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**AN ATTEMPT TO INSTRUCT**—SUPA member Jim Johnson, sci 4, mans the controversial Vietnam booth in the math-physics building. A special meeting of SUPA Tuesday night saw the group agree to a withdrawal of the booth to allow further negotiations with the administration.

## Inter-residence raid quelled by Fort Garry constabulary

WINNIPEG (CUP)—Fort Garry police were called to the campus last week to break up an inter-residence raid some 150 Tache Hall students were staging at University College.

The action started about 11 p.m. when the Tache students stormed across the parking lot, and on to

## Bananas don't bring babies, prof contends

The population explosion in the Latin American republic of Costa Rica is the most severe in the world.

Its annual rate of population increase is over four per cent, making it the fastest growing nation in the world.

Prof. P. J. Smith, an associate professor of geography, said the nation is controlled by the United Banana Company.

"I do not suggest there is a relation between the amount of bananas in Costa Rica and this tremendous birth rate," he told his geography 300 class.

the front steps of University College. The University College students had advance warning of the raid, and were waiting quietly on their balconies with waste paper baskets and garbage pails full of water.

When a large number of Tache students were on the steps the baskets were emptied on to them. The attack momentarily deterred the students, but they still managed to gain access to the building. Cans of spray paint were used to paint signs on the windows and walls of the building.

The Tache students entered the dining area, upsetting chair, scattering tables, and spilling enamel paint on the floor.

Meanwhile, others of the Tache mob were trying to forcibly gain entrance into the residence area itself, attempting to break the lock on the vestibule door, and also attempting to destroy the grating inside the door. Neither venture was successful.

Finally the University College students got out a firehose on the second floor, took it out on the balcony, and turned in on the Tache students. This seemed to dampen their spirits somewhat.

A few Tache people managed to get into the residence, and University College students attempted to drag one or two of them in to throw them in the bathtubs.

After a brief struggle, the Tache students were pushed out of the area, and the doors closed. A few minutes later, the Fort Garry police arrived.

Damage estimated to University College as a result of the raid were not more than \$100, since many of the University College students helped clean the place after the raid.

### Bulletin

## DIE chairman defies provost

A student summonsed to appear before the student court has been advised to ignore the charge by university provost A. A. Ryan.

But the discipline, interpretation and enforcement board of the students' union will proceed with the hearing in spite of this, board chairman Branny Schepanovich said late Wednesday.

The student, whose name is being withheld, is charged with acting against the principles of good conduct and the best interests of the student body as a whole.

The five-member board will meet Tuesday to rule on the case.

The hearing is in room 236 of the eng building at 7 p.m.

## Vietnam kits back in SUB

### Investigation to proceed on campus soliciting ban

A Vietnam information booth established as a battle line between a U of A peace group and the administration has been withdrawn to allow for further negotiation.

The Student Union for Peace Action erected a booth in the math-physics building in defiance of a university regulation forbidding "soliciting and canvassing" on university property.

SUPA will operate its booth in SUB until the rules denying the right to operate their literature booth are fully investigated and interpreted.

Following lengthy discussion at a Tuesday meeting the group reached a consensus and agreed to use existing channels to obtain permission for their venture.

The Tuesday meeting was called after discussions were held earlier in the day between university provost Prof. A. A. Ryan and SUPA representative Peter Boothroyd.

Boothroyd, a grad student in sociology, met Prof. Ryan as a spokesman for SUPA, which has been selling "Vietnam kits" containing information and comment on the Vietnam war.

He said he was told to examine his position at this university before considering any further action with regard to the SUPA booth, which has now been in operation for three weeks in the students' union building and in the math-physics-chemistry buildings corridors. The former University of Toronto student said he has signed an agreement on the university entrance form in which he promises to abide by university rules.

The three-hour meeting Tuesday night was attended by Prof. Ryan, and was a direct result of the morning meeting. Boothroyd had told Prof. Ryan he would have to consult other SUPA members before committing them to any position on the Vietnam booth.

SUPA members asked Prof. Ryan to represent the administration's position at their meeting, and outline what was expected of them.

The university provost told the meeting the Dean's Council turned down the original request for space because SUPA wanted to operate it for an extended period of time and did not clearly specify the booth's location.

He outlined two problems the booth would create:

- another group has already asked permission to erect a booth opposite the 'Viet' booth and this would create traffic problems in the corridor.

- "undesirable groups" might establish themselves on campus if the administration did not enforce the Board of Governor's rule against soliciting and canvassing on the campus.

Prof. Ryan suggested the group re-examine its stand on the controversy, and said the matter should be put "in storage" until the group goes through proper channels to have it considered by the correct administrative bodies.

His suggestion met with strenuous objections from some SUPA members, who charged the administration's action constituted suppression of free speech.

## Council kicks off fee battle

Students' council began "action to prevent increases in residence rates and tuition fees" at Monday's meeting of students' council.

Richard Price, students' union president, presented a report pointing to increases in residence rents and tuition fees as "most serious potential threats" which students' council will have to deal with soon.

Students' council accepted the recommendations of the report and referred it to the education action committee.

Price says there is every reason to believe the university and the government are considering a tuition fee increase to meet rising university costs.

"I have every reason to believe that as the cost of running this university increases, the Board of Governors will turn to the students to bear an increased share of the burden," Price said in his brief to council.

Price recommended a definite program of action to prepare the students for a confrontation on the issue of increased tuition fees.

He cited the following course of action:

- undertake a "lobby" with the Board of Governors and the Provincial Students Assistance Board to make them aware of the economic strains on students

- press for a student representative on the university budget committee to allow greater student involvement in the problems of financing higher education

- map out a plan of action setting down the various alternatives

- continue the present students' union support for the CUS goal of "universal accessibility" to post secondary education

- refer the question of tuition fees to the Education Action Committee of the council

- refer the question of residence rents to the residence students' association

"If we are to have some assurance of the strength of our position we must create an awareness of the issues among the students and public," Price says in the brief.