



Big vote

for

council

By Patricia Smiley

A campus-wide referendum will be held on October 25 to amend the Council of the York Student Federation constitution, changing the representation system.

If the referendum is passed, constituency representation will be cut from three, to two members-at-large. Delegate representatives from the college councils will be assigned full CYSF privileges. At present, council must move into committee of the whole before delegate members may vote.

Copies of the referendum, now posted around campus, indicate two possible methods of electing representatives, if the change passes. The first will be to simply elect two members from each constituency. The second will specify one resident and one commuting student from each constituency.

This particular change in the constitution is the first step in an evaluation of the entire structure of CYSF.

"CYSF is not responding to the colleges," says David Chodikoff, CYSF President, stressing that CYSF is based on the college system. According to Chodikoff, the evaluation is being done "in order to have strong support from the colleges." However, he pointed out that the colleges must in turn respond to CYSF.

Further changes in the constitution will not go to a referendum. A policy committee will be set up to review the results of the referendum, and then give the council advice on where next to proceed in the evaluation.

The idea of constitutional change developed during a June conference. It is going to a referendum because CYSF as a whole felt the change was important enough an issue that all students should have a say in it, and because the council would like to know how the student body feels about the direction CYSF is presently taking.

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GAA in contract dispute

Another strike for York?

By Hugh Westrup

York faces another strike date as teaching unions continue to meet over contract negotiations with the university.

The Graduate Assistants' Association, which represents a bargaining unit of 800 graduate student teaching assistants and part-time faculty meets on Monday and is in a legal position to strike two days later.

The decision on strike action at the Monday meeting will depend on what happens in tomorrow's talks between the GAA and administration negotiating teams.

If the GAA executive is displeased with the university's new wage offer, the membership will discuss the possibility of striking along with alternative strategies like withholding grades, striking selectively in certain departments, setting up informational picket lines, and holding classes-only to discuss the GAA bargaining situation.

The university's most recent offer averages out to a four per cent increase in wages with graduate students getting 6.7 per cent and part time faculty getting anywhere between 3.5 per cent.

Peter Gallus, business agent for the GAA, said: "Our members are upset with this offer. A lot of

members are trying to live on these salaries which, in some cases, are below the poverty line."

Gallus expects the union to demand an increase in salaries similar to the one given the support staff and equal for graduate TAs and part timers.

Meanwhile, the York University Faculty Association is negotiating under a news balckout.

Following a recent editorial in the Globe and Mail, both the faculty and administration bargaining teams decided to refuse outside access to information on the contract

proceedings. The editorial, entitled "Sympathy without sacrifice", stated that YUFA was insisting on the right to continue to be paid even if members chose not to cross picket lines of other unions.

Paul Evans, chairman of the YUFA negotiating committee, responded: "The editorial was erroneous. It upset the negotiators. Neither I nor anyone else was asked about the matter."

"The tone of the piece didn't make the university or the faculty look good," he added.

Evans said negotiations are currently at a "difficult and delicate stage." Neither negotiation threatens to result in a duplication of the events of past weeks.

In the aftermath of the support staff strike, which disabled York for two weeks, York Staff Association president Lauma Avens said:

"I feel that our union is very strong. People have had an education on the picket lines. It may be a tough year ahead, but if that is so, we're prepared for it."

Avens said that future decisions about York's budget will have to wait until the unions settle their contracts.

Commenting on the the current budget which allowed for only a four per cent increase in wages, Avens said:

"Because the administration gave us 6 per cent, that proves that they had more money to give us. I don't believe them. They can hide a lot of money."

Bill Farr, vice-president of employee and student relations calls Avens statements "charming". Farr has said the university will have to get money out of reduced expenditures, either by rebudgeting for this year or in next year's budget.



Forest out of jail

By Kim Llewellyn

According to Atkinson social science lecturer Jeffrey Forest, he was provoked into fighting with Atkinson math professor Marshall Walker on Friday, September 29 at the Sentinel picket line of York's striking staff. Forest refused, however, to specify what the provocation was.

Forest has been suspended from York pending a meeting with Atkinson's Dean Knittl. The meeting, scheduled for early next week, will determine Forest's future at the university.

Forest said he was fired from his part-time position at Scott library, also because of the scuffle.

The September 29 dispute, which put Walker in the hospital, concerned Forest's distributing a Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) statement

supporting the strike, on the picket line.

