

# Campus-wide CUS referendum planned in November by CYSF

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A campus-wide referendum on continued membership in the Canadian Union of Students — it costs York an annual \$6,000 — will be held Nov. 20.

The Council of the York Student Federation passed the referendum motion with little excitement Tuesday night, after councillor Andy Stoddart reminded the council the previous council had promised to "re-examine CUS" over a year ago.

The council also committed itself to taking a stand pro or against CUS, and advise students how to vote, before the referendum.

Stoddart had also recommended a referendum on the Ontario Union

of Students at the same time, but his motion was defeated.

The referendum question will read: "Are you in favor of continued membership in CUS?"

Some councillors objected to the necessity of holding a referendum at all, on the grounds that no commitment had been made to honor the previous council's call for a re-examination.

Councillor Karen Hood pointed out that "If the U of T votes itself out of CUS Thursday we may be all there is left in CUS — we'll be CUS."

Stoddart said he personally didn't care whether York was in or out of CUS, he simply wanted to have student opinion, as promised. It was pointed out that since the membership in CUS is now under consideration, York will pay none of the \$6,000 fees it owes to CUS, pending the outcome of the referendum.

A referendum passed by over 10

per cent of the student body will become binding policy, and York will withdraw from CUS after Nov. 20.

Karen Hood's motion to have the council take a stand on CUS membership was designed to make the councillors earnestly try to find out student opinion, in depth, and try and devise a stand which would relate to students, for a change. It was pointed out the council will have to examine the CUS question carefully, since the council will find itself in agreement or total disagreement with students, after the referendum.

If the council fails to convince students to vote as it believes, the referendum result may be considered a vote of non-confidence, and cause for resignation.

In other business, the council agreed to build a float for \$150, to represent York in the Canadian College Bowl Football game, Nov. 22.



## York Briefs

### Library bans high schoolers

If you don't shave, or are short, or look in any way younger than a first-year student, then don't forget to bring your ATL card when you go to Steacie library. After a hassle with high school students last Thursday night the library has decided to set up a desk to check ID's during the evenings. Anyone looking like a high schooler will be asked to show proof; high schoolers will be excluded. On Thursday night about 30 high schoolers were ejected by a security guard. According to J. Carruthers, the reference librarian, they had rudely refused to leave when requested by the librarian on duty. They had already been given one warning; but complaints from York students indicated that they were still preventing serious use of the reference section. This incident was just the climax, another librarian said. There had been many earlier complaints of noise and on one occasion high school students caused the fire alarm to go off by opening fire doors. Miss Carruthers said the problem was not primarily one of space, but rather of noise and disruption. "A high schooler would be admitted if accompanied by a York student to vouch for him", one librarian declared. Some students say the ban on library facilities for high school students is unfair. "A decision to exclude all high schoolers from our library — especially since high school libraries and the North York one lack the depth we have — seems an easy, but also negative and expensive way to solve the problem," said Greg McConnell, F 3.

### Osgoode students reject CYSF

Osgoode Hall Law School rejected membership in the Council of the York Student Federation last Thursday with a vote of 308-133 against the plan. Sixty-three per cent of the school's students turned out for the vote. Because of its status as a separate faculty Osgoode did not become a member of the federation automatically when the school became a part of York. Osgoode's school newspaper, the Obiter Dicta, rejected the federation editorially last Wednesday. In a news story on its front page the Obiter said: "A strong feeling of identification with the old Osgoode and its traditions is expected to ensure the defeat of the YSF proposal."

### At least the rats got high

Rumors as to the purpose of a police car outside Vanier on Sunday afternoon sent the tower's water pressure index spiralling downward. Sewer rats are probably still high from an estimated \$1,000 worth of various drugs which were hastily flush-a-byed while the two police officers ascended the elevator. Their visit, it turned out, concerned the lost wallet of a fourth floor student. One young lady who had disposed of three ounces of hash wouldn't say whether she was relieved or not.

### Winters catches blood Donor Cup

Winters College won the Blood Donor Cup last Thursday when 156 Winters students traded a pint of blood for a cup of Versafood coffee at the biannual Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic last week. Vanier came a close second with 142 bleeders, and McLaughlin and Founders weren't far behind with 136 and 124. Twenty-nine College E donors, 31 faculty and 12 graduates brought the total to 630 donors.

## Masses didn't come, CYSF meeting fails

Over 6,500 students did not attend CYSF's open meeting in Winters' College yesterday afternoon to discuss students voting for York's new president and representation on the board of governors.

The meeting was supposed to determine student opinion on voting procedure for York's new president but only 20 students showed up . . . and that included the councillors.

CYSF president, Paul Koster, Mike Woolnough and David Coombs, the 3 students on the presidential search committee, said the method of finally choosing one man for president had not yet been decided by the committee.

Woolnough pointed out that some of the presidential candidates so far selected — perhaps up to half of them — would refuse to go through

a public selection which would include voting by students.

"You face a legal problem — to be politically consistent all students should have a voice in the final decision," Woolnough said, "but if you insist on making the issue a public preferential vote you may lose some good men."

Coombs said the damage to a man's reputation if it was known he was not York's first choice for president could be very serious. He told the students they did have a voice on the search committee through their three representatives.

The question of students on the board was delayed to a second (mass) meeting to be held next week.

Poor advertising and lack of student knowledge of the issue was blamed for the poor turnout at the meeting.

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