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Brayman & Hayden win BOG race



Student governor-elect Shawn Brayman glances at his new colleague....

Hundreds more vote in 2nd election

By Laura Brown

The second Board of Governor's election held on November 16 showed a sharp turn from the previous results with Shawn Brayman topping the polls with 513 votes and Paul Hayden taking second place with 476 votes.

The voters' turnout at last week's election was twice the number who took a trip to the October 25 polls.

Before the first election was declared invalid, its results showed Peter Brickwood in first place and Brayman in a second place tie with Abie Weisfeld. Both Brickwood and Weisfeld are members of the York Students Against Cutbacks slate.

Commenting on the second election, Brayman said:

"Basically, 'I'm amazed about the larger turnout and happy that students came out to express their opinion....it's obvious that the spread in votes between Brickwood and myself expresses the students' need of a new direction of constructive and co-operative action on BOG, in these times of restraint.'"

Brayman's term as a BOG representative will last two years. When asked how he plans to begin his term, Brayman replied, "As soon as possible I want to set up a special committee on BOG to look into alternative funding for the university."

Photos by Randy Bregman



....Paul Hayden, last year's CYSF president who took the no. 2 BOG spot in last week's election.

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Bookstore lost big \$ during staff strike

By B.J.R. Silberman

The York bookstore lost between \$179,459 and \$199,517 during the recent YUSA strike, according to York bookstore Director, Rafael Barreto-Rivera. The larger figure includes the operating and non-operating losses due to the enrollment drop at York and inflation, as of October 31st this year.

Barreto-Rivera said that because of cutbacks, the York Bookstore is operating on a very tight budget. Last February, when the bookstore's budget was planned, it was assumed that inflation would be seven per cent over the new academic year and that enrollment at York would be static. Barreto-Rivera said, "there was no room for error".

Already figures show inflation to be nine per cent and York enrollment has dropped approximately three per cent this year. The YUSA strike, which forced the bookstore to close down for virtually three weeks, was totally unanticipated.

When asked how much book prices went up over the strike, Barreto-Rivera stated, "it's impossible to trace". He said, "certain shipments of books were higher than their counter-parts when they arrived but that would have occurred anyway."

He said that in general rising book prices are in part due to the devaluation of the Canadian dollar. He stated that over 75 per cent of the books sold at the bookstore are imported. The bookstore still only puts a 15 per cent mark up on the book's suggested price. It's costing them though almost 18c on the dollar plus duty to purchase American books. Barreto-Rivera stated that American books should really be receiving a 21 per cent mark up. He pointed out that the prices of books printed by Canadian publishers have always been high because they are geared to a smaller market.

Barreto-Rivera said he didn't know yet how the losses suffered by the bookstore this year would be absorbed into their budget. He said, "we're trying to figure out ways of maintaining all the staff and services here."

He said that the bookstore's "Used Book Buy Back Service" might have to be turned over to a private company. This year, after overtime, it proved unprofitable to run and the bookstore just broke even.

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York security can't handle the vandals

By Greg Saville

There were car windows smashed in York's parking lots this past weekend, and judging by this term's 50 per cent increase in vandalism, there will be many more.

According to Safety and Security supervisor, George Dunn, damage to personal property accounts for less than one fifth of the vandalism reports at York.

Dunn, who has been at York for 10 years, says the rise in property damage has become, "a hell of a problem".

"Some of these acts of vandalism are more in the nature of a prank," said Dunn, "but there is always cost involved." He explained that much of the cost for replacing and repairing York property damage would probably come from students' tuition fees.

"I think that if you don't want to live in a damaged residence or attend classes in a damaged building, then you must not condone acts of vandalism," he said.

With only eight security officers, three watchmen and a few supervisors patrolling the grounds, it's impossible for them to catch all the crimes around campus.

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The Ontario Federation of Students picket of Queen's Park went off with less than a bang last Thursday as approximately 400 students from around the province took part. A small but hardy contingent from York showed-up for the event. (Story page three.)



Randy Bregman