

SMU Battles Ruling On 1.5 gpa

The student union of Saint Mary's University is battling a senate ruling that bars students with poor academic standings from participating in extra curricular activities.

The university passed the controversial regulation last spring which blocks students which receive a grade point average of less than 1.5 (C-) from participating in varsity sports, serving on university committees or bodies or holding office in any student organization.

The Saint Mary's Student Representative Council (SRC), is circulating a petition condemning the ban. SRC president Mike McNeil said the council views the move as "an

infringement on the rights of students to be actively involved in campus life."

Victor Katano, a faculty member who is in support of

the regulation, said Saint Mary's has a poor academic reputation.

He said "the ban is necessary. The students should realize they're here to be educated."

McNeil said the image of Saint Mary's has mainly been noted for its sports teams although the university has no formal athletic program. Its academic performance has been criticized by faculty members leaving to accept jobs at higher paying institutions.

McNeil said the image of Saint Mary's as a "jock university" is invalid. Only a small percentage of students on academic probations, he said, are involved in outside activities.

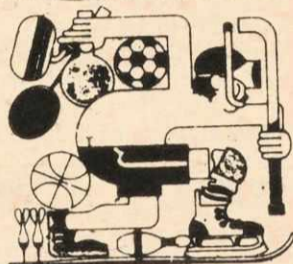
SMU academic regulations currently allow applicants of grade point averages of less than 1.5 to be admitted. If the

student's average has not improved after the first year of study, he is placed on academic probation.

The participation ban prevents students in this position from participating in campus activities. Peter March, SMU director of student services, said the university is trying to build a better academic reputation.

But he said it is a mistake for the university to think the 1.5 ban will induce students to work any harder.

McNeil said one of the SRC's main objective is to rid the campus of the ban. He said the SRC has the support of the National Union of Students against the move.



Programmer fights CIA request

WATERLOO (CUP)—Protest is mounting at the University of Waterloo against a request from the CIA for UW computer information.

The CIA wants an advanced version of a computer compiler, developed at the University of Waterloo.

However, an ex-employee of UW, who helped develop the compiler said the CIA's past practice of using technology "to deprive people of their basic human rights" is a good reason for not granting the request.

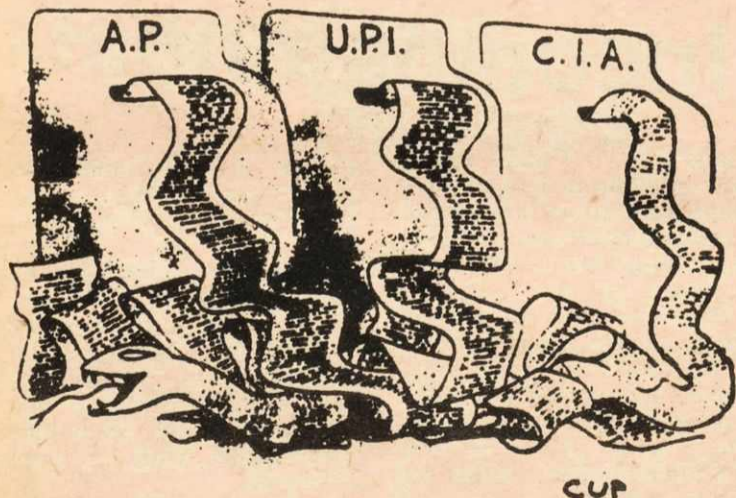
Stephen Harvey, who is no longer employed at the university, attempted to state his views by displaying a sign reading "no UW computer programs for the CIA". How-

was politically motivated. They weren't allowing me access to my computer account, therefore, I couldn't do my work", he said.

Paul Dirksen, director of computing services, said it is the policy of the computing department to cut off the computer accounts of part-time staff until contract renewal. However, Harvey's account was not cut off the last time his contract expired, which occurred at the end of April, said Harvey.

The student council at the University of Waterloo has passed a motion asking the administration to deny the request.

Several councillors said that since Harvey had helped



ever, campus security quickly whisked him into their offices and explained he would have to get permission from the administration to hold a demonstration.

Harvey said if the compiler is turned over to the CIA it would aid the American Intelligence Agency in its clandestine operations.

When Harvey quit his part-time job as a computer operator, his computer account was immediately cut off.

"It (the computer cut off)

develop the compiler he should be given the right to say what should be done with it.

Mark McGuire, last year's student president, said there was a "wall of silence" built by the administration, which indicates they support handing the compiler over to the CIA.

A petition is also circulating on campus asking for support against granting the request.

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