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Jazz legend Ornette Coleman returned to Toronto last week for his first concert in 10 years. The Texas-born saxophonist set both the music and the audience's imagination free. Clifton Joseph reports on page 7.

Dean to be chosen

Ian Bailey

As the race for the office of Dean at Atkinson College nears its finish, the three front runners made a last appeal, Saturday, to the Atkinson College Students' Association.

Professor Bryce Taylor, an administrator with the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, Professor John Harney of Atkinson's Humanities Department and acting dean Professor Ron Bordessa presented their platforms before an audience that included students involved in the selection process.

The college's Faculty Council will have elected the new dean by today, but its decision is subject to the approval of the President's Office. According to ACSA President, Dario Gritti, the twenty-one student councillors represent roughly ten percent of the ballots cast. The new dean will take office in July, but the President's office will not say when its final decision will be made.

Bordessa, who has performed the dean's duties since the death of Harry Crowe, chastised Atkinson because "we are not the leader we used to be." Saying the college had become "moribund", he suggested it closely observe the operations of other schools devoted to mature and part-time education.

Harney, a former N.D.P. member of parliament, called on the college to maintain its autonomy from the rest of the University. He believes the dean and the college must reach out to serve part-time as well as mature

students. He suggested that this could be accomplished by making the college more accessible to the multilingual community.

In his presentation Taylor emphasized his skills as an organizer. Saying the college was disorganized, he added, "I'm an administrator. I'm also an academic. I can bring to this office the ability to organize, to plan." He also called on the college to prepare for the hard economic negotiations that he foresees for the next five years.

Taylor remarked that he runs a sports administration course that has more applicants than places. "It's an elite program," he said, adding, "Atkinson has a unique program and you are lucky to be here."

Faculty union requests conciliator

Michael Monastyrskij

Following three meetings between the administration and the York University Faculty Association, the union has asked the Ministry of Labour to assign a conciliator to the contract negotiations.

Bill Farr, Vice-President in charge of Employee and Student Relations, is very concerned by the action and states, "It calls into question the union's good faith in the negotiations."

Union officials were unavailable for comment, but in a February 18 newsletter the negotiating committee explained its decision. "There are fourteen items which we have

Banner conflict avoided as CYSF elections delayed

Doug Whittall

In order to avoid a conflict with the Ontario Federation of Students Week of Protest the executive committee of the Council of the York Student Federation has decided to hold elections after the constitutionally-imposed deadline of March 15.

Regular voting will take place on Thursday March 18, and an advance poll will be in place from March 15th-17th. Nominations are now open for the positions of President, Directors of Internal, External and

no nominations

Women's Affairs, and a Board of Governors representative. Also, eight student Senator seats are open to Faculty of Arts students. Closing date for nominations is Thursday March 4 at 4:30 p.m. As of press time, no nominations have been tendered, and none of the incumbents have indicated whether they plan to run again.

The executive committee gave its approval to C.Y.S.F. President Greg Gaudet's motion to hold the elections 3 days later than the deadline, set by the C.Y.S.F. charter. The decision will be

discussed at the regular meeting on March 2, but full council consent is just a formality. Under the charter the council can extend the deadline in times of "extreme emergency when Council believes it to be in the

council meetings

best interest of members of the Corporation."

At a council meeting held two weeks ago, Gaudet presented a motion to hold the elections March 8-11, but he withdrew it after External Affairs Director Jorge Garreton objected that these dates conflicted with the OFS Week of Protests.

Gaudet originally disagreed, but has since changed his opinion. "Jorge was able to point out a few arguments that convinced me," says Gaudet. "If you have two sets of major events occurring in the same week, they could conflict." He adds, "Elections during that week would force the cutback issue over some internal issues."

According to Gaudet, the conflict constitutes the special circumstances the executive

committee required to act alone. Garreton agrees, "It was worth postponing the elections. There would have been a conflict.

People would have been preoccupied with the vote and would not be able to go to the seminars. Especially on the 11th, they would be voting rather than going to protest at Queen's Park."

Election by-laws call for at least 10 business days for nominations, and 10 consecutive days for campaigning. Therefore, if council doesn't give it's approval March 2, the election date might be further postponed.

nothing concrete

There are no candidates as yet, and Gaudet will not seek a second term. He says, "Several people are talking about running for President, but nothing concrete has developed yet, and I'm returning to full time studies in Mass Communications."

Further information concerning the election can be obtained in the C.Y.S.F. office, located in Room 105 Central Square.

Miller supports Reganomics

Ian Bailey

Frank Miller, the Provincial Treasurer, came to speak on Economic ties between the United States and Ontario last Tuesday, but his comments regarding other economic issues were more remarkable.

Speaking at McLaughlin College, the Treasurer focused on Reaganomics in his brief remarks on international economic influences. He suggested that Reagan's policies would demonstrate whether the traditional 4-year term of government was enough time to reverse the direction of an economy. Miller pointed out that

Reagan would have to maintain his economic course to avoid a devastating breach of confidence; although, "Blind adherence to a policy when the economy changes is not smart." Miller also said that the problem with Alan MacEachern's budget was that it had been written between August and October during which drastic changes made it ineffective. Speaking of his office, Miller said that, "The purpose of being finance minister was to be reactive to required changes in economic policy."

When asked about the issue of equalization payments, he

revealed that, "the ten provinces have Ontario negotiating an equalization in private, something they won't admit in public."

When confronted with a question on the right of Ontario doctors to opt out of OHIP, Miller said that, "Ontario doctors are underpaid relative to most



Alex Woloszewich

attempt to "develop a pool of 'casual labour' as a way of meeting academic needs during a hiring freeze." It adds, "five years is long enough to determine whether a position is important enough to be made permanent."

The union is also asking that a set of criteria be established to determine which faculty members may continue to work after the normal retirement date. Furthermore, class size and compensation and benefit items are being discussed.

Negotiations will continue, but the union wants to be able to take job action when its contract expires on April 30.

physicians". He defended the right of any professional to charge higher fees based on his expertise and pointed that the system would maintain its balance as long as the patient and the doctor both had the opportunity of opting out. In an exclusive interview following his Miller admitted that his only role in the Doctors' dispute would be to put a financial seal on whatever settlement Health Minister Larry Grossman reached.

When he was asked the possibility of Ontario cutting back on its Civil Service Miller simply smiled Cheshire-like and said, "I've decided."