

No students on 'democratic' committee for president

by Ross Howard

York students were virtually ignored in a sell-out to the administration by the faculty-dominated Senate last Thursday.

Three of five student senators willingly participated in the sell-out, which effectively ignores students in the creation of a committee to search for a successor to retiring administration president Murray Ross.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed a recommendation from the Board-Senate Executives for a "Search Committee" of three

Board members and three Senators to screen candidates for president, and submit three to the Board for the Board's decision. The "Search Committee" can set its own policy and add members as it wishes.

The Senate and Board's conception of a democratic "search committee" was strongly attacked by the Federation Council the same night, and a new proposal for a committee of equal students, board and senate was sent to senate. (See Separate story.)

There are no students officially on the committee, which was created by the Board and Senate executives alone. No students were in any way involved in deciding how to constitute the committee.

During debate on composition of the committee, vague assurances were given that "a representative from the students will be appointed." There was no consideration of immediately adding three students, to equal the Board and Senate members.

A motion by student senator David King to ensure that one of the three senators on the committee was a student was rejected.

Under the province's York Act, the Board alone chooses the president, in consultation with the Senate.

Assurances were also voiced that additional members would include a member of the York University Faculty Association, as well as other interests.

When King asked why the Board-Senate Executives decided upon the particular no-student composition for the committee, Professor Carter said "It was not in the authority of the Senate, to consider the students," and later "one student, yes, but we don't want the committee to grow too large."

Student senators Bob Corcoran (Atkinson) Robert Bedard (Glendon) and A.O. Jacques (Osgoode) said nothing throughout the debate, and even voted in favour of the motion, thus voting against students on the committee.

The Senate's willing acceptance of the Executive recommendation for the no-guaranteed-students committee is in open contradiction of President Ross' "University-wide discussion and consultation is essential" statement when he announced his resignation plans.

YSF rejects senate plan as tokenistic

The Federation Council has thrown out a Board-Senate idea for an unrepresentative committee to search for candidates to replace retiring president Murray Ross, and has come up with a more democratic proposal for the committee.

In a three-hour meeting last Thursday the council was told how the Senate overwhelmingly accepted a committee composed of three board members and three senators, and no guaranteed students.

The committee, which will report to the Senate and the board, can appoint additional members, and there are vague assurances one student will be appointed to the committee.

The Federation Council unanimously voted an expression of discontent with the proposed committee.

Various members of the council expressed their amazement at the total disregard for the students' interests and representatives.

The Senate and the Board were requested to reconsider their decision.

The council also proposed the search committee should be composed of three board members, three senators, and three students selected by the Federation council.

All five student senators were requested to present the Federation proposal for the three students, three senators, and three governors composition of the selection committee to the Senate.

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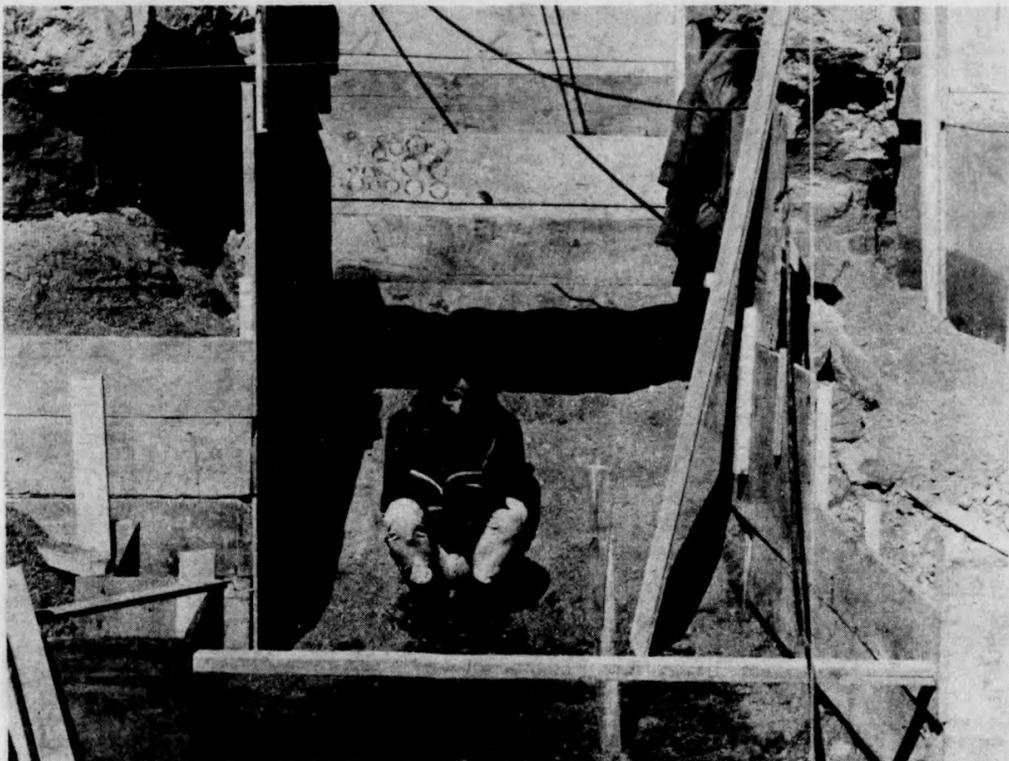


photo by Jerry Shiner

An enthusiastic member of Pioneer College gets a little cramming done in what might one day be his classroom.

