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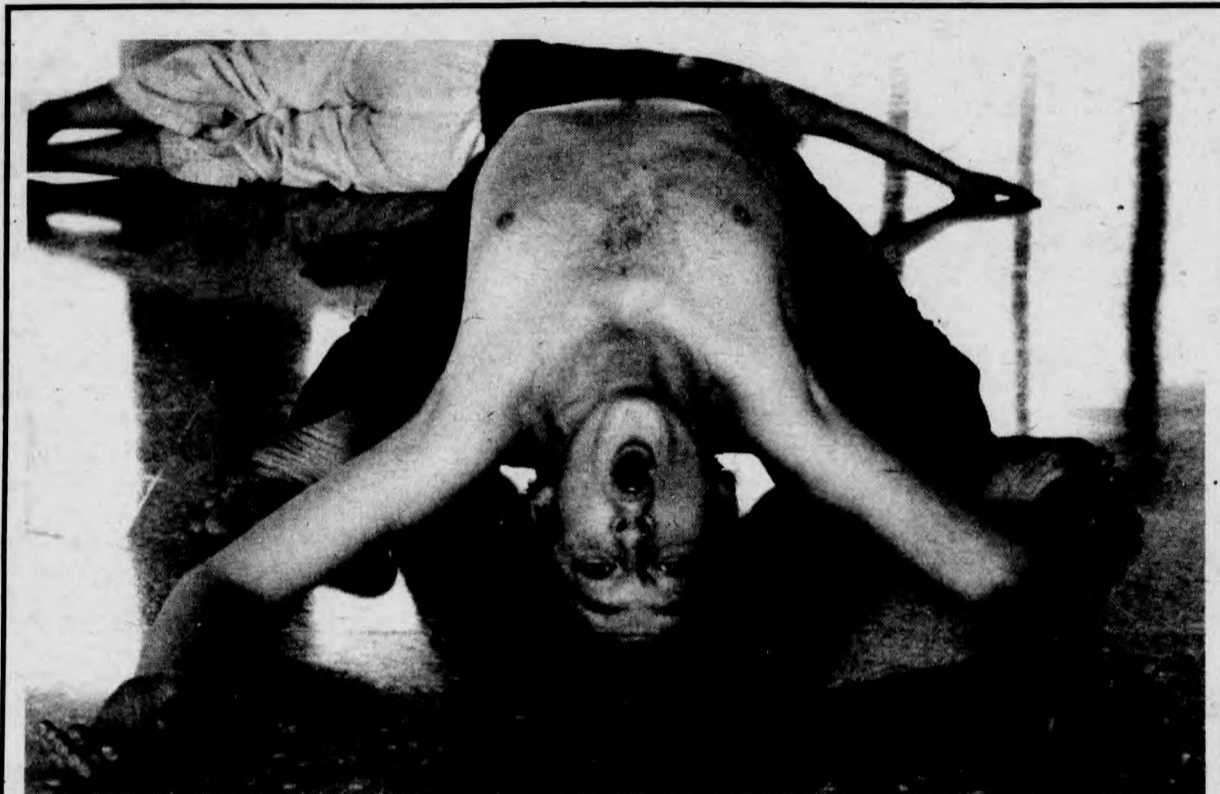
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Advance polls open today

Silzer, Edson, Musallam race for presidency



A member of York's PEAK graduate theatre programme falls to the floor to wail and moan in dismay upon learning that the programme will be

discontinued. The members of PEAK put on a lunch hour requiem performance last Thursday. See story on page 3.

The surging viability of Founders council president Izidore Musallam's candidacy has, with six days to voting day, thrown the CYSF presidential elections wide open into a three-way scramble for the presidency.

Musallam, who had until early this week run an invisible campaign and was not thought capable of challenging Barry Edson or ULS nominee Gael Silzer, shifted his campaign into high gear with large, colourful banners in English, Hebrew and Chinese in Central Square, this week.

Vanier council president Kevin Smith withdrew from the race late last week and pledged his support

to Barry Edson, in an effort to rally support behind the one candidate he viewed the strongest alternative to the ULS nominee.

What threatened to become a multi-candidate race reminiscent of last spring's 10-man race whittled down to three with the summary withdrawals of Smith, Greg Martin and Larry Stockhamer, last week.

Polls in Central Square, Complex I and Stong College will open Wednesday, March 17. Advance polling will begin today and continue through to Tuesday (excluding weekend) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in S135 Ross.

Charges of dirty politics surround Smith's pull out

By MAXINE KOPEL

The CYSF election campaign entered its final week on Tuesday amid a turmoil of mudslinging, bribery charges and threatened lawsuits.

The major position of the chaos surrounds the decision last Wednesday of Vanier college council chairman Kevin Smith to pull out of the presidential race and throw his support behind Barry Edson.

Immediately after the announcement of Smith's decision, Edson and his campaign manager Jay Bell were accused by presidential candidate Izidore Musallam of having attempted to bribe Smith during their efforts to persuade him to drop out.

Musallam's charge was based on information provided by Matthew Fisher, a second-year fine arts student from Founders. In a written statement, Fisher claimed that he had overheard a conversation in Marky's restaurant last Wednesday in which Bell told Smith, "We'll make sure you get a part-time job next year."

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This has been denied by Bell, Edson and Smith.

A series of threatened lawsuits followed the disclosure of charges. At one point early this week, Fisher faced a possible suit for slander by Smith, as did Musallam.

