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## Bethune votes to stay out

# CYSF membership overwhelmingly rejected

By GORD GRAHAM

For the second time in three years, Bethune College voted overwhelmingly not to join CYSF.

Almost 200 people cast their votes on October 16, with 176 of these against, and only 15 for the merger. This represents a ratio of nearly 12 to 1 against the move, on a turnout of close to 15 per cent of Bethune's 1,400 students.

As a result, Bethune college council will negotiate with the CYSF again this year over the distribution of the \$10 per student collected by the university for the central student federation.

Presently this sum, totalling approximately \$14,000, is frozen by the university since neither student council has an outright claim to it.

This year, according to Bethune council chairman James McMurdo, "because of the decisiveness of the referendum, CYSF will be more receptive to our wishes for allocation of funding."

The settlement for last year's funds in April saw Bethune receive 30 per cent unconditionally, with the rest divided between Excalibur, the daycare centre, Harbinger, and other campus-wide services.

CYSF president Anne Scotton said of the voting results, "Of course I regret that they didn't vote to join - I think they would do better in the CYSF."

Scotton also said she did not foresee any major difficulties this year with Bethune, in spite of what she called "the sense of isolation the college was creating for itself."

Ioan Davies, master of Bethune, said "Bethune operates as a kind of unofficial opposition to the CYSF." He added that what his college is undertaking "at the moment in relation to the other colleges shows how little they are achieving by way of social or academic activities."

Davies also drew an intriguing political analogy from the Bethune decision to the possible separation of Quebec from the Canadian federal unit.

According to Bethune vice-chairman, Alex Andronache, "The question of joining the CYSF in the future is not closed," although the constitution requires a petition signed by five per cent of Bethune's students in order to force a referendum on any subject.

## Community sport complex planned for campus site

By FRANK GIORNO

York University may be getting a sports stadium complex within the foreseeable future.

Plans for the stadium are currently before the department of parks and recreation of the borough of North York. If they are accepted by that body, the next step will be to involve all three levels of government in the financing of the complex.

The plan, which has the backing of North York mayor Mel Lastman, calls for community involvement, since the stadium will be available for all amateur and semi-pro events.

"This will be a real community stadium," Lastman commented, "serving all Metro and beyond, as well as the university itself."

The structure, with a capacity of 6,000, will front on Steeles Avenue between parking lots C and D, and boast a playing field of artificial turf and an eight-lane all-weather track.

The track has assumed special importance in the scheme, since it will help to fill the shortage in top quality tracks created by the removal of the CNE circuit when that stadium expands.

Other features of the stadium include eight dressing rooms equipped with shower facilities, a training room with first aid facilities, and classroom space to be used for instructional centres for coaches and players. (York has led the way since 1967 in attempts to bring a more scientific approach to coaching.)

The playing field will be enclosed on both sides by bleachers, with an enclosed press-box atop one of these.

Under the proposed plan, York will make available the land for the project, estimated to be worth \$900,000, plus the parking space. The

council of Metropolitan Toronto, in co-operation with the council of North York, will be asked to support the building of the stadium through its amateur athletic fund.

Similarly, the board of governors will approach the provincial government for aid through its Aid to Amateur Sports programme, and the federal government for support through its programme to improve sports facilities to meet Olympic and international standards.

The stadium would be self-supporting, and rental fees would vary according to each activity.

## Bearpit host told to "cool it" by CKRY-FM

By OAKLAND ROSS

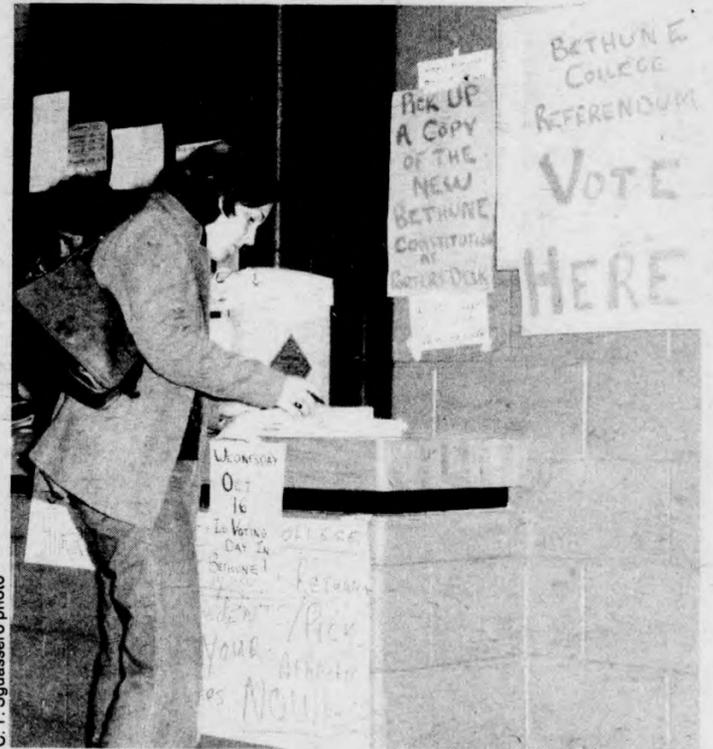
Rick Leswick will have to "cool his act" if he wants to continue hosting Radio York's weekly Bearpit programme, according to Bill Eggertson, new director at Radio York.

