

# Lubek wants Vanier referendum

By JOHN KING

A petition is being circulated in Vanier College to force a referendum on that college's membership in the council of the York Student Federation.

After the Vanier college council Tuesday night rejected the idea of a referendum, Vandoo editor Mel Lubek organized a petition asking for a referendum to be held Dec. 9.

A petition of 65 signatures would bind the Vanier council to hold a referendum.

In a proposal to the council at its Tuesday meeting Lubek outlined why he wanted a referendum called, saying that the incorporation of the Council of the York Student Federation would be "useless and simply another attempt by CYSF to completely ignore the colleges" and that a referendum should be held "as a result of CYSF's continued abridgment of responsibility and failure to properly and meaningfully manage their finances."

CYSF president Paul Koster said Tuesday the main reason he thought the council should in-

corporate would be to allow the council to borrow money in the event the council wanted to build a student union building or coop housing in the future.

The student councils at the universities of Waterloo, Manitoba and Saskatchewan have all incorporated so they could borrow money to build a student union building.

CYSF failed to get a quorum for the second time in a week Tuesday night to vote on the incorporation issue.

At Tuesday night's Vanier council meeting Lubek charged that the issue of the CYSF's incorporation was "an attempt to destroy the college system."

Vanier councillor Bob Wolfe rejected the idea, saying that the most important reason for incorporation would be so that the cost of a large investment like a union building could be spread over a longer period. He used the Vanier coffee house as an example.

"The students of Vanier College this year are paying \$6,000 for a coffee house which will benefit the college for a number of years and

that cost should be spread over a number of years."

If the CYSF was incorporated they could borrow money for large capital investments and pay it back on a long-term mortgage.

The motion at the Vanier council meeting was not seconded.

Lubek said Tuesday that if the

college pulled out of the university-wide student union he would "suggest very strongly to YSF that we get half of that money (the \$10 each student pays to the CYSF with his tuition fees) back to be distributed to the students."

Each student pays \$27 with his tuition and student activity fees in

September towards the college councils.

The college councils then decide each year whether they will continue to pay \$10 of that to the CYSF to finance organizations such as EXCALIBUR, Radio York, Festival, the Winter Carnival and many student clubs.

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## Strike possible

# Union will hold vote on newest contract

By BRIAN MILNER

Members of the building services union at York will meet this Monday to discuss and vote on the latest administration offer for a new contract.

If the union rejects the offer, which grants three of their four demands, they will vote on whether or not to strike. If strike action is supported, picket lines will probably go up at York and Glendon two weeks later.

Representatives of the Building Service Employees' International Union, local 204 (York and Glendon) met with administration representatives last Monday to renew contract talks.

Union members had rejected the previous administration offer, forcing new negotiations.

The union negotiating committee entered the meeting Monday at 10 a.m. with four new demands. Seven hours later, when they emerged, the university had agreed to three of the requests.

"We're still apart on the fourth point", said D. J. Mitchell, director of personnel.

Mitchell was not at liberty to reveal the demands, but he did say

that the rejected point was "monetary".

Low wages and the compulsory pension plan have been the main points of contention in the negotiations.

The union membership has been seeking an optional pension plan or, at least, one with smaller payments.

If the offer is turned down at Monday's meeting, and strike action supported, further negotiations on the issue appear unlikely.

"I would doubt that there would be a further meeting," Mitchell said.

Sources within the administration have said that, in the event of a strike, non-union cleaners might be brought in. (Cleaners are a majority in the union.)

Also, a tradesman, who refused to be named, said that his group might cross picket lines.

The tradesmen are the plumbers, carpenters and electricians. A very small (12) but economically superior group within the union, the tradesmen are not as dissatisfied with the administration offer.



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Excalibur - Tim Clark

This was the scene on the banks of the Don River Sunday as members of Pollution Probe at the University of Toronto paid their last respects to the old dead stream. Story page 3.

# Gzowski: pro press can subvert society

By MONICA WILDE

Society can be subverted much more efficiently by the Establishment press than by the underground papers, says Peter Gzowski.

Relaxed and casual, the newest editor of Maclean's talked for more than two hours on Tuesday evening with guests at a Winters College formal dinner.

The underground press, he believes, are only preaching to the converted. A magazine like Maclean's has a much better chance of reaching a wide audience.

"I have the greatest respect for the people," he said, in summing up his gospel of journalism. "Tell them enough, and they'll react."

The format of the new Maclean's will not be revolutionary. Gzowski however, plans to put out a new column, written by a radical, called "Token Radical."

By any standards, Gzowski said, the person writing the article will be a serious radical. But his ideas will only be accepted under such a title, Gzowski feels.

When questioned on censorship of the press, Gzowski said that most censorship of the Canadian press comes not from the advertisers, "who have more sense than I realized," but from within the profession itself.

Advertisers have begun to realize that they are buying an audience, not an opinion. It is the editors and journalists, in anticipating censorship, who squash a story.

Gzowski talked about his experience with the Star Weekly, where he published an article deflating the claims of a new Shell gasoline.

The magazine's advertising manager was furious, but Shell's ad agency was more impressed with the magazine than ever, because it was finally speaking to a more sophisticated audience. "That article on Shell really sold our magazine," Gzowski said.

Gzowski's own history is sprinkled with clashes over political policy. He had to leave university after publishing an editorial in The Varsity called "The Telegram - Guilty of Contempt of Court."

At the time, he was putting himself through university on income earned as a Telegram stringer. The Tely fired him, wrongly he insists, "for a decision expressed on my own time."

He also left Maclean's in 1964 over "intolerable interference from the publisher."

Gzowski is succeeding Charles Templeton, who left a month ago, charging undue editorial interference from the publisher.

He defines himself as a "35 year old Establishment editor" but says that he is less concerned about a car or an insurance policy than in the past.

"I find I'm often the most radical person in the room," he said in his introductory remarks.

On radicals, he said, "Radicals enthral, delight, frighten, impress, and annoy me."

Radicalism has changed a lot since his university days. "In my day," he said, "we had issues about women's washrooms. I was a regular Joe College idiot, but I was considered a wild-haired boy because I didn't think that Dwight Eisenhower was the greatest thing to hit America."

The few people we label as radicals may be the most important people on campus today, he said. However, he said, radicals have a responsibility to dig for the truth, not to preach a gospel of easy answers.

Gzowski is distressed by the contentment of a lot of university graduates, especially in Canada. "They have all the answers, but none of the questions," he said.

He finds that the U.S. students he has met have a lot less respect for "the holiness of their undergraduate years."

On violence and social change, he says, "I cannot abide the thought of violence." He believes that the ills of Canada and United States can be solved by social means without violence.

Gzowski said that there will be a definite change in Maclean's over the next 12 months or so. At present, Maclean's is a rather "crummy magazine," he said.

He would never have accepted the position of editor, he said, if the magazine had been really outstanding, because it is too difficult to outdo a good thing.