

Today is voting day at York. Osgoode Law School makes its decision today on whether they will join the York Student Federation. Founders college students are voting to elect two first year representatives and an athletic rep to their college council. Vanier College will elect three students and another two freshmen to their college council.

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Haggar will be at York today

The undergraduate political science union voted Tuesday afternoon to hold a meeting at noon today in the McLaughlin common room at which controversial political scientist George Haggar will present his views on why he was not hired by York.

Haggar has charged that York and four other provincial universities refused to hire him, despite his academic qualifications, because of his socialist political views and his anti-Zionist stands.

At the Tuesday meeting, politi-

cal science department chairman Harold Kaplan reiterated his stand of last week that no faculty member will be present to debate with Haggar.

Kaplan justified his position by saying that York has never received a "written statement" of the charges from either Haggar or the Ontario Human Rights Commission (with whom the charges have been laid.)

Kaplan also said:

"The department expresses the viewpoint that this is a matter of

appropriate concern to everyone in the university, including the members of this student union.

"It's a very serious charge against the department and though we are convinced it is totally groundless and it will in retrospect appear to be a furor over nothing, we do feel that the students have a right to get all the facts.

"If there is no official inquiry by the Ontario Human Rights Commission; if there is no legal action on either side, then it is appropriate, obviously, for the students to conduct some kind of inquiry of their own and we would cooperate in any such inquiry.

"It is our intention to make as much of the facts known as we have — as we can — make known.

"We assume, of course, that it is up to Haggar to provide evidence. It is not up to the department to undertake some general justification of all its procedures, simply on the basis of some charges Haggar has made."

Political science union member Mike Blumenthal argued that "within the university you have all the evidence there is on the case; it's just a question of going at it, looking at it and selecting it."

Blumenthal also rejected Kaplan's point that it would be improper to have an open debate between Haggar and the political science department.

He said that the OHRC had made its stand on such a situation clear in last week's EXCALIBUR.

Blumenthal said that C. M. Walker, a spokesman for the OHRC said last Wednesday: "I don't know how discussion could affect the case . . . we at the commission that something freely discussed . . . is the best way."

Horace Campbell, another student in the union, argued that hav-

ing Haggar come was not necessarily to provoke a confrontation between the political science department and the Lebanese-born political theorist, as Kaplan had intimated.

"The notion behind students having the forum is for us to hear first-hand from Haggar, outside of newspapers, what his charges are against the university.

"Also, by having Haggar and the political science department at the forum, we might find out, through a face-to-face public

examination of this particular situation, more about the department's hiring and firing policies."

Another student, once at Waterloo Lutheran, where Haggar taught for two years before being "let go", wondered why a political theorist of Haggar's qualifications had not been hired, especially when York has a vacancy in that field of study.

Kaplan told the meeting that he had about 130 applicants for the post, but never explained about Haggar.



Political Science Prof. Benvenuto: I must protest. That's an odd concept of due process you are employing.



Former Lutheran student now at York: If someone dropped a barrel on your head, wouldn't you want an explanation?

College will set guidelines for editorial policy

Vanier college council fires paper's editor

By BOB ROTH

A political clash between Vanier college council and Vandoo editor Mel Lubek may have cost the Vanier newspaper chief his job.

Tuesday night the council voted to accept nominations for the position of editor following Lubek's refusal to either withdraw his name as a candidate for Vanier council or resign as editor of the paper.

Councilmen argue that a conflict of interests would arise if Lubek was both editor and a member of council.

Lubek and two Vandoo staffers, Bob Colson and Gene Colman, are running for council in an attempt to secure funds for the Vandoo following the council's recent cutback in the paper's budget.

Tuesday council voted to give the Vandoo \$260 for one more publication.

Vanier council chairman Rod Macdonald says the cutback is not necessarily permanent and as

soon as the council can scrape up more money it will attempt to put the Vandoo back in circulation.

Following Tuesday's meeting Lubek charged "the budget was cut for personal and political reasons, mainly political. . ."

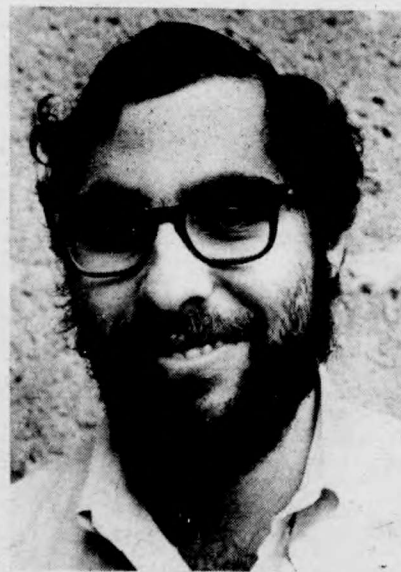
"Was it just a coincidence that the Vandoo's budget was cut the day after the Vandoo came out telling the students of Vanier College that the Vanier council was undemocratic in their procedure?" he asked.

In a tentative budget prepared last April the Vandoo was budgeted \$3,000 but financial difficulties have forced the council to make cutbacks on all estimates.

One added cost is the French-Canadian weekend schedule for Nov. 14-16 which will cost \$4,000.

In a Vandoo article Oct. 6, Kim Veltman, an organizer for the conference, said it was planned that 150 students from York and Glendon would attend.

Lubek has argued against



Mel Lubek

spending \$4,000 on a single weekend that will benefit only a small number of Vanier students at the expense of losing the services of a college newspaper for the rest of the year.

Macdonald says the council hopes to receive \$3-5,000 from the university administration to cover the capital expense of the Vanier coffee shop. If this happens the Vandoo will have top priority when distributing these funds, he says.

Even if the funds are not forthcoming the council will try to find enough money to keep the Vandoo alive, Macdonald says.

Starting next week the council will receive nominations for the post of editor. Lubek will be allowed to re-apply.

On Oct. 28 the council expects to set up an editorial board and guidelines for editorial policy for the Vandoo.

A proposed policy statement which will be circulated by the council states that the editor should be "responsible to the college through its council."

It advocates delegating council authority to "an editorial board consisting of one student member

of college council, one faculty member of the college and the editor of the Vandoo."

The proposed statement advocates giving an editor one month's notice before firing him for "content reasons" or "summary firing for reasons of gross or repeated mismanagement of funds."

Content, the statement says, must be "relevant to a member of Vanier College firstly as a citizen of the college, secondly, as a citizen of the university, and thirdly, as a citizen of the world."

Lubek has already expressed disapproval of the proposed policy statement.

"Regardless of what happens, whether I'm elected or re-appointed editor or am just an ordinary member of the college, I intend to fight with every bit of ability and knowledge that I have to see to it that Vanier Council is rid of a group of irresponsible, inept and petty politicians," Lubek said.