

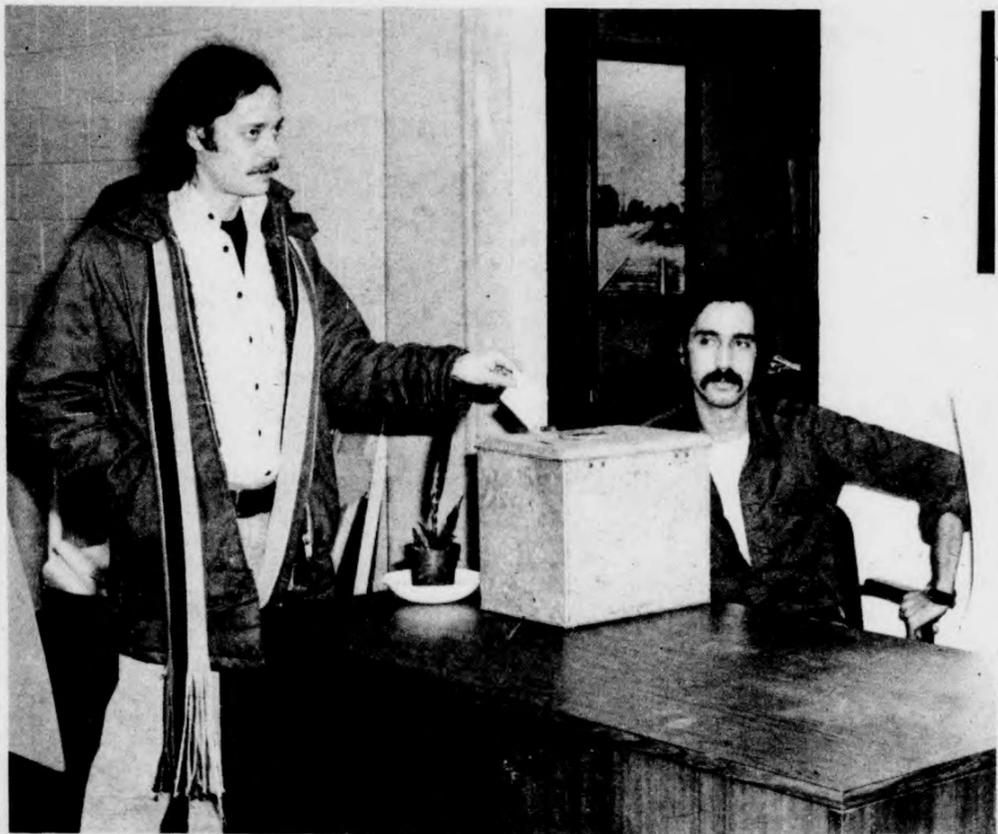
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Last chance to vote today!



University of Guelph newspaper editor, John Millington shows York students how to vote at a dress rehearsal for this week's polling held in the CYSF offices Tuesday night. Chief Returning Officer, Larry Freedman looks on.

Spring lobby of Ontario gov't planned by OFS

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

SUDBURY — There will be a "mass lobby" of provincial MPP's by Ontario students sometime next month following a decision reached at the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) conference held at Sudbury's Laurentian University last weekend.

Arising from a workshop discussion of strategy to oppose government post-secondary education policies, OFS members voted to send a "reasonably sized" group of representatives to Queen's Park on the first business day of the next session to ask MPP's "straight questions on tuition fees, student aid and summer employment".

QUESTIONS

Steve Shalhoun from McMaster University said, "I think this action will force MPP's to take a stand on education issues which we can remind them of during the next election campaign".

Some delegates expressed the fear that if "too many students" attended the lobby, the MPP's might feel harassed.

Peter Meisenheimer, president of the Guelph University student union said, "I feel I'm being harassed when they raise my tuition fees".

During the three day conference delegates attended workshops on community colleges and the student press as well as the strategy session. Delegates also attended an information session on educational funding and a debate between a representative of OFS and the government on "The Economics of Post-secondary Education". The conference concluded with the Sunday plenary.

At the final plenary the OFS members also voted to expand both local and central efforts to gain support and endorsements for their campaign to rollback tuition hikes and seek reform in the student aid programme as well as the necessity for student summer employment.

This involves seeking support

from groups such as school boards, community groups and labour unions.

It was also decided to form election preparedness committees on all campuses in anticipation of a provincial election. Anticipating a spring election, the delegates felt the election committees could play a roll in getting students enumerated and "gathering" the positions of all local candidates on issues, especially education. Further election strategy would be determined at a special plenary, to be called by the OFS in the event of a provincial election.

A motion asking the Ontario government to clarify its position on the controversial OLANG report on student aid was also passed.

Delegates also voted to make the position of OFS chairperson a full-time one.

It was felt by the executive that under the current arrangement the chairperson was unable to do a complete job because, as well as fulfilling OFS duties, the chairperson also had responsibilities on his or her own campus.

