

...and then there was Poundmaker

HALIFAX (CUP) - The St. Mary's Journal, the student newspaper of St. Mary's University may have two editors this year - one elected by the staff of the paper and one by the student council, with neither recognizing the legitimacy of the other.

The Journal's problem stems partly from the financial dilemma faced by the student council. While the council expects to receive only \$48,000 in revenue this year, \$28,000 will be used to pay debts from last year.

At first the council decided to shut down the newspaper altogether, citing financial con-

straints as the cause. At the beginning of the school year they relented, deciding the paper could re-open providing the operation was self-supporting, and providing the student council could elect the editor.

The staff argued that neither condition could be met. They say it is not financially possible to run a break-even paper in a small college, and they object to making the editor responsible to the council. Previously the editor was elected by and responsible to the newspaper staff.

They also point out that the constitutions of the Journal and the student council both state the editor will be elected by the newspaper staff.

Now the council has set up an applications committee to screen hopeful editors, while the staff has called a meeting to elect an editor.

The two prime candidates are Sarah Gordon, supported by the staff, who says the paper can run on as little as a \$4,000 subsidy; and Pat McLaughlin, thought to be supported by the council, who says he can run the paper on a profit-making basis.

Atlantic reps optimistic

FREDERICTON (CUP) - Student representatives are cautiously optimistic that recent meetings with provincial youth minister Jean-Pierre Ouelette will bring about change in New Brunswick's student aid plan.

The minister has agreed to change the format of the student loan form. He will present demands such as an increase in money allowed for books, the extension of the academic year, a 25 percent increase in living expenses, and student representation on major student aid policy and decision making bodies to the provincial cabinet.

President of the University of New Brunswick's Student Council, Warren McKenzie was happy with the September 11 meeting. It was good that student representatives and government were seriously discussing the student aid issue, he said.

But McKenzie remains skeptical that the discussions will have any concrete effect on altering the province's student aid policies. He noted that an earlier letter to Premier Hatfield met with no concrete response.

Ouelette has promised to give students the cabinet's answer to their demands by the first week in October.

Meanwhile, McKenzie still plans to meet Liberal opposition leader Robert Higgins regarding changes in the student aid plan. But no date has been set for the meeting.

"Put up or shut up" -B of G

LONDON (CUP) - The student representative on the University of Western Ontario's Board of Governors has been told by the president of the university to "put up or shut up".

At a BOG meeting September 19, student member Rob Metras attempted to give a notice of motion to a proposal which would give students a rebate on Athletics fees collected over the last two years.

Metras is seeking the rebate, because of a \$114,000 surplus held by the Athletic Department budget.

UWO president D.C. Williams said following the meeting that Metras has not followed procedure and added forcefully, "Rob Metras had better put up or shut up."

Metras was told during the meeting to take his grievance to the Property and Finance committee of the Board and wait for a report on their findings.

Not satisfied with that response, Metras attempted to voice his objections and became embroiled in argument over procedure.

After the meeting Metras

said, "I was hosed, but I will follow procedure and hopefully get some sort of response at the next board meeting."

Metras believes the students should have their fee set on a yearly basis which would tie the amount of the fee charged more closely to the spending of the Athletics Department.

The issue stems from the disclosure of the healthy

reserve built up by the department over the past three years.

"It seems funny to me," said Metras, "that I'm the only one who appears to care about the surplus."

When asked about Williams' comment to "put up or shut up", Metras said, "I won't shut up until I get some results, and if that means putting up with the red tape of the board, I guess I'll have to."

University Women's Club Bursaries

A number of bursaries will be offered this year to mature women students returning to University after a interruption of their education, who are in need of financial assistance.

The bursaries are being offered by the University Women's Club. Interested applicants should apply before October 15, 1975 to University Women's Club c/o 2-5 University Hall.

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