Liquor policy Surcharges, what surcharges?

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The York Food Services Committee meeting held last Friday, February 29, was fraught with misunderstanding.

According to one member of the community, the first confusion was over what exactly had been passed in the session on February 8.

It had appeared at that meeting that issues concerning increased surcharges on food and beverages served by the campus pubs and coffee shops had been brought up for discussion, and tentatively accepted.

However, at last Friday's meeting, some committee members were convinced that the matter of the surcharges had not been formally discussed.

When asked what he thought

he had voted for, Food Services

administrator Norman Crandles

said he had voted for "what was

in the minutes." Reference to the

minutes showed that a vote had

indeed taken place over the

matter of raising the surcharges.

reflect accurately what went on

at the meeting February 8, and

agreed to re-release an amended

version of the minutes, which will

say what the committee thought

they had said, or anyway meant to

The next topic of discussion

was initiated by pub managers

present at the meeting. They

wanted to know why the idea of

raising the surcharges had come

up in the first place. Crandles

suggested that the money would

go to compensate the caterers for

the loss of their business to the

After it was pointed out that

the pubs perform a different

service than the caterers,

say.

pubs.

The committee felt this did not

Crandles confessed that it was an idea he had pulled "out of the air.

When the laughter died down, a motion was made that the issue be delayed until another meeting two weeks from now, when the managers will have the opportunity to produce briefs detailing the effect the prospective increases would have, and a chance to say why they feel the pubs should not be asked to cover the \$73,000 deficit incurred by food services. The motion was accepted by all but Mr. Crandles.

According to pub and coffee shop managers, the effect of the proposal, if accepted, could only be destructive.

Brad Varey, manager for the "Open End", says the prospective increases would force the pubs to either raise their prices, or go out of business.

Crandles has been asking us to run the pubs more as a business and hire staff from outside," says Varey, "but the pubs have mandates of service. They try to hire as many people as possible, and to keep their prices as low as possible. This isn't hurting the pubs as much as it would hurt the students. The pubs are what make this place more than a classroom."

Marc Adair of the Ainger Coffee Shop is more direct. "If these surcharges are accepted, I'll have to close. There's no way we can afford it. As soon as the money came due, we'd close. And they're voting in two weeks."

Boyle

from front page although he had been enrolled in a college tutorial and therefore qualified as a member.

The third candidate for president, Fine Arts student James Boyle, said he chooses to remain neutral in the dispute.

Boyle said his reason for running was to "see some faces on council other than the power clique which has been in control for the past two or three years." Citing the CYSF's refusal to fight the closing of the Markham art gallery, he argues that the council has consistently ignored the needs of the Fine Arts Department. He also opposes what he feels are high salaries paid to some CYSF officers, and the proposed increase in fees paid to the Ontario Federation of Students.

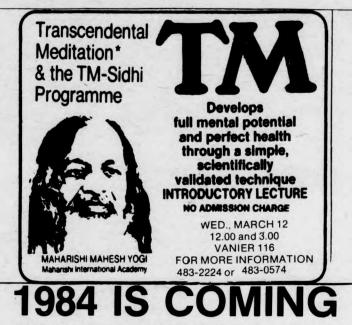
One plan in Andrea Doucet's platform is that the central student government must have 'a clearly defined relationship to the colleges and clubs at York." She also says that "this is a very critical time for student politics because there is a need for committed student leaders to press upon the administration and the government the concerns of students at York and in Ontario.'

According to Political Science major Sugg, "the thrust of the last two years of council has been the fight against cutbacks." Under his leadership, this would remain the central issue. He would support the Ontario Federation of Students, which in his opinion "operated very well last year."

Also on the ballot are two candidates for the position on the Board of Governors: Malcolm Montgomery and Duane Muyres.

Muyres argues that the proposed increase in tuition fees would restrict access to the university to the middle classes. He believes that the Board of Governors should "secure alternate sources of financing, particularly through private sector funding of scholarships, professorships, and so on." He also argues for increased student representation on BOG, 'perhaps one rep from each faculty.

Montgomery, Chairperson of the Student Senate Caucus, stated that he views the BOG "as a lobbying position. There is a lot happening on the ninth floor, yet we don't want to get involved." He stressed that a position on the board requires commitment.



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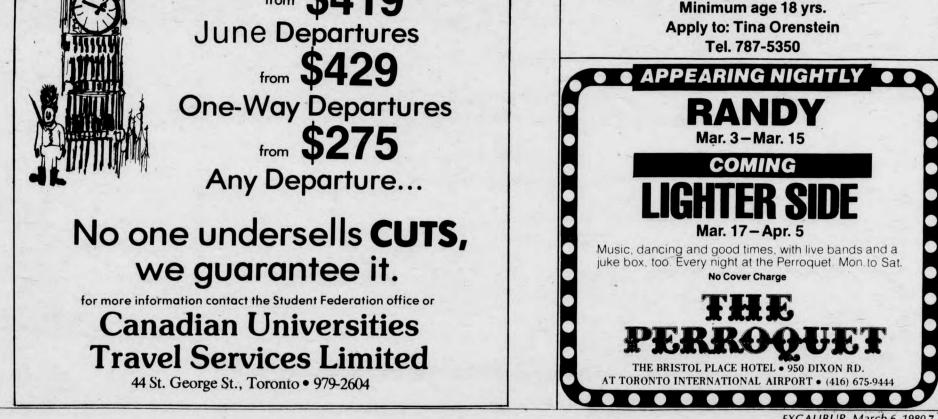
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