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Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

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Tomorrow — you can help make the future



Tomorrow, Tuesday, Dec. 7 is the day. And it's your decision whether you come in or cop out.

You can fill out that questionnaire anyway you like. If you're disgusted with all government from the college councils to Council of the York Student Federation, you can hand it in with that message. If you think the college councils deserve no money, then say so. If you think CYSF should get none, then say so.

But if you'd like to see the whole realm of student government overhauled, then it's doubly important that you fill out that questionnaire. The college councils need to know how you're thinking. CYSF needs to know. Both realize that power comes from the student. You pay \$17 to the college councils and \$10 to CYSF. And that is power.

Admittedly, both sides ran shoddy campaigns during the referendum. And both sides did come together on rather precarious terms to write this questionnaire and to form a constitutional committee. But this opinion poll offers more answers to what students are thinking than a simplistic Yes or No referendum.

But they came together for the first time and admitted that not all was right. The college councils have tacitly admitted that the present fiscal arrangements are not working. They have acknowledged that a stronger more efficient CYSF is needed to represent York student af-

fairs. And CYSF has finally admitted that a referendum might not solve things at all.

And why might they agree for a change instead of perpetually bear-baiting each other? Because we believe they have finally realized that it might be all very well to play constitutional games as an academic exercise, but when student funds are continually mismanaged and student services undermined, then something has to be changed before students quite rightly say "No more fees".

The usual pawns in this entire political fiasco have been the clubs, services, and media. They have lost the most so far, and they have the most to gain in any new division of powers. Political stability and economic planning come hand in hand. And we've seen little of either so far.

To vote in this opinion poll is to guide politicians into doing what is best for York's student government. To vote in this opinion poll is to take a stand on where student government should go. To vote in this opinion poll is to show what status you give student services such as student clinic, day care, clubs and the media.

Tomorrow Dec. 7, Wednesday Dec. 8 and Thursday Dec. 9 it's up to you to let them know just how you feel. It won't directly affect you in any dramatic way. But it can give the college councils and CYSF, and the student services they support the adrenalin shot they so badly need.

The poll you will see tomorrow

STUDENT OPINION POLL

There are now 13 student governments at York which represent you. These include seven York Campus Colleges and most of these governments participate in Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF). These governments retain constitutional and financial control over the Federation.

Council of the York Student Federation coordinates major functions of the colleges and sponsors campus-wide media, clubs, academic services, external affairs, etc.

Other student governments concentrate on the college environment, orientation, college media, athletics, social and cultural affairs and specific external relations.

Both are involved in student representation in university councils, the Senate, etc.

In most cases you elect your college government, three Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) representatives per college, and Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) president and vice-president directly.

Please mark ONE for each of the following questions

QUESTION 1

I am a member of

- a) Atkinson College
- b) Calumet College
- c) Environmental Studies
- d) Founders College
- e) "G" College
- f) Glendon College
- g) Graduate Business Administration
- h) Graduate Studies
- i) Lakeshore Teachers College
- j) McLaughlin College
- k) Osgoode Law School
- l) Stong College
- m) Vanier College
- n) Winters College

QUESTION 2

If there is a form of York-wide student government (now Council of the York Student Federation, CYSF), do you feel it should be subject to financial control by college governments?

- a) complete
- b) some
- c) no

QUESTION 3

Do you feel that constitutional amendment for the York-wide student government should be ratified by:

- a) student referendum
- b) college governments

- c) Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF)
- d) other (specify)

QUESTION 4

In most cases you elect your college government, three Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) representatives per college and CYSF President and Vice-President directly.

Do you feel that Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) representatives should be elected by:

- a) the students directly
- b) the college governments
- c) a combination of a) and b) above

QUESTION 5

Are you in favour of allocating part of your tuition fees to:

- a) your College government
- b) your York-wide student government (now CYSF)
- c) both
- d) none

QUESTION 6

When a new college is created at York, its membership in the York-wide student government (now CYSF) should be:

- a) automatic
- b) by college decision
- c) other (specify)

