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University riot insurance premiums up

OTTAWA (CUP) - Fire insurance companies, trying to safeguard against insurance losses due to vandalism, bombings and riots by student militants, have found a way to cut costs -- by imposing fire insurance deductibles and riot premiums on university administrations wishing insurance protection.

University officials across the country are up in arms over the new premiums, but it looks as though they are here to stay.

Roy Elms, of the Canadian Underwriters Association, the largest organization of fire insurance companies in Canada, says that the use of deductibles and riot premiums will "encourage university officials to accept more responsibility in controlling losses at the source".

What this means, within the political and economic framework of Canadian universities, is that big business, through insurance economics, can gain some control of university politics by making student radicalism too expensive a cross for the universities to bear. On an insurance claim, a deductible is that first part of the claim that the owner must pay in case of damage, before the insurance company will undertake to pay the rest.

The Canadian Underwriters' Association (CUA) are increasing university vandalism and riot insurance rates by as much as 100 per cent, while also imposing deductible amounts of up to \$50,000 per claim on university building fire losses.

How do insurance companies justify this rate increase? By citing examples:

X the growing record of student unrest at the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser, University of Wind-

sor, Waterloo Lutheran, McGill and Sir George Williams. X recent bomb damage at McGill, Loyola, and St. Francis Xavier.

X radical and inflammatory speeches made on university campuses (operating on the theory that all serious student demonstrations can be directly related to the actions of one rabble rouser.) University insurance buyers, the ones being penalized under the new system, feel that the insurance companies are over-reacting to a few isolated incidents and are being overly influenced by recent insurance policies adopted by American university insurers.

Two years ago, however, these same university administrators reacted to the Sir George incident and other relatively minor radical actions to attempt to impose highly restrictive disciplinary policies on students, notably at the University of Saskatchewan and in Ontario by the Committee of the Presidents of the Universities of Ontario. These policies were designed with heavy emphasis on similar documents drawn up by American administrators after heavy damage and major demonstrations on many American campuses.

Universities have always been easy marks for the insurance sharks, and Canadian universities in particular were good investments for insurers until February 1969, when militant students and Montreal police, while using the Sir George Williams University Computer Centre as a battle ground, turned it into a \$2 million help of scrap metal.

The insurance industry took this loss with very ill grace and set about scheming ways to retain the healthy capital flow

from the universities' coffers to its own.

This fall the men at the drawing board found the answer: high riot premiums and high deductibles.

While the long term effects of this move by the CUA cannot yet be estimated, university officials feel the insurance industry is tackling the "vandalism" problem ass backwardly. The University people are now

suggesting, rather belatedly, a counter proposal.

A spokesman for Marsh and McLennan Ltd. of Toronto, a leading broker of university insurance, says that the universities and the insurance agencies should have held meetings to discuss better campus security arrangements, more realistic deduction provisions, and other improvements on the risk in-

But it's too late since the CUA has already unilaterally made their decision and are in a position to stick to their guns because they are the insurers with the most experience on Canadian campuses. CUA will negotiate deductibles but only with universities with huge insurance budgets and long peaceful histories.

Teacher fired over GEORGIA STRAIGHT

MOOSOMIN, Sask. (CUP) - A school teacher in this small Saskatchewan community has lost her job after she recently allowed her students to read a newspaper.

The paper in question is the Vancouver alternate paper "The Georgia Straight" and home economics teacher Marjorie Gordon, 24, was fired from her job at the local McNaughton High School after parents complained that she was allowing members of her Grade 9 class to read it.

The charge was "gross misconduct" on the part of Gordon

who is in her second year of experiences. teaching.

The school board says the paper which deals with community issues in the Vancouver area is "unsuitable for children aged 14 to 16."

No reason is apparent for the particular age group, for the charge "gross misconduct", or why the paper is "unsuitable in the first place, although Superintendent of schools James Ingram said the particular issue in question contained an article in which some "young girls" described their sexual

Ingram said the small community of 3000 on the Trans-Canada Highway, 140 miles east of Regina is "in an uproar" because the parents of some of the students had caught them reading the forbidden paper addressed to Gordon's husband.

Ingram said that when she was asked why she showed the paper to her students, Gordon said they saw her reading it, asked to look at it, and she could see no reason for not showing it to them.

University of Calgary looks for volunteer pot smokers

CALGARY (CUP) - The University of Calgary has issued a plea for volunteers who are willing to risk life, limb, and possibly sanity by indulging in the forbidden fruits of marijuana.

The compensate for possible physical impairment, the uni-

versity is offering such volunteers \$50 each.

The offer, open to persons from all walks of life and over the age of 21, is part of a study program being conducted to examine the non-medical use of marijuana.

Psychologist Steve Miller, one of the four men heading up the program -- which is financed by \$100,000 in federal government research grants -- said the university was looking

for about 400 volunteers, both men and women.

The marijuana -- an illicit substance much used in some quarters -- for the research program was harvested recently from the bumper crop at the government experimental farm in Ottawa.

For safekeeping, the marijuana is currently being kept in a safe at the University of Calgary medical school.

Abbie goes for ballot box

NEW YORK (CUPI) - Abbie Hoffman, Yippie leader and well-known revolutionary clown has re-emerged with a new political line and a short haircut.

The author of "Steal This Book" (which has been banned in Canada) closely cropped his hair at a university speech in New Jersey recently as a symbol of his "rejection of hip culture" and is now telling audiences to work for social change through the ballot box.

Hoffman says that he's still calling for a social and political revolution but that he is urging people to register and vote at least at the local level.

"In college towns, with recent changes in the laws, it makes a lot of sense to engage in elective politics as an experiment. It's possible that radicals could win."

"Berkley is a start. And look at Cambridge, Mass. Someone like Daniel Ellsberg could change it and could win."

He said, however, that it is still meaningless to work for candidates on the national level.

The reason for the new short haircut: "Long hair doesn't have the bite of rejecting American values that it had two years ago. Now it's an affectation."

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