

100 supporters await results

ULSers sing, dance through election night

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From the way the United Left Slate (ULS) and their friends and supporters sang, danced and whooped it up at their election night party, you would have thought they had won it all.

Almost 100 ULSers and their supporters made their way over to the penthouse of graduate residence number two to celebrate the end of the campaign and await the results.

The first party-goers arrived around 8:30 and brought with them the results of the elections for college representatives in Stong, Founders and McLaughlin. The ULS was not expecting to win in these colleges and the results bore this out.

With that it was off with the shoes and up with the music to dance away the time until the next results.

The next news to arrive was the initial results in the OFS-NUS referendum. Half-way through the ballot-counting the majority of students were voting in favour of retaining membership in OFS and NUS. Retention of OFS-NUS membership was a key plank in the ULS program and these initial results were met with a loud cheer.

At this point it was time for some cultural exchange as the Greek members of the ULS decided to show the rest the art of Greek dancing. A smiling Murray Miskin, chairperson of the OFS then charged into the party with the final results from the referendum.

York students had voted overwhelmingly to stay in OFS and NUS.

The pandemonium this news created was topped when the Greek dancers broke into singing what was to be the first of many radical songs sung that night.

Everyone in the room joined in. Even a young Tory was swept up in the enthusiasm and was seen to raise a clenched fist during the chorus.

The OFS-NUS results were encouraging and confirmed the belief many ULSers had that, win or lose, the presidential vote would be close.

The anticipation grew when the first report of the presidential voting was brought to the party. Although there were no figures, the vote was close.

Finally, at close to 11 pm, vote-counter Brad Meslin came in clutching the final results. As people cleared a path for him to the



At an enthusiastic election night party ULS presidential candidate Alice Klein embraces campaign worker following the election result announcement.

microphone, it was clear from his expression that his news was not what everyone wanted to hear.

The crowd pressed close to

Meslin as he read the results, Hayden 764 and ULS candidate, Alice Klein, 583 while Tom Diotte polled 222.

Someone handed Klein the microphone: "I would rather have made the other speech but, we have a lot to celebrate. This election has shown that here really is a united left at York. There will also be nine ULSers on council next year." Klein also termed the campaign a success and said she was pleased at the large vote she had got, an increase for the ULS of over 100 votes from last year.

Klein said she was also pleased with the results of the referendum.

There were then a few words of congratulations for ULS campaign manager, Ian Kellogg who is in his first year at York. Mac Musabay, also a key figure in the ULS campaign was toasted by the partyers.

As Klein spoke, many of the partyers were in tears but as she finished, the crowd of over 80 people once again broke into song while hugging one another.

After the news sunk in, and there was a little more singing, the party carried on as it had been until close to 4 am.

And what of presidential hopeful Tom Diotte? He came to the ULS party.

Rain theft bad state

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS-CUP) — Idaho state officials are accusing the state of Washington with "cloud rustling."

Idaho's attorney general Wayne Kidwell says a \$125,000 emergency cloud-seeding program over Washington is likely to rob neighbouring Idaho of rainfall normally headed its way.

Kidwell says there's only a limited amount of moisture in the clouds which are moving east, and if Washington uses artificial seeding methods to squeeze them dry, Idaho's current drought will be worsened.

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