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## McLaughlin College Council reverses its decision to call a second election

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At Tuesday's meeting of McLaughlin College Council, during which the college government voted to dissolve itself, college Master, George Doxey, said he'd "personally kill" the people who produced a poster that he considers racist and slanderous.

The satiric poster attacks Doxey's decision to dissolve McLaughlin student council on November 4th, and questions the legitimacy of the new council that took office November 24th.

Doxey told the council, "I

want to know as of noon tomorrow who is responsible for the poster. The only thing I object to is that one line. You've slandered him (Council President Ameen Keshavjee) myself, my wife, my family, everybody. God, if I knew who you were I'd kill you. I'd kill you personally. I'm sorry but that's how I feel. I saw the gas chambers in Europe, and I saw blacks beaten up in South Africa. I left South Africa because of racism, and I don't want Canada to become another Nazi Germany."

Yesterday, Doxey told *Excalibur*, "If I said that, it was in extreme anger. I wouldn't want to kill any one."

As of yesterday, the person or people who made the poster had yet to come forward.

Doxey said a copy of the poster had been placed on the door of his McLaughlin residence, where his daughter saw it. "My 12 year old daughter asked me if I had a illegitimate son in Africa."

Doxey promised to fight all racist literature York and said he was "prepared to resign" if necessary. Mrs. Doxey told the council, "I am seeking legal counsel." Keshavjee says, "I am strongly considering a civil suit."

### Legal counsel

On Wednesday evening, Doxey met with the council. Doxey said, "They (the council) have agreed among themselves that they will go before a general meeting rather than submit to a small group. Initially, I wouldn't accept the dissolution."

"My point of view is that if any of us are made to feel guilty because of small group, the fabric of our society will be destroyed."

Council President Ameen said, "I'm very happy that the council will go ahead and provide the leadership the college needs."

The council had voted to dissolve itself on Tuesday because of charges that improper election procedures had been followed. The dissolution was the second within a month. Doxey had dissolved the council on November 4th, after the resignations of Speaker Ameen Keshavjee and Internal Affairs representative, Steve Von Allmen.

### New elections

The first dissolution led to elections. Nominations for positions closed Wednesday November 24th.

The same evening, eight council positions and three CYSF seats were acclaimed. McLaughlin students elect council reps, but it is the council that decides which reps will hold what position. former McLaughlin President, Lisa Feldman, argued that the acclamations were improper because the eleven people seeking council seats were not running for the three CYSF seats, which she said were still filled. "Professor Doxey dissolved nine council seats, but the CYSF is a totally different entity. He has the right to dissolve council but not to dissolve CYSF positions."

Chief Returning Officer, Molly Klein, who is also Doxey's administrative

assistant said, "The CYSF representatives are representatives by virtue of the fact that they are elected representatives of the Council. I just assumed that. All those positions were automatically dissolved when the Council was dissolved."

### 'Misunderstanding'

CYSF representative Randy Dobson did not run in the last elections, because he did not believe that his position was open. "I was given to understand, as was the CYSF, that we would remain as CYSF reps. On November 23, Doxey asked me if I was going to run again. I explained to him that I wouldn't run, because I was happy with my CYSF position."

Klein says, "I seem to recall he was asked to remain as interim rep."

Doxey, said, "I'm prepared to say he misunderstood. I asked him if he was running, and he said no. My assumption was that he was not interested. He must have thought I was referring to a council seat, and not the CYSF position."

### Informal meeting

Also at issue is an informal meeting that took place between Chief Returning Officer Klein, and the candidates. The meeting which took place on November 24, the acclaimed candidates and the CRO decided, who would hold what council positions. According to Feldman, the council must vote with secret ballots on each position.

After the informal meeting, an official council meeting was held, and the portfolios officially decided. Feldman says, the minutes indicate only one secret ballot was held. "It looks very shabby in the minutes. People were rather upset. I personally do not feel the council is legitimate because of these irregularities. I feel the proper thing to do is for you to all resign, and do it over again." After several council members resigned, and the remaining members indicated they would also do so, the council voted to dissolve itself and hold new elections.

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McLaughlin Master, George Doxey, (above) is angry over a satiric poster that he considers racist and slanderous.

Tuesday's meeting of Mac council: current President Ameen Keshavjee is standing at left. Former President Lisa Feldman, is sitting at extreme right.



Photo: Mario Scattoloni

## Concern over northern amalgamation

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A move by the Ontario Ministry of Education to restructure the post-secondary system in northern Ontario has generated concern among various university groups. The amalgamation may be a model for similar restructuring elsewhere in Ontario. (At issue is a rumour that other universities in the province will be restructured into single schools - including those in the Toronto area.)

### The Bourne Report

In response to the Bourne Report commissioned by the Ministry of Education Nipissing, Algoma, and Hearst Colleges will be combined with Laurentian University (to which they are presently affiliated) to form the University of North Eastern Ontario (UNEO). There will be only one administrative structure for the four units, and the units will be academically co-ordinated. Specific courses such as engineering, chemistry, geography, will be taught in only one location, while general courses such as mathematics and English will be taught on all campuses.

When reached by *Excalibur*, Patrick Wesley of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations expressed concern that the North's French character be recognized in the reorganization.

He hopes that Hearst College, which is presently francophone, will not be swamped with English students. In addition, Wesley said the new university must be accessible and that the administration be equally considered. "Otherwise," he said, "you get a university which looks administratively perfect, but is not useful to the students". He also thinks that the work load of the professors and tutorial assistants must be considered and that the faculty not be thinned to save money.

### Francophone nature

Richard Balnis of the Ontario Federation of Students echoed Wesley's concern about retaining the francophone nature of Hearst, adding that the Federal Government should be prepared to step in should francophone education be directly threatened. Balnis also mentioned the rumour

that this move might be a first step of a blueprint for the entire financially-strapped university system in Ontario. The move most talked about, he said, was that of York, U of T, Ryerson and O.C.A. being amalgamated into one "super university" with various programmes only being offered in single locations. Balnis added that student government and services be taken into consideration. The OFS is recommending that the government proceed with extreme caution in its move.

### Rumour denied

Claude Lacombe, who is an officer in the University Relations branch of the Ministry of Education, did his best to defuse the rumour. Bevilacqua's favorite phrase first and foremost, Lacombe stated that the move in northern Ontario is not a test or first step for the rest of the province. He acknowledged the colleges in northern Ontario are in financial difficulty (with Hearst on the verge of bankruptcy), as are other universities in the province, but added that they are in such positions for completely different reasons. The purpose of reorganizing

the northern universities, Lacombe stated, was not to save money, but to provide better services for the money available. "The problem in northern Ontario," he said, "is getting enough students to use the facilities," and by spreading the facilities around, "you do not have enough resources available to provide the programmes."

When asked specifically about the rumour of the same thing happening elsewhere Lacombe completely denied it: "To transfer the problems from one part of the province to try to explain the problems in another part, is foolish."

### Not all campuses

About the language needs of northern students, Lacombe said, "One of the tenets of the reorganization is that the university continue to provide bilingual services." Not all campuses however, (Algoma) will do so.

The final proposal for reorganization is expected in April of '83 when the Parrot Committee, which was struck to determine all the merits of the Bourne report, makes its findings and recommendations to the Ministry.