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The thrill of victory...

Mouritsen is 'ecstatic'

By BRIAN MILNER

Michael Mouritsen, president of the Council of the York Student Federation, said Tuesday he was very happy with the election results.

"I'm ecstatic about Anne's victory," he said. "She's the only member of council (CYSF) who ran and she had the most experience." Mouritsen was also "very pleased about the election

results because of the high turnout compared to other years and other universities."

Mouritsen praised Dale Ritch's United Left Slate campaign. "I think Dale, in terms of his platform and his consistency, deserved to win," he said. "He had the most professional campaign."

But Mouritsen was unhappy with the campaign in general. "I think the quality of campaigning in this election was very poor and very disappointing. "None of the candidates were talking about education issues, such as promotion and tenure or academic standards," he said.

"Aside from Dale, there was no attempt to provide a consistent and explicit platform."

Asked why Scotton won, Mouritsen said: "I think she presented herself as the strongest alternative to Dale Ritch. "I think they were also responding to their knowledge, limited as it may have been, of her past experience."

Mouritsen was pleased Radio York lost its referendum. CYSF had taken out a half-page ad in the March 7 Excalibur opposing the referendum.

"I'm obviously pleased the referendum was defeated because the council simply couldn't afford the money."

"They're (Radio York) obviously not going to get money from the university. They're not going to get money from the council."

Although Mouritsen said, "Radio York's conduct in this election has been scandalous," he does not believe council will reduce the station's grant.

'Excaliber' a hoax

When is an Excalibur not an Excalibur?

When it's an Excaliber. Last Wednesday, some readers were surprised to read that our paper was closing down, the faculty of engineering was being re-shuffled and the library was holding an auction.

Fortunately, the mysterious Excaliber, spelt with a final 'e', was only the annual hoax by the Winters College broadsheet, The Seer. Editors Peter Pantz and Danny Goldfishbowl decided to change the traditional name of Localibur, with the result that a few readers reportedly mistook the hoax for the real thing.

Scotton's programme

Re-establish communication

By S. JENNIFER HUNTER and AGNES KRUCHIO

"I'm glad I won," said president-elect of CYSF, Anne Scotton.

Scotton, who was the president of Winters College Council for the past two years, won the election with a total of 439 votes. Dale Ritch, United Left Slate candidate, came in second with 372 votes.

"I plan to be a very active president. I don't think the CYSF president should sit in the office all day," Scotton said in a post-election interview on Tuesday night.

"I regret the fact that I am a woman had anything to do with the campaign," Scotton stated. "I hope it doesn't colour my presidency."

"Ideally I think that any woman who sees another woman in a position that is in the male realm will see it as a possibility," Scotton added.

Scotton sees the role of CYSF president as a co-ordinator. "I don't want to be a 'leader of men,' I would rather follow what CYSF wants."

When asked about student participation on CYSF, she said there should be more communication between CYSF and the students. She intends to establish better CYSF-student relations by attending college council meetings, and making the CYSF meetings more public.

"I'm not going to compete with the colleges," Scotton

said. "I'm pro-college. I think that once a university decides to have a college system it has to strengthen it."

Other candidates running for the presidency were Joe Renda, 166 votes, Chris Bart, 157 votes, Phil Rasminsky with 127 votes, Brian Green with 51 votes, Fred Hauptman with 20 votes, and Bernie Birman with 12 votes.

More than 1,300 students of the colleges which belong to CYSF (McLaughlin, Founders, Winters Vanier, Stong and Calumet) turned out to vote for the CYSF president. Last year only 1,137 students, 10 per cent of the York population, turned out at the polls, and at that time Atkinson was a member of CYSF. This year 19 per cent of the York population voted.

The CYSF representatives elected in Founders College are: David Walker, 105 votes, Ron Rosenthal (ULS) with 86 votes, and Debi Wells with 86 votes. The new McLaughlin College representatives are: Robert Wearing with 96 votes, James Watt with 61 votes and David McNally (Waffle) with 43 votes.

Stong College elected John Koornstra with 124 votes, William Osmars with 101 votes and Maxine Harris (ULS) with 98 votes. Altogether, 1,110 students turned out to vote for CYSF college representatives.

The Radio York referendum which asked for a student council grant of \$25,000 per year for the next three years, was defeated by 116 votes: 702 to 586.

ULS optimistic about future

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

The United Left Slate, although disappointed with Tuesday's election results, maintains an optimistic outlook for the future.

Dale Ritch, runner-up in the CYSF presidential race, said, "Even though we lost the election we see the campaign as an important victory. We got our ideas across to thousands of York students and created an impact."

Ritch said: "There's a strong left contingent on council and we're going to see that Anne carries out progressive policies."

"The election campaign is merely the focus of the year's political activity at York; the fact that I lost indicates that the students are not ready to understand the role of the university in society," said Ritch.

"I have every confidence that the student movement will overcome its lethargy and enact its revolutionary role in transforming our oppressive society into a society which is responsive to the needs of the overwhelming majority."

Ritch said of Anne Scotton, the president-elect, "Anne's a college politician, has been and always will be. College politicians have always been the least progressive in student politics."

Regarding the defeat of the Radio York referendum, he said "the students made a wise decision. Next year, I think the council should give

the station sufficient funds so that they have a chance to prove themselves worthy of an FM licence."

Ritch said that he will be back at York next year.

For the immediate future of the ULS, Ritch stated that "in keeping with our ideas that the election was merely a focal point of political activity, we are helping to organize a teach-in on southern Africa and we will attempt to organize the cash boycott of the cafeterias."

Fred Hauptman, another un-

successful presidential candidate, (he finished second last) was also present at ULS headquarters. He did not seem overly disappointed with his poor finish.

Said Fred: "Personally, I voted for Dale."

Hauptman feared a strong right-wing element was developing on campus with the election of Scotton.

Hauptman had a few final words for York students. "Tell the students that if they want jobs they better go somewhere else."

702 to 586

Referendum defeated

The Radio York FM licence referendum was defeated 702 to 586 in the student election.

CKRY station manager-elect, Peter Desrochers said late Tuesday. "A lot of people were influenced by Excalibur. For three weeks in a row there was anti-referendum comment in the paper."

"We're disappointed because we expected to win," Desrochers said.

Desrochers feels that the referendum did succeed in making the campus aware of Radio York. He believes that the station will be able to convince CYSF to give them the money they need to bring the level of the programming up to the level that it was a few years ago.

Desrochers said that the FM licence application will be put aside for two or three years. He hopes to re-establish a working liaison with the groups that may have come under attack from the radio station during the campaign.

Brian Milner, editor of Excalibur, defended the paper's position on the referendum. "Excalibur has not been conducting a vendetta against the station. All we tried to do was present the facts as best we could. Editorially we opposed Radio York's referendum because they hadn't shown they merited the support that they were calling for."



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...and the agony of defeat