

CYSF decision overturned: Vanier council throws rep out

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A decision by the CYSF not to impeach one of its college representatives was overturned at a CYSF constituency meeting last Tuesday after a controversy involving vice-president (external) Peter Merrick.

A constituency meeting voted to re-open the discussion on impeaching Vanier representative Rob Morais after the CYSF voted not to impeach him at its February 22 meeting. (At a constituency meeting, all of the college presidents can veto decisions made by the CYSF that directly affect colleges and send the matter back to council.) Vanier College Council (VCC) president Kate Collins called the meeting and brought the motion forward because she was dissat-

isfied with the Morais' performance in representing the VCC. "He has done nothing for his college," Collins said.

The motion did not call for the re-opening of discussions on Calumet representative Brad Gotkin, who also escaped being impeached by the CYSF, or Founders representative Aldo Baiocchi, who was impeached.

Merrick had originally seconded a motion brought forward by CYSF president Peter Donato to impeach the three because they had each missed more four or more meetings without prior excuse. However, he withdrew the seconding of the motion after saying that the matter should go to the Government Affairs Tribunal (GAT) which handles disputes involving student governments.

Merrick argued at the meeting that the two councillors could not be impeached because the council changed its constitution in January to allow college councils or CYSF to start impeachment proceedings with the CYSF or GAT if representatives do not fulfil their duties.

Such duties include keeping office hours at their colleges or the CYSF, attending college council meetings and posting CYSF meeting minutes in their college offices.

It would be unfair, Merrick said, to impeach this year's councillors based on an amendment instituted in the middle of their terms. He also said they should have been

given more than 48 hours to prepare a case and said the matter could only be settled by GAT.

"You don't put someone on trial with only 24 hours to prepare a case," Merrick said. "If we are going to be fair to our councillors, we owe them the benefit of the doubt."

Merrick voted against impeaching Morais and Gotkin and abstained on Baiocchi. The council impeached Baiocchi but did not impeach either Gotkin and Morais.

Following the CYSF meeting, Collins told Excalibur she felt the CYSF had "damaged its credibility" with the college councils after not impeaching councillors the colleges wanted impeached.

Donato said the three were being impeached based on another section of the constitution which allows the CYSF to impeach councillors if they miss more than four meetings. He said the council had not even considered impeaching the three based on their performance, which he said was poor in all three cases.

"I would be more than willing to bring [the impeachments] up again because something has to be done," Donato said. He said there will be more discussion at the next CYSF meeting.

Morais said, at the meeting, that he had his "own reasons for not attending the meetings" and would not comment further. He could not be reached for further comment.

Both Gotkin and Morais argued at the meeting that they did not receive enough advance notice of the impeachment proceedings and therefore should not have been impeached. Baiocchi did not attend the meeting.

Security **BEAT**



A Founders resident reported that he had received a phone call from a male who wanted to meet him in the Cock and Bull pub to beat him up February 22. Although the victim made an appearance, the suspect never identified himself.

A male was seen in the foyer of the Lumbers Building February 22. When approached, he claimed he was looking for another person and that he was a "bone doctor." The male was required to leave the campus.

A security patrol learned that a fight had earlier occurred in the Cock and Bull in Founders College February 23 and that one of the four participants was taken to the hospital after having sustained a broken nose. The other three males were escorted out of the pub. Full details were not known at the time of the report.

A male was found outside 4 Assiniboine at 4:20am February 23 with parts of a broken bicycle in his possession. He claimed he was using the parts to form a sculpture. After verifying the names involved, the individual was permitted to depart and told to limit his visits to normal business hours.

A male not associated with the university was removed from the sauna room of McLaughlin College February 25. He was given a notice of trespass and escorted off campus.

A large speaker fell off the wall onto the head of a student in McLaughlin College February 26. He was taken to the hospital with a gash to his skull. The male declined an ambulance in favour of a friend driving him to the York Finch Hospital.

The rear window was broken and a stereo set was stolen from a car in lot 1A February 22. Estimated loss \$350.

A car that had previously been forcibly entered had its stereo radio stolen from lot 6A February 22. Estimated loss \$500.

A radio was stolen from a car in lot 1A February 24. The victim recalled seeing a red car driving suspiciously about the area when she first noticed the theft. Estimated loss \$400.