"I was at no time offered a part-time job, I did not take a bribe. There was no bribe offered in any way, shape or form. It's ludicrous; if they tried to offer me a bribe, I'd still run and use it in my campaign," said Smith.

According to Fisher, Bell told Smith, "You have to withdraw if we are going to win. We have to know now because it's getting late; we'll make sure you get a part-time job next year."

Fisher also alleges Bell told Smith that "if you don't want to support us, OK—but withdraw."

Fisher said he didn't hear an actual deal being closed, but assumed that one had been agreed upon when the three (Smith, Bell and Edson) shook hands.

Later this week, however, Fisher denied that he had ever inferred from Smith's actions that he had accepted a bribe.

Bell and Edson both deny Fisher's allegations. They claim they discussed the presidential race with Smith, but that Fisher misquoted and misinterpreted the discussion.

"He was sitting a couple of tables away and caught bits and pieces of conversation," said Edson. Bell claims that the remark which Fisher attributed to him about wanting to know soon about Smith's withdrawal referred to the fact that unless a candidate withdrew within 48 hours of the close of nominations, his name would still appear on the ballot.

Edson told Excalibur that, in any case, even if he wins the election, he will have no power to

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Police charge Davies for mischief

By AGNES KRUCHIO

Police charged Bethune master Ioan Davies with public mischief last Thursday following on investigation of an alleged attack on him the previous Friday.

In explaining the charge, staff sergeant R. Axford told Excalibur, Thursday, that it means "getting the police involved in an investigation of something that did not happen." He refused to elaborate.

Colin Campbell, Davies's attorney, said that it was up to the crown to prove Davies guilty. "He doesn't have to prove anything. He is presumed innocent until proven otherwise," he said. In any case, Davies is "innocent", and they will prove him to be so, said Campbell.

Police would have to prove that there was no assault, Campbell said, and that he willfully allowed them to enter into an investigation knowing that there was no assault.

Davies said he had last seen police investigators on Monday at noon. He was to have looked at some mugshots on Tuesday afternoon, but police failed to contact him, he said. "The first time I saw the police since the beginning of the investigation was Thursday afternoon," Davies said, at which

time they asked him to come down to the station, and once there, arrested him.

"They did not say anything to me on the way down," Davies said. "I was under the impression that they had come up with something they wanted me to see."

Police informed the college master that they had checked out his story and "could not corroborate it" and would therefore charge him with public mischief, Davies said.

Section 128 of the Criminal code defines public mischief as "every one, who with intent to mislead, causes a peace officer to enter upon an investigation by making a false statement that accuses some other person of having committed an offence, or doing anything that is intended to cause some other person to be suspected of having committed an offence that he has not committed, or to divert suspicion from himself, or reporting that an offence has been com-

mitted when it has not been committed or reporting or in any other way making it known or causing it to be known that he or some other person has died when he or that other person has not died, is guilty of either an indictable offence.

Davies said he was eager to have the two individuals who attacked him apprehended. He described one assailant as 6'1", blonde with short-cropped hair, a fully round face and a twitch in his left eye. He had been wearing a light-coloured pin-striped suit, with a dark tie (probably dark blue) in his top jacket pocket, and weighing approximately 180 lb.

The other as about 5'11" with short dark hair. He had a goatee beard shaved between sideburn and beard, with a thicker moustache, was dressed in blue denim jacket and pants and weighed approximately 150 lb.

Davies has asked anyone having seen either of these two individuals to contact the office of Colin Campbell at 366-2711.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Excalibur will publish on Friday next week, not Thursday

Foreign profs blamed for few Canada-oriented courses

Canada's universities and colleges have failed to meet the Canadian public's needs because of the permeation of non-Canadian professors in faculties of Canadian post-secondary school institutions.

This is the conclusion reached by former Trent University president Thomas Symons in a recently released 350 page report entitled To Know Ourselves, written for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

Documenting the vast importation of foreign professors during the rapid expansion of university departments in the early and mid-60s, Symons blamed this large foreign contingent of faculty in Canadian universities for the neglect of Canadian content curriculum in univer-

sities.

Because of the "indifference and even antipathy" of foreign faculty for Canadian content curriculum, Canadian universities have failed to meet uniquely Canadian needs in the fields of science, sociology, professions and the arts, states the report.

Symons catalogues several instances of uniquely Canadian needs not being met by Canadian universities. Among these is the case of the National Museum of Man turning to scholars in the U.S., Ireland and Israel for researchers on Canadian folklore when no qualified Canadians could be found. And the case of the 15 Parliamentary interpreters, nine of whom are non-Canadians.

He blames the large number of non-

Canadian faculty for the indifference to Canadian content.

The report states that about 60 per cent of sociologists and anthropologists, 46 per cent of geography professors, 40 per cent of economists and 35 per cent of political science professors in Canadian universities are foreign.

In many instances, there is direct correlation between the lack of Canadian professors in a department and the lack of Canadian content courses, the report states.

"Many scholars and administrators at Canadian universities have adopted, or accepted, the attitude that Canada is not a sufficiently interesting subject for study and research. Some obviously feel that Canadian problems, events and cir-

cumstances are, almost by definition, of only second-rate importance," says Symons in the report.

Some sociologists "were even forthright enough to tell the commission that they would not hire Canadians... because 'once one hires a few, then they will be pushing for more and more,'" states the report.

One result of the pervasive influence of foreign faculty is that only eight per cent of English courses in Canadian universities deal with Canadian literature and some "long-established universities (the report does not name specific institutions) seem to have made it a point of honour to avoid offering courses" in Canadian literature, says the report.

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