

Union manager makes \$73,000

VANCOUVER(CUP)—Canada's best paid student union business manager got a 10 per cent salary increase this year without the approval of the student council.

Charles Redden at the University of B.C. now makes a whopping \$73,000 a year, up \$7,000 from his previous salary and twice the amount of the next highest paid

business manager in Canada.

"It's outrageous the [student union] would give a 10 per cent increase to the general manager whose salary is double that of any

student society general manager," said Doug Low, student union vice-president and the only executive to oppose the increase.

Low said the salary increase should be ratified by council, according to the society's by-laws.

But instead, the outgoing student union president and the finance director have negotiated the business manager's salary.

"How can the executive say they're representing the students

when they're just wasting student money?" said Low. "I'd rather use the money for bursaries then give it to someone who already has a fairly good income."

Redden, who thinks salary increases should be kept confidential, said Low should not have reported the increase to UBC's student newspaper, the Ubyyssey.

James Hollis, student union financial director, advised The Ubyyssey not to publish information about Redden's salary increase because it would be "in bad taste."

Aquinian freed from council clutches

HALIFAX(CUP)—The student newspaper at St. Thomas University is back on its feet after attempts by the student union there to close it down.

The Aquinian, after long negotiations with the student union members, has emerged with more editorial autonomy than ever.

The student union, which tried to stop the newspaper from publishing by revoking the paper's constitution during a closed meeting last school year, reinstated the document, ratified the paper's editorial board and set up an independent publishing board to deal with the paper's finances.

The student union justified its earlier move to close the paper by saying it was financially unstable and could not cover its \$1,800 debt. Former editor Peter Boisseau said the debt was covered by advertising money but council members dismissed his arguments.


Although student union president Barry Power pressured the local printers not to publish the papers, the Aquinian published

three papers independently with money from local and national advertising as well as staff donations.

The publishing board will take effect in October and makes the

paper semi-autonomous.

Editor Lois Corbett said she would like the Aquinian to receive direct funding from the students instead of council by next spring, making the paper fully autonomous.




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