

## Unfair tactics in CYSF race

By ROGER NEWLOVE

The CYSF presidential race has been marred with an unfair campaigning charge fought out in a heated, three-hour tribunal called by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO).

The charge, levied against presidential candidate Michael Strapko, stemmed from the actions of one of his campaign workers, Alexandria McGregor, who was caught removing other presidential candidate's campaign posters on Sunday.

Strapko was found guilty of unfair campaign practices and as punishment will not be allowed further campaigning with posters. As well, he must remove all of his posters he's put up to date.

Strapko's campaign must be restricted to buttons, verbal campaigning, and participation in an all-candidates meeting.

CRO James Crossland said that Strapko's action is a severe breach of campaigning practices. Crossland said that all candidates are aware that they are responsible for the actions of their workers.

During the tribunal Strapko admitted he knew of his worker's action beforehand.

"The elections have been very clean so far this year. I intend on ensuring this election remains clean. Strapko's punishment reflects

the severity of this charge. The tribunal felt it was a fair punishment," said Crossland.

Strapko had no comment when contacted.

The elections will be held a week from today with five candidates vying for the presidential nomination, including incumbent Chris Summerhayes.

David Blair and Lily Contento are running for the director of External Affairs position. Rick Kojfman was acclaimed as director of Internal Affairs.

Elise Hallewick and Paula Luna are vying for the director of Women's Affairs seat. Incumbent Pamela Fruitman and Oreit Angel are fighting it out for student representative on the Board of Governors, while Ted Christensen was acclaimed as Faculty of Fine Arts senator.

There are 16 candidates jostling for nine Faculty of Arts senator positions, including this year's CYSF director of Finance, Darren Chapman.

Students will be able to hear some of the candidates in an all-candidates meeting today at 2 p.m. in the bearpit. The meeting will be mediated by Brian Patterson, director of Academic Affairs.

All candidates are invited to make a five-minute speech before answering questions from the audience.

## Gas attacks unrelated: Police

By CAROL BRUNT

There is no connection between the recent tear gas attacks at both York University and the State University of New York at Buffalo, according to Sgt. Warren Lindsay of 31 division.

The attack in Buffalo two weeks ago followed the York detonation a day earlier.

Though it has been established that the canisters used in each of the attacks were different, the police bomb squad has not determined where the canister used at York came from, said Sgt. Lindsay. Nor do police have any leads in the detonation at York.

Following the incident at York, a group called Anarchists for a Constructive Society delivered a letter to *Excalibur* protesting, among other things, nuclear weapons and pollution. The group, however, did not directly claim responsibility for the tear gas detonation at York.

Excerpts from the letter, published last week in *Excalibur* prompted a response from a group called Toronto anarchist and Anti-Authoritar-

ian Publications (TAAAP) with a letter to *Excalibur*. The letter, dated March 5, protested the type of anarchism demonstrated by the Anarchists for a Constructive Society letter.

"Whether these people committed this act or not, committing an act of violence against people is a strange way of 'raising' their consciousness. While there is no patent on the word 'anarchist,' and hence, while we cannot prevent individuals from committing or advocating whatever deeds they wish in anarchy's name, we do not support such actions," stated the TAAAP letter.

"If certain self-styled 'anarchists' wish to use our philosophical perspective as a cover for their insane stupidities, we will be glad to relinquish the name. Or, perhaps, they would do us the courtesy of changing theirs," stated the letter.

According to York's Staff Supervisor of Safety and Security Services Geoff MacLeod, York has not stepped up on security since the attack. There has been "no increased security as such because it is always a question of finance," said MacLeod.

## Radio to run independent referendum

By ANDREW ZARNETT

Radio York is running an independent referendum, requesting \$2 per student for expansion purposes, after a Tribunal last week ruled the station couldn't hold the referendum in the coming CYSF elections.

The Tribunal decided Radio York couldn't hold its referendum because CYSF failed to officially inform the Chief Returning Officer of the referendum appearing on the ballot.

"We hired an impartial Chief Returning Officer to run our referendum and we are trying to get 198 man-hours of volunteers to help run the referendum," said station manager Jack Cales.

"It was unfortunate that we were not able to hold the referendum for Radio York. We are still in full support of their referendum and I have begun to organize the tables they will need," said CYSF president Chris Summerhayes.

Cales said the station will adhere to the rules of the CYSF constitution in holding their referendum, and during the summer, will be working on a five-year development plan to be submitted to the Board of Governors in the fall of this term.



