

Brickwood, Brayman & Weisfeld top polls...

Student governor election result in doubt

By Laura Brown



Peter Brickwood of YSAC

The October 25 Board of Governors election saw York Students Against Cutbacks candidate Peter Brickwood top the polls with 235 votes, and Shawn Brayman and Abie Weisfeld, also of YSAC, tie for second place with 220 votes, after a recount.

However, the validity of this election is being contested by four BOG candidates, on the grounds that members of the Revolutionary Workers League campaigned for YSAC after the campaign period had ended.

The complaints filed against the RWL may invalidate the standings of Brickwood and Weisfeld.

The Council of York Student Federation's three member election tribunal met on Tuesday to attempt to settle the question of RWL's allegedly illegal campaigning for YSAC. The tribunal consists of CYSF Chief Returning Officer Faralee Chanin, the CYSF speaker Abe Greenbaum and Vanier Master

Michael Creal. Jim Hathaway from Osgoode's Legal Aid Society (CLASP) represents Brickwood and Weisfeld.

As the meeting was hastily assembled, the complainants did not have time to assemble all their evidence. Consequently, the meeting was adjourned and scheduled to meet this morning.

Citing reports from secondary sources, candidates Leon Regan, Herman Schindler and Chris Chop came forward at the meeting to charge the RWL with distributing YSAC support pamphlets at both York campus' and Glendon's polls.

There is no hostility towards YSAC in their charges, nor are they holding Brickwood and Weisfeld responsible for the RWL campaigning.

"The pamphlets did not mention specific candidate's names but mentioned the YSAC slate," said Regan.

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Shawn Brayman

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Farr decides on Calumet

By Greg Saville

Calumet college's eight month wait to withdraw from the Council of York Student Federation is over and it's general meeting now has almost \$9,000 more in their budget because of it.

However the general meeting may rapidly find itself dealing with funding requests from numerous York student organizations, because the CYSF budget will be reduced, and the groups that are cut could be after Calumet to make up for any short-fall they'll be faced with.

On Monday, the final financial recommendations on Calumet college's withdrawal were handed down in a report by university vice-president Bill Farr, the appointed arbitrator.

Constituent member colleges of CYSF presently receive grants from the university of \$28.90 per full time equivalent student, (FTE) of which \$12.20 goes to the CYSF. But with Calumet's withdrawal, Farr's report recommended that from the \$12.20 per FTE originally going to the CYSF, \$7.77 will be added onto the university's grants now going to Calumet college. This brings Calumet's total to \$24.47 per FTE and the report concluded, "that for 1978-79, the sum of \$4.43 per FTE of Calumet's students be paid as a grant to CYSF."

This means even though Calumet is not a constituent member of CYSF, over \$5,000 of Calumet's original \$12.20 per FTE will still be channelled to CYSF since Farr didn't think, "that this arbitration should result in an overall decrease in support for student government at York...."

Another reason for this was that the report's decision, CYSF income is reduced from its previous level and this sum would "dampen the perturbatory effect on CYSF's income."

In describing the nature of the CYSF's funding the report states, "at the heart of the University's funding of CYSF is the fact that several Colleges have considered a central government worth having a worth funding. If constituency support dissipated completely, it seems unlikely that the University would maintain CYSF grants because of a sense of intrinsic value of the organization." But the report does not outline exactly how much constituency support would have to dissipate before the university would cut off grants to the CYSF.

With the Calumet decision the York college community is now split down the middle. Founders, McLaughlin, Stong, Vanier and Winters are constituent members of CYSF, and Atkinson, Bethune, Calumet, Glendon and Osgoode are not.

The co-chairperson of Calumet's general meeting, Lawson Oates, was pleased by the arbitrators decision and he thought Farr handled the arbitration "very professionally".

Oates felt the arbitration's financial decision would help to "increase the initiative" at Calumet for extra activities.

About the possibility of Calumet giving grants to clubs and organizations around the York community, Oates said, "we'll have to reconsolidate our position..... the general meeting will now have to decide what to do."

David Chodikoff, CYSF president, had a series of questions when asked about Farr's report.

"Will they, (Calumet) help with the funding of the Board of Governors or the Senate elections?" he asked. Chodikoff then went on to list 14 York community unions, 13 York clubs, various university student religious groups and services such as Harbinger, Radio York, Excalibur, and asked:

"What are they going to do for the rest of the York community.... who is going to foot the bill?"

He stated CYSF funded such groups recently, or within the year.

Calumet's Steering Out Committee member, Lawson Oates, stated in a letter to vice-president Farr on October 14, "Calumet continues to recognize its commitment to the campus community in the funding of student services and as a responsible and objective body prepared to participate in campus wide student concerns."

About this Chodikoff said, "I'd like to see this become materialized."



A polite passer-by pretends not to notice York inmates, released on a new program of weekend passes for good behavior. The pyjama hunt on the TTC was part of the "wild and crazy" Rill Olympics (see pg.6)

Student senators get rolling

By David Saltmarsh

This year's Student Senate Caucus promises to be livelier than in past years, as York Students Against Cutbacks members plan to use the University Senate as a forum in the fight against reductions in university services.

In last week's elections, eight student senators were elected, four of whom ran on the YSAC slate. Since then one of the non-YCAC Senators, Janice Green, has withdrawn from the University because she was discontented with her courses, amongst other reasons (see letter on page 5). As a result, the Student Senate caucus will have to decide, when it meets for the first time, what it will do about selecting a replacement.

Bob Cash, who was Chairman of the caucus last year, said the first task of the new student senators will be to organize themselves, and to appoint people to the various Senate committees. He hopes that the caucus can draw up a constitution for itself, to provide a better organization of the caucus. He also said he wants a unification between all the student leaders, from the Senators to CYSF to the Board of Governors.

"I'd like to see that happen, to get all the heads together for a student position," he said.

Cash said he probably would not accept the position of chairman of the caucus again this year.

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