

Allen out; criticizes procedure

By BOB ROTH

The third and last candidate for York president withdrew his name last Thursday expressing dissatisfaction with the presidential selection procedure.

Albert D. Allen, dean of the University of Toronto's faculty of arts and science, said in an interview on Tuesday he would like to see the president chosen by a

committee representative of all members of the university.

Under the present procedure the board of governors will pick the new president from a list of three to five candidates' names to be presented to them by the presidential search committee, comprised of students, faculty and members of the board.

They will supposedly be guided

by a secret senate ballot on the names which will indicate which candidate has the broadest measure of support in York's academic governing body.

Allen said the present controversy over procedure methods have left him "uncertain" as to whether he or any other candidate would have the support of the entire community if selected.

On Jan. 5, York's dean of arts and science, John Saywell, withdrew his candidacy charging that slanderous tactics were being employed by some members of the university to influence the outcome of the selection.

Tuesday he said the rumors being circulated about himself and Allen "just started making me sick to my stomach."

Allen said Saywell's withdrawal "made me examine the situation very carefully," and was "a very important factor" in his own withdrawal.

The other candidate, McGill University vice-principal Michael Oliver, withdrew his name Dec. 9 after it was released in the press.

The withdrawal of all three candidates has created confusion as to what steps must now be taken by the search committee.

Committee chairman Justice Bora Laskin, who is also a member of the board, said Tuesday committee members were "trying to reassess our position."

Allen suggested that the search committee become a selection committee and "make one recommendation to the board," which the board can "accept or reject."

Saywell, called for "openness of debate in the senate" to combat the "muckraking that has been going on" and has said senate should have the main voice in choosing the president.

He also supported the idea of a university-wide forum in which all presidential candidates could be questioned on their views of the university.

These recent events are expected to rekindle a long-running power struggle between the senate and the board over which will have the preponderant voice in the presidential election.

By their withdrawal, both Allen and Saywell have in effect challenged the power of the board, which has insisted on maintaining control.

The procedure now allows the senate to conduct a preferential ballot for candidates, but only Laskin and W.P. Scott, chairman of the board, will get the results.

In this way the board can be guided, but not bound by the senate vote, since senate itself will not know how it voted.

The board now has two alternatives; it can ask the search committee to find more names or it can change the procedure and re-open nominations.

Both Allen and Saywell have left open the possibility of standing for re-nomination if the procedure is changed.

Senator bids for special meeting

Student senator Ross Howard is trying to organize a special meeting of York's academic senate to discuss Americanization at York.

"It is obvious," Howard said Tuesday, "that Americanization is the most significant issue facing the York community."

By tomorrow Howard expects to have the 10 signatures of senate members he needs to call a special meeting.

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Bookstore is nabbing pilferers

By MIKE SAVAGE

If you groove on stealing things from the bookstore, then next time you start to leave, look behind you. There may be a security guard waiting to put the grab on you and your goodies.

Eleven people, all York students, had been caught stealing in a three and a half day period last week. On Monday, Steve Zalewski, the bookstore manager, said "three or four today have been caught stealing. We lost tens of thousands of dollars last year in stock shortages."

Last week was the first time security guards had been employed in the bookstore. Zalewski said that the store has employed security guards in plain clothes "as a visible token" that security is being enforced. Closed circuit TV was considered but he felt it was incriminating — "The epitome of Big Brother."

What happens when someone is caught stealing in the bookstore? If they are people outside the York community, Zalewski said, they are turned over to the Metropolitan Toronto Police. Students and faculty will be handled within the York community, he said, but "disciplinary action as yet is undetermined."

At a bookstore committee meeting Tuesday, the question of punishment was discussed. Brayden Polka, senior tutor of Vanier College, offered to draw up a tentative plan of proposed regulations for apprehension and discipline of students found guilty of stealing from the bookstore.

The number of guards in the store depends on anticipated sales volumes for the day Zalewski said. The guards are being paid "a little bit more than our student help."

Zalewski said very few text books are being stolen, and that most of the stolen goods were "non-essentials."

The guards were hired, he said, in an attempt to cut down pilfering and to catch the thieves. The decision to use the guards was made after other methods failed. More sales help than was regularly needed was hired in the fall to speed up service and to try to discourage pilfering.

The idea of the store in the beginning was that it should be big and comfortable with no tight security, Zalewski said. "It's so comfortable a situation that people have begun to take things."

Zalewski said he was aware of the building situation and the magnitude of the problem. Some people leave by the sliding doors and unauthorized exits.

For every \$100 stolen the store has to sell \$2,000 of goods Zalewski said. The bookstore lost money last year.

The aim of the bookstore, Zalewski said, is that "we're striving to cover operating expenses and grant greatest possible discounts. "By stealing, they (the pilferers) deprive other people in the community from a smaller but more equitable discount on books," he said.

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SO THAT'S WHAT IT'S FOR

Gaye Gardiner, York's graphic arts specialist, discovered a use for that rather awkward-looking ramp in front of the Ministry of Love

last week. It doubles adequately for those noon hour ski runs when you don't have time to travel to Collingwood.

Vanier keeps CYSF membership

The Vanier College Council attempt to withdraw from the university-wide council of the York Student Federation was strongly defeated last week leaving CYSF intact and healthy — for the moment.

"It was kind of a senseless referendum — there was no need for it — but it showed that students are behind us in what we're trying to do," CYSF president Paul Koster said.

"The referendum and the forum which preceded it didn't really bring out the issues either, but it may have started people thinking about the approaching elections," Koster added.

With a 26.4 per cent turnout, Vanier students voted 215 to 113 to stay in CYSF.

The referendum had been called after consistent pressure from Vandoo editor Mel Lubek for a re-examination of the relationship between college councils and university-wide council.

Most of Lubek's objections that CYSF wasn't serving Vanier's needs were rejected at a forum on the referendum earlier last week.

Lubek conceded that there was a need for a central student government, but argued in favor of a revised constitution.

He was criticized by both CYSF councillors and students who said the present student government was doing an adequate job as a service organization, through the sponsorship of clubs, communication media, and information services.

CYSF councillors denied Lubek's allegations that there was poor communication between them and the students, and said CYSF had done a better job for the students than previously.

The "silly-game" label was attached to Lubek and the Vanier council referendum moves by several students.

However, the silly reason has appeared to spread to Founders College Council, a largely inactive body this year, which has also decided to hold a referendum on CYSF membership later this month.

No reason is known for the Founders' decision at present although the idea of a referendum appears to be an attempt to stir up student interest during the time of the college elections.