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Ritch resigns; Edson wins

Edson Team sweeps 15 of 21 CYSF seats

By JULIAN BELTRAME

The United Left Coalition suffered a crippling defeat at the polls, Wednesday, with the overwhelming student rejection of ULC presidential nominee Gael Silzer and all but five of the ULC's slate of candidates.

York NDP club chairman Barry Edson swept to an impressive victory over Silzer and Founders council chairman Izidore Musallam in the presidential race, polling 748 votes to Silzer's 474 and Musallam's 281.

Edson's total represented 49.8 per cent of the record high 1,550 votes cast. (There were 47 spoiled ballots.)

As remarkable as Edson's easy sweep of the presidential race was, it represented only a small portion of the Edson Team win. Edson Team candidates swept all three constituency seats in Founders, McLaughlin, Stong and Winters. The Team also took two of the three seats in Vanier, and one in Calumet.

Edson campaign manager Jay Bell was the only Edson Team candidate to lose, although this loss was lessened by his withdrawal from the race two days before the vote. (Because of an election act clause, Bell's name remained on the ballot.)

In all, the Edson Team took 15 of

the 21 seats up for grabs in the election. ULS candidates won five, sweeping three in Graduate Studies and winning two in Calumet, and Cynthia J. Park, an independent, won the remaining position in Vanier.

"I'm feeling good," said Edson after the extent of his victory was announced. "I'm in shock, my emotions have been dulled. I expected the ULS to be stronger."

The Edson Team victory swept aside such notable ULS candidates as former Founders Crow and Take It editor Paul Kellogg, who will most likely be chosen to complete the term of resigning CYSF

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A jubilant Barry Edson kisses girlfriend following victory announcement.

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Ritch cites personal reasons

By IAN MULGREW

CYSF president Dale Ritch has tendered his resignation effective at 5 o'clock today with one month left in his term.

This marks the first time in the history of York that a CYSF president has resigned. Ritch disclosed his resignation to Excalibur on Wednesday.

"I am resigning irrespective of who wins the election. It's for purely personal reasons," he said. "My wife, who was injured in a car crash last year, still has not fully recovered and I feel that by spending more time with her I will speed her recovery."

According to the constitution of the CYSF the executive council will appoint an acting president until the first meeting of the full CYSF. At that meeting, the CYSF can either ratify the executives, choose or pick some one else to replace Ritch for the last month.

"There are several excellent choices available," said Ritch, "but in my mind Paul Kellogg (CYSF rep from Founders) would be a good choice. He has the time and the experience necessary."

On hearing Ritch's comments, Kellogg told Excalibur, "It's really unfortunate that Dale has to resign. He was the best damn president that this university ever had. I can appreciate his reasons though. I am honoured that he thinks so highly of me. I do have the time, being a part-time student, and my active participation in this year's council does give me considerable insight into the workings of the council."

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Athletes of the year



H. Ian Macdonald presenting "Female Athlete of the Year award" to Rita McMinn. Ev Spence was named York's top male athlete.

Ev Spence and Rita McMinn were named York male and female athletes of the year at dual Athletic Awards Banquets at York, Tuesday night.

For Spence, who starred on both the basketball and rugby teams, it marked the second time in three years that he has been honoured with the award.

This was certainly a trying year for Spence. Plagued by a leg injury since the beginning of the rugby season, he ex-

played many games in which he could not perform to his greatest potential.

Nonetheless, the York rugby team managed to win the OUAA championship and in the final game against Queen's, Spence performed admirably, despite his injury.

Spence was also chosen captain of the York basketball team, and was picked to the OUAA all-star team for the second time in his career.

Only winners at banquet

By MICHELINA TRIGIANI

Although various outstanding athletes were singled out, there were no losers at the annual women's varsity athletics awards banquet held Wednesday night in Winters Dining Hall.

Addressing a hushed assembly of athletes, coaches and managers, Mary Lyons, coordinator of women's athletics at York, made it clear that success should never be equated with winning.

"Success is really the peace of mind that comes from knowing

you have done your best," she said.

The evening, which ended on a wave of nostalgia, began on rather cold footing as both male and female athletes filed into Winters College to mingle at a pre-dinner bar.

This part of the evening was characterized by greetings to familiar faces, introductions to unfamiliar ones, mutual polite compliments on clothing and general preparation for the ritual ahead.

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Becker blocks student fee vote

By JULIAN BELTRAME

York students' membership in the Ontario Federation of Students and National Union of Students was placed in jeopardy last week by an administration decision not to forward to the Board of Governors the recommendations of two student referenda.

A tuition increase of \$2.50 for the upcoming academic year had been approved by two separate student referenda conducted in the past two years.

A student referendum, held in November '74, approved by a margin of 314 to 123 a \$1.50 increase in tuitions to pay for membership in the OFS. Last December, students voted by a 567 to 343 margin in favour of a \$1 fee increase to meet membership dues to the NUS.

All tuition matters, however, must be approved by the Board of Governors. As yet, the Board has not received any application for such an increase and John Becker, vice president for student services, does not intend to bring the matter to the Board.

In a statement to CYSF president Dale Ritch, Becker outlined six reasons for refusing the increase.

Among the reasons given in the statement was the low student turnout at the two referenda (only 5.3 per cent of eligible students voted

in the OFS referendum and 9.7 per cent voted in the NUS referendum); the Ontario government's policy against tuition increases for the '76-'77 year; the high cost of attending York (\$25 more than U. of T. and McMaster), and the disproportionality high grant given to CYSF and the college councils representing Arts students, as opposed to other student governments.

The per capita grant to student councils representing Arts students totals \$27, while Atkinson students pay \$15, Osgoode students \$17. Becker has approved an increase of \$10 for Atkinson students and \$3 for Osgoode students to

bring them into line with Arts students.

"I don't acknowledge their (CYSF) right to determine their own expenditure or to determine their revenue," said Becker, Tuesday. "The point at issue here is — will the increase be a prerequisite for students entering the university?"

Becker explained that only the Board of Governors had the power to increase tuition, but defended his decision not to submit the proposal to the Board by saying that, "The reason I draw my salary is to give the Board advice."

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