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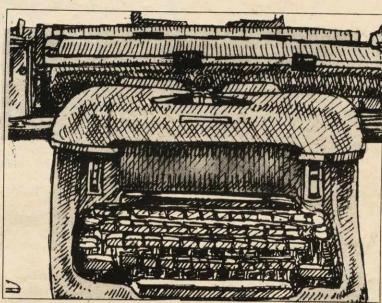
SASKATOON (CUP)—The University of Saskatchewan engineers don't want to hear off-campus news.

The engineers came out in full force against the student newspaper, the Sheaf, at the student association's annual general meeting, Nov. 17, but the fundcutting motion they passed is not binding.

About 100 angry engineers attended the meeting of 120, criticizing the *Sheaf's* coverage of "off-campus stories." They were especially upset with a recent issue devoted to gays and lesbians.

They passed a motion to cut the newspaper's funding in January unless it meets three conditions. They want the paper's editorial staff to become directly answerable to the student union, a 40 per cent cap put on "off-campus news" and a 50 per cent cap put on content about "any significant sexual, racial, ethnic or political group."

Motions passed at U of S general meetings are not binding unless they are ratified by the student council. At its last meeting, council tabled consideration of the motion until its Dec. 1 meeting.



Sheaf editor Diane Read said council will likely reject the motion because its has already set up a committee of its own to investigate the paper's structure. That committee will report at the Dec. 1 meeting and Reid said she expects favorable recommendations.

"I don't think (council) could accept this motion because they've already put a lot of work into the committee reviewing the Sheaf," she said.

She called the engineering motion "an attempt at coercion."

"They have no right to tell us what to print," she said, adding tht the only control the student association has over the *Sheaf* is financial.

The review committee includes three student union representatives, four students at large, and one Sheaf member.

Reid said the committee which has met twice, "seems to be listening to what we are saying."



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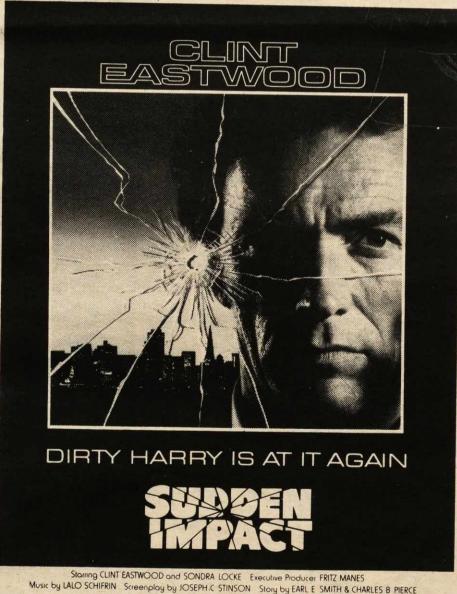
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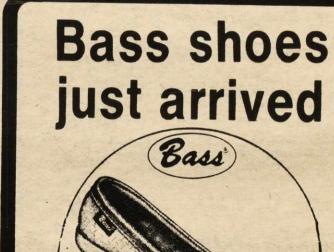
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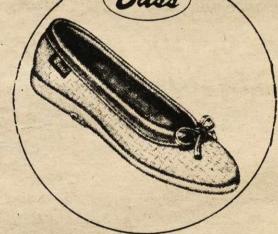
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