Someone attempted to remove a radio by partly unscrewing its bracket after forcibly entering a car in lot 3B February 24. Estimated damage \$100.

115 cassette tapes were stolen from the glove compartment of a car in lot AA February 24. Someone entered the car by breaking a window. Estimated loss and damages \$1,000.

A wallet was stolen from a car in lot 1A February 25 after the car's window had been broken. Estimated loss \$100.

During the lunch hour of March 22 in a York parking lot, a man grabbed a woman by the hair and insisted she accompany him to a local bar.

The woman was able to escape and lock herself in her car. The man then got into a nearby car and drove out of the lot.

The man is described as white, possibly Middle Eastern, 5'7", 22-24 years old, 170 lbs., stocky build, spoke English with no accent, had a moustache and a shadow of a dark facial beard. He was driving a small, silver-coloured car, possibly with a standard gear shift.

If anyone fitting this description is seen, contact security immediately by using a Blue Light Emergency phone located at each parking booth or phone 736-5333.

Pro Tem and Osgoode levy rejected

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Montesano, said the paper was caught in a catch-22 because it takes money to incorporate the paper but getting a levy to be independent from council is not possible without being autonomous from council.

Montesano said the paper wants to ensure that editorial policy is set by the staff and not the council and that sections on *The Lexicon* in the vague BCC constitution are clarified when the constitution is rewritten this summer.

He said the paper has no plans to pursue a referendum for a levy to start in September 1991. He said the paper will try to continue as it has and establish a more secure advertising base.

The GCSU referendum proposal asked to have a referendum of Glendon students to raise their contribution to the GCSU by \$2 and a referendum to divert to the *Pro Tem* the \$1 Glendon students currently paid to *Excalibur*.

Martin said both were rejected on "procedural grounds." He said the GCSU did not submit a "complete and adequate proposal" because it only submitted the referendum questions without background information. He said GCSU president Gus Pantelidis "should have been familiar with the requirements" because he is a BOR member.

Pantelidis said the cover letter for the proposal, with the background information, was submitted late because the person who was typing it out had a death in the family and could not com-

plete the proposal for the BOR's February 5 deadline. Martin said that the proposal to divert money from *Excalibur* to the *Pro Tem* was also rejected because it was outside the jurisdiction of the BOR. He said the \$1 levy Glendon students pay to *Excalibur* is a "political issue" to be negotiated between *The Pro Tem* and *Excalibur*.

The BOR decision was upheld after a meeting last Thursday. Pantelidis said, however, that he plans to go ahead with the *Excalibur* levy referendum anyway during the CYSF election period. He said the GCSU is free to do so because the question of diversion of funds, as opposed to augmentation or creation of a levy, is outside the BOR's mandate.

The GCSU claims that a 1983 referendum to create a \$1 levy for *Excalibur* was supposed to exclude Glendon but the question was posed "illegally" to Glendon students. The GCSU contends that subsequent negotiations between *The Pro Tem* and *Excalibur* have been "fruitless."

Provost Elizabeth Hopkins said the issue should be resolved through negotiation, which will probably include a representative of her office "because *The Pro Tem* feels that *Excalibur* is not listening." She said her office is trying to find out whether the Glendon students ever voted legally on the issue and therefore whether the levy has been collected legally.

"A referendum is an absolutely inappropriate way to resolve this problem," Hopkins said. "It's against the rules of the Board of Referendum and *The White Paper*." She added that if the GCSU holds a vote, it will only be considered as a plebiscite "which might give them more ammunition" in negotiations.

The Osgoode levy was rejected because the proposal was received by the board four days late, on February 9, Martin said. He said that in addition to the late submission, the Legal and Literary Society was requesting an early voting date on February 21. He said the board felt there would not be enough time to publicize the referendum.

The Legal and Literary Society had wanted to hold a referendum at Osgoode on whether the students should contribute \$25 each over five years in order to create a \$125,000 scholarship and bursary fund as part of Osgoode's centennial year celebrations.

Martin added that there may not be an need for a referendum in this case because Osgoode students would be able to opt out of the levy on their tuition payment forms, making it essentially a voluntary contribution.

Legal and Literary Society president Shawna Miller said that after further consultation with Martin, the society decided to make the contribution voluntary. She said the Society would hold a vote as a plebiscite during its elections later in March.

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