

York elections. Men on one team. Women on the other...

# Uh, that would be forty-one to four

by Doug Saunders

When nominations closed for student government elections last Friday, two things were clear: it's still a boy's club, and nobody wants to join at the bottom.

Of the 20 council positions for the York Federation of Students, all but four are still available — and those four were won by acclamation. Most nominees are competing for the five coveted (and salaried) YFS executive positions.

And of the 45 candidates competing for 24 positions, only four are women.

"People with breasts can run in elections too, you know!" Elissa Horscroft, vice president of equality and social affairs for the YFS, shouted to a packed council chamber as Chief Returning Officer Stephanie Infurnari announced the nominees Friday evening.

Horscroft mounted a media campaign earlier this term to encourage women to enter the traditionally male-dominated realm of student politics.

"Obviously it hasn't worked," Horscroft said on Friday, "although a couple of the women who did run told me they were influenced by the posters."

The lack of nominees for council positions follows a year where attendance at council meetings ranged from slightly above to slightly below quorum.

Four council positions — Bethune, McLaughlin and Stong colleges and the Faculty of Education Student Association — were won by acclamation. The other 16 remain empty.

Other notable features in this year's election race:

• Three candidates — George Sanghera, Dennis Garces and Grant Wagman — say they'll be

campaigning without using posters.

Garces, who says the three "aren't exactly running on a slate, but we're kind of running together," said the decision was made for environmental reasons. "We don't think you need to kill a tree to run for office," he said.

Garces said they will make an exception for Sanghera, who is running for president, and allow him "a banner or two."

• Sheldon Bergson, a well-known Bethune College personality, nominated himself for all four vice-presidential positions. Bergson dropped three of his candidacies on Monday and is now running only for vice president of equality of social affairs.

"I wanted to keep my options open," said Bergson, who said he chose equality and social affairs because he would face only one opponent, Heather Dryden.

"I looked at the constitution and couldn't find anything wrong with what Sheldon did," Infurnari said.

• The YFS executive race appears to be divided into three campaign teams. Aside from the aforementioned posterless party — whose candidates have not announced a political position yet — and Bergson's one-person slate, the following groupings have formed:

Nikki Gershbain (president), Chris Waghorn (finance), Heather Dryden (equality and social affairs), Jeff Zoeller (internal) and Boris Cibic (external) say they are running together on a progressive platform.

Diamond Tobin-West (president), Ron Stubbings (external), Tony Tumillo (internal) and Paul Brienza (finance) have joined forces in what they describe as a "moderate" coalition.

Here are the candidates for the March 10-11 student government elections:

**President:** a four-way race features Nikki Gershbain, currently YFS vice president-internal, Joe Marcellino, a fourth-year political student who says he is "representing ordinary working students," George Sanghera, a former YFS commissioner and currently an Under-ground employee, and Diamond Tobin-West, president of the African Student Association and the Federation of Foreign Students, Clubs Coalition chair and general entrepreneur-about-campus.

**VP-Finance:** a three-way contest involving Paul Brienza, who ran for the same position last year and is involved with the Italian Club; Dennis Garces, a Vanier council member and former *Existere* editor; and Chris Waghorn, currently YFS councillor for the Creative Arts Student Association.

**VP-Equality and Social Affairs:** a duel between Heather Dryden, a third-year political science student with a degree in sociology, and Sheldon Bergson, former Bethune council member and current *Lexicon* business manager.

**VP-Internal:** a triple-header featuring Tony Tumillo, a fourth-year math student, Grant Wagman, Vanier councillor and former YFS speaker, and Jeff Zoeller, current president of Winters council.

**VP-External:** a head-to-head battle between Boris Cibic, most recently president of the York NDP, and Ron Stubbings, a fourth-year arts student.

**Board of Governors:** One of the two student seats on York's all-powerful Board is open. Competing for this two-year position are Mike

Bagley, chair of the Student Intramural Recreational Council; Chris Eecklor, senator and member of Founders council; and Cindy Reeves, former editor of the Bethune *Lexicon*.

**Faculty of Arts Senators:** the Faculty of Arts has eleven seats on the York senate. The following sixteen students are competing for them: Faisal Ali, Jerry Catena, Sameh Darwish, Michael Eric Dobson, Chris Eecklor, Afzal Hassam, Wayne Hazell, Sam Husami, Javed Khan, Jag Khurana, Ryan Maharaj, Ramakrishnan Selvarajah, Samuel J. Steinberg, Martin Traub-Werner, Grant Wagman, Andrew Weir.

**Student Centre Corporation Board of Directors:** the board which controls the student centre has three directly elected student representatives. Five students are competing for them: Monty Abdo, Sanjayan Jegathan, Javed Khan, Adam K. Szwera, Ade Thomas.

**YFS Councillors:** The following people were acclaimed to YFS council positions: Rebecca Carman for Bethune councillor; Rhys Bowman for Faculty of Education Student Association councillor; Jim Ball for McLaughlin councillor; Mark Joseph McTaggart for Stong councillor.

The following positions remain empty: Atkinson councillors (2), Bethune councillor (1), Calumet councillors (2), Faculty of Education Student Association councillor (1), Founders councillors (2), McLaughlin councillors (2), Osgoode councillors (2), Stong councillor (1), Vanier councillors (2), Winters councillors (2).

Also still open are the positions of Faculty of Fine Arts senator and CHRY (105.5 FM) Board of Directors representative.

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Monday, March 9

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### INTRAMURAL SNOW VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Courtyard, northwest corner of Student Centre  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

### INTRAMURAL SNOW VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SEMI FINALS - TSN COVERAGE

Courtyard, northwest corner of Student Centre  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11

### INTRAMURAL SNOW VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP/MEDIA CHALLENGE

Courtyard, northwest corner of Student Centre  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Tournament Schedule

Thursday, March 12

Session 1

Game 1 12:00 p.m. • Game 2 2:00 p.m.

Session 2

Game 3 6:00 p.m. • Game 4 8:00 p.m. (York)

Friday, March 13

Session 3

Game 5 12:00 p.m. • Game 6 2:00 p.m.

Session 4

Game 7 6:00 p.m. • Game 8 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Game 9 12:00 p.m. • Game 10 2:00 p.m.

Game 11 (Bronze Medal) 4:00 p.m.

Game 12 (Gold Medal) 7:30 p.m.