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**Cooking With the President:** When on the run, sometimes a three-minute boiled egg is just the thing. And President Macdonald is an expert at making one. "This is a natural, in-born talent," explains Macdonald. "It involves the intuitive faculty of knowing precisely when to remove the egg from the pan of water. Turn to page nine

## Bovey Commission assailed

By LAURA LUSH

A two-pronged campaign reaching out to university students and the public sector will erupt into a week-long protest of the Bovey Commission's policy of "rationalization," said Peter Hoy, OFS (Ontario Federation of Students) executive officer.

The OFS, in coalition with the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), the Confederation of University Staff Associations (COUSA), and the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CU EW) will be working together in the campaign to take place March 19 to 24, passing out buttons and distributing information material and petitions, in an effort to alter the outcome of the Commission's findings.

"We hope we can garnish thousands of students and faculty signatures at the various campuses to put pressure on the government's scaling down of university structuring in areas of enrollment, programs, and faculty," said Hoy. The petition will be presented to Ontario Premier Bill Davis.

The Commission, which was appointed in December, is to develop and make recommendations for the restructuring of universities in Ontario. Hoy criticized the Commission for "implementing the Ministry's blueprint of restructuring the university system and not providing a mandate to advise or look at the key issues at a conceptual level."

"Each university cannot aspire to universality," said Bette Stephenson in her December 15 speech to the Legislature. "The federal government, fully aware of the cost of university education . . . is seeking greater visibility for its financial support, and greater

accountability for its expenditures on university education," said Stephenson.

Hoy reiterated "one of the many serious problems of the rationalization policy," referring to the recent announcement by York that 4,000 qualified Grade 13 students will be turned away, tripling last year's cut of 1,400 students. "There has been a 25 percent increase in Grade 13 applicants to York without matching government support and funding. Where will they (the 4,000) go?" questioned Hoy.

There are more than 12,000 Grade 13 applicants jostling for fewer than 4,800 spots at York, reported a March 3 *Toronto Star* article.

The government has criticized the "burdening costs" of research activity and the numerous facilities of education and law schools that produce a surplus of graduates to service the respective fields. "These facilities are expensive to maintain, particularly if employment opportunities for their graduates will be limited," Stephenson said in her Legislature statement.

York must "seek to save its own self," said Pamela Fruitman, CYSF's liaison to the York Administration Committee which was set up to deal directly with York's concerns of the Bovey Commission.

Fruitman remarked on the Commission's "clever" move of bumping the date of the Commission's brief from March to June through August, 1984. Fruitman said the summer deadline will prevent full student response and media coverage by university newspapers because universities will not be operating.

The final report will be presented to the Ministry in November.

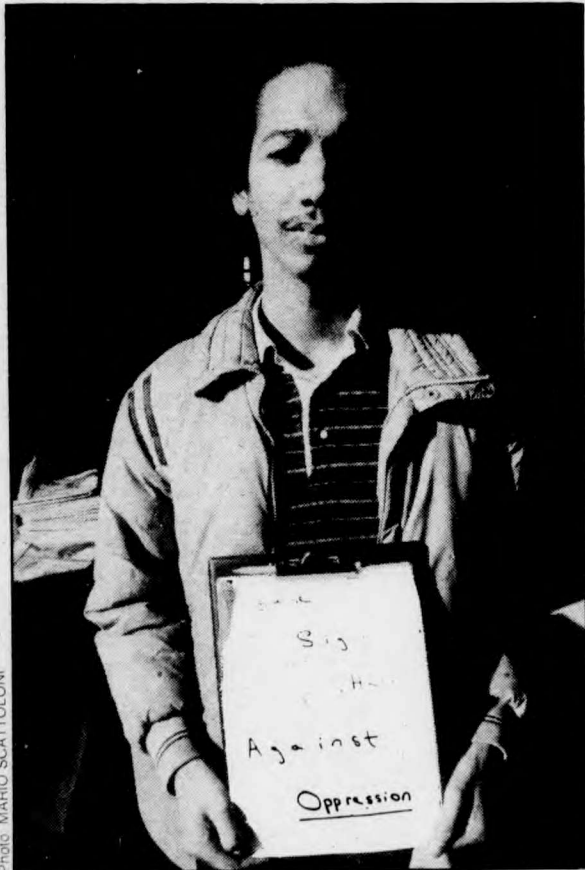


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**MAN WITH A MISSION**—Bruce Bacquie stands outside York's bookstore for about three to four hours three days a week soliciting names for three petitions on racism and sexism. He said he's collected 145 signatures to date.