

'Non-confidence' section added to referendum on CYSF

By DAVID CHUD

McLaughlin college council decided Monday night to add a section to their referendum on membership in the Council of the York Student Federation. The second question would allow students to express "confidence" or "non-confidence" in the actions of CYSF.

According to council members this would allow McLaughlin

students to voice their approval of the concept of a central student council while expressing disapproval with the present council.

The referendum is the culmination of disapproval among the members of Mac council for the priorities of CYSF. Members of the council have charged CYSF with "mismanagement of funds".

At their meeting, attended by four of the seven council members,

the council discussed additions to the referendum for over 90 minutes.

At one point they almost accepted a suggestion which would have added a third section to the vote asking students' permission for the council to negotiate with CYSF. If the negotiations did not proceed to the satisfaction of Mac council they would have been

empowered to withdraw from the central council in January. However this resolution was defeated.

The first question on the referendum requires a student to vote either:

"I feel that McLaughlin college should end its membership in CYSF," or "I feel that McLaughlin college should continue its membership in CYSF."

For the secession to take place 10 per cent of the registered McLaughlin students must vote at least two thirds to withdraw.

The second question (on confidence and non-confidence) is only an opinion poll and has no constitutional validity. Votes on this section will not be counted unless students also vote on the question of withdrawal.

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Security problems

Over \$700 lost in college 'F' theft

By BARRY LERNER

Thieves broke into college 'F' coffee shop in Steacie Library Friday around midnight and stole over \$700 worth of electronic equipment.

Missing are the amplifier, two speakers, two tape decks, 15 cassettes, a turntable, the translator for the light wall and \$20 cash.

College 'F' is offering a reward of \$100 for information leading to the whereabouts of the stolen equipment.

Anyone interested in claiming the reward can call Carolyn Fowler or Glen Turnbull in college 'F' at 635-3544.

Metropolitan Toronto Police were called to the scene and are presently investigating the theft.

Safety and security director, G.C. Dunn reports thefts of this size are rare on campus but theft in general is not.

Last year the university lost \$8,000 of its property to thieves. Another \$4,000 in property belonging to private persons was stolen and another \$2,500 in property was stolen from cars parked in York parking lots.

Dunn says "Security (on campus) is minimal."

At night on weekends, there are four security guards patrolling the whole university.

One of these is always at the main gate. Another patrols the university by car. The other two are left to patrol the rest of the university on foot. Lately they have been keeping in college complex one because of problems there.

In complex one weekend security was effective. As planned, all exterior doors were locked and

students paid by the safety and security department checked all persons attempting to enter the complex.

At the entrance to Founders college, about 50 people who could not produce identification were turned away.

University security officers escorted about 12 people out of Vanier college when they sneaked in through one of the side doors which had deliberately been left open.

At about 2 am, Metro police were called in to remove some non-university people who were found drunk in Vanier residence.



Sunday was a gloomy day at York as the campus was hit by a day long power blackout. TIM CLARK

Accumulated deficit now \$76,404

York bookstore loses \$20,636 in '69-70

By PAUL THOMSON

The York bookstore reported a loss of \$20,636 for the year ended June 30, 1970, according to figures released last week.

Manager Steve Zalewski feels the bookstore is "just now pulling out" of its deficits since figures are down from a reported loss of \$57,965 the year before.

This year's deficit was mainly (\$16,857) accounted for by the operation of the Glendon campus store, a situation Zalewski hopes to improve for next year's financial statement.

Since their opening in 1965, the two stores have lost \$76,404. The Glendon store returned a profit in 1966 and the York store returned one in 1968.

As for high book prices, "there is

a big difference between saying book prices are too high and bookstore prices are too high," says Zalewski.

The university's policy of selling books for 5 percent below their list price is not fully appreciated, he said.

Zalewski looks on the textbook operation as primarily a service because textbook sales are invariably unprofitable. It is for this reason that stores like Eatons or Coles do not sell them.

