

March 8, 9 elections

3 battle for CYSF presidency

Three candidates are running for the presidency of Council of the York Student Federation — Bryan Belfont, John Theobald and Phil Petrelli.

Although deadlines for nominations close on Friday, the three candidates have declared themselves ready for the fight.

The United Left Slate picked Bryan Belfont over Ron Andrews by a 14 to 7 vote on Thursday. Andrews is now the ULS' campaign manager. Theobald and Petrelli have no slate of candidates behind them in the college constituencies although Theobald says he is encouraging his supporters to run for election.

Petrelli was the last candidate to declare himself for the race and is considered a dark-horse candidate by some of York's political observers.

ULS reportedly has enlisted the support of York Women's Liberation, the York Committee to End the War in Asia, Committee for

a Free Greece, the Young Socialists and independent members of the NDP. He says possible backers include Black People's Movement, The Democratic Association of

DEBATE TODAY AT 1

Excilibur has challenged the three presidential candidates — The United Left Slate's Bryan Belfont, Phil Petrelli and John Theobald — to a public debate at 1 p.m. today in the bear pit, Central Square.

Italians, the English Students Association and the York Homophile Association.

Theobald says he's got the support of the CYSF executive members John MacCallum, David Johnson, Neil Sinclair and secretary Darla Stipanovich.

Although nominations close on Friday, campaign posters must be

down by Sunday, says chief returning officer Robert Williamson.

Polling stations are located in each college Junior Common Room with two or more by the Central Square cafeteria for day students

between 9 am and 4 pm.

Resident students vote at their respective porter's office between 5 and 7 pm.

Atkinson students can vote at stations on either side of the Central

Square cafeteria, Stedman, Stong's JCR, two at the ramps of College Complex One, one each at Atkinson's Phase One and Two between 5 and 10 pm from Monday March 6 to Thursday March 9.

CYSF debts may total \$20,000

Despite almost \$20,000 worth of commitments to student service groups, CYSF business manager Doug Wise admitted that it can get only \$14,000 more in student fees from the colleges.

College G has refused to give \$4 of the \$10 student fees to CYSF. Calumet has refused to give \$5. Neither college council considers itself a charter member of CYSF.

Even if they agree to pay the rest, student services such as daycare, the student clinic, Radio York and Excilibur will have to suffer budget cuts.

But Calumet doesn't intend to give its \$5. Master John Lang explained that the council plans to use the money for seminars and tutorials. College G hasn't said just what they intend to do with their money.

College G plans to run a referendum March 8 and 9 on whether to join CYSF but Calumet probably intends to stay out. Student services spokesman Stuart Keeley said Calumet was not a member of CYSF and was not automatically joining CYSF in the new constitution.

If neither college gives money, CYSF will be \$20,000 short of its commitments. Communications commissioner Neil Sinclair said no decision had been taken yet but "the picture is all too clear for next year."

Although colleges are not allowed to use the \$10 normally sent to CYSF, Calumet plans to get York president David Slater to allow them to use the money.

Excilibur business manager Rolly Stroeter told CYSF business manager Doug Wise and Sinclair that "if CYSF altered its budget at the expense of the services, then there's a distinct case that something is wrong. Even if CYSF got \$14,000, you still couldn't fulfill your obligations."

Winter Carnival cost CYSF \$1,000 and the business manager's salary of \$9,200 was not originally budgeted.

Stroeter said Excilibur was already carrying over \$5,000 in accumulated deficits and couldn't absorb another one for this year. He stressed that the paper had to do some long term planning.

News Act and other referendums Mar 9

The York University Newspaper Act goes before York students on Wednesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 9 in a referendum.

The Newspaper Act includes a \$2 fee increase with another \$2 coming from the \$10 student fees now paid to Council of the York Student Federation.

There will also be a referendum on abortion repeal and a Student Union Building (costing \$10 per student).

Six college councils have ratified the Newspaper Act in principle, the latest being Vanier. It wanted the act changed so that students alone could amend the act without the proposed Excilibur board or staff control.

Editor Andy Michalski agreed to the change so that the act now allows a majority of 30 percent of York students voting to amend the act after consultation with the Excilibur board and staff.

