

COLLEGES AGAINST ELECTED REPS

Vanier, McLaughlin and Winters College presidents said on Tuesday they oppose the proposed new Council of the York Student Federation constitution because they do not want direct election of the all three representatives by students.

Ever since CYSF began, the colleges have not appointed representatives. But Founders president Bob Thompson said that "York in the past has been operating on the principle that students are college oriented, and therefore inter-related with the college councils."

He felt that at least one of each college's representatives should be appointed by the college council and not by the college's students.

He said there was a need for "greater communication" between the college councils and CYSF.

"I don't have any bias against CYSF and I've always been willing to speak to them," Thompson said. He felt the colleges needed a greater check on CYSF spending.

Winters council president Dennis Lee said "I don't like the idea of three members elected at large (from each college). I don't think it's workable."

"The whole question of a referendum grates against me and the college as a whole.

"There are 12 points of illegality in the whole thing," he

said. Lee said he asked an Osgoode faculty member to check the document. CYSF president Michael Fletcher said the document has already been checked by York's lawyers, Spencer and Stewart, who say it is legal.

"I'd like to see the college councils have one representative on CYSF which was a voice of that college and where he would not speak as an individual," Lee said.

He said the referendum lacked forethought and planning and that the four college councils in Complex One (Vanier, McLaughlin, Winters and Founders) were solidly against the move.

Full-time manager for CYSF

\$10,000 position wasn't advertised

The Council of the York Student Federation has passed a motion in principle to hire a full-time business manager with a salary of \$10,000 a year.

A CYSF committee is working out the definitions of the job.

President Mike Fletcher told the council on Monday that the appointment of retired Ontario Health Department accountant Doug Wise "would more than pay off in the knowledge of what is really happening with CYSF's budget."

The job was not advertised publicly. Fletcher told Excalibur Wise was found "through word of mouth." He consulted the business managers of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and the University of Toronto student councils.

Wise is "a friend of one of the councillors." Communications commissioner Neil Sinclair said CYSF knew what it wanted and did not need to consult anyone else for advice.

The appointment must be confirmed at next week's meeting.

Wise dealt with the accounts of Ontario's 15 sanatoria and is said to have a great deal of experience in working with politicians.

Two other candidates considered for the job did not have Wise's qualifications and were not prepared to work full-time, Fletcher said.

Wise is retired and financially independent.

Council allots \$300 for Marxist lecturer

The Council of the York Student Federation has allotted \$300 to help pay for a series of speeches in Toronto by Belgian Marxist lecturer Ernest Mandel.

The York political science department has said it will contribute \$100 to the cost of the lectures.

Mandel, who has been banned from Switzerland, France and Australia because of his ideas, is charging \$1,000 in each city for a series of lectures across Canada.

The Students' Administrative Council at the University of Toronto has voted to donate \$500 for the Toronto lectures.

Guarantee clauses passed unanimously

The Council of the York Student Federation unanimously voted on Monday to incorporate the two college guarantee clauses in the proposed new constitution.

The first ensures that CYSF produce an audit for the previous year before any money can be released and the second states that CYSF will not tamper with the colleges' \$17 student fee.

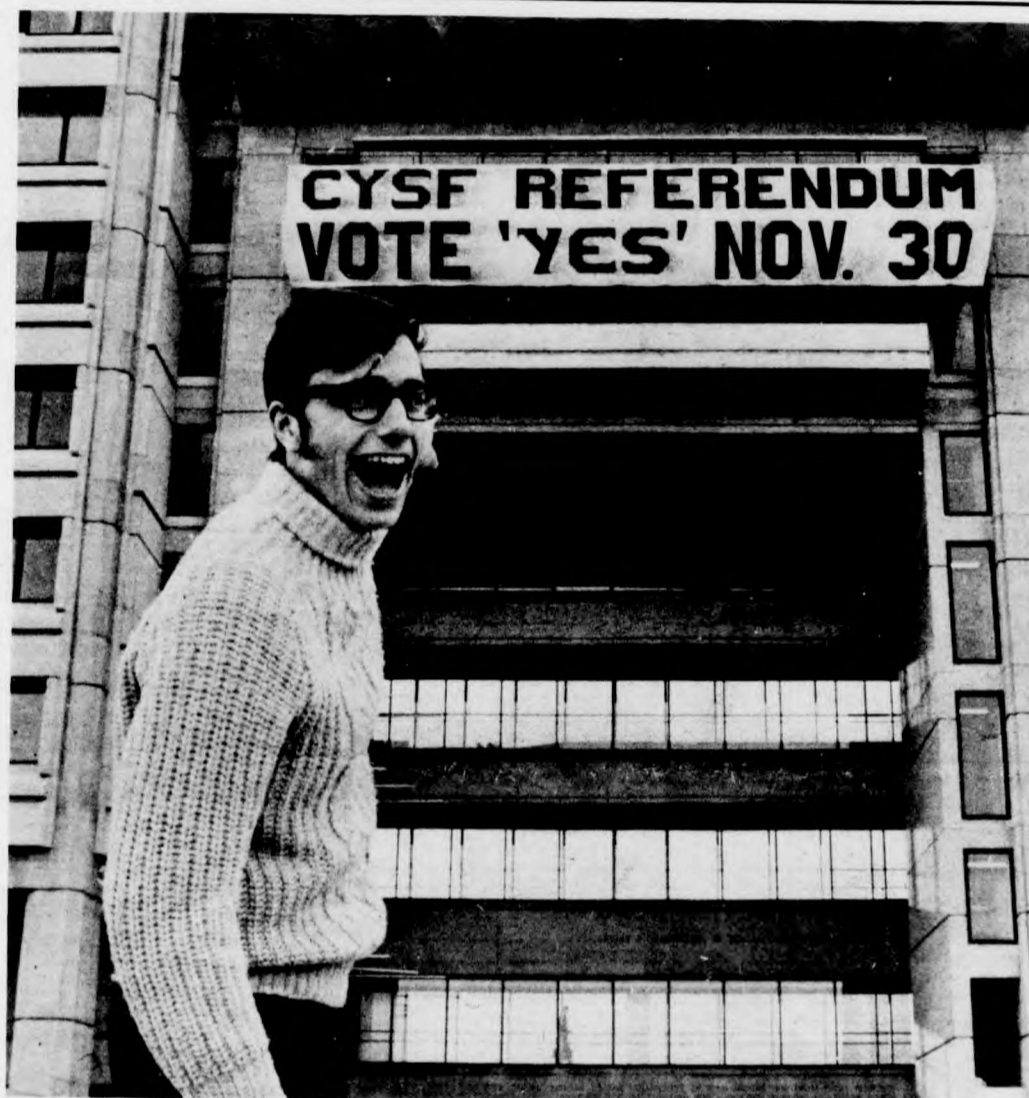
President Mike Fletcher said both clauses were really unnecessary but felt that they would clarify CYSF's position and show beyond a doubt that CYSF is not in favor of destroying the college system.

