

# A drunken escapade by an SU prez

**HALIFAX (CUP)** — A drunken escapade in which another Nova Scotia College of Arts and Design student's artwork was destroyed has cost the student union president his job.

Ken Robinson was voted out of office Nov. 23 after councillors complained about this and other "irregularities" in his administration of the student union.

Robinson refuses to resign, and disputes the legality of the motion and of an omnibus resolution used to appoint interim president Joe Blades.

Catherine Gruetzke, an American exchange student at the college, said Robinson discharged a fire extinguisher into her studio space and damaged her artwork on the evening of Nov. 6, one day after a 20-day faculty strike was settled.

Other students present say Robinson had been drinking earlier that night, a charge that Robinson doesn't deny. However, he said

he wasn't acting in his capacity as president during the incident, and so claims the matter is irrelevant.

Gruetzke complained to college president Garry Kennedy, who warned Robinson that if he acted again in this manner he could be kicked out of school.

Blades said many students felt Robinson should have been expelled. "In other art schools, destruction of another student's property would be grounds for automatic expulsion," he said.

Robinson survived two other non-confidence motions, including one criticizing his role in the recent faculty strike. Students complained he wasn't providing them with enough information from the board meetings about the strike.

Blades said many also disagreed with the "theoretical neutrality" position Robinson took during the strike. Robinson scheduled council meetings on campus property, accessible only to those crossing

the faculty union's picket lines.

Robinson said he was moved from office unfairly. "Everything was sprung on me. A little gang of

people came in and pushed an omnibus bill through council," he said.

However, he said his short but

eventful political career might not be over yet. He said he "quite possibly might run" in next term's elections.

## From the Gateway archives...

**October 13, 1939 —**

American students decisively voted "No" in a nationwide poll asking whether the United States should enter the war in Europe. The majority of students polled indicated they would fight only if the U.S. were attacked.

**December 3, 1948 —**

The National Federation of Canadian University Students considered withdrawing from the International Union of Students because

of the "communist" leanings of the latter organization. A motion to withdraw was tabled at a recent meeting in Montreal.

**February 10, 1961 —**

The University Board of Governors announced a tuition fee hike of approximately 20 per cent for the 1961-62 academic year. Fees for arts will be \$250 for the year, up from \$215; science will go up from \$245 to \$290.

**October 22, 1970 —**

Students from U of A and several other universities across Canada demonstrated against the implementation of the War Measures Act. Over 2000 students attended a meeting to discuss the WMA in the Quad. Student newspapers at the University of Lethbridge and the University of Guelph were pulled from distribution for printing the FLQ manifesto.

# Annual sexual harassment report

The President's Advisory Committee on Sexual Harassment (PACSH) was established in October 1982 to investigate sexual harassment complaints and to educate staff and students about issues relating to sexual harassment. This is our fourth annual report to the campus community.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Some 60 'drop-in' information sessions were held during 1985-86 in 30 locations on campus, including the Lister student residence. Sessions were also held for senior management. These sessions were hosted by the 17 members of PACSH and by the PACSH Coordinator. At these sessions we explained how PACSH deals with complaints of sexual harassment and showed the City of Edmonton's film on sexual harassment. Questions were asked about a range of topics including sexual harassment, sexual assault, sex discrimination, pin-ups, sexist treatment on the job and sexist comments in the classroom.

### REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

PACSH's procedures for investigating written complaints of sexual harassment were endorsed in 1982 by the four associations (the Students' Union, the Non-academic Staff Association, the Association of Academic Staff and the Graduate Students' Association). Since that time PACSH has obtained approval each year for a number of changes. During 1985-86 proposals were made to revise the procedures extensively. The review will continue into Fall 1986. New procedures should be in place shortly thereafter.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT SITUATIONS - 1985-86

Over the past four years we have

### Analysis of Complaints (N=47) Received by PACSH, Classified by Complainants, Sex, and Student/Staff Status, 1982 to 1986.

Classification	No. of Complainants	No. of Respondents
<b>Sex:</b>		
Female	36	6
Male	9	36
<b>Total*</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Status:</b>		
Undergraduate	16	12
Graduate	11	11
Non-academic	9	4
Academic	7	12
<b>Total*</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>

Note: the 47 complaints include 8 third-party verbal complaints and 6 group complaints.

\*Totals do not include some cases where the sex and/or status of the complainant and/or the respondent were not known.

such as writing a letter to the alleged harasser or seeking help from the head of their Department. During 1985-86, PACSH received 15 complaints of sexual harassment. Complaints were made by both men and women. Complaints from each of the four constituent groups were received. The alleged harassers also spanned all four constituent groups.

There were no formal, written complaints during 1985-86. Of the 15 verbal complaints, six were resolved informally and in eight cases the complainants did not report back on whether or not resolution was reached. One case is still ongoing.

### CASE STATISTICS 1982-86

In its annual reports published each Fall in *Gateway* and *Folio*, PACSH has reported the number of complaints received the previous year. These reports have been deliberately brief in order to ensure confidentiality. For this year's report, PACSH feels that some global statistics can be reported without breaching the confidentiality of individual complaints.


found that individuals with a sexual harassment problem usually want

to resolve the problem as quickly and quietly as possible. Most people who called the TALK line this year (432-TALK) spoke first with the Chair of PACSH, Professor Anne McLellan, and then decided on some strategy for informal resolu-

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