

Accepts Theobald as pres

CRO calls new election, CYSF says NO

Council of the York Student Federation voted 5 to 3 on Monday to accept last week's election results as valid. They rejected the chief returning officer's call for a new election March 21.

Bob Williamson said he felt a new election was needed to ensure the legitimacy of the next CYSF's administration in light of charges of irregular voting procedures made by Bryan Belfont and Phil Petrelli.

Williamson said, "It's important not to

overrule a new election . . . to maintain some trappings of a democracy." Because he felt the irregularities were based on circumstantial evidence, he said they weren't enough to change the election results. He said the main complaints arose from the loose balloting procedures.

A one-day vote on March 21 with no campaigning and no Atkinson voting would be the best solution he felt.

The specific charges of irregularities

centered around an Atkinson Student Association executive letter supporting John Theobald which was allegedly read to Atkinson students despite a CRO ban just before they voted in class.

No identification was used to prevent multiple voting.

Theobald said that was the only irregularity he recognized. He and Belfont argued over another letter sent out to the faculty of science graduates backing Theobald and

warning that Belfont wanted to end all military and para-military research on campus. Belfont charged that this was electioneering on election day.

Communications commissioner Neil Sinclair said there was no way a snap election could be called. It was either a whole new election or none at all.

He said there were no election rules set down for anyone to break and that once again, "CYSF is playing catch-up politics."

Chairman Bob Ashton disagreed and said, "There were rules up until last year and where they are now, I don't know. It was bylaw number 5."

CYSF president Michael Fletcher said, "I'm going to be accused of many things when I ask for no new election. There will be no efficient election on such a short notice."

He and communications commissioner Neil Sinclair, and reps John MacCallum, Dennis Lee and Bev Fink voted to back the election results. External affairs commissioner David Johnson and reps Jim Sunstrum and Tony DeFelice voted against the results.

ULS lawyer Tony Kopyto said the irregularities pointed out by the ULS was just the tip of the iceberg. "If we wanted the shit to fly, we could sit here for five hours," he said.

When Williamson had explained why he couldn't find people to man the polls at 50 cents an hour, Sinclair asked, "Why should we pay the electorate to man their own polls?"

No referendum on vote, ULS rally Monday

The United Left Slate has called for a mass meeting at 12 noon Monday to protest Council of the York Student Federation's decision not to hold another election.

CYSF member Bev Fink walked out of Monday night's meeting as the United Left Slate's Bryan Belfont hammered away for a York-wide referendum on whether to hold a new election.

John Theobald, John MacCallum, Dennis Lee and CYSF president Michael Fletcher followed her out successfully ending the meeting because no quorum remained.

Fink had to leave earlier in the meeting due to illness.

Oh! Coffee 15¢ soon

In a move to reduce the disturbing incidence of coffee addiction on campus, the administration wants to hike the cost of a cup of coffee to 15 cents on May 1.

Assistant director of ancillary services Charles Kirk made the recommendation Wednesday at the Food Service Committee meeting. The major reason is not in the coffee but the skyrocketing prices for sugar and cream. Cream prices have risen 35 percent.

The final decision was not available at press time but Kirk said he expected some reaction.

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Excalibur's roving photographer lost his way in Tuesday night's snowstorm only to find this guiding beacon shining through one of York's few trees. Almost looks like the Blue Fairy was descending on York. . . Photo by Tim Clark

Puerto Rican faces death if deported

OTTAWA (CUP) — After five months in jail, independentist Puerto Rican student leader Humberto Pagan Hernandez began an Immigration Appeal Board hearing March 8 over his deportation. The hearing is expected to continue through Saturday.

Pagan, 20, a leading figure in the Puerto Rican independence movement, was accused last March of shooting the head of the Puerto Rican riot squad in a demonstration on the campus of the University of Puerto Rico March 11, 1971. Another policeman and an ROTC cadet were also killed in the demonstration which was the result of months of confrontation between independentists and right wing students and police at the university, a centre of the independence movement.

Eventually he entered Canada illegally. He was arrested in Ottawa on Sept. 30 and taken to the Carleton County Jail. There he was questioned by agents who would not identify themselves, but whom Pagan suspects were from the CIA or the FBI. Canadian RCMP he feels would have little interest in questioning him on the state of the Puerto Rican independentist movement and its supposed ties with Cuba.

If he loses the appeal against deportation, Pagan stands little chance of a fair trial in Puerto Rico, according to Falcon. The jury would be prejudiced against him from the start simply because he is an in-

dependentist. He said seven to nine out of ten jurors recommend extreme measures for independentists accused but not convicted of any particular crime.

His studies also indicated that jurors were not representative of the Puerto Rican population. He noted that four out of ten jurors are not permanent residents, that there is a larger proportion of men than women and that older, more educated, married and professional people are overrepresented on juries. Fifty-five percent of those summoned for jury duty are people with incomes of \$6,000 or more who make up only 15 percent of the population. In short, trial by peers for Pagan is virtually impossible.

Pagan's lawyer, Roberto Maldonado is speaking in Curtis Lecture Hall J at 2 pm today.

Falcon also stated that the consistently anti-independentist press of the island has so stereotyped the movement that an independentist automatically becomes "souless", "terrorist", "incendiary", "criminal", "enemy of law and order" and (seemingly worst of all) "recalcitrant anti-Americans".

Falcon said independentist leaders were responsible for bringing about a number of reforms on the island and a lot of information to the people. He said independentist

leaders revealed that one quarter of the families on the island earn less than \$500 a year; that 80 percent of the Puerto Rican economy is in the hands of American corporations; that 25 percent of the families on the island get only three percent of the total general income while nine percent of the richest families get over 40 percent of the income.

Falcon said he would not trust the fate of an independentist to their hands. He said Pagan as "a symbol for the youth of the country" would have even less of a chance of making it to trial than most independentists. If Pagan is sent back to Puerto Rico, he contends, there are nine out of ten chances that he will be killed.

Puerto Rican lawyer Concepcion Suarez backed up Falcon's testimony. He said one of the other people accused in the events of March 11 was assaulted leaving court with Suarez, another lawyer, and a witness. Over 20 assailants attacked the four following a pre trial hearing while marshals, court clerks, police and a judge looked on. Suarez said the onlookers did not stop the assailants nor call an ambulance for the witness who was beaten into unconsciousness.

Pagan's lawyers, Clayton Ruby of Toronto and Roberto Maldonado of San Juan are asking the appeal board to quash the deportation order issued in November on the grounds that he will suffer unusual hardship or that he will be punished for political activities if he is returned to Puerto Rico.