The bookstore is consistently left with 20 per cent of the stock it ordered, at the end of a book selling year, so overhead is becoming a "crushing concern" he said.

Although up to 90 per cent of this stock can be returned to the publishers, the handling and paper

work costs are high.

Orders for course books are generally into the suppliers by the first part of July, but courses often become over-enrolled or "the course is a bummer," as Zalewski put it. So on one hand the bookstore has to re-order books that students have often obtained elsewhere by the time the bookstore gets them, and on the other it is left with nearly 100 per cent of some titles ordered.

Beth Appledoorn, manager of the book department said departments usually do not inform her when books that were previously ordered are cancelled from study lists.

Pilferage is still a serious problem for the bookstore despite increased security, running between four and seven per cent of

sales.

When you consider that a profit of four per cent in any retail operation is considered highly satisfactory, Zalewski pointed out that the bookstore's profit and loss statement would be quite different if the academic community were less adept at avoiding the cash register.

This loss is particularly severe in magazines. "We go through a tremendous volume of magazines" Zalewski said. "The trouble is we sell so few".

The records are also seen as a service operation. In coming close to the prices of records downtown, the bookstore cannot hope to make any money because of its small volume.

North York community organizes to fight land developer

By SHARON COHEN

The fate of 160 acres of beautiful ravine land in central North York is presently at stake, as community pressure mounts for the retention as a public park of what was formerly the York Downs Golf Course.

The property, situated south of Sheppard Avenue to Timberlane, and east of Bathurst Street to the west branch of the Don River, was sold two years ago to developer Max Tanenbaum.

Having paid an exorbitant \$6.4 million for the land, Tanenbaum is presently seeking a zoning change from the Ontario Municipal Board, which will allow him to build yet another high rise development on an already heavily congested, high density intersection.

His plans include numerous 28-storey apartments and town-houses, a shopping centre, office tower and hotel, with a projected area population of 14,000 residents.

"The concept", Tanenbaum insists, utilizes the ravine land "without destroying its natural appearance".

Various community organizations have been formed to fight the development, and to urge North York Council to retain the land as a year round community park. The 160 acres is ideally suited for such a purpose and is the last large open space left in central North York.

The property is presently zoned as "Private Open Space," which only permits single family buildings on individual 2-acre lots.

To purchase the land at a reasonable price, all North York has to do is retain the present zoning and buy the land at its assessed value, which is around \$3 million. North York Council is presently evenly split on whether or not to negotiate for the land.

In the meantime, if Tanenbaum wins his zoning increase, due to come before

the OMB next month, the value of the land will more than double, making it extremely difficult for the borough to acquire.

Community members say there is a real need for a well developed park in this area, where only "postage-stamp parks" now exist.

Though the property has been previously closed to the public during the summer, children have for years been climbing fences to toboggan and ski down its hills in the winter.

In face of mounting and well organized opposition, Tanenbaum has recently hinted at a scaling down of his plans. His new proposals include some high rise apartments on the periphery of a "pay-as-you-play" golf course.

As these plans will never reimburse him for his initial \$6.4 million investment, Tanenbaum's latest move is seen by some as a stalling tactic. With years to slowly build on the land he owns,

critics feel Tanenbaum is obviously willing to play the waiting game until public opposition dies down.

In the meantime, community, neighbourhood, and home and school associations are committed to keeping York Downs green.

North York Council will be discussing the possibility of acquiring this property at the council meeting Monday, December 21, at 2 pm, 5000 Yonge Street. The issue will come before the OMB, 123 Edward Street, on January 6, 1971.

All people concerned about the proposed rezoning are being urged to attend the above meetings and convey their feelings to their respective aldermen. People further interested in helping to keep York Downs green, are being asked to contact the York Downs Community Park Association for additional information — Mr. Morry Smith, president, 633-3914, or Sharon Cohen, 633-2619.