

# Council miscarries on abortion

WATERLOO (CUP) - Frayed tempers caused a loss of quorum at the crucial moment and prevented the University of Waterloo Student Council from considering whether to send a pro-abortion telegram to federal justice minister Otto Lang, September 18.

The telegram, presented to student education co-ordinator Shane Roberts, called for a law which provided abortion to those not prepared to bear a child, and advocated planned parenthood programs.

When council was prepared to vote on whether to send the telegram, science rep Ralph Torrie, who heatedly argued against the action, stormed out of council chambers and broke quorum for the meeting.

Torrie had argued that since council only represented a small percentage of UW students, it could not go ahead with the pro-abortion stance

because it would be stepping on some student's religious sentiments.

Since all students are forced to be members of the federation, it would be both irresponsible and immoral, to send the telegram without consulting the religious minority on campus, he said.

The telegram presented to council read: "We believe that motherhood should be voluntary. We believe that Canadian women should have freedom of choice. Those who are not prepared to bear a child, despite alternatives to abortion that society can offer, should be able to have their pregnancies terminated safely and without delay.

"We believe that medical facilities where abortions can be performed in maximum safety should be available to all, Canadian women, even if they live in areas without such facilities, even if they are poor,

even if they are young.

"A law which provides access to abortion only to a few and only in some locations is unjust. We ask that police and courts immediately stop prosecuting Dr. Henry Morgentaler and those other professionally qualified doctors and nurses who have been performing abortions in order to help women.

## U of Winnipeg belly-up?

WINNIPEG (CUP) - Facing an increasing financial crisis and forbidden by the Manitoba government to increase tuition fees, the University of Manitoba has increased fees on almost all other services it provides.

Parking fees have gone up as much as 200 per cent, fees for the use of Physical Education facilities as much as 50 per cent, the cost of transcripts is up 100 per cent, and a fee for validating I.D. cards has been instituted where none existed before.

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# Toronto Globe & Mail called racist & lousy

by John Bowman as "just another extension of the other media."

The Globe and Mail is "profoundly racist, eastern-oriented and journalistically quite lousy," according to Laurier LaPierre.

LaPierre's one-hour lecture Tuesday at the U of Winnipeg consisted of a critique of the media in Canada. He accused Canada's newspapers of slanting their headlines to appeal to morons and said they are "irrelevant and ought not to be read."

LaPierre said the only value of radio disc jockeys was to "demonstrate the power of papers to distort the news."

John Turner's resignation was neither unexpected nor disastrous according to LaPierre, but it was made into an Earth-shattering event by the press because they had set Turner up as "the savior of the nation." Television was defined

LaPierre used two examples to illustrate the way the media's main goal should be to provide entertainment since it could not communicate or inform in its current context.

LaPierre criticized the notion that TV promotes violence in that reporting on John ("an irrelevant old man") Diefenbaker at his 80th birthday, the press should have congratulated the public "for putting up with Dief's bitchiness" rather than honoring him.

LaPierre cited the three roles of the press: to inform marginally, to communicate marginally, and to entertain royally. He said no violence is worse than that in everyday life and argued that we are essentially violent people who enjoy police brutality and war (Vietnam).

## NUS, from page 1

the Canadian Union of Students in 1963, in conjunction with a rise in student political awareness and activity.

The report mentions that as "a swing to the left" became more and more pronounced individual members began dropping out, beginning with the U of A.

Martin Loney, 1969 president of CUS, predicting the demise of CUS and the rise of some other national union, said "anyone who supposed that we can continue to play political games with national unionism is clearly out of touch with existing realities. If CUS does not win a large number of referendums in the early fall then we will not only be politically impotent, but financially bankrupt."

"No doubt in two or three years a national union will re-emerge but student unionism will have suffered a setback. In the interim, student councils will find that the circulation of ideas has slowed down, that there is no attempt to articulate national policy and that when the crunch comes, they are on their own."

CUS expired.

NUS was formed in 1972 to replace it. It faltered at first and this summer nearly went bankrupt, but for the support of both member and non member student unions across Canada.

NUS has since developed three major goals says the report: to provide research on issues of concern to students, to lobby the federal government and other national bodies on behalf of student interests, and to provide communication between members themselves, between members and the national office, and between provincial organisations.

The report lists the faults of NUS as being either directly or indirectly caused by poor communication and lack of broadly based support. NUS lacks resources to provide all its necessary functions, and says there is a large group of members who propose impractical approaches to student issues "based on a 'radical' or 'pseudo-radical' philosophy, leading to a lack of credibility.

These problems are in the process of being solved, says the report, or our membership in the organisation could be a step toward solving them. Increased money, increased student support, and increased "practical" inputs would be what we could offer NUS.

Based on the report,

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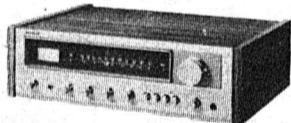
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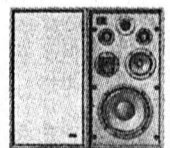
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