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Landslide victory for Weston in BOG race

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John Weston, a second-year Osgoode Hall Law Student, scored a landslide victory in last week's Board of Governors election, accumulating 364 votes, 170 more than his nearest opponent, Courtney Doldron.

Doldron, Brad Ashley, Michael Deverett and Andrew Roberts finished with 194, 177, 149, and 23 votes respectively.

In two CYSF by-elections, Chris Savvas won the position of Vice-President of Internal Affairs over Enoch Bempong, and Jorge Garretton won the position of Director of External Affairs by acclamation.

The 23-year-old Weston was happy about his victory, but somewhat concerned about the low voter turn-out.

"I was happy and flattered that people chose me; I was up against impressive candidates," he said. "I have mixed emotions about the voter turn-out," Weston admitted. "I understand that it was 50% more than last time, so I'm happy about that, but my overall impression is one of slight depression."

All York students were eligible to vote in the Board of Governors election, regardless of whether or not they are affiliated with CYSF. This means that there were approximately twenty thousand eligible voters, but CYSF Chief Returning Officer Pat Fonberg estimates that only about half of those twenty thousand are in a position to vote in terms of being aware of the candidates and the issues, despite the efforts of the candidates and the various campus newspapers to keep the electorate abreast of the issues.

"It takes a little bit of initiative to go out and find out about the issues. It's not like a federal election where the issues are all over television and newspapers," said Fonberg.

Aside from being concerned with the low voter turn-out, Fonberg expressed anger at the Bethune College Council's decision not to have a polling station set up in that college. That decision came after the cancellation of an all-candidates meeting which was to have been organized by the Bethune College Council, and which failed to get off the ground.

Fonberg also showed great concern over the editorial decisions of the Lexicon, (Bethune) and the Obiter Dicta (Osgoode Hall) student newspapers, to publish exclusive campaign messages by Doldron and Weston respectively.

According to Michael Melling, one of the editors of the Obiter Dicta, the appearance of Weston's campaign message in that publication was a result of his paper's editorial policy.

"We have a general policy of printing everything we receive. We are not in a position to refuse copy. The publishing of John's (Weston) campaign message was not an attempt to endorse him in any way," Melling said.

He added that Ashley and Deverett later approached the Obiter Dicta with campaign messages of their own and these were published in a subsequent issue of the Obiter Dicta.

Maureen Dorey, associate editor of the Lexicon, spoke in defense of her newspaper saying that Doldron's campaign message, along with an endorsement by the Bethune College Council, was published



Alex Woloszewych

New BOG representative John Weston takes victory stroll.

simply as a news item. "The Council (of Bethune College) passed a motion to endorse Courtney (Doldron) and the Lexicon reprinted that message as a news item," said Dorey. "The other candidates didn't even approach the Council for endorsement."

Having been officially declared student representative on the Board of Governors, since no one challenged the validity of the election proceedings, Weston talked about communication

between the Board and the student body as one of his primary concerns.

"I intend to contact all the student councils on campus and get some communication going. I will also work on having regular BOG reports in the campus newspapers."

Weston also said that he will devote much of his immediate attention to the campus food catering and labour relations issues.

Bethune and CYSF seek film agreement

Verdun Lefko

If you're a York student who enjoys watching films you're in for a busy winter term. As a result of a proposed agreement between the York Student Federation (CYSF), Bethune College Council, and the York

Film Students Association, students will soon be able to choose films from three different series.

The two-part proposal, now being examined by Bethune representatives as well as members of the York admini-

stration, is an attempt to legislate a policy regarding the use of the 500 seat Curtis Lecture Hall 'L'. Currently, the hall is the only 35mm facility on campus.

The proposal, drawn up by Howard Hacker, general manager of CYSF's Reel and Screen film series, suggests a new schedule for the Reel and Screen and Bethune movie series. During the first half of the year the Reel and Screen operated on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, while Saturday and Sunday were reserved for Bethune films. According to the new schedule, Friday night would be alternated between the two series on a week to week basis; Thursday night would go to Bethune; Saturday night to Reel and Screen; Thursday and Saturday to be alternated on a term to term basis (i.e. September-December, January-April). The Reel and Screen would still operate Tuesdays and Sunday would still belong to Bethune.

"It's as equal as you can get it," says Hacker.

Lisa McCabe, Chairperson of the Bethune College Council concurred with Hacker. "It's a

sound proposal," she says, then adds, "It's about time we rationalize film screenings at York."

McCabe sees one problem before the proposal is accepted by Bethune. "I think there may be some council members who may not want to alternate Friday nights with Reel and Screen in the second term, seeing that Reel and Screen had Fridays exclusively during the first term."

McCabe's own feelings on the proposal run contrary to such logic. "I think we should start fresh. Many Bethune council members are skeptical about having the two Curtis series linked. They feel that any negotiations concerning the Curtis series should remain separate. But I think we'll go with it. Although I don't foresee anything more than a short term agreement."

The second part of the agreement concerns a proposed series at the budding 100 seat Nat Taylor Theatre (N102Ross). The series will be operated jointly by Bethune College Council, CYSF, and the York Film

Students Association and will be funded through the Bethune-CYSF Trust Fund.

The series will run twice a month, with six programs between January and March. It is designed as an alternative to the larger Curtis 'L' screenings.

Choosing the pictures for the series will be Mark Lewis, head of a proposed planning committee made up of students from the York community as well as representatives from Bethune and CYSF.

"We'll be highlighting student films, especially York films from the past five years. As well we'll show the winners from the CNE Student Film Festival, and films from other colleges in Canada and the U.S.," says Lewis, who is also a film critic for Excalibur.

Besides student films, viewers will see avant-garde cinema from the past and present; foreign films that haven't been shown too much in Ontario; the occasional American film; and of course Canadian films.

"We're going to try to make it educational," Lewis adds. "The emphasis will be on teaching. We'll even have handouts."



Anderson Lookin

Lisa McCabe and Howard Hacker are all wrapped up in film.