Forest, who was charged with assault causing bodily harm and held at the East Detention Centre, was not eligible for bail while the strike continued, because he refused to sign a condition for his release specifying that he was not to return to the picket lines. He was released last Thursday after paying a \$2000 bail bond.

When approached by Excalibur to answer some of the allegations made against him, Forest said:

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close tomorrow**

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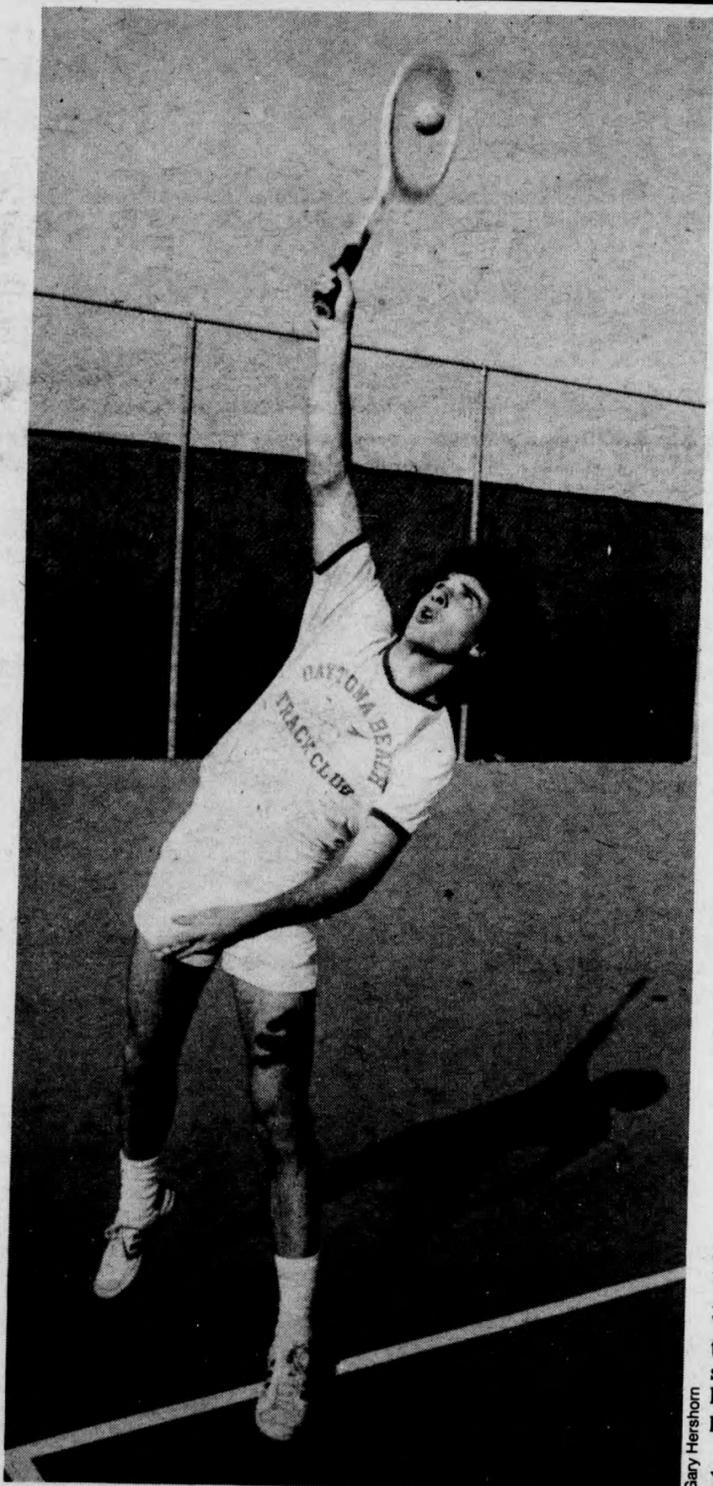
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Ontario's top racketeer

Ontario university singles champ, Walter Crane, extends himself for the ball and our front page. Crane, along with number two player Casey Curtis, paced the tennis Yeomen at the Ontario University Athletic Association championships in London last week.

The event marks the first time in the university's history that the York tennis team have returned from the provincial championships victorious, one of the many indications that the sport's popularity at the varsity level has risen in recent years at York. More about the victory on page 16.

Gary Hershorn