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WLU students defeat OFS
referendum in recent election

Wilfrid Laurier University students decided against joining the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) in the student union elections held Feb. 8.

The referendum was defeated by a vote of 822 to 348. WLU is one of only two Ontario universities not represented in the OFS. The OFS is a federation of Ontario university and college student governments. It is sometimes felt to be a lobby or pressure group on the government.

WLU has been a trial member for the past year and joining as a full member would have increased student fees by \$2.50. Some students voted against membership because of the federation's radical past.

Also, decided in the election was the new president of the student union board of directors. Mike Sutherland of Waterloo won the position with 416 votes.

The new vice-president is Tom McCauley of Windsor, who won with 719 votes.

Eight new arts directors were named to the board by acclamation. They are: Michael Brown, Hamilton; Neal Cutcher, Etobicoke; Mark Filo, Welland; Terry Finucan, Toronto; Terry Foster, Meaford; Dave Orsini, Welland; Rick Wehrle, Barrie; and Kris Ulmanis, Kitchener.

Dave Murray, New Hamburg, was elected music representative with 30 votes.

Six members won positions as business directors. They are Leslie Routhier, Mississauga, 192 votes; Avanthi Sing, South Africa, 188 votes; Randy Elliott, Wingham, 180 votes; Bob Howald, Dunnville, 162 votes and Brian Van Mierlo, R.R.2 Powassan also with 162 votes.

The new members of the student union board of directors will hold their positions for one year.