

Search must continue

Michael Oliver out of race

Michael K. Oliver, vice-principal academic at McGill University and one of York's three candidates to succeed outgoing president Murray G. Ross withdrew from the race Tuesday afternoon.

Yesterday he said that he had withdrawn in a telephone call to W.D. Farr, Secretary of the University. Farr confirmed this yesterday.

Oliver, who is considered a strong contender to become the next principal of McGill, said that

he had withdrawn from the race for "complex series of reasons." He would not elaborate.

The withdrawal of Oliver, in effect, has nullified the search report. Because the committee cannot, under its terms of reference, present less than three names to the board of governors, it must reconvene and develop another "short list."

That, however, may not happen until January. The chairman of the search committee, Justice Bora

Laskin, is in Britain delivering a series of law lectures and is not expected back at York until the new year. He is the only one, according to Farr, who can call a regular working meeting of the search committee.

Reaction from the university was generally quiet.

W.P. Scott, chairman of the board, had "no comment at all."

A.V. Tucker, Glendon's principal-designate and a member of the search committee "had a

pretty good idea he would resign."

He said that the committee would have to "wait until Laskin gets back and try again."

K.H.M. Creal, humanities professor and member of the search committee, assumed that "the search committee of the board will have to reconvene itself."

He didn't know when it would reconvene with Laskin being in England. "I don't suppose it could reconvene before Christmas, but I

don't know."

David Coombs, a student member of the committee, knew about Oliver's withdrawal when contacted yesterday. He felt that "the board will try to get Gillies (J.M. Gillies, dean of Administrative Studies) to get his name on there."

The other two candidates, York's arts dean John T. Saywell and U of T's arts dean A.D. Allen, could not be reached for comment at press time yesterday.



LITTLER PEOPLE OF YORK

Excalibur -- Tim Clark

In a little over a month and a half, York's day care cooperative in Winters College has grown to become one of the happier fixtures of York life. The coop is now running at full capacity of children for the space available and there is a growing waiting list. There is still a few problems, however. More student volunteers are still needed and you are asked to drop in

during the first week of the second term if you are interested in helping. Also, some nasty person was low enough to pilfer the children's record player and records. It would be greatly appreciated if they were returned. Meanwhile, the littler people of York wish the bigger people of York a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah.

888 Yonge St.

Progressive music lives on

By PAT KUTNEY

Yes! the former home of The Rock Pile at Yonge and Davenport will once more open its doors on a regular basis to feature the best in progressive music.

It is to be run by a group of people (unknown at press time) whose spokesman appears to be John H. Gibb, owner of House of Lords, an excellent clothing shop on Avenue Road.

John has a good business and

music head and has shown sound judgement in signing the following acts: Jethro Tull, The Vanilla Fudge, Spirit, Traffic (reformed with Stevie Winwood back again), The Who, John Mayall, Joe Cocker and The Grease Band, and a devastating triple bill, Ten Years After, Blodwyn Pig, and The Nice. Johnny Winter opens Jan. 17-18 with two shows each night.

Because the new club has good financial backing, they have the

resources to eventually install permanent seats on both the floor and balcony levels.

A light show will almost definitely be present. The obvious and only worthy choice would be Catharsis, a light show of high calibre and a pronounced degree of inventiveness.

It'll be just like old times. And maybe Friday will be Film Night again, with good, freaky films and light by Catharsis.

By BOB ROTH

Completely ignoring the fact that the names of candidates for university president had already been released in the press, York's senate Tuesday spent two and a half hours debating formal procedures for presenting the names.

In the end it was decided to have the names presented by the presidential search committee "at a closed meeting of senate". The procedure was one agreed upon last Thursday by a joint meeting of the board and senate executive committees.

"If senate wishes to indicate a preference amongst candidates, this will be done by means of a secret preferential ballot," the motion says.

However, it adds, "the results shall be known only to the chairman of the search committee Justice (Bora Laskin) and the chairman of the board (W.P. Scott)."

Since Laskin is also a member of the board of governors, this means that only board members will know the actual results of the secret ballot.

Some senators objected to this and insisted that the results be brought back to senate so senate's preference for president could be determined.

A motion by student senator John Bosley that the search committee present the results to senate was defeated.

Since September some senators have continually attempted to have a ballot held and the results made known so senate in effect could name its choice for president.

On Oct. 23, a motion by Howard Adelman, associate dean of Atkinson, which asked that the appointment of a new university president be "subject to the prior concurrence of a majority of the senate," was rejected.

At Tuesday's meeting senators again argued about making the

names public and allowing candidates reputations to be discussed at an open meeting.

At one point professor David Hoffman accused the senators with taking an "Alice in Wonderland" attitude since EXCALIBUR and the Toronto daily newspapers had already made the names public.

Last Monday the search committee, comprised of students, senators and members of the board of governors, agreed on a list of three candidates -- A.D. Allen, dean of the University of Toronto's Arts and Science; Michael Oliver, vice-president (academic) at McGill University; and John T. Saywell, dean of York's Faculty of Arts and Science.

The preferential senate ballot is expected to take place in January.

Senators have yet to decide what kind of ballot will be used. Most seemed to agree that the proposed three part ballot listing preferences 1,2 and 3... would not give a true picture of senate's feelings.

According to the motion passed, the numerical results of the ballots are not to be revealed to anyone but Laskin and Scott.

They in turn are supposed to interpret the results to the board as to the "measure of support" a candidate enjoyed in the York senate.

Some senators, especially political scientists expressed grave doubts that it would be possible for the two to fairly assess the ballot in this way.

One senator said that it seemed silly that if accurate, and extensive, mathematical data were available, it should not be employed by the board in their deliberations.

Following the balloting, however, it is finally to be carried out -- the candidates' names will be presented to the board of governors. This is the "consultation" on presidential selection the board is committed to under the York Act.

Where, how did candidates' names leak out?

Members of the York senate and administration have been walking around since the names of the three presidential candidates were broken prematurely in EXCALIBUR and the Toronto press on Tuesday asking: "Where was the leak?"

However, according to evidence turned up since the names were released, they might also be asking: "How early was the leak from the search committee?" and perhaps "Why and how did it spread around so quickly?"

One senator said that he learned the names a week and a half ago when one of his students told him. The student gave his source as someone from the University of Toronto.

After the senate meeting Tuesday, another senator, also a member of the presidential search committee, said that he attended a party about a week ago and heard the

three names discussed there.

Apparently, Atkinson dean Harry Crowe also knew the names early last week.

At first, many of the senators felt that the original leak had been from a student member of the search committee.

However, H. I. Schiff, dean of the Faculty of Science, and a faculty member of the 10-man search committee told EXCALIBUR on Tuesday night that he was "100 per cent sure that the original leak did not come from the student members."

"But the students will be blamed and I don't think this is fair," he added.

A senior member of the administration told EXCALIBUR on Tuesday that he knew for certain but could

not identify that the leak came from a high-level and non-student source.

Members of the press, however, derived their information from sources outside of the search committee.

John Adams, a stringer for The Globe and Mail, told EXCALIBUR that he received his information from a member of the board of governors.

"The leak was wide enough to drive a dump truck through," Adams said.

EXCALIBUR derived the names by piecing together rumors reporters had picked up over the last week, according to editor Bob Waller.

"To be honest, we weren't absolutely sure we had the correct names until we confirmed through the reactions to our extra edition from several people obviously in the know," Waller said.