

## Sabotage or expensive prank?

# Campus plastered in midnight poster party

Three unidentified men raced through at least seven York buildings early yesterday morning, plastering the walls with literally thousands of posters which urged students to "Vote Communist; vote ULS".

It was the final blow in an election campaign filled with questionable tactics, shouting matches and violent accusations.

The posters were 11 by 17 inches in size and were printed in large, red block letters.

York cleaning supervisor Dave Mazzacato and security guard John McCarthy both said

they saw the three men hurriedly taping up the posters in Central Square at about 3:30 a.m. yesterday.

"They were really moving along," said Mazzacato. "They just rushed through here in no time flat."

Shortly after discovering the posters in Central Square, Excalibur received a call from a candidate in Vanier college, who had discovered the posters covering the walls in college complex one. A subsequent investigation revealed more such posters in Steacie,

Stedman and the pedestrian tunnel.

All these buildings are locked at night, and yet the men were able to get inside them. Acting security supervisor Randy Harris speculated that "a cleaner or somebody must have let them in".

"One place I could understand," he said, "but how could they get into several?"

Since the penalty for election campaigning beyond midnight Tuesday is disqualification, the posting of the flyers may have been an attempt to destroy the ULS campaign.

Contacted by phone, CYSF president Anne Scotton said, "There is no way that this sort of prank will disqualify the ULS."

And, indeed, the posters may have been nothing more than a prank. But if it was a prank, it was an expensive one. The cost of printing the leaflets has been estimated at \$60.

Just to be on the safe side, several ULS members spent yesterday morning tearing the flyers down.

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## CYSF tribunal judges disqualify Dale Ritch from presidential race

By OAKLAND ROSS

The United Left Slate candidate for CYSF president, Dale Ritch, has been thrown out of the current CYSF elections along with ULS constituency candidate Frank Giorno.

The decision was announced last Friday afternoon by a specially convened election tribunal. According to tribunal chairman Bill Bain, the reason for the decision was that Ritch and Giorno had actively campaigned for office while subject to a temporary campaign suspension imposed on the ULS by the tribunal last Tuesday.

"It was a hard-fought, rotten, sweaty decision," said Bain, "but we did what we thought was right."

The case against Ritch and Giorno centred on a leaflet distributed last Wednesday by a group calling itself the committee for fair elections. (The committee was formed on the initiative of the ULS.)

Its leaflet protested the suspension of the ULS for campaigning before the closing of nominations, and was signed by Greg Thomson and presidential candidates J.J.

Koornstra and Joe Renda, in addition to ULS members Ritch and Giorno.

The tribunal's decision was reached after two days of deliberation and touched off a week-long flurry of revelations and activity culminating in Tuesday's presidential candidates' debate in the bearpit. This turned into a hair-raising confrontation between the ULS and its opponents.

Ritch himself was not informed of his disqualification until late Friday afternoon. At an emergency meeting of the ULS called that evening, the slate argued about its course of action and after a heated debate decided to try to convince presidential candidate J.J. Koornstra to run as "surrogate candidate" for Ritch.

(Koornstra entered the presidential race as a serious candidate, but subsequently "saw the light" and switched his support to the ULS. However, his name remains on the list of candidates.)

Early Saturday morning, Ritch and several other ULS members drove to Brantford where Koornstra

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Former presidential candidate Dale Ritch rises from the audience to take temporary control of Tuesday's all-candidate debate in the bearpit.

Tempers flared during the programme. With the addition of Joe Renda (not shown) there are 10 candidates in the field.

## Status of women report

# Grading scheme "shafts" staff

By DOUG TINDAL

York staff members in the grade and step job evaluation scheme "are getting shafted", according to a York faculty member.

Vietta Wilson, an assistant professor in the department of physical education, made the statement Tuesday at a study session of the senate task force report on the status of women, held in Burton auditorium.

Wilson prepared the section of the task force report dealing with support staff.

The grade and step evaluation scheme is used to determine the salaries of about 1,000 staff members, ranging from office supervisors to duplication clerks.

Wilson's study found no females in the senior management level of the university, and less than 19 per cent female representation in the professional-management areas. By contrast, of the 991 grade and step scheme employees studied, a full 81 per cent were female.

"We have a situation where there are 80 per cent male decision-makers for 80 per cent female workers," said Wilson.

The task force report, released three weeks ago, recommends that a committee be established to examine the validity of the grading system, and to examine any possible

areas of discrimination on the basis of sex in the areas of hiring procedures, working conditions and salary with regard to the support staff.

This committee, says the report, should comprise at least 50 per cent support staff and at least 75 per cent female members.

But in mid-December of last year, York president H. Ian Macdonald appointed his own fact-finding committee to examine these issues.

In a memo to the vice-presidents, deans and department heads, Macdonald said "I believe now is an opportune time to review" the grading system.

Acting on advice from vice president Bill Small, Macdonald ap-

pointed E.J. Dosman, a political science professor, L.A. Draper, assistant to the library director, J.G. Goodale, professor of administrative studies, Ken Hayes, compensation manager in the department of personnel service, D.J. Mitchell, director of personnel services, and J.A.S. MacNeil, director of admissions, to a committee chaired by Jack Brown, professor of psychology.

All of these are men.

After letters from several women protesting the "obvious mistake", Virginia Rock, master of Stong College, and Stella McMurrin, from the office of student programmes at Glendon, were added to the com-

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## 68.9% say they will vote

On Monday evening Excalibur conducted an election opinion poll throughout the undergraduate residences on campus. A random selection of floors was chosen, and the students were asked the following questions:

1. Will you vote in the CYSF presidential election?
2. Do you feel that the CYSF presidential election has been conducted in such a way as to make the winner a fair representative of the students?
3. Has the conduct of the election influenced the way in which you will vote?
4. Who will you vote for?

Students who were undecided or said they were not going to vote were not questioned. Four hundred and twenty-one students were polled and 289 were tabulated as potential voters.

The poll showed:

QUESTION	YES	%	NO	%	UNDECIDED	%
1.	289	68.9	70	16.6	62	14.7
2.	103	35.6	110	38.1	76	26.3
3.	131	45.3	120	41.5	38	13.2

Fifty-six per cent of students who said they would vote had not yet decided whom to vote for.

Students who had decided on their candidate showed these figures:

Koornstra	22.5%
Wearing	9.7%
Higeli	9.0%
Osmars	2.4%

Comments such as "I'll vote for anyone except Koornstra", and "I'm voting ULS, whatever that guy's name is", were common.

As well, several students said they had planned to vote but were now undecided because the election seemed to be "such a farce".

When Vanier students were polled, a fifth question was added: "Do you consider yourself to be politically aware of the recent events pertaining to the elections?"

Twenty-eight per cent of the Vanier students polled claimed they were not politically aware but intended to vote. One such individual said she was going to vote for Jay Bell for president. (He's not in that race.)