

New referenda guidelines

By ALAN GRAD

A committee designed to formulate guidelines for future University-wide referendums plans to present its proposals to the Student Relations Committee today for final approval.

With approval, the guidelines would come into effect May 1, 1989.

The committee — composed of CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt,

Glendon College Student Union President Jennifer Barrett, Graduate Students Association President Lee Wiggins, and Provost Tom Meininger — was formed to address President Arthurs' White Paper concern regarding standards for the conduct of referendums on campus.

Hasselfeldt, Barrett, and Wiggins had met on previous occasions to develop the guidelines.

"Thanks to their insight, a very good document has been prepared," said Meininger, who drafted the final document last week.

The committee proposes that a seven-member board comprised of students and administration be established as a standing referendum committee. Six members of this board would represent student organizations.

The proposal also suggests that the referendum committee have the power to set required quotas for voter turnout, be in charge of hiring a Chief Returning Officer, and act as a tribunal if disputes arise.

The referendum question initiator, the proposal adds, would have to present the question to the referendum committee five weeks in advance, and must inform recognized student governments about a

referendum at least 21 days in advance.

The document also suggests that the referendum committee strongly encourage the question initiator to conduct forums on the referendums on both York and Glendon campuses. As well, the committee must ensure that advertising, ballots, and polling clerks be bilingual for university-wide referendums.

Referring to the occurrences this past fall when Glendon students heavily protested against the manner in which *Excalibur* conducted its October 20 referendum, and eventually had all its ballots disqualified, Hasselfeldt said, "We have seen what happens when people are unsure of governing rules on referenda. The proposed referenda committee should eliminate these problems."

Fate of photo identification to be decided in the Senate

By JESSICA RUDOLPH and ADAM KARDASH

The question of photo identification cards for York students will be settled by the university's Senate in its January 27 vote. If passed, the measure could take effect as early as this spring.

The Senate will decide whether students must present a photo identification card — such as a driver's licence — in addition to a sessional validation card when writing final exams.

Initially the proposal, made in a report on exam security to the President's Policy Committee last spring, met with some resistance from York's President, Harry Arthurs.

"Basically, I didn't approve it for the same reason that we don't allow the state to have the power to ask for photo ID. I think it's entirely inappropriate in a university environment of over 40,000 that security guards would be able to ask students for ID.

"If it was implemented, it would rapidly become a matter of controversy and the university would be made to look silly.

"However," Arthurs added, "it is not unreasonable in situations where fraud can occur. And therefore I have accepted it in this limited sense."

David Thompson, Chair of the Implementation Committee explained, "We're not taking about issuing a photographic identification card to all students. All we're saying is that we want you to have a second piece of identification when you come to the exam... We want to give the invigilator something more to go one, because we've had some very serious cases of impersonation."

Students who forget to bring photo ID may be identified by the course director or tutorial leader.

Some student groups on campus support a universal York ID card to be used for identification in pubs and residences. However, the original mandate of the Exam Security Committee — which consulted with faculty, student groups, and exam administrators — applies only to photo ID for exam purposes as a means to uphold academic standards.

York's Fine Arts goes hi-tech

By TINA PANNUNZIO

York's Faculty of Fine Arts is now equipped with over \$93,000 in computer equipment, thanks to a donation from Apple Canada.

A committee comprised of Fine Arts faculty, students, and administration has studied various computer systems during the past two years and determined that the Apple equipment best suits the needs of the Fine Arts Department.

Fine Arts Executive Officer Brian Forsyth said that the new equipment "gives the artist speed and the ability to translate ideas into visual pictures immediately."

Donated equipment includes three Macintosh IIs, 15 Macintosh SEs, two Imagewriter II printers, and a Laserwriter. The five Fine Arts departments — Music, Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, and Film and Video — will have access to the equipment which is located on the fourth floor studio in the Fine Arts building.

Faculty and students can use the computers for designing theatre sets, sculptures, and dance routines, as



Donated computers make life easier for Art students.

well as for drawings and paintings. The system's sound capabilities, according to Department of Music chair David Mott, will also help music students.

York will spend \$80,000 on additional computers and software for the Fine Arts Department as part of

the arrangement with Apple Canada. Apple was eager to enter into the agreement with the Fine Arts Department after evaluating a long-researched proposal.

Lynn Zucker, a representative of

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New VP proposed

By JACOB KATSMAN

The CYSF may have a new vice-presidential position next year.

CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt proposed the creation of a Vice-President of Programmes at Tuesday's Council meeting. According to a proposal Hasselfeldt submitted to Council for consideration, the new vice-president would "administer all services and social functions which are initiated and/or administered by Council."

Hasselfeldt said that this position would create a more "service-oriented Council" rather than a political one. She also pointed out that at over \$10,000, the Programmes portfolio is one of the CYSF's largest budgets.

External Affairs, for example, has a budget of about \$3,000.

Hasselfeldt explained that she wanted to create the position because of the "enormous amount of work in programming for the CYSF." Currently, the Chair of the Programmes Committee is an unelected position.

This year's Chair George DiPede resigned in September, leaving Hasselfeldt as interim chair.

Hasselfeldt added that a major benefit of the proposed position would be that there would then be five Executive positions, thus preventing deadlocks during Executive votes.

The CYSF will vote on the motion February 7.

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