

Peter Brickwood tops Governor poll; Simon edges Sugg for vice-presidency

By Laura Brown

The March 15 election sent Peter Brickwood to take a seat as student representative on the Board of Governors and Jon Simon to the position of CYSF's University Affairs Vice-President.

Brickwood topped the polls with 261 votes, and Simon took the lead with 124 votes. The voting turnout was low with a total of 772 voters taking a trip to the polls.

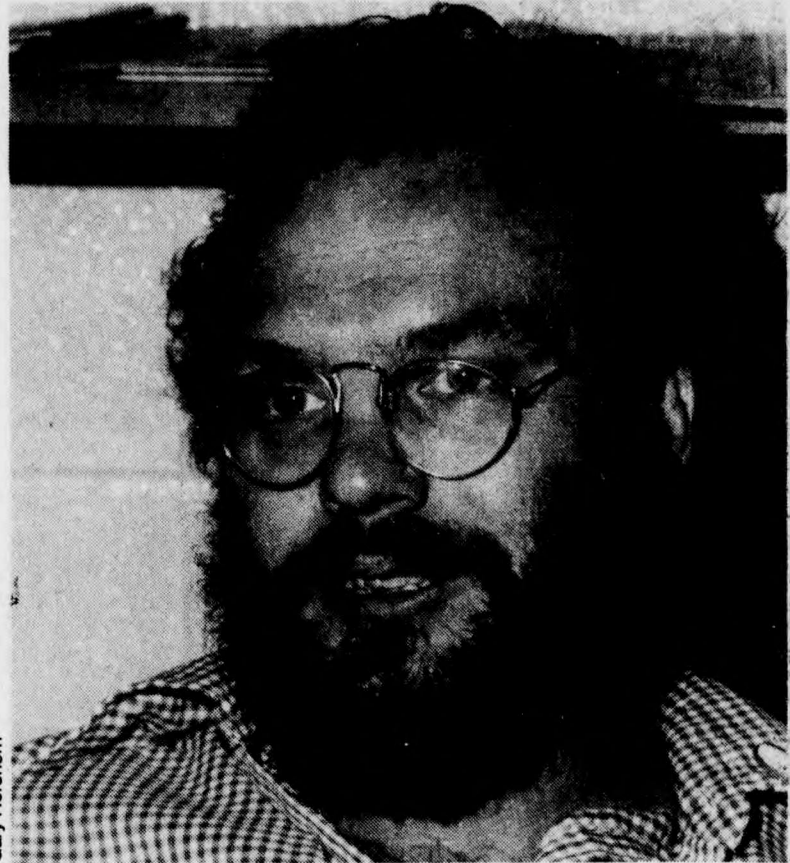
When contacted by Excalibur, Brickwood said that he intends to look into the three issues he discussed in his campaign platform. His concerns are establishing a Glendon student governor, pursuing a guaranteed funding contract between the university and the student

governments, and getting a student on the BOG executive committee.

When asked to comment on the turnout at the polls, Brickwood replied, "It's pretty discouraging to have such a low voting turnout, but considering that there were only (approximately) 200 votes in the vice presidential election...the BOG election pulled as well as it usually does."

As we go to press, Simon is not available for comment.

The validity of the October 25 BOG election had been declared invalid following an investigation of illegal campaign practices. When asked if this election's results had been challenged, CYSF Chief Returning Officer Faralee Chanin said that although there had been a few complaints, none were officially



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Student Governor-elect, Peter Brickwood

filed.

"This election seemed to run a lot smoother than the last one", Chanin remarked.

The voting results for the March 15 Board of Governor election are as follows: Peter

Brickwood (261); Ingrid Lutter (239); Paul Hayden (236); Michael Deverett (102).

The CYSF vice-presidential election results showed Jon Simon with 124 votes and Donald Sugg with 90 votes.

Student politicians ask Mac for cutbacks info

By Paul Stuart

The heads of York's student councils have urged President Macdonald to make clear exactly what the administration is doing to present York's case to the Davis government, detail its priorities regarding deficit budgeting and faculty and staff firings, and outline how its

budgeting priorities can be reordered "to increase the input from the academic sphere."

In a March 1st letter, the student politicians asked the university to "clearly declare where the bottom line is in terms of expendable resources, and where we shall take a stand and declare an emphatic "No" to further cuts."

Perhaps the strongest note of protest struck in the letter is in the section on York's budgeting process, such as:

"The dollar seems to speak at York with a divine authority that is second to none. Deans are told their share of the cuts, asked whether this cut can be made, they reply 'no' and the cut is made anyway. The budgeting process at York seems not to admit of any kind of academic consideration whatsoever."

Asked to comment on this passage in a telephone interview on Tuesday night, President Macdonald said:

"Well, it's an odd statement. We're no different from any other university, our whole business is teaching, research and academic policy...The statement really doesn't make much sense to me."

Likening York's situation to a lifeboat "with food and water supplies rapidly diminishing," the student organizers wrote of

the need for the boat's captain to reassure the passengers that he "won't be ordering that we draw straws to see who is the first to jump out."

The request for information on the University's anti-cutbacks strategy would they argue overcome an "information gap," and boost the morale of those "who feel that the administration has bowed to the wishes of the Davis government."

The letter takes pains to note the reality of government policy faced by the administration, and acknowledges "that a good deal of time is needed to answer" its requests.

Asked if the administration would be responding to the requests of the student politicians, Macdonald said that he felt most of the questions were answered in a report to the Board of Governors delivered last week. He added.

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