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Pierre DesOrmeaux

Couldn't you just hug him? This handsome fellow is one of York's relatively younger students, who spends much of his time at York daycare's pre-school program working on looking cute.

At weekend convention:

York Tories split

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Last weekend's Tory convention in Ottawa delivered a hammer blow to Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark, with delegates from both the Osgoode and York PC clubs enthusiastically joining in the fray.

Conservatives voted 33 per cent in favour of holding a leadership convention, surpassing party organizers' expectations of 20 per cent. Although this is lower than the 50 per cent figure which would have forced an immediate leadership convention, the result still leaves Clark crippled.

Some Osgoode delegates were enraged at the party's lack of confidence in Clark. One Osgoode delegate, who did not want to be identified, attributed the high anti-Clark vote to the "bozo factor" in the Conservative party.

"Those people who voted against Clark were complete bozos," he told *Excalibur*. "They are just like the Argos. They want to fire the coach every season, but they are doomed to eternity in opposition."

Both the Osgoode Hall and York University Conservative Clubs sent three delegates to Ottawa. The delegates themselves

disagreed on the leadership question.

Jim Kings, President of the York Tory club voted in favour of a leadership review. "I voted that way, because there are better people who should be leading the party," Kings told *Excalibur*.

Kings explained that the York delegation did not vote as a block. Each individual voted as he wished.

Kings was pleased with the result, which surpassed his prediction of a 25 per cent vote in favour of a leadership convention.

The vote brought a lot of bad feelings to the surface. One young delegate from Trail, British Columbia told *Excalibur* that people from her delegation were not talking to each other because they voted differently.

Even normally tranquil hospitality suites featured some animosity after the Friday vote as delegates shouted at each other in heated debates.

The Progressive Conservative Youth Federation meeting, held before the leadership vote, provided none of the fireworks that the senior meeting did.

No candidates for PCYF

executive positions emerged from either York or Osgoode, although Allister Campbell of the University of Toronto Tory Club was elected Universities Director of the Young Tories.

The PCYF were under strict spending controls. Consequently, there were no wild spending binges by any candidate. Campbell was limited to spending \$800 on his campaign.

By contrast, the senior Tory candidates spent much more money in their quests for executive positions. Chris Speyer, who finished last in the last presidential race, was rumoured to have spent in excess of \$80,000 for his campaign.

Speyer had hospitality suites in all the major convention hotels, dispensing an endless supply of wine and beer. Beautiful hostesses pinned six-colour Speyer buttons, costing two dollars apiece, on visiting delegates.

Pat Nowlan, runner-up in the presidential race, spent \$35,000 on his campaign. His big splurge was a Saturday clam chowder lunch provided free to conventioners at the National Press Club. Two long-haired blondes, dressed as mermaids, posed for pictures with delighted Tories.

Paul Rose Held for his beliefs?

Svend Mann

Convicted in 1970 of the kidnapping and murder of Pierre Laporte, Paul Rose is still in jail ten years later because of his ideas and not his actions, according to his sister, Claire Rose.

Speaking at Osgoode Hall Wednesday afternoon, she argued that because Rose has twice been denied parole by the National Parole Board he is a political prisoner. Rose shared the stage with Gaston Bourget of the Committee for Information on Political Prisoners and Moderator David Jacobs.

"Without a doubt," she said through an interpreter, "Paul Rose is being detained not only because of his activities in 1970 but because of his beliefs."

Rose believes that it is her brother's political ideology which is keeping him in jail. In refusing his application for parole, a Parole Board statement said in part that "His perception of the actions he took almost ten years ago remains

the same, his analysis is marked by rationalization..."

She contends that his opinions are not relevant to the question of his release, and argues that he poses no danger to society, having denounced violence a number of times in recent years. She stated as well that with "all the others who have had parole there has been absolutely no problem," and have run afoul of the law since their release.

According to Rose, in 1976 there were 13 political prisoners in Quebec. Now she puts their number at three: Paul Rose, Jacques Lanctot and Robert Hudon.

Even those among the thirteen who have been released on parole "live in a prison outside of prison," according to Bourget. They are subject to "police harassment, searches and intimidation," he said.

Those still in prison are subject to special treatment, including "naked searches, searches of cells,

and frequent transfer of cells."

According to Bourget, "They spend an average of three times the normal amount in solitary confinement," and have "trouble meeting their lawyers."

Jacobs announced the formation of a Paul Rose Committee at Osgoode when the talk ended. Inquiries may be directed to Jacobs through the Osgoode Law Union, which sponsored the event.

The audience was a mixture of the sympathetic and skeptical, and their questions reflected this.

Asked why they were making their appeal to English Canadians in Ontario, when only Quebecers have real grasp of the events leading up to Paul Rose's arrest, Claire Rose replied that that Quebecers already know her brother's plight and support his release.

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Yorkview candidates square off today at noon in the Bearpit.

Berel Wetstein

York students will get their chance to experience the democratic process in action at noon today in the Bearpit, when provincial election candidates in the Yorkview riding assemble to face the electorate.

No less than seven political hopefuls should appear, each with the hope of garnering your support in the upcoming provincial election.

The candidates are:

- Mike Morrone, New Democratic Party—a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, he has spent the last five years as constituency assistant to the riding's former MPP, Fred Young.
- Michael Spenseri, Liberal—received his law degree from Osgoode Hall, he is a partner in the legal firm of Shapiro and Spenseri.
- Brian Yandell, Progressive Conservative—graduate of Harvard Business School, he is currently Business Representative of Labour's Union Local 183.
- Jack Sweet, Communist.
- Richard Brandenburg, Independent.
- Fred Esposito, Independent.
- Victor Heunn, Independent.

Yorkview is one of Toronto's largest ridings, with 48,000 eligible voters. Because former MPP Fred Young of the NDP has retired after 17 years, the riding is considered an open contest.