

After meeting for a month

Committee agrees on newspaper board

A proposed board to publish Excalibur will be considered at a special meeting Monday of the Budget Council of the York Student Federation.

The 11-member board would be set up in a by-law to CYSF's planned incorporation, also to be considered Monday.

An ad hoc committee composed of Council President Michael Mouritsen, communications director Patti Bregman, Excalibur representatives, Brian Milner and Alan Risen, and Alumni Affairs Director Ross Howard formulated the board proposal in a series of meetings during August.

This followed an abortive attempt by Council's executive committee to suspend the paper's operations during 1973-74.

On July 12, the seven member committee, led by Mouritsen, unanimously approved

motions to suspend the paper, fire its staff and seize its property.

In a statement to Council on July 24, Mouritsen said: "These motions stem from the Council's belief that, given the widespread dissatisfaction among the faculty, staff and students with Excalibur, the Council could not justify a grant to the newspaper until it was accountable to a representative Board."

"It was felt that Excalibur as an institution had lost the confidence of such an overwhelming segment of the York community, and that since it was unlikely that we could agree on a working Board by September, the best course would be to suspend the newspaper, and allow the students a year in which to decide the kind of newspaper the university should have."

Excalibur had called for an independent board of publications last March, and had made similar requests in earlier years to maintain its position as a politically independent community activity.

Following assurances that a board could be established by September, the executive's motions were tabled at the July 24 summer council meeting, and the committee was set up.

Also at the meeting, Council named Brian Milner unpaid staff spokesman pending set up of the Board. Milner is serving as acting editor to ensure publication until a board is operating.

In an effort to obtain a wide range of representation, the 11-member board would consist of

— three undergraduate students from

constituent colleges of the York Student Federation

— two Excalibur staff members
— the York Student Federation's director of communications

— one non-executive CYSF member
— one graduate student
— one professional journalist — a York Alumnus

— one member of the support staff selected by the staff association

— one member of the teaching staff chosen by the Faculty Association.

Although he supports the committee's overall proposal, Mouritsen does oppose representation on the board from the Staff and Faculty associations as neither provide funds to the paper.

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