McLaughlin reaffirmed the act in principle on Tuesday while Stong's assembly defeated the act 6 to 5 on Thursday because it would lessen the power of CYSF.

Puckmen are first

A 5-3 loss by U of T to Laurentian Sunday gave the York Yeomen first place in the eastern division of the Ontario University Athletic Association.

The Blues' first loss of the season meant that they finished with 33 points with 15 wins and 3 ties. York finished with 16 wins and two ties for 34 points.

The playoffs begin Tuesday with York taking on Laurentian here while Varsity plays host to Ottawa at Varsity Arena.

As in all playoff games admission will be charged and tickets will be on sale at the door.

In Sunday's game Varsity had to play without coach Tom Watt and six regulars who are currently playing for Canada at the Student Games at Lake Placid, New York. A string of Varsity penalties and a make-shift lineup enabled Laurentian to cap their late season playoff drive with a victory over last season's champions.

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WHIZZZZ!

Despite treacherous ground conditions, ace go-kart driver Rob Cooke rounds the corner at the MacLaughlin parking lot races on Friday. The Winter Carnival event tested the nerves of many

drivers while the drizzle came down. Although the Chilliwack concert was a booming success, Council of the York Student Federation lost an unexpected \$1,000. Photo by Sandy Cormack

Daycare report:

Cut kids or expand centre

York's daycare centre in Graduate Residence Three will have to cut next year's enrolment from 40 to 25 despite demand until larger facilities are found, the report of the daycare planning committee states.

Student Elody Scholz, staff rep Maria de Wit and faculty rep Bill Gairdner began the report one month ago with administrative backing when an administration report failed to come forward with positive proposals about the future of daycare at York.

The report includes a conceptual design for a centre costing \$300,000. The proposed design would serve both as a daycare and resource

centre for academic departments. Small groups of 20 children each would operate in the centre with some in a parent co-operative system and others in a service kind of daycare. One hundred and fifty children would be accommodated.

The design drawn up by Ryerson architecture students Eric Phillips and Ron Cooper relies heavily on a model of a daycare resource centre in Montreal, the Whiteside-Taylor Early Childhood Education Centre.

The committee researched various funding possibilities both private and public but failed to find a source to cover capital expenditures. Public funds for capital

costs are by tradition provided only for welfare daycare schemes.

The report appeals for York to assume the responsibility for constructing a new centre near Graduate Residence Four, if funds can be found. A recent legislative decision in California placed daycare in the jurisdiction of university responsibility.

The report states it found strong support for the proposed new centre in its conferences with the York community. In a survey made last year, some 200 persons indicated they would use York daycare services.

Forty children and 63 parents now operate out of the renovated facilities. The report states the facilities were never meant to take the wear and tear of a daycare centre and over-crowding is becoming acute.

The group of parents now involved in the centre say they feel justified in suggesting a limit of 25 children next year because they "have spent three years coping with the daycare demands of the entire community." Quality daycare is the concern, the report states, and additional assistance from York is needed to continue.

The report goes to the senate committee on policy and planning next Friday for consideration. It is up to this group to decide the budget priority of on-campus daycare and make a recommendation to senate.

Vice-president Bill Small said a short while ago he doesn't think it possible to have a new centre ready for September even if senate agrees to commit York to daycare. Last September the waiting list climbed to over 100 names.

Wright report now in use, say sources

By TOM WALKOM

Two months before its release, proposals of the Wright Report formed the basis for top-level policy decisions in the Ontario cabinet, a secret government document shows.

According to sources close to the government, a Treasury Board report presented to the cabinet early in November outlined a restricted set of possible alternatives for financing spiralling university costs. These alternatives included increasing student fees, charging interest on student loans, and restricting student aid to the students in the first three years of university.

Two months later an independent government Commission on Post-secondary Education chaired by super-deputy minister Doug Wright, published a draft report suggesting these same alternatives.

Government concern with slashing university enrolment is a direct turn-around from the policy of just a few years ago when education and especially higher education was touted as a cure-all for the province's social and economic ills. With the increasing failure of university graduates to land jobs though the government has been trying to dampen the inflated expectations of students by cutting down their numbers.