CHAIRPERSON

The motion for a fulltime chairperson brought with it a complicated voting procedure which, according to OFS chairperson Murray Miskin, was designed to ensure that no person would be elected to the post that would alienate any member institutions. Miskin felt that because the position of fulltime chairperson was politically sensitive, candidates must be strictly screened.

Before the vote for chairperson, a poll would be conducted of delegates in which they would indicate which candidates they found acceptable or unacceptable. Any candidate not receiving a two-thirds acceptable vote would not be put on the ballot. It would then take a simple majority vote to be elected chairperson.

In a motion arising out of the workshop on the student press, the OFS delegates voted in favour of the principle of an autonomous student press with independent funding from the student councils. The delegates agreed to work with the Ontario Region of the Canadian University Press to draw up models under which the student councils would no longer act as publishers of campus newspapers as they do at some institutions.

The Federation also voted to join in a petition campaign already started in Toronto to urge the Ontario government to continue the provincial rent review program.

Although there were no representatives of the CYSF present at the conference, Joanne Pritchard of Bethune College and Paul Trollope from Osgoode were in attendance as observers.

Professor headed poverty group, could be on Mountie blacklist

By RONEN GRUNBERG

Howard Buchbinder, a York social science professor, may have been on former Solicitor-General Jean Pierre Goyer's list of "subversives and members of an extra parliamentary opposition".

This list included documents confiscated by the RCMP in December, 1970 from the Praxis Institute, which was a research organization dealing primarily with problems of poverty.

In a letter written to five parliamentary officials, six years ago, Goyer named the Praxis Institute as "appearing to have as their aim the destruction of the existing political and social structure in Canada".

Professor Buchbinder was then head of the Praxis Institute, and it is because of his involvement that his name may appear on the list.

Buchbinder told *Excalibur* that "the issue is really not an issue of extra parliamentary or no extra parliamentary opposition.

"The issue is that the security forces have been involved in receiving material which was stolen from our office, and they have been involved, apparently, in developing lists of people who had not knowledge of the existence of any group, or list, he said.

Buchbinder said "I was a member of a research institute in Toronto and its offices were broken into and burned in 1970."

A *Toronto Star* article last month reported that "the second-storey offices of Praxis Institute on Huron St. were burned on the night of December, and officials charged afterwards that the fire was a pretext for a methodical ransacking of its files.

Buchbinder said that those files have now turned up in the hands of the RCMP and they never informed

the local police that they had stolen the material which was taken after the fire. The local police, Buchbinder said, have recorded the incident as an unsolved crime.

"If you put all these things together, it becomes pretty scary," he said.

When asked if this whole affair had changed his life in any way, Buchbinder said that it's "hard to tell whether it had an effect or not on my life, or other people's lives. How does one determine if they didn't get a job because of being on such a list?"

Buchbinder went on to say "either we need some kind of

freedom of information legislation, or at the very least, we need some clarification as to what has been going on. If they say that there's an extra - parliamentary opposition whatever, that is, and I don't know that it exists, then they should indicate where this organization is, and who is in it".

The two other groups that appear in the blacklist and its covering letter are the policy planning group the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Canadian Union of Students.

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Windsor votes yes to OFS, NUS 2-1 in favour in large turnout

By PAUL KELLOGG

In one of their biggest election turnouts ever, University of Windsor students voted by a two to one margin to rejoin the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) and the National Union of Students (NUS).

The results, counted Tuesday night, saw the NUS vote carry 818 to 461, OFS by 808 to 469.

Both presidential candidates running in the Windsor Students Administrative Council Elections held at the same time as the referendum, campaigned in favour of the two student organizations.

In a statement released to the press early Wednesday morning, OFS chairperson Murray Miskin said the results "marked the first of a number of referenda this spring at schools considering joining OFS. We are very pleased to see a positive result and to see University of Windsor students consider both

OFS and NUS vital for protecting their interests."

Miskin went on to say that the results would "help dispell the myth that students across the province are dissatisfied with OFS. With all the schools now considering joining it is clear that opposition campaigns only occur when student councils fail to inform and involve their students in OFS's activities."

Five other universities and colleges are committed to holding referenda on whether or not they should join OFS. These are Centennial College, Sault College, Cambrian College, and Bethune College and Osgoode Hall Law School at York.

Wilfrid Laurier and Humber College are still discussing whether or not to hold referenda and Miskin expects the University of Ottawa and Western will hold a referendum sometime next fall.

Gavin Anderson, NUS field-

worker shared Miskin's enthusiasm. "It's gratifying that the students at the University of Windsor have come to the conclusion that it's time Ontario students pulled together to present the government with one voice on issues of concern to students," said Anderson.

With the one victory under his belt, Anderson was on his way Wednesday morning to Western, where a referendum is being held asking Western students to join NUS.

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