

Affairs not managed well Allen says

York's bookstore in the red for \$57,965

By JUDY TURNER

If you think the Bookstore is screwing you with high prices and token discounts, you may find this hard to swallow. But, believe it or not, York's bookstores are presently in the red to the tune of \$57,965.

At a bookstore committee meeting on Tuesday, J.R. Allen, York's business manager presented the budget for the year ending June 30, 1969, showing a loss of \$20,984 at the Glendon store and \$36,981 for the main campus operation.

This loss is a major shift from the combined profit of \$18,243 shown the previous year. When questioned by Mel Lubek, Vanier's representative on the committee, about this substantial difference, Allen was unable to give any specific explanation.

He said only that affairs had not been managed well and that to establish the actual reasons for the discrepancy would entail a complex audit which the university cannot presently afford.

Last year, York dismissed both of its bookstore managers — Al Strumecki of Glendon and William Jennings at York.

Although the stories behind the resignation-type firings were quickly covered up by Allen's office, it is known that they were involved with discrepancies in the financial operations of the two stores.

It is known that Jennings conducted an improper inventory at Glendon in August, 1968, changing the prices on a number of books already in stock to make the inventory balance turn out right.

Also, it is known that Jennings was associated with an unlisted company called Glen Enterprises, which carried on a sundries business with York's bookstores.

The records of dealings between York and Glen Enterprises disappeared around the time of Jennings' departure last summer. Allen's office claims it never saw the records either.

Stephen Zalewski, bookstore manager, added that there was some mistake made in the 1968 budget which no

present audit could uncover and that the present deficit figure is less than it appears on paper. Still there remains a very substantial loss, he said, due in part to internal mismanagement and also to pilferage. "The bookstore has been open house for pilferers," he continued, later attributing a sizeable 6-9 per cent of the loss to theft alone.

When questioned about the apparently exorbitant book prices and mark-ups, Zalewski explained that less than 10 per cent of the prices are marked up and this is only because of brokerage fees and differing rates of exchange on foreign books; everything else, he said, is sold at the publisher's list price. He added that he would be the first to agree that book prices are too high, but the reasons for this lie with publishers and retailers and not in the immediate situation.

Unfortunately the budget situation is not likely to improve. Although unable to give precise figures at this time, Allen forecast a similar loss for the current operating budget.

After 3 1/2 month wait

Mel Lubek ousted as Vandoo editor

By BOB ROTH

Vanier College Council Tuesday ousted Mel Lubek from his position as editor of the Vanier newspaper, Vandoo.

At a regular meeting the council accepted a recommendation from the college board of publications to appoint first year resident student Brian Traxler as editor.

Nominations for the post of Vandoo editor were open for three and a half months before Traxler stepped forward Monday — the deadline for nominations — and thwarted Lubek's chance for reappointment.

Of the 10 councillors present, only Eric Chodak opposed the new appointment. Chodak charged that the council had "insulted" Lubek by leaving nominations open for such a long time.

"No other position has been held open for three and a half months," he said.

Immediately following the council vote, Lubek handed in a letter of resignation for "all

responsibilities within Vanier College that I might have accepted."

In his letter Lubek said the price of his participation in college activities "was to have dirt heaped on my head and my reputation as a person destroyed."

He also questioned the "unjustifiably long time of three months" that nominations were held open.

Traxler, who worked on Vandoo this year, said he did not run because he opposed Lubek's handling of the paper.

"I can't say I found anything sorely wrong with the paper," he said. "The content of the Vandoo has been very good."

Describing himself as "a student of Mel's" Traxler said, "I learned a lot from Mel while I was working for him."

As the new editor, Traxler says he wants to increase the readership of Vandoo.

"One of the first things I want to find out is why the students aren't reading it and what they want."



HONEYWELL RECRUITERS PICKETED

Excalibur — Tim Clark

Members of the York University Committee to End the War in Vietnam demonstrated against Honeywell Inc., in the Temporary Office Building Tuesday to protest the U.S. company's production of war materials. Honeywell

produces a particularly deadly fragmentation bomb which sends steel pellets flying out upon explosion. The company was recruiting York grads.

Quiet on incorporation

Board stalls on Winters

By PAUL AXELROD

After a second meeting, the board of governors still will not say whether it approves of Winters College Council's plan to incorporate and council treasurer Norm Gibson thinks the board is stalling.

Plans for the incorporation began two years ago when Gibson, representing the council began investigation into the feasibility of the Winters student governing body making such a move.

The council hired the law firm of Stewart and Stewart to examine the legal implications of incorporation. In a letter to Gibson last fall the lawyers reported that a number of university student councils had incorporated and that the prospective results for Winters would be beneficial.

Council president Marshall Green says that if the council incorporated it would become an autonomous legal entity and could make financial arrangements for the college through binding legal agreements to supply the college with "many badly needed facilities."

Up to now, none of the council's financial arrangements have necessitated contracts or even legal commitments, "a ridiculous way to do business" according to Gibson.

The council would also be able to sue or be sued, giving it the right to take action against any party

which failed to honor legal commitments with the council.

The Winters council voted unanimously in favor of incorporation in October and asked the board to allow the council to use the Winters name in its corporate title. Gibson thought the request would be immediately granted at the Dec. 8 board meeting, when it was first presented.

But following the meeting Gibson received a letter from board secretary Bill Farr saying: "The

board has deferred decision pending a careful consideration by university solicitors into the whole matter of incorporation."

At the next board meeting, held Monday, the issue of Winters incorporation was not raised.

Gibson suspects the board is unwilling to grant the college the new autonomy of the council that would result from incorporation and says he will write a letter to John Becker, the assistant vice-president in charge of student services, to express his concern.

CYSF is hassled too

Delaying by York's board of governors over the CYSF constitution has eased somewhat, with a board decision Monday to approve the constitution for four years, beginning September.

The constitution, which contains all the rules, and powers of the university-wide student council has been in a sort of limbo for a month, after the board approval of the constitution ran out early in December.

The board has approved the constitution from September to December, except for the controversial opting-clause, which is still in doubt.

The board apparently objects to the clause which requires two-

thirds of a college membership to vote for a pull-out instead of a simple majority.

The two-thirds rule was approved by all college members of the CYSF — all colleges, and associations — earlier this year.

"We don't intend to change the rule just because the board doesn't like it. All the CYSF constituents are in favor of the clause as it is," said CYSF president Paul Koster Tuesday.

"We're just going to ignore the board objections on this minor matter, and carry on business. The people that matter — our members — have approved it anyway." Koster added.

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