

Two changes to CYSF's proposed constitution

Guarantee clauses added tonight

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How much does it cost to tear down a wall? This one for the travel agency on the mall cost close to \$3,000 according to physical plant estimates and it's just a little over 10 feet long. It's university

policy to make the tenants' front presentable, physical plant manager John Armour says. At that rate for bringing things down, it's a good thing York's not putting up its own buildings.

Sabia leads abortion protests

Pro and anti-abortion forces met face to face on the steps of Parliament Hill on Saturday.

The abortion repeal group held their demonstration while the outnumbered anti-abortionist Alliance for Life remained silent.

The repeal group then left for St. Giles United Church where they staged a mock trial against the government with the testimony of women who had abortions. Over

100,000 illegal abortions are performed in Canada every year.

Laura Sabia, chairwoman of the National Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women said abortion repeal is the key issue of a women's right to choose.

Saturday was International Abortion Action Day with 800 messages from women across the world sent to Ottawa.

No government official was

present for comment although justice minister John Turner agreed to meet delegates in a few weeks.

Federal member of Parliament, Grace McInnis was in Vancouver on Saturday but sent a message saying that "current abortion legislation is the majority accepting the voice of the minority."

McInnis has introduced a private member's bill in the House to remove abortion from the Criminal Code.

Council of the York Student Federation president Michael Fletcher announced that he is asking CYSF to add two new clauses to the proposed constitution at tonight's meeting.

One point ensures that CYSF must produce an audit for the previous year before the administration will release any funds in the fall. The other states that CYSF will not tamper with the \$17 student fee now going to the colleges.

Fletcher denied that he'd had pressure to put them in and said that McLaughlin student Walter Brzozowicz had merely pointed out the inadequacies of the constitution now set for the polls on Nov. 30.

Fletcher said the audit is obvious because the administration requires it anyway but having it written in the constitution clarifies CYSF's position.

He felt the college guarantee clause would show beyond a doubt that CYSF is not in favor of destroying the college system.

"All we're trying to do is to make the York student government more viable," he said.

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Brzozowicz said it would assure the autonomy of the colleges. He felt an audit should be a constitutional principle and "not a by-law tucked away somewhere it is easily forgotten."

Fletcher said an audit would provide "a guarantee of efficient money handling."

The audit clause says that "Before any money is granted at the start of any fall term, an audited statement for the 12 month period ending April 30 of the same year must be made available. If such an audit is not available, then no money may be allowed to CYSF until such an audit is produced."

The college guarantee clause states that "Apart from the funds accruing to CYSF for its own uses from the students of each constituency which is a member of CYSF, the Federation may at no time be involved in the determination and allocation of any other funds specifically allocated to the various constituencies."

The colleges reply to CYSF's new constitution will appear in Thursday's issue.

Nat. Sci revolt 9 am class today

By HARRY STINSON

Dissatisfaction with Natural Science 177-A will surface today as first year student Jim Brown plans to divert a 9 am lecture into a class discussion on future course direction.

Supported by several others in the 200 students, he charges that the course, Environmental Pollution, is "irrelevant ... in exposing the political and economic reasons for pollution" and that it did not "offer practical solutions to the problems ... today."

He said that the series of speakers brought in by the course director from various branches of the Ontario Government were "apologists for the Davis government", and that York was "not doing a thing for pollution".

Brown charged that the reading list did not contain any radical books questioning real problems of pollution. The tutorial leader, said Brown was adopting an emotional, unscientific stand.

Other students have remarked that the course directed by professor Bill Frisken seem to lack much continuity or organization and that the lectures were aimless and not well related to each other. They felt that the lecturers in the meteorological stream of the three part Environmental Pollution course were not doing their job.

Other Nat. Sci. courses commented that the biology courses were often simplistic and

repetitious of Grade 13, and found the lectures to be suspiciously reminiscent of textbook working in one or two cases. Students are bored and show little concern to resolve the problem.

Store ups book 153%

What would you think of a 153 per cent mark-up in books?

Well, that's what the York bookstore makes on at least one item.

The store bought the book 300 Years of Canadian Art from Information Canada for \$3.35 and then sold it to York students at \$8.50. The book lists at \$5 at the Information Canada bookstore downtown.

Another book, Urban Problems and Prospects sells for the list price of \$2 although the bookstore gets it for \$1.20.

An Excalibur price-check shows that most government publications are sold at list price despite a 4 per cent discount the bookstore receives from Information Canada.

Art books from the National Gallery and National Museum are bought at a 33 per cent discount.

Bookstore manager Steve Zalewski was unavailable for comment on Friday.

85% say politicians done nothing, not much

By ALAN RISEN

An Excalibur survey showed that 85 per cent of York students feel that their student politicians have done nothing or not much for them. Thirteen per cent of the 75 students polled thought the student politicians have done something, while only two per cent felt that they have done a lot.

The survey also showed that only 47 per cent of the students know what the CYSF is doing or what its functions are although the Tuesday Nov. 30 referendum on the CYSF constitution is only eight days away.

Most students said that they would

like to know more about CYSF and the college councils. Many suggested that means should be published regularly throughout the year by these bodies. Their only source of information now comes from Excalibur and Radio York.

The survey also indicated that of those who knew anything about CYSF, 63 per cent felt that it was doing something for them.

Seventy per cent of the students polled had no idea of what the college councils were doing. Of those who did, one half felt that the councils were contributing something.

Campus Comment



I feel that CYSF and my college council have been doing a fine job, and feel that they should continue on in this manner. Alan Moses



Only way I know about what they are doing is from reading articles in Excalibur. Shoyna Orzy



I feel that the council should make their decisions and opinions more known to the student body. Ruthie Kamin

Question: Do you have any comments about your college council or about CYSF?