Dec. 9 poll 80% want some, no college control of CYSF budget

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Almost 80 percent of those responding to the Dec. 9 opinion poll are against the current total financial control exercised by the college councils over Council of the York Student Federation.

Thirty one percent said CYSF should not be subject to financial control by the college councils and 48.5 percent said they wanted some control over CYSF's budget. Only 20 percent felt colleges should have complete financial control as now.

The six question poll was completed by 2,067 students, a 25 percent return on the 8,000 questionnaires distributed over the three day polling stretch. Campus wide results showed a common consensus on most questions.

Results indicate students are willing to allocate fees to both CYSF and college governments. Forty six percent said funds should be given to both, while 24 percent supported funding for college councils only. Almost 60 percent of students polled want CYSF representatives elected directly by the students. Over 65 percent said membership in CYSF should be automatic for all new colleges. Calumet, now disputing this point, voted 50 percent in favor of automatic membership. Forty seven percent of the 150 Calumet students polled said membership in CYSF should be decided by a college referendum. Campus wide consensus gave

support to a student referendum for any CYSF constitutional amendment.

The results of the poll now go to a constitutional committee made up of college and CYSF representatives. Using the poll as an indicator of student sentiment, the committee will draw up a new and binding constitution by Jan. 31.

The first constitutional meeting is today at 4 pm in Founders Masters' Dining Room.



Come warm a bench in Founders Masters' Dining Hall today at 4 pm when discussion gets underway. The students above didn't say

whether they could make it or not. Let's hope so. A strong central student government could mean bench space for all. Photo by Tim Clark.

Atkinson wants parity on CYSF

Atkinson College council president Sid Kimmel said Tuesday his council has passed a resolution to withdraw from York's central student council if Atkinson demands for the proposed constitution are not met.

Kimmel said the council's action arose out of dissatisfaction with the management of the recent student opinion poll.

"It was a flop as far as Atkinson students are concerned because Council of the York Student Federation did not comply with Atkinson requirements in running the poll," he said.

"There was supposed to be a week for Atkinson students to fill out the questionnaires, but students didn't know where to go, and there weren't any people manning the stations."

Atkinson is asking for full and equal representation on CYSF. They are now allowed two individuals as representation for 10,000 Atkinson students. Because Atkinson students are part-time students, they cannot run for CYSF executive positions. Atkinson council is demanding that this rule be waived.

CYSF president Mike Fletcher says he sees no real problem in accommodating the Atkinson demands in the new constitution.

"I am concerned about equalizing full and part-time students," he said.



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