

If the Canadian government will not act (on the South African issue)...

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...it is up to Canadian students to mobilize public support of a boycott.

Tom Ward  
Canadian Union of Students  
International Affairs  
Executive Secretary, 1964.

## Double dose of discipline

by Cam McCulloch

Campus Security is seeking to expand its power.

The Campus Law Review Committee has given Campus Security the go-ahead to proceed with disciplinary action autonomous of the police system.

Director of Campus Security, Doug Langevin, says anyone accused of non-academic misconduct may face disciplinary action by the University regardless of any criminal charges arising from an incident.

An accused person might then be disciplined by the University whether or not he is found guilty in a court of law.

A graduate of the University of Alberta Law program, who asked to remain unnamed, says this may enter the area of double jeopardy. "If an accused is found not guilty by a court of law it should be enough."

But Langevin says the evidence to obtain a conviction in court is different from the evidence needed to discipline a student internally. "I have a duty to protect the people and property on campus. If I think I have enough evidence I will ask the

panel to proceed with disciplinary action."

The disciplinary panel is comprised of three people, at least two of which are students.

U of A Law professor Fred Laux says "there is a difference between the criminal process which inflicts punishment to protect society, and the University's power to discipline to protect students and the institution itself."

Laux cites an example of a student assaulting a teacher. In addition to receiving a criminal conviction, the student could be expelled to protect others on campus.

Laux adds, "the internal system is actually beneficial to students." For example, frat hazing is a potentially criminal offence which could instead be dealt with through the panel.

The Code of Student Behaviour allows for a variety of penalties for non-academic misconduct: expulsion; suspension; a fine of not more than 500 dollars; reprimand; exclusion from specified areas of the University.



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## Loan remission proposal supported by Senate

by John Watson

The university senate discussed a number of topics of interest to northern Alberta residents in its quarterly meeting held Sept. 26 in Peace River.

It also voted to support the Students' Union loan remission proposal.

The proposal suggests the provincial government give 40 per cent remission on all loans. Currently, remission varies from 25 to 50 per cent depending upon year of study.

The proposal also outlines methods the government can use to crack down on cheaters — freeing up about \$10 million every year.

Before the senate agreed to support the proposal, they suggested the money saved be redistributed within the loans program.

Senate chancellor Tevie Miller will send a letter to advanced education minister Dave Russell supporting the proposal.

The senate also heard an appeal for help from Carl Urion, acting director of Native Student Services.

According to Urion, there has been a 400 per cent increase in the number of native students at the U of A since 1975. The native student population is now increasing at about 15 per cent each year. But the real numbers are still far below what they should be, Urion said.

Native students should be on campus in the same proportion as the native population to non-natives in all of Alberta. That would mean 1,500 native students on campus.

"We won't reach that level of participation until 2006," said Urion. "I hope that is unacceptable to the senate."

Urion asked the senate to take an active role in promoting more native student involvement on campus.

The senate is involved in making ethics courses compulsory for all first year students.

Twelve faculties have established committees that will plan ethics education within each.

According to Chancellor Miller

both students and staff felt ethics courses would be useful.

"Students surveyed felt delivery of teaching in the ethical concept area was very spotty," Miller said.

"Given the lack, in western nations, of people being deeply

involved in religion, the wrecking of family ties, we (the senate ethics committee) felt that these things (ethics) have started to fall between the chairs."

A great deal of senate time was devoted to hearing northern Alber-

ta residents' requests. Most asked for more course offerings in the north. Currently, the first two years of Arts and Education are the most accessible to northern residents. Many other faculties are not represented in the north.

## McMaster students fail writing test

**HAMILTON (CUP)** — Almost half of the students who took a new, mandatory writing competency test at McMaster University failed, raising questions about the literacy of university-aged students.

Forty-two per cent of the first-year students who took the test in August failed, and 57 per cent of those who took it a second time

failed again in September.

"We are not talking about a high level of competence to pass this test, let me assure you," Betty Levy, chair of the committee overseeing the test, told the *Globe and Mail*. "It's really looking at a person's writing skills, and saying of someone who fails that this is a person who really can't write a paragraph

very well."

In most faculties, a student must pass the test before entering third year studies. In engineering, students must pass before entering their second year. The multiple choice quiz tests skills in grammar, vocabulary, clarity, and organization.

The comparative results for engineering and humanities students were also surprising. While 66 per cent of the engineers passed the first test, only 65 per cent of their counterparts were successful, according to student council president Mike Kukhta, an engineering student.

## Disabled students to lobby for change

**OTTAWA (CUP)** — A national organization representing disabled students and the administrators who deliver services to them will likely be struck at a conference to be held here in November.

The National Educational Association of Disabled Students — NEADS — will be the first national organization in Canada to represent disabled post-secondary students, says organizer Frank Smith.

"The idea is to hold a conference to bring together disabled students and administrators," Smith said. "But what we're really all for is making campuses more accessible."

A coordinating committee of

four Carleton University students received \$35,000 this summer from the federal Secretary of State to organize the Nov. 9 to 12 conference.

Smith said NEADS will provide relevant information to disabled students, and will advise on how to lobby for change.

"We'll be a lobby and advocacy group. The idea of NEADS is to make campuses as accessible to as many groups as possible," Smith said.

Smith is confident NEADS will be successful. "There's never been anything like this before," he said.

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