

## Mac repeats referendum

McLaughlin will be holding another referendum Tuesday Feb. 11 to decide whether they will join YSC.

According to Richard Smith, a member of the interim college council, the original referendum, turning down McLaughlin's attempted entry into YSC was not recognized by council as valid because there were certain 'irregularities' in the balloting and campaign procedures.

There were instances of students voting who were not registered in the college, students lobbying for both sides of the issue at the polling booths, and other things.

Smith told Excalibur that Mac turned down these results and set up a committee to delve into the problems they encountered in holding a referendum.

This committee will issue a report to council, recommending certain procedures for referendum. It will be upon these recommendations that the council will call another referendum to determine again if the students of McLaughlin want to join YSC.

Another council member, Tim

Delaney, stated that he felt the first referendum was run satisfactorily. While he conceded that there might have been some slip-ups, he felt that they were caused by those trying to "force" McLaughlin into YSC, and that they couldn't push hard enough.

This, he said, would explain why they wanted another chance to join.

The basic issue involved is not a monetary one, since Mac eventually paid most of what YSC asked for as costs incurred on Mac's behalf by the central body.

Despite the contention by some councillors, Delaney and Dave Coombs included, that if McLaughlin stayed out, they would not have to pay any of the ten dollars per student levied at registration, the council decided to pay over 80% of it.

Arguments by these two opponents to YSC that the college should remain independent have thus been slowly shredded by their fellow council members on issues such as this.

As explained by Smith, McLaughlin has nothing to gain and everything to lose by staying out of YSC. If they stay out, they still have to pay costs incurred to YSC, and are allowed no say as to either the structure of the central body, or how their money is spent.

"You can't really bring change from outside. We should get into YSC first, and then try to get our views known."

Smith feels that another referendum will be held soon, but in any case, the results will not be known soon enough to allow interested McLaughlin students to run for the executive positions on YSC (see page 3).

It was rumoured that some McLaughlin students were interested in running for YSC, only to have their hopes frustrated by the time wasted in the first referendum.

As a result of the original referendum, and the delay it caused, several students who tried to transfer out of the college into others to run on the York Sunday Movement platform were told Monday that their nominations were invalid, as their applications for college transfer had not been processed by the deadline, which was last Friday.

Among these students, there was a common expression of general disgust at both the college council for "screwing things up", and at the Masters of both McLaughlin and the colleges they were seeking to enter for not entertaining their motions of transfer soon enough.

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What? Me acclaimed president of YSC? All my dreams are fulfilled. And I only ran for the publicity!

## YSC elections to be held Tuesday

Elections for the university-wide York Students Council will be held next Tuesday.

The election, to be held in Founders, Vanier and Winters College, will determine who will make up the executive and college representatives of the YSC for the next year.

Polling stations will be open in each college common room from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday Feb. 4. Students are advised to have their ATL card for identification in case of inaccurate poll sheets.

The six-man executive of president, vice-president, and commissioners of finance, external affairs, academics and communications are elected at large from applicants throughout the YSC member colleges.

In each college four representatives are chosen to act as delegates to their colleges on the YSC.

McLaughlin College is ineligible to vote in this election, as a result of a recent college referendum which voted for Mac to stay out of YSC.

One of the principal issues in this election is the possibility of a slate of candidates, the York Sun-

day Movement, being elected and bringing a prepared position and outline of aims to the university council.

This will be the second YSC election held on York campus. Last year less than 50 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballots.

Presidential candidates are detailed inside this edition, on page 3.

All students are advised to vote, since some of the candidates already have enough followers to require only an unrepresentative minority of votes cast in their favour to assure their success.

The presidential and vice-presidential candidates and representatives running in each college will speak at several meetings. The first will be Monday in Founders dining hall at 2 pm Vanier will host the candidates tomorrow at 1:30 pm in its dining hall and Winters at 1:30 pm Monday in its dining hall.

There will also be a discussion with Winters residence students Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the residence common room.

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## York survey documents use of drugs

by Stew Smith

A survey taken this week has shown that over 50% of the students in one York residence have used drugs. The survey also indicated that "pot" and "hash" were the drugs most widely used by these students.

Slightly over 45% have smoked pot. As for hashish or "hash" it was found that only 40% of those responding have used it.

Of those who used any form of drugs, 95% had smoked pot, and 83% had smoked hash. Only a small percentage of the students surveyed said that they had ever used "acid".

The survey also showed that of the substantial number of students questioned, only about 40% used drugs frequently, but 80% of those who used drugs frequently, did so on a weekly basis.

In response to the survey question, "Do you think deeply on issues when on drugs?" only 10% replied in the affirmative. Whereas the question that asked, "Why do you take drugs?" showed that the majority of users did so for "kicks".

When questioned on whether or not they felt drugs were no worse than liquor, well over 50% stated that they didn't think so. This indicates that some of those who do not take, or have not taken drugs feel that drugs and liquor are relatively equal.

When questioned as to whether or not they took drugs to be socially acceptable, well over 50% stated that this was one of their reasons.

It was also found that most of the drugs used in this particular residence were circulated among friends. The price paid for drugs by the majority of users surveyed showed that very few of the drugs are sold for any great profit by the pushers on campus.

On the question of legalization of drugs, almost 75% of those surveyed stated that they thought drugs should be legalized.

An equal number of males and females were given questionnaires to fill out, distributed equally on each floor of the residence. This way the possibility of a "swinging" floor turning the survey too much to the pro side, or a quiet group doing the same in the opposite direction, was avoided.