He said that York would not release the funds without an audit anyway and therefore the clause was not included in the original version. As for the \$17 student fee to the colleges, he said it would be politically impossible to get that money.

Few of the college council politicians appear satisfied with the additions. They object to the constitution in principle and say it was put together too quickly.

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"Oh, look!" a York student says to photographer Tim Clark as he points out the banner CYSF put up outside the eighth floor of the Ross Building.

Signs join vote battle

Have you seen those Vote No signs for the referendum? They read On Nov. 30 Find out the Facts and Do Something for York, Vote Against the Referendum on CYSF.

If you look closely, you find they're not signed. With a bit of phoning, Excalibur found it's Jim Cameron of McLaughlin Council who's responsible. He said that he and "a few friends" decided to put them up.

He felt it was unethical to put them up without a name but said it was no worse than the Council of the York Student Federation doing the same.

He said CYSF's were torn down from McLaughlin's halls because they weren't stamped with a date. He thought that probably the maintenance personnel were responsible since McLaughlin Council passed a motion last year that all posters must be stamped.

Cameron said he felt the reforms offered Nov. 30 were educational and not political. "If it goes for the CYSF, it is not a mandate to become autonomous, and if it goes against CYSF, we don't consider it a mandate against CYSF."

The colleges and CYSF are meeting on Saturday to discuss the status of the referendum.

Big difference

Two commas and a title make Gray Report wrong

OTTAWA — An obviously shaken Mitchell Sharp, acting prime minister while Pierre Trudeau was at the federal-provincial conference, struggled to keep afloat as the opposition bombarded him with the fact that a cabinet document saying that a decision had been made to set up an agency to screen foreign ownership had been leaked to The Canadian Forum magazine.

Finally, the former civil servant fled to the last refuge of the bureaucrat —

although the gist was correct, the text of the cabinet minute was not the same as the text that had appeared in the press.

In fact, according to usually reliable sources, the differences in the two texts are three. Two of them are commas omitted in the magazine version. The third is a reference in the press to the "Gray Report," which appears in the cabinet document under its full name: "Domestic Control of the National Economic Environment: The Problems of Foreign Ownership and Control."

Nat. Sci. questions unresolved

Professor blames communications

Nothing was really resolved at Monday's confrontation between Natural Science 177A students and professors.

Smooth-dealing professor Duncan Cameron summed it up when he said "there's been a massive communications breakdown."

Course director Bill Frisken failed to satisfy complaints that the lectures were not connected with tutorials. He explained that "I really can't believe that I could get my colleagues to come to a lecture (to better coordinate lecture and tutorials) without a scuffle."

Class spokesman Jim Brown said that the course did not offer enough practical solutions to pollution. But Frisken replied that although he planned to give final lectures on the practical problems of securing co-operation on global problems, the course was meant to instill in students an awareness and critical judgement in approaching pollution issues.

Frisken said that this was the first year that Nat. Sci. offered an environmental pollution course with an emphasis on global pollution. This, he felt, made it difficult to quickly compile a reading list which students had demanded.

He refused to redirect the course towards the social effects of pollution because he was not going "to get up as an expert political scientist or sociologist."

He also refused to consider the idea of elected tutorial delegates to discuss course planning. He felt anybody should come to his office to discuss the course and said "I trust everybody will do the same."

Brown felt he and other students were misled by the course outline but Frisken explained that course details were unavailable before registration and were sent to first-year advisors when ready.

Frisken also objected to Brown telling Excalibur about Monday's meeting before Brown had seen him. "Whatever Jim's position was during the lecture, he did some talking out of turn to a journalist before talking to me."

Rip-off Oasis leads group to start co-op

"The only place for shopping on campus that I know of is the Oasis and I've heard it's a real rip-off," said Atkinson student Howard Kaplan last week.

That statement sound familiar? Well, Kaplan is organizing York's first community co-op with all goods sold at cost price. On Monday, Council of the York Student Federation backed the project in principle. Kaplan said the project should be operating in a few months or by next year at the latest.

He described it as a democratic venture with "all things possible — whatever the members decide."

To make the whole scheme viable, the co-op needs about 50 members but the more, the better, he said.

Anybody from the York community could join. They would elect a board of directors which would hire a manager. Smaller groups would look after buying, pricing and invoices, maintenance, membership and co-op education.

He said the community would run the store and that people who buy from the co-op won't get shafted. "They'll be able to get things at good, reasonable, wholesale prices on campus," he said.

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