

paper hires professional help

CUP criticizes faculty influence on Ryersonian

By LARRY GREENSPAN

TORONTO (CUP)—The Ryersonian, the daily newspaper produced at the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, has come under fire from a special investigation commission of the Canadian University Press.

The investigation was undertaken by CUP when it was learned that the Ryersonian was to become part of Ryerson's academic journalism course and that a managing editor would be hired.

Canadian University Press is the national association of university student newspapers.

The commission's interim report,

presented at the CUP Ontario Region conference in Kingston Saturday, said students at Ryerson no longer control the newspaper.

"The Ryersonian has passed out of any effective control by the students," the report stated.

"As now constituted, its editorial policy is in direct control by the Board of Governors of the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute both through their financial involvement with printing expenses, editorial operating expenses, and through the existence of a faculty member with the express powers of censorship."

Don Soutter, former news editor

of the Kingston Whig-Standard, was hired this fall by Ryerson as managing editor of the Ryersonian.

The commission's interim report said, "The ultimate decision as to what stories to play and how to play them rests with Mr. Soutter."

"Mr. Soutter also can if he wishes, decide editorial policy of the paper."

Part of the CUP constitution states "In no case shall a representative of the institution or of council (other than the editors) have the implied or expressed power of censorship, or the power to set editorial or advertising policies."

Mr. Soutter and Ryersonian

editor John Dowell denied that Soutter influences editorials. "The masthead would resign if he did," Dowell said.

Investigating commission chairman Peter Calamai, president of the CUP Ontario Region and editor of the McMaster Silhouette, said editorial policies also extend to determining the importance of news stories and what sort of play to give them.

The Ontario Region conference recommended in its plenary session that the CUP National Conference amend its constitution to accommodate post-secondary school educational institution newspapers

which are part of academic journalism courses offered at the institutions.

The investigating commission will make its final report and recommendations to the CUP National Conference in Calgary next month, independent of the Ontario Region recommendations.

The commission's interim report recommended that The Ryersonian "be barred immediately from any trophy competitions because of the presence of paid non-student help on the paper which would give the Ryersonian an unfair advantage over competing papers."

The regional conference instructed Calamai to investigate what control or interference is exerted by faculties or administrations over newspapers at other Canadian universities.

The Ryersonian editor was instructed to prepare a written report explaining why The Ryersonian should remain a member in good standing of CUP.

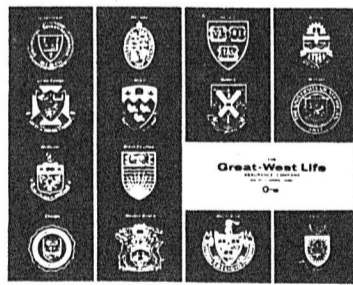
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By SUZETTE L.

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