

Summerhayes edges Riha in CYSF presidential election

By LAURA LUSH

It was a close race for president in this year's CYSF election, which was held last Thursday. Incumbent Chris Summerhayes was reelected with 373 votes—only 71 votes ahead of presidential runner-up Alex Riha. And third-place finisher Vallance Ellies trailed Riha by only 13 votes.

In the 1983 CYSF election, Summerhayes defeated incumbent Maurizio Bevilacqua by over 500 votes, receiving 860 votes to Bevilacqua's 358.

About 1,100 students voted in the presidential race, which Summerhayes described as "average for York." Summerhayes said he was "a little disappointed" with the turnout.

"Good people are in and good people were reelected," said Summerhayes.

Summerhayes' immediate priority will be to spend the next two weeks mapping out major issues for the summer. Of prime importance is CYSF's direction in regard to the Bovey Commission, he said, which will be presenting its brief on university restructuring in the summer months.

"We are still in the dark about what we would like to achieve in the matters of the Bovey Commission," Summerhayes said. He said he would also like to finalize the compiling of CYSF's constitution which has been under

review for the past year. The original constitution was written in 1980.

Other winners were incumbent Board of Governors student representative Pamela Fruitman who took the biggest win in the elections with 303 votes over opposing candidate Oreit Angel.

Lily Contento beat her opponent David Blair by 220 votes to win director of External Affairs with 604 votes. Rick Kojfman was acclaimed as director of Internal Affairs. Elise Hallewick won the director of Women's Affairs, sliding past opponent Paula Luna by 16 votes. "Being a first-year student, I know it will be a good experience," said Hallewick. Hallewick said she will work to continue the free self-defence classes and wants more visible security for women at York.

Sixteen candidates vied for more than 4,000 votes cast to claim nine Faculty of Arts Senator positions. Winners were Cathy Katz, with Sarah Eisen, Darren Chapman, Robert Castle, Rick Davis, Chris Costello, Anna Kardum, Michael Dennis, and Raffae Hazen.

Ted Christensen was acclaimed as Faculty of Fine Arts Senator.

There were no nominees for Faculty of Science Senator.



Chris Summerhayes being congratulated on his reelection to the position of CYSF President.

Bargaining time for faculty, TAs

By NATALIE CAJIC

The Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW) Local 3 says this year's bargaining negotiations with York administration will focus on wage increases and equity.

Although negotiations begin in late May, CUEW—which represents part-time faculty (course directors) and teaching assistants—says it has already clearly stated its position.

"We're cheap labor," said Local 3 chairperson Charles Doyon, referring to the earnings of an average full-time graduate student working as a TA. An average TA earns about \$6,315. The Union is asking for a 30 percent wage increase for TAs and a five percent increase for part-time faculty. These "substantial" increases are just enough "to keep up with inflation and the poverty line," said Doyon.

Vice-President (Finance and Employee Relations) William Farr retorts that any increases are limited to five percent as regulated by the (Ontario) Mandatory Act, which restrains wage increases to five percent.

Due to a statute that restricts a TA from working more than 10 hours per week or from holding any outside full-time job, the \$6,315 constitutes a graduate student's total annual income.

"Many are forced to borrow to continue their studies," with some students owing up to \$10,000 upon their program completion, said Doyon. "We're fed up with mortgaging the future."

"The question is whether the University has an obligation to provide financial support for full-time graduate students," said Farr. "Why graduate students and not undergraduate students too," he added.

Also, CUEW is asking for equity in "academic participation." Doyon said part-time faculty and TAs take on about 45 percent of the teaching load in the form of lectures and tutorials (excluding office hours), while full-time faculty contributes 55 percent.

According to Doyon, despite the fact part-time faculty is taking over some administrative and research duties, normally handled by full-time faculty, they're earning 60 percent less than their full-time counterparts.

Part-time faculty members are "blatantly discriminated against" when considered for full-time positions," said Doyon. "Some departments will refuse to interview (part-time members)," he added.

Asked whether a strike is a possibility, Doyon said we just "want a settlement."

There are "trade offs on both sides" said Farr. There is always "a giant struggle to increase shares in a group."

Forty vying for University's presidential post

By BERNARDO CIOPPA

About 40 "academics" are being considered for the position of York's president by the Presidential Search Committee.

According to chairman Anthony Hampson, the Committee has received about 200 letters and telephone calls from which a list of 137 individuals were proposed by the committee. Hampson said that list was narrowed down to 40 after "most candidates relinquished their application because of other job commitments or various reasons."

Hampson wouldn't reveal the names of any of the candidates but said some are from within York. The Committee is in the "interviewing stage," which will cut the number of applicants down to between six and 10.

He said that by June the Committee will have made their decision, which will then go to the Board of Governors for approval.

He said the Committee will be looking for a distinguished academic background in President H. Ian Macdonald's successor. "We'll be finding out if they have the qualifications of leadership and be a good communicator," he said.

President Macdonald, who'll be stepping down September 1 after more than 10 years at York's helm, said he will continue to teach in the Faculty of Administrative Studies as a professor of policy.

He said he'll also become director of the office of international services where he'll "continue his efforts in the world of international academic exchanges and international programs."

Macdonald will also continue as chairman of the board of the provincial government's IDEA (Innovation Development for Employment Advancement) Corporation.

Radio York elated by successful survey results

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

Radio York reports that 89 percent of students who voted in their survey last Thursday approved of their request for a \$2 levy of student fees for expansion purposes.

The radio station received 488 votes from students who said they would support a \$2 levy of their student fees, said Jeane Beroyma, of the station's promotions department. Only 61 students cast ballots against the levy, she said. Station Manager Jack Cales said the results were "a real morale booster," for the staff.

Radio York now plans to submit a report on the survey to York's Board of Governors.

The CYSF-owned radio station ran its own independent survey because an elections tribunal headed by Chief Returning Officer (CRO) James Crossland of CYSF disallowed the station's planned referendum in the recent CYSF election. Crossland argued that because the station is a CYSF affiliate it must abide by the same regulations that govern all those involved in the election. Crossland said the CYSF failed to officially inform him within the legal time period that the station's referendum would be included on the ballot.

Later when the station decided to run an independent referendum on the same day, the tribunal ruled this too was illegal under CYSF constitution rules.

Radio York asked Beth Bolton of Founders College Student Council to supervise the election. Cales said that Bolton is not affiliated with Radio York and has previously run student elections at Founders. "The survey was run very cleanly," said Cales.

"All I can say is I am glad it is over," said



Photo: LERRICK STARR

Students vote during Radio York's survey held on CYSF election day last Thursday. The station was seeking student approval for a levy on their student fees which would be used for Radio York's proposed expansion.

Cales referring to the conflict between the station and CYSF.

One reason the station is seeking funding from students is that CYSF funding has not been steady from year to year, said Cales. "To have a solid radio station you need a steady budget," he said. The money, if approved by the Board of Governors, would be channeled through

CYSF to the station, but CYSF would have no authority to cut the budgetary allotment, said Cales.

He said the station plans to be open this summer when classes begin in May. Operating hours will be determined by the amount of volunteers they can drum up for summer services, he said.