

# Next year's CYSF to assess election expenses

By Anton Katz:

The consequences arising from the increase in allowable campaign expenditures from \$500 to \$1000 for presidential candidates in the recent CYSF elections will be assessed by the new executive.

President-elect Jean Ghomeshi said he "fully supports" lowering this year's limit of \$1,000 and will press for a cap of about \$750 for next year. Ghomeshi said the excess of student posters was not aesthetically pleasing and would not have occurred had last year's campaign limit been retained.

Ron Kelly, who placed last in

the presidential election, said the "frenzy to get elected" got out of control, necessitating that posters

CYSF president Peter Donato defended the increase, saying it did not deter people from running.

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be guarded from unlawful removal. "Two times the money equals two times the posters which equals two times the problems," said Kelly. He added that the new limit excluded people on the basis of financial limitations, meaning that certain people couldn't run a good campaign, or run at all.

He said that six candidates ran for president and three for vice-president (external), reflecting an increase of one in each category over last year.

Donato said he had found the \$500 limit restrictive for his 1989 campaign. He added that the increase in funds was needed to extend advertising in the soon-to-be-completed Student Centre and Calumet College.

Donato didn't agree that this year's election was primarily a poster campaign. He said despite greater publicity, issues were important this year, and students voted based on them.

The recommendation for cam-

aign increases, by Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Garry Choo, was passed in a 7-2 council vote on January 10. Specifically, presidential candidates could spend up to \$1,000 and vice-presidential candidates could spend \$500, while candidates for other positions could now spend \$400 as opposed to last year's \$200.

He acknowledged that \$1,000 was a more appropriate amount than \$500 but expected candidates to find a middle ground between the two. Candidate Peter Merrick spent the most, using \$974.07, while Ghomeshi claimed expenses of \$884.82. By contrast, Collins needed the relatively low amount of \$477.91 to secure second place in presidential elections.

Choo fined Merrick, Ghomeshi and Student Centre student-at-large Chia Yi Chua \$50 each for poster in prohibited places.

Choo said poster wars are nothing new and that higher

expenditures meant greater awareness for elections and candidates. 3,910 votes were cast this year, more than twice last year's amount. Choo said candidates relied heavily on posters but he had hoped candidates would devote more time to other forms of advertising.

He said the CYSF would be wise to consider taking charge of supplying and charging for posters. In this way, candidates would be limited to a specific number of posters. Choo said this would require candidates to talk to more people, a positive thing.

Donato said he liked the idea of a limit on posters, as it would force candidates to become more imaginative in their campaigns.

According to a CYSF ruling, candidates securing between 30 and 50 per cent of the vote will receive a proportionate reimbursement of campaign expenditures. This proportion will be equal to the percentage of total votes achieved.

## Security



# BEAT

**A disposal truck**, upon entering intersection #1, failed to yield the right-of-way and forced a second vehicle to collide with it March 8. Estimated damages \$4,500.

**A garbage truck backed into a parked car** at the Behaviourial Science Building loading dock, causing an estimated \$2,000 damage March 9.

**A male was evicted from Stong Residence** March 9 and issued a trespass notice after having fraudulently retained a guest room key to gain access to the room for sleeping purposes.

**A patrol noticed** that all but the door windows to the parking kiosk in lot 3B had been broken March 9. Repair cost \$889.99.

**A driver, when moving forward out of a parking space in lot DD**, applied the breaks but, due to extreme ice, hit a parked car March 9. Estimated damage \$1,000.

**A driver, while driving into a parking space in lot 3A**, struck a parked car which was forced into a third parked car March 9. There were severe ice conditions in the lot. Estimated damage \$500.

**A driver, when entering a parking space in lot 5A**, struck a second car which slid against a third car March 9. The driver then departed the scene but not before his license number was recorded. Metro Police were called in. Estimated damage \$2,600.

**Security responded to a report that two males were fighting** in Founders College lobby March 10. They found six persons in the area, none of whom would initially identify themselves. In the ensuing disturbance, it was noted that a door window in the immediate vicinity had been broken. Metro Police were called when the suspects refused to identify themselves, swore at the officers and attempted to run away. One male was later detained and issued a notice of trespass but not before he caused bodily injury to a security officer.

**Founders' resident tutor informed security** March 10 that the suspect in a large number of harassment phone calls, known as the "nylon man," was continuing to make calls even though he has been identified and confronted. The matter is being investigated by Metro Police.

**A student reported that she took exception** to feminist writings which were painted on the construction hoarding located across from the Behaviourial Sciences Building March 13.

## Photo of the Week:



Jason Schwartz' "Genuflecting for Mary Poppins."

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