

Editorial

New election a must

We knew it was too good to be true: the CYSF and BOG elections went too well. There were no problems which might have led to a new election.

If in our eager credulity we forget about the Glendon campus, excuse us. It's so far away, and besides, Robert Steadman forgot about it too.

Steadman, ostensibly in charge of running the elections to choose the executive of the Council of the York Student Federation and the Board of Governors did not have ballot boxes setup at the Glendon campus for the BOG vote until Wednesday afternoon. This much is clear.

What is less clear is why he did not. Dorothy Watson, President of the Glendon College Student Union doesn't know why. We don't know why. Only Robert Steadman does.

He says that he didn't neglect making sure that Glendon got BOG ballots, but was assured by Watson that she would take care of the matter. In a letter in this week's *Excalibur* he says that "Appreciating that this would alleviate my duties to a great extent, I consented."

His duty wasn't neglected, it was alleviated.

Watson denies ever having made such an offer to Steadman, and asked an *Excalibur* staff member, "Why he would ever say something stupid like that?"

We're not sure. But even if the deal was struck between the two, is

Steadman exonerated?

We don't think so. Steadman is a paid employee of the Council of the York Student Federation. Part of his job was to assure that students at Glendon would be able to exercise their franchise in accordance with the rules set forth in the Council's own constitution and by-laws. Even if Watson had offered to run the Glendon election, Steadman ought to have refused. He was chosen to run the election at Glendon; he was paid to run the election at Glendon. No matter what tempting offer might have been made to him, he should have done his job, or quit it. That's no more than is expected of any employee.

It seems then clear that there can be no alternative but to call a new election for the student representative to York's Board of Governors.

Steadman, to his credit, has already tried this, but he tried a bit too hard, calling an election less than 24 hours away. While Council by-laws instruct him to "reasonably notify the constituencies of the date of election," Steadman put up English posters the day before an election at a campus where a significant portion of the student body speaks only French. English speakers with no classes on Thursday or Friday were no more informed about the election that their French friends.

If anyone doubts that the

student body was unaware of the election, one merely has to look at the turnout. Over 500 voted Wednesday, in the GCSU elections, while less than 50 did so on Friday in the BOG race.

The surprise election shaved voter turnout by over 90 per cent.

While it may not mean much to Steadman that most Glendon voters were steamrolled, Caspar Verre should be delighted.

He had nothing to do with the absence of ballot boxes from the Glendon campus, but it seems clear that he profited greatly from it.

Verre, a Founders student, is to many Glendonites a "Downsview" candidate, at a time when the Downsview campus is anything but popular. In fact, when Glendon students finally had the chance to vote, only one supported Verre.

Thirty times as many students voted for Glendon's own Courtney Doldrun. With drastically reduced Glendon turnout, this support proved insufficient, and Doldrun lost to Verre 161 to 318. (Brian Charlebois was second with 229). But were Glendon students given a fair chance to vote, the result would be obvious. Doldrun would win, walking away.

A CYSF employee is responsible for a poorly run election, which properly conducted, would have had a different result. It is clear that the voters have not yet had their say.

Editorial election

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming *EXCALIBUR* editorial election, individuals must have received two credits in each of the two academic terms.

A credit is awarded when an individual has an article, photograph or graphic printed in *EXCALIBUR*, or when an individual has contributed significantly to the production process.

Contributions to this issue do not count in the calculation of credits. Ineligible staff members had until the March 19 issue to make themselves eligible.

Staff members who believe that they are eligible, but whose names do not appear on the list of voters may be included on the list if they speak with Jonathan Mann by Friday at 2 p.m. If by then they have not appeared with proof of eligibility, they cannot vote.

No one may vote if they are not eligible, or if they are not present for the entirety of one of the two screenings (Thursday, March 26, 2 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2 p.m.). *Late-comers will not vote.* The screenings will last until 3 p.m. Voting will be possible until 6 p.m. on both days, unless all eligible voters finish voting earlier.

Individuals ignorant of these regulations are nevertheless subject to them.

The following are eligible voters in the up-coming editorial election:

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