

NEWS BRIEFS

Firing of Uniter editor ratified

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The University of Winnipeg student council has officially ratified council president Marilou McPhedran's decision to remove Uniter editor Tom Borowski from the university student newspaper. In a closed meeting Feb. 28, the council voted 9-1 for ratification with one abstention. Earlier in the day, Borowski had been unofficially fired and the Uniter trailer padlocked. But in an authorized referendum conducted by the student council, U of W students voted by a 3-2 majority for Borowski's reinstatement. An earlier referendum was declared unofficial because it was on the same ballot as the council elections. Activity reached a peak Feb. 28 with the distribution of two Uniter on campus, a "Uniter Special" put out by the student council, and a renegade "Uniter 13" published by the original Uniter staff clandestinely from the offices of the Manitoban at the neighbouring University of Manitoba. The council special, financed through the paper's budget claimed the legal and constitutional right to fire Borowski and then went into an impartial attack on his actions. One of the things it charged Borowski with was his "financial mismanagement" of the Uniter but associate editor Ian Grant said the budget is handled through the student council so any mismanagement of funds was the responsibility of the council treasurer. The Uniter staff is also charging the council with falsifying its financial report by publishing yearly payrolls as \$15,000 when the official receipts add up to nearly \$25,000. About \$10 out of every student's \$30 union fee goes for student association salary expenditures.

Staff meets today at 5

Grad aid cut 10%

No aid to part-time students

The Treasury Board recommends no loan or awards scheme next year for part-time students and cutting aid for graduate students 10 percent the Ontario Committee on Student Awards learned last Thursday.

In addition, the ceiling on loans is raised from \$600 to \$800.

The one positive decision is the decentralization of review cases so that local awards officers in each university handle applications sent back for review.

The above changes are some of the nine sent down from the Treasury Board and Minister of Universities and Colleges George Kerr. Neither OCSA or any other advisory board concurred in the decisions. OCSA has been pressuring over the last two years for a loan-award scheme for part-time students.

Paul Johnston, Toronto Union of Students fieldworker and OCSA student member said when OCSA recommendations were refused the committee was "rather shocked". The new proposed plans are for the most part contrary to the wishes of OCSA.

When implemented, the loan

ceiling raise will decrease the award monies given to students. Funds for the Ontario Graduate Fellowship program will be cut by \$500,000, a reduction from \$3.5 million to \$3 million. Originally, the 1971 OGF program had received a \$5 million budget, but this was cut in the spring.

Other changes to be implemented include a \$2.50 per week travelling costs budget plus an extra \$2.50 for those living more than 10 miles from campus. Depending on regional considerations, \$30 room and board will be allowed, but those in residence will meet the difference through loans. Any car considered justified would be eligible for \$400 in operation costs only.

Landed immigrants would still be eligible for OSAP unless the sponsor leaves the country, in which case they could receive loans only. Marital and separated status would be considered if prior to the first day of the month in which classes begin.

The decision not to implement a part-time student scheme opposes one of the key recommendations of

the Wright report, which favors part-time education.

Johnston said students will march on Queen's Park March 28 at 4 pm in demonstration against the proposed OSAP changes.

"It's obvious the Treasury Board is not thinking of the human factor involved," he added.

Ref held at U of T after YS acclamation

University of Toronto students will face a referendum on Wednesday and Thursday on whether to accept the acclaimed Young Socialist slate or to reopen nominations. SAC voted 22 to 1 Wednesday to hold the referendum.

The YS slate won after two other slates withdrew just before nominations closed. YS presidential candidate Katie Curtin said her group was democratically elected and should be put in office.

One slate of candidates led by this year's SAC vice-president Philip Dack dropped out saying they felt SAC couldn't accomplish anything.

A second slate led by engineering student Eric Miglin was forced out after his vice-president running-mate withdrew for personal reasons.

Roger Harper and Yusuf Cajee were acclaimed as Curtin's vice-presidents.

Errata

In last week's article, "Fletcher, Staff try to avoid ad bills" on front page, the remarks "We were prepared to pay a reasonable amount ... but we refuse to pay an advertising bill to cover events the student newspaper should be covering," were incorrectly attributed to Neil Staff and were actually said by Michael Fletcher. As reported, both were carnival organizers.

In last week's article on physical education, it was incorrectly said that athletics director Nobby Wirkowski does not have a degree. He has a BSc from the University of Miami, Ohio. Also hockey coach Bill Purcell receives \$1,500 from the part-time salaries budget but none from the team.

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