

# Student elected chairman of faculty of arts council

By HARRY STINSON

In an unexpected turn of events, second year York student Michael Mouritsen emerged as chairman of the faculty of arts council at last Thursday's marathon meeting.

The impact of Mouritsen's election is heightened by the fact that in previous years, dean of arts John Saywell chose the chairman (last year's choice was Hugh Parry, Founder's College master). In suspending his prerogative this year, Saywell no doubt did not expect what he claims is the first election of a student chairman of his faculty council.

The major factor in the surprise result was the numbers attending. Although at the outset, faculty clearly outnumbered students, the ratio gradually eroded to a 12-12 balance. The issue boiled down to whether or not efforts would succeed at postponing the election until the faculty edge (an awesome imbalance of 500-22) could regain

control.

Both Mouritsen and council secretary Derek Shanks mentioned the possibility of protests from some faculty members, but so far most members agreed that the election

was conducted according to regular council procedures. Objections will most likely result from indignation over the unforeseen circumstances, and council's unfamiliarity with its own election guidelines.

## A detailed rebuttal of the Tarnopolsky story

*This is a detailed point by point rebuttal of the erroneous anti-semitism charges made against Windsor law dean Walter Tarnopolsky in the front page story of the Oct. 7 Excalibur. The editor hopes this clears any confusion created by last week's blanket retraction.*

York's Jewish Student Federation met two weeks ago at a regular meeting, and not at an emergency meeting as was reported. The Tarnopolsky affair was discussed at that time, but was not an agenda item.

Three first year law students at Windsor were denied supplemental examinations. No medical grounds were given by two students. Faculty said the medical certificate of the third student was too vague, asked for another and then a third, both of which were supplied after long delays. They were subsequently turned down as still being too vague.

Law students say it is no surprise that a student suffers nervous tension from taking a full-time job and a full law course load.

The student denied legal counsel suffered from the policy as applied to all students appealing on academic grounds. When he took his case to Windsor's student affairs committee (student and faculty members), it was rejected.

Any students who are about to fail their year due to one failure have their papers automatically reread twice before any official request. That is why four non-Jewish students had their papers automatically reread.

The four non-Jewish students who passed with rereadings did so through normal procedures.

In regard to the two Jewish students refused a pass in second year, one case was immediately rectified by a unanimous vote of the law faculty when Tarnopolsky admitted his mistake. (The student withdrew from another university, had not failed and was therefore entitled to repeat his year.)

The student who failed with 58 percent did not reach the required 60 percent. He is now repeating second year law and accepts the decision.

The only Jewish student not allowed back in his second year is the same student who charged Tarnopolsky with anti-semitism and complained to the Ontario Human Rights Commission and Excalibur. He has now failed at two law schools.

Sources say the charges of inconsistency of rules can be considered normal growing pains on any new law school.

The charges of discrimination made towards Tarnopolsky were strictly complaints that could be made by anyone. Both the Human Rights Commission and Windsor president J. Francis Leddy have dismissed the complaints.

Windsor professor Hugh Silverman's charges of anti-semitism were based on student hearsay and a deep personality split within the law department. (See Excalibur, Oct. 14.)

The Windsor board of governors knew in June of York's offer to Tarnopolsky but refused to divulge the news to anyone.

## Texpack strike ends by vote

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