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Brock student-president could be impeached

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Though we at York are busy choosing next year's student government, students at Brock University are going to the polls today (March 14) to decide whether or not to impeach their current student council president.

The decision to hold a referendum to impeach President Scott Patterson was made after more than 200 students signed a petition demanding his removal. At issue is Patterson's ability to make business decisions.

The students allege that Patterson mismanaged funds by advancing himself \$5,000 to finance his new car and apartment. He also is alleged to

have invested \$8,500 in a repertory theatre without consulting council. The venture failed and the council could lose the money.

A close inspection of the council's books has revealed loans to other executive members totalling \$9,650 of which \$1,100 has not been collected. Only one of those members included interest on the loan payments.

Patterson has less than two months left in his term. If impeached, the current vice-president will take over until the newly elected president takes office on May 1.

—The Cord Weekly
Wilfrid Laurier University

No help for 'ghetto' dwellers

In the small city of Kingston, housing for Queen's students is a prob-

lem. But students have to consider other people—many who are worse off—when they look for housing, said Kingston mayor John Gerretsen. Students are apparently third on the list in terms of housing needs, after single parents and low-income families.

The vacancy rate in Kingston is one-in-one thousand, far lower than usual for a city of that size. This has led to price gouging by several landlords, the mayor said, because of the zero vacancy rate. Part of the blame rests with the university because, although it has doubled in size in the last 10 years, no new student housing has been built in 14 years.

This has resulted in a move away from the student "ghetto" that has characterized student living in Kingston, since there just aren't any houses available in the traditional areas.

—The Gazette
University of Western Ontario

Founder's president fears centralization

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campaign, the GSA distributed about 300 posters urging students to vote no.

Conlin said he was not happy with the outline of the proposal for the center that was published in *Excalibur* for a two-week period. "It was too vague," he said. "It tells you nothing."

Provost Tom Meininger said the phrase in the proposal that said "the university has undertaken to assure the Steering Committee that to the

extent that College councils require adequate space . . . (they) will be maintained," was correct. "It's not the center's objective to take away existing space—it is to add to it," he said. "College space will continue."

Tom Walsh, President of Founders College Council said a win on the referendum would have presented the "best possible scenario for the administration, and the worst one for students." The administration is in favor of a new building because it would centralize all student governments, and lay the financial burden

on the students, Walsh said.

A motion was passed in Founder's last council meeting on March 5th that said the "project was too hurried," and that the referendum should be delayed.

Costello, who has been working on this project since last June, said that adequate consultation was made with all members of student councils. On September 24, Costello said, all the college council presidents approved the idea of the building.

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