

Correspondence

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Governors, no Deputy Returning Officer came to Glendon with the ballots. Mr. Steadman, it seems, had assumed that the CRO of Glendon would handle both elections; however, with both a referendum and a general election to supervise, Glendon's returning officers were too busy to take on the responsibility of an extra ballot and ballot box.

As a result of this mishandling of the Wednesday election, the 330 persons who voted on that day had no opportunity to vote for a Board of Governors representative. On the Thursday, our second day of voting, nearly 200 more people voted, for a total of 515 votes cast, or 48% of the student population.

Also on the Thursday, someone placed a number of posters on the walls of Glendon College. These please note referred to the "CYSF elections" and not to "Board of Governors elections"; they are

exclusively in English, although approximately 25% of the student body here is francophone. Moreover, their pale colour and light print makes them almost invisible since they are competing for attention with a wide variety of campaign posters of all colours. Finally, they establish the election date for the Board of Governors student representative as Friday, March 20, even though most Glendon student voters tend to feel that they have already exercised their franchise on the Wednesday and Thursday.

Today, a polling station has been set up at Glendon College. However, a large sign over this polling station refers to a "CYSF election" when the Glendon electorate has been anticipating a "Board of Governors election". The CYSF, whatever its relationship may be with college councils at the main campus, has no jurisdiction over the students of Glendon College and indeed many of us fail to recognize the

significance of the initials. It may possibly be constitutionally valid for CYSF to bill the Board of Governors election as a CYSF election but at Glendon College this move is, to say the least, insensitive to the mood of the electorate.

I can safely say that we have a strong allegiance to our college and a considerably weaker sense of identity with York University. The fact that our voter turnout was almost one-half the student population proves that Glendon students do become involved with issues; apathy is not one of our problems. However, apathy (for lack of a kinder word) seems to be Mr. Steadman's problem. Because he did not make an adequate effort to provide Glendon College with ballots, ballot box, returning officers, and a firm voting date, he has effectively disenfranchised over one thousand students, and certainly the five hundred and fifteen who did vote in the GSCU

elections. For these reasons, as a most annoyed member of the student body of Glendon College, I demand that Mr. Robert Steadman's performance as CRO in this year's elections be thoroughly investigated. I feel that enough irregularities have been committed at Glendon that the election for Board of Governors should be declared invalid, and a new election be called—preferably without Mr. Steadman as the CRO.

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CRO on BOG

I feel it necessary to reply to an item printed in the March 19, 1981 issue of *Excalibur*. After a conversation with Dorothy Watson, President of the Glendon College Student Union, it was reported "Wednesday's Board of Governors election will be declared invalid by the

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