New college

Effort to relieve overcrowding

The administration has announced that it plans to open a new college in September to relieve the already overcrowded colleges.

The college, to be temporarily known as Pioneer College, will be located in the central plaza until the first college building in the second college complex is finished.

Pioneer will have a common room, offices, some classrooms and dining facilities which will probably be in the new coffee shop in the central plaza.

Dr. Healy, vice-president of York, said the college will accept 500 undergraduates in September.

Healy said the college was opening because York's enrollment was rising more steeply than was

expected.

"We're committed to plan B," he said.

Plan B calls for an enrollment of 7,860 full-time day students next year. If only the four original colleges were operating each of these would have 1,325 students. By opening Pioneer part of the pressure is taken off the first college complex.

The design level for each college to efficiently operate is 1,000 students. The maximum population per college, the brief said, is 1,100 students.

Founders, Vanier, Winters and McLaughlin will have 1,200 students each next year.

Healy said that opening Pioneer this fall was a "temporary solu-

tion."

The present administration plans are to put Pioneer residence students in the first floor of the graduate residence.

Healy said the problem was created because the Department of University Affairs asked York to spread its three year building program over five years. This resulted in delaying the beginning of the second college complex.

"We're waiting for money. If the government gives us the money we're going to hop to it, we won't lose one single day," he said.

The real crush will begin in 1970 when enrollment in the colleges will be 1,500 per college unless the next college building opens.

Birth Control book is here, but it's illegal

by Val Grant

Every time a girl takes a birth control pill she is legally put in the same category as a back street butcher-abortionist.

That's what Section 150 (2c) of the Criminal Code of Canada says. By this federal law it is a criminal offense to "sell, advertise, publish, use, have for sale or disposal any means, instruction, drug or medicine" for birth control or abortion.

Even a Roman Catholic priest giving instruction on the rhythm of birth control could be prosecuted under this law.

Despite the law, Excilibur feels it is the right and responsibility of every university student to know about the various methods of birth control. It is stressed however, that each individual must make his or her own decision on whether to engage in pre-marital sex.

Excilibur will begin distributing copies of the McGill university "Birth Control Handbook" for a token price of ten cents a copy today.

The handbook provides detailed information on all methods of birth control

from oral contraceptives to the rhythm method, and clearly outlines the side effects and safeness of each. It also has a section dealing with abortions.

The chances of Excilibur being prosecuted for their criminal offense of distributing the handbook are slim.

Mrs. E. Jocelyn of the Planned Parenthood Association says her organization tried unsuccessfully to force the issue in a test court case two years ago.

A reporter from a Toronto paper bought a book on birth control from them and took it to the police, asking that the Association be prosecuted. The police refused to lay a charge. They said no judge would ever hand down a conviction.

So, our present outdated law on birth control, although up for revision, is still on the books.

There is new legislation before Parliament which would take birth control out of the Criminal Code and put it into the Food and Drug Act. But this bill is being held up in the House of Commons. With 49 other pieces of legislation waiting, chances are slim for the passage of the

bill this session.

This bill, the "Bill to Amend the Food and Drug Act and the Narcotic Control Act," lumps birth control with narcotics. The hold-up is in the inclusion of LSD and the exclusion of marijuana in the bill.

Meanwhile, every doctor and clergyman who instructs in or prescribes birth control and every person who practises it is breaking the law.

The Planned Parenthood Association fought hard not to have birth control included in the new "Omnibus Bill" which covers abortion and homosexuality. Now, ironically enough, this bill is about to be passed while their bill is tied up in Parliament.

The Association feels the McGill handbook is a very good pamphlet, but they caution students against using the facts without first developing their own individual philosophy.

The Association indicates that pressure from universities on the government could provide the extra push needed to get the badly needed new birth control legislation through.

The Planned Parenthood Association could name only two prosecutions under the present law in recent decades.

In 1938, a Kitchener woman with the birth control agency was acquitted when it was proven to the judge's satisfaction that her distribution of birth control information was for the public good.

More recently however, a Toronto man who called himself a pharmacist and ran a mail-order birth control business, was convicted.

Excilibur will distribute the 2,000 copies of the handbook it purchased from McGill for ten cents a copy. There aren't enough copies of the handbook for every interested student, Excilibur hopes the Federation Council will purchase more copies.

Until now the Federation Council has shown no interest in making birth control information available on campus even though several Canadian and American universities and Excilibur contributed towards publishing the handbook.