, for the benefit of the university as a whole.

CARLISLE: When you come to disagreements that have to do with assumptions then there only two courses of action. The first one is to try and change their mind about assumptions. The second point is to try and bring pressure on BOG to change their viewpoints, through publicity or, if necessary, demonstrations. I'm prepared to use anything that's effective but I must be flexible on it. As each disagreement arises it has to be dealt with in a way that's likely to succeed.

BRICKWOOD: Well, in the voting, I would obviously vote against what ever the motion was. In the debate preceding the voting I would attempt to be as reasonable and rational as possible and attempt to present arguments they could understand but nonetheless accurately represent the desires of the students on campus.

BRAYMAN: There are 26 other members and it requires a majority vote for anything to happen constructively. As such I would probably take up individual lobbying with members in the hopes of finding out why they've taken a stand against what I feel and I'd look to support from those members of the board who don't disagree with what I'm saying to attempt to persuade the rest of the Board members.



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C.Y.S.F. is helping to organize and sponsor a Fine Arts Fall Festival for one week, starting Monday, November 13th. Events will include a Visual Arts display (Scott Library foyer), student films (C.L.H.-E on Thursday from 2-3 p.m., C.L.H.-C all other days 2-3 p.m.), Dance, Theatre and Music performances in the Bearpit (Central Square). The Fine Arts Fall Festival will close on Friday November 17th with a Disco in the Vanier Junior Common Room (Admission: \$1.25, or 25c with a Festival button. The Fall Fine Arts Festival Button can be purchased for 50c at the C.Y.S.F. offices, Central Square.

For more information contact Tim Dayfoot, at the C.Y.S.F. office or Mike Smith at the Visual Arts Student Council office, located over in Burton.

C.Y.S.F. is sponsoring activities for Cutbacks week. Cutbacks week starts on Monday November 13th and runs until Friday November 17th. Some of the activities include President H. Ian MacDonald discussing cutbacks, the future and York U., an information table in Central Square and buses supplied by C.Y.S.F. to transport students to Queen's Park for the student picket line on Thursday November 16th. The buses will leave York at 10:30 a.m. If you want a ride down by the buses meet at the ramp in front of the Ross building. C.Y.S.F. is doing something about the cutbacks!

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C.Y.S.F. Classic Movie Series continues this week with *Slapshot*. The show begins at 8 pm in Curtis Lecture Hall on Thursday night. The cost is a \$1.75 per person.

Vice-President of Finance wishes to remind all interested parties that C.Y.S.F. Budget night is Tuesday November the

14th, 1978, at 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Interested in cheap bus travel to Ottawa or Montreal at the Christmas break, contact C.Y.S.F. for more information.

The Board of Governors Elections are being held again because of post campaigning. As a result C.Y.S.F. will have all candidates debates in the Bearpit today at 12 noon, Friday at 12 noon in the Founders college dining room and Monday in the dining room of Stong College at 12 noon. C.Y.S.F. urges everyone to vote. All York students can vote for Board of Governors.

C.Y.S.F. - College-Presidential Conference: thanks to all those individuals who helped make this conference a success.

On behalf of the Council
David W. Chodikoff, President

letters

Prices high at Super X

For sometime now, it has been suspected by York students in residence, that prices at the Super X drug store on campus are inflated. A concerned contingent of students from Sociology 201.6B undertook, as a group project, to expose the unequitable pricing policy of this store. To this end, we decided to run a price comparison of four other Super X's.

Our method was different from the one used by the study publicized in the Oct. 26 issue of Excalibur. In that issue, another group compared different drugstore chains to the York Super X. Their survey gave only half the story and was inconclusive.

Our group, on the other hand, after collecting the prices of nineteen common items, from toothpaste to film, at the five branches of Super X, arrived at some startling conclusions. On the average, an identical product at

the York Super X retailed for 24.6 cents higher than at the other four locations. Fourteen out of nineteen of the items checked were highest priced at York. Only four items at York were comparably priced and only three were priced lower than at the other stores. A peripheral study was conducted and showed that Super X had the highest prices of the major drugstore chains. One thing is evident, students who must pay skyrocketing prices for living on-campus are getting ripped off through the nose by the Super X on campus. Students have many other costs and cannot cope with inflated prices on essential products. Most students have no choice but to patronize the campus store, since transportation to other drugstores is time-consuming and costly. By not being in a competitive area, the York Super X is taking advantage of the financially limited student. Something must be done!

Danny Bell
group member

Open letter to Jewish students

As a candidate for student representative on the Board of Governors I am asking for a mandate based on my opposition to the cutbacks and not on the question of Zionism. This means that I would speak on behalf of students' interests with respect to tuition, OSAP, democratization of the university but I would not use a position on the Board of Governors to put forward any position regarding Israel.

Some will nonetheless use the issue of Zionism to oppose my election in an effort to cover-up their conservative political views. Hopefully you will decide on the basis of the issues, such as cutbacks, which impinge on our lives as students.

Some will even oppose my campaign on a matter of principle claiming that I am an anti-Semite. Such a charge requires some substantiation at the very least and

I am prepared to reply to that charge at the campaign meetings.

The coalition to which I belong, *York Students Against Cutbacks*, is precisely that, a coalition. There is no common position on Zionism in YSAC and my running mate Peter Brickwood, in fact, is himself pro-Zionist.

In addition; the issue of anti-Semitism is one I consider to be real and consequently I am committed to fight against anti-Jewish chauvinism and racism. In the past I have worked on the campaign in defence of the rights of Soviet Jews and against the fascist defacement of Bethune College.

If there is a concern regarding my opposition to anti-Jewish racism then let my record and commitment indicate that I will continue to fight anti-Semitism wherever it may be found whether or not I am elected.

Abie Weisfeld
YSAC candidate for Board of Governors

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