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Hayden and Pinder top polls

Yes to membership in OFS and NUS

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

York University students have elected Paul Hayden as president of the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) for next year while at the same time rejecting a key plank in his platform by voting overwhelmingly in favor of retention of membership in the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) and the National Union of Students (NUS).

Hayden polled 764 votes (48 per cent) followed by United Left Slate (ULS) presidential candidate, Alice Klein with 583 votes (37 per cent) and Tom Diotte who came in third

students, regardless of our disagreements. In part, that means CYSF must address itself to many of the issues we raised in our campaign."

Klein said of the vote, "I think it is inspiring that in spite of a very vicious campaign against us, the ULS substantially increased its vote over last year.

"I am personally happy to have participated in the campaign and I found it a worthwhile experience, in large part because of the valiant support of the many fellow campaigners."

Said Klein, "I think the fact Pinder won the Board of Governors election and the overwhelming support of OFS and NUS, all auger well for our campaign next year."

Third place finisher, Tom Diotte said of the vote, "I have mixed feelings. Personally I am disappointed but I'm optimistic insofar as the potential of next year's council is concerned."

"I have a lot of respect for Alice Klein, she ran a fine, above board campaign," said Diotte.

He said, "I admire Paul Hayden's campaign machinery. They ran a bluntly efficient campaign."

And his plans for next year, "I know one thing. I won't be running for president."



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OFS chairperson Murray Miskin (TOP) congratulates CYSF president-elect Paul Hayden while defeated ULS presidential candidate Alice Klein (BOTTOM) congratulates ULSer Harvey Pinder on his election as the student representative to the board of governors.

ULSer wins close race

By PAUL KELLOGG

With 824 votes, (37 per cent) the highest total ever for a Board of Governors candidate, United Left Slate candidate Harvey Pinder was elected Tuesday night to a two-year term as one of two student representatives on the BOG.

In a close race, Pinder was followed by Mike Brooke with 771 votes (35 per cent) and Richard Andreansky with 629 (28 per cent).

Pinder campaigned for an end to the secrecy of the BOG and an end to big-business domination of the board. The BOG, highest decision-making body at York, holds in-camera meetings and is dominated by representatives of the North American business community, none of whom are elected.

Said Pinder in his campaign literature, "If the chief executive officer of Noranda Mines or the President of Eatons (both presently on the board) wish to be leaders of our university then they can run for election and let the people decide.

"It's harder than being appointed by your friends, but it's quite a bit fairer."

Part of Pinder's and the ULS's platform was for a university democratically controlled by students, faculty and staff rather than the undemocratic BOG.

"Students voted, not for me as an individual, but for the policies I stand for," said Pinder. "I invite every student to work towards a democratized university."

The other student representative on the BOG is Jay Bell, who was elected to a two year term in November 1975. Bell had mixed feelings about Pinder's election.

"I'm hoping that Pinder abandons some of his revolutionary rhetoric and gets down to practical problems," said Bell. He felt however, that despite his political differences with Pinder they would be able to work together.

Bell feels the composition of the Board should change, but not to the student-faculty-staff control envisaged by Pinder and the ULS.

"I think having one-third of the BOG from the business community, one-third from other sectors of society and one-third from the university community would be best". The board presently has 50 per cent of its members from the business community.

Both Brooke and Andreansky campaigned for more student representation on the BOG, but like Bell, neither agreed with the ULS concept of student faculty-staff control.

"Summing up the results, Pinder said, "it will be an exciting year for all of us. We will find out just what BOG does, how much we can change it in one year, and lastly, what we need to do to bring about that change."

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with 222 votes (13 per cent).. Mystery candidate, William Daniels, who was not seen once during the campaign received 23 votes and there were 34 spoiled ballots.

In the largest vote on any issue in York's history, 973 students (62 per cent) voted in favor of remaining in OFS while 576 (37 per cent) voted to withdraw.

930 students (61 per cent) voted in favor of remaining in NUS while 594 (38 per cent) voted to withdraw from the organization.

Hayden's vote was 16 higher than his campaign manager and current CYSF president, Barry Edson received last year.

Klein's vote was 109 better than that received by last year's ULS presidential candidate, Gael Silzer.

President-elect Hayden said he was pleased with the vote and he thought the campaign had been a fair one.

Hayden said he would honour the voters' decision to stay in OFS and JUS. Said Hayden, "I will work just as hard on OFS and NUS as I would on any other area".

OFS chairperson Murray Miskin termed the referendum results, "a victory for the students of York University."

He said, "Its a victory for all the member schools of OFS and for all the schools that will soon join".

Miskin mentioned Hayden's statement that he would abide by York students decision in the referendum. "We hope and expect that to happen. We will hold him to his promise," said Miskin.

Miskin explained that NUS did not campaign heavily at York because they were working on a similar referendum at the University of Windsor. Said Miskin, "We divided up the work. It's a good example of how we can work together".

Miskin felt the referendum was unnecessary. "We would rather have directed the energy we gave to the referendum to our research work, lobbying and the upcoming provincial election. I hope this will mean there won't be a referendum here for some time".

Defeated ULS candidate, Alice Klein said, "I think that next year will be an interesting and important one. I'm quite convinced that supporters of the ULS will work hard to promote the interests of students and they will work hard to make next year's council the best ever.

"I have very severe disagreements with Hayden's policies and the way he ran his campaign but I think its important now for CYSF to start working for

Summer conference at York to discuss the future of Canada

By PAUL KELLOGG

York University will be the site this summer of a conference, initiated by York President H. Ian Macdonald, designed to save Confederation.

Given the go-ahead by Ontario premier William Davis, the conference is a response to the November 15 election of the Parti Quebecois in Quebec. According to Macdonald, it will have two functions: to find ways of identifying and strengthening the present advantages of Canadian unity, and to find ways of diminishing the present disadvantages or weaknesses which serve to undermine the present system.

"It will be a people's conference" said Macdonald, "with the emphasis on participation. The conference should include the representatives of the numerous citizens' groups that have been established across the country to work for the preservation of the Canadian nation."

Macdonald also characterized it as a "town-hall meeting at York that would be a national forum. With ongoing workshops and discussion groups representatives of the Canadian people could come up with ideas for a new confederation."

Macdonald first publicly broached the idea March 5 at the winter conference of the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs. Within the week, Davis had given his sanction to the concept.

In his speech at the conference, Macdonald said that no Canadian should have been surprised at the victory November 15 of the Parti Quebecois in the Quebec provincial elections.

"The force of nationalistic self-expression which has been characteristic of so much of the history of the modern world has been gaining in its shape and substance for years and at an accelerating rate in recent years", said Macdonald. "The growth of the popular vote for the Parti Quebecois in earlier elections could only point in one direction, unless some fundamental change came about in Canada and its federal arrangements.

"A careful reading of the history of Quebec would suggest that it was only a matter of time before the deep-seated urge for nationalistic self-determination would take on a clear political identity, as was the case with the election of the PQ government on November 15."

Macdonald reiterated his belief

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