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Ryerson okays OFS fee hike

(CUP) By an overwhelming margin, Ryerson students have approved a 100 per cent increase in the per student fees charged for the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

About 72 per cent of those casting ballots in a referendum held October 29 voted in favor of an increase in the annual fee from \$1.50 to \$3 per student. The final tally was 912 in favor, and 356 against.

There were 10,000 eligible voters. "I'm really happy," said OFS chairperson Karen Dubinsky. "This was a very, very crucial referendum, and I'm very happy we got such strong support."

The result doesn't necessarily mean that students will be paying \$3 next year. That depends on

results of referenda at other campuses.

To have the increase go into effect, it needs support from two-thirds of the 22 campuses and student organizations that qualify as full OFS members.

It has not been approved by six members, and denied by two.

The students' union at Glendon College will hold a second referendum in an effort to gain approval for the increase in fees.

Glendon's student body recently voted down the increase, even though 57 per cent of those who voted approved raising the per student OFS levy. A 60 per cent majority is required for approval of all referendum questions at the college, which is part of the York University campus.

Glendon students' union president Dorothy Watson said the recent result "was not a negative enough vote to wipe out the issue."

She said she's confident the increase will pass in the second vote, which is scheduled for next March.

The only other full OFS member to vote the increase down has been the University of Toronto undergraduate student body. Dubinsky said she has heard rumors of a second referendum at the U of T, but nothing definite has been planned.

Dubinsky says the decision to hold a second referendum lies with the student governments involved.

Monty blasts administration pub policy

Greg Saville

In one of his first moves as CYSF President, Malcom Montgomery has carried on a tradition by objecting to last year's controversial issue of surcharges in campus pubs.

In his Federation Notes column in today's *Excalibur*, Montgomery states that "the CYSF is asking the administration to reconsider its pub policy in lieu of the added revenue they will receive from Ancillary Services."

According to recent CYSF figures, the new policy will mean that the university administration will receive an additional \$7,000 this year and more than \$20,000 in three years, as the past surcharge of 20 per cent is raised to 25 per cent.

"Bearing in mind conference recovery and other related revenues that were not included in the Ancillary Services, (which includes food services) the administration will reap a considerable benefit" says Montgomery. He adds that the policy was devised to cover a deficit in York's Ancillary Services department, but that "if one removes the expenditure of parking lots from Ancillary Services, it is apparent that instead of a \$57,000 deficit, in reality there is a \$72,000 surplus."

While stating that the added generation of funds was not necessarily a disagreeable move in itself, Montgomery claimed that justification given for the surcharges was false.

"It is a Board of Governors policy that these operations run on a break-even basis" stated Montgomery, who also doubles as a student representative to the Board.

Student representation regarding most food and service matters is usually dealt with through the University Food and Beverage Services Committee, however discrepancies during committee meetings last year resulted in much of the previous controversy.

Claims that the committee was ineffective in dealing with opposition to the pub policy were recently echoed by Bethune College Council Chairperson Harold Shield, in a letter dated October 23, 1980.

"The entire decision making process in regard to food and beverage operations appears to have been taken out of the hands of the colleges and the students... we object to the fact that the entire committee was bypassed during the summer months."

Some college pub managers

have stated that they will not support the additional surcharges levied in future, but Montgomery regards this as "ridiculous."

"Obviously the administration will just take the surcharges directly from the colleges," he says. "After all, the pubs are run by college councils and the colleges get their funds directly from the university."

Foster takes Ward 5

Danny Pivnick

Alderman Michael Foster was re-elected in North York's Ward 5 in Monday's municipal election.

Slightly less than 30 per cent of the ward's 33,000 eligible voters, which include 1,200 York students living in residence, cast their ballots.

Foster, a member of the New Democratic Party, received 5,858 votes compared to 3,989 for John Gallucci. Mark Stelmacovich finished third with 440.

Elected for the first time in 1978 by less than 300 votes, Foster said that Monday's victory "was a thump." He was particularly ecstatic about his victory because of the effort that Gallucci had put in to being elected. A campaign worker for Gallucci estimated his campaign expenses to be about \$22,000. As well, Gallucci had been pictured beside Mayor Mel Lastman and Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey in his campaign literature.

Foster, who spent \$8000 in his re-election bid, described the campaign as one "against the establishment in municipal politics" and stated that his victory was "great for progressive politics." Gallucci could not be reached for comment.

In Monday's other results, Lastman captured over 80 per cent of the vote as he was easily re-elected for a fifth consecutive term as Mayor of North York. Esther Shiner, Robert Yuill, William Sutherland and Norma Gardner were elected as Controllers, ousting incumbent Irving Paisley.

In the City of Toronto, 37-year-old Art Eggleton defeated incumbent John Sewell in the mayoralty race. Sewell's criticism of the police, along with his alliance with George Hislop, an avowed homosexual who ran for alderman, were blamed as the reasons for his defeat.