Rumours began to circulate through York's Central Square last week that Leswick had been fired as a result of his handling of last Wednesday's Bearpit session with George Dunn. Eggertson admitted in an interview that he and Leswick had had "a huge argument" after the show, but he stressed that Leswick will continue to host the programme at least until a system of rotating hosts is instituted, probably late in November.

Eggertson said that he has been unhappy for some time with Leswick's performance as Bearpit host. He explained that "it is a part of the moderator's job to be ob-

noxious on occasion; unfortunately Rick carries this responsibility too far."

Leswick admitted in a telephone interview that he tends to be "loquacious and verbose" at times, but added that "if the show is going dead, I've got to say something". He cited the programme with George Dunn as an example of a show star-



A Bethune student pauses by the ballot box in the college's lobby before casting her vote last Wednesday.

Therefore the question of joining the CYSF will probably not be brought up again at Bethune until a majority of their enrollment has turned over in two or three years' time.

## No RCMP narcs on campus, says Dunn

By OAKLAND ROSS

There are no RCMP undercover agents on campus, said George Dunn, York's director of safety and security, during last week's Radio York Bearpit session.

Session moderator Rick Leswick questioned Dunn on a number of issues, but the two main areas of

concern were Security's handling of parking matters and the role of outside police on campus.

In response to Leswick's assertion that students should, in effect, be able to park their cars wherever they want, Dunn pointed out the importance of keeping fire-routes open. Dunn insisted that parking requires

strict control and that the imposition of fines is a necessary part of that control.

Dunn denied that RCMP "undercover agents" are, or ever have been, operating on campus. He also claimed to be unconcerned about "allegations that up to 65 per cent of York students smoke pot". But Dunn stressed that he would notify the RCMP of local drug traffickers whenever he had the opportunity.

Although he was the nominal focus of interest, Dunn spent much of the hour-long programme trying to light his pipe while Leswick expressed his own opinions on parking and security matters. All questions from the live audience dealt with Leswick's opinions, rather than Dunn's policies.

One member of the audience, who took issue with Leswick's statement that RCMP agents had no place on campus, was repeatedly accused by Leswick of being "nuts". Contacted after the programme, this student said he was considering bringing suit against Leswick for slander.

Another student described Leswick's manner as "boorish and obnoxious".

As soon as the programme ended, George Dunn (his pipe still unlit) slipped quietly away.

## Manager resigns

Citing financial and personal reasons for his action, Pete Desrochers is resigning this week from his post as station manager of Radio York.

Radio York was awarded a \$7,000 grant this year by the Council of the York Student Federation, but a request for an honorarium for the currently unpaid job of station manager was turned down.

Desrochers said he would probably not have left had the request been approved; but he stressed that he wasn't vindictive about the refusal, and that he simply needed a part-time job to continue attending York.

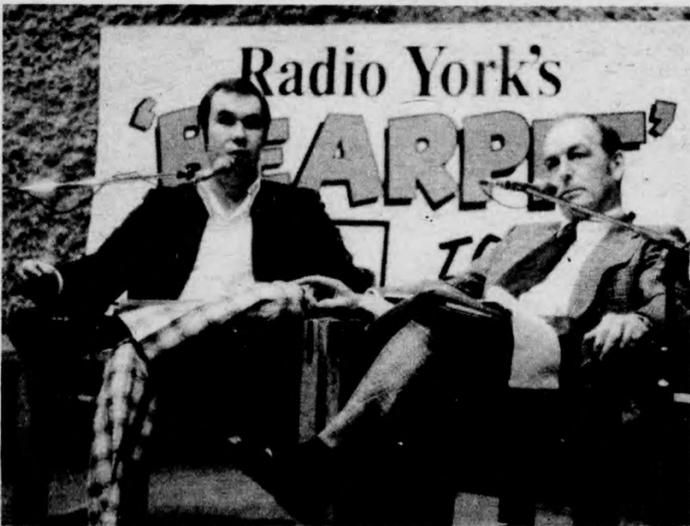
"If Radio York was in a jam, I probably wouldn't leave," he said Tuesday. "But I don't think it's in a jam."

## INSIDE

Due to the resignation of the CYSF returning officer, the campus-wide referendum on the Ontario Federation of Students, which was to be held October 30, has been postponed to November 14. Students will be asked at that time to decide whether or not they are willing to pay an additional \$1.10 annually to belong to the OFS.

To prepare voters, Excalibur presents a brief history of the OFS this week on pages eight and nine.

Also inside, Excalibur has documented remarkable disparities in faculty salaries, page seven.



Safety head George Dunn sits patiently while Radio York moderator Rick Leswick speaks at last Wednesday's Bearpit.