

# Council continues attack on paper

WATERLOO (CUP)—Assault charges and counter-charges, disconnected phones and seized equipment, legal battles and charges of censorship fill the air as the dispute between the University of Waterloo student union and the student newspaper it has disowned enters its third month.

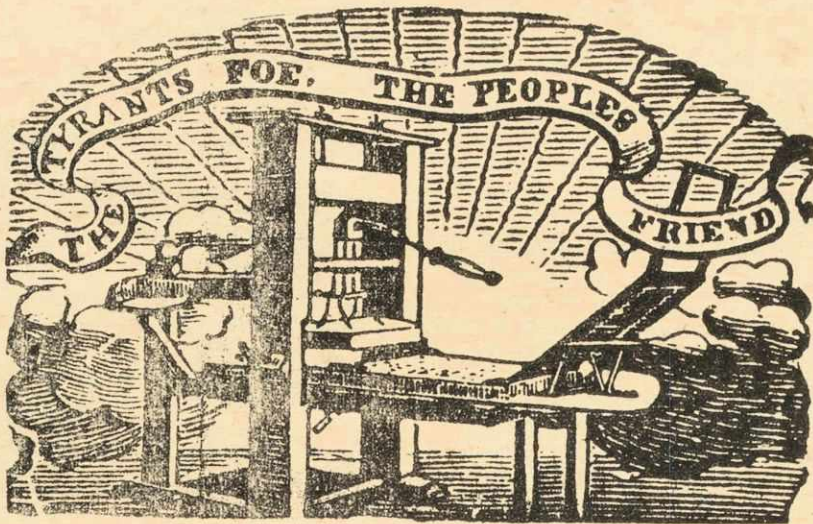
In its latest move the U of W Federation of Students ordered the telephones of the *Chevron* disconnected Nov. 17, after a scuffle between the Federation president, Shane Roberts, and *Chevron* staff erupted over a successful attempt by Roberts to remove equipment, including five cameras from the offices the previous day.

Assault charges from Roberts are pending, according to *Chevron* editorial staff Larry Hannant and Neil Docherty who, along with the news editor Henry Hess, are the defendants. The three plan to lay similar charges against Roberts.

A U of W Students Federation executive member was apprehended in a rock-throwing incident late Sunday evening, Nov. 21, in which a window was shattered in the office of the *Chevron*.

Franz Klingender was questioned in connection with the incident and campus security said he would be charged at Waterloo Regional police court on Nov. 24. Campus security would not specify the charges, saying only that there is "one main one" and "a couple of others" being considered.

Klingender is one of two Federation councillors who were recalled by their constituents last week in a petition for failing to carry out campaign promises and for backing



Roberts in an attempt to close the *Chevron*.

However, Roberts has refused to accept the recall petitions on a technicality; they lack presidential approval.

A petition is also circulating to recall Roberts and, according to the *Free Chevron*, still published by former staff of the *Chevron*, an estimated 1,000 of the 2,300 signatures necessary have been gathered.

In the meantime, Marny Brykman (Federation representative) has circulated an open letter protesting the expulsion of himself and others from a *Free Chevron* staff meeting, and the "moral and financial support" for the paper by Canadian University Press (CUP).

Docherty admitted that Brykman and a fieldworker, Phyllis Burke, were asked to leave a recent *Free*

*Chevron* meeting after the staff adopted a motion banning the participation of "enemies of the *Free Chevron*", but he said the motion was rescinded at the next meeting after a "long battle" among staff over the issue, although persons who wish to contribute to the paper still must sign a petition calling for the reinstatement of the *Chevron* to council funding.

At a council meeting Nov. 21, before the rock-throwing, the council ratified a motion instructing the president and vice-president "to take those steps necessary for the Federation to enjoy full and unencumbered access to and use of the space and facilities in its offices, especially Room 140 of the Campus Centre" (where the *Chevron* office is located).

The motion passed 8-7 after council speaker, Bob White, voted

to break a 7-7 deadlock. Both recalled councillors voted in favour of the motion.

Council also voted 8-6 to approve an "interim publication" and to pay its editor a salary. The first issue, called *The Real Chevron*, appeared Monday, Nov. 22.

Four councillors are challenging the legality of the council meeting on the grounds that Roberts allowed recalled councillors Klingender and Don Orth to vote. They are calling for Roberts' resignation on the same grounds.

The Waterloo Federation closed *The Chevron* Sept. 30, reversing a decision of four days previous when council overturned the Federation executive's attempt to lock the staff out of the paper's offices. Council also dissolved two paid positions on the staff — production manager and news editor — thereby firing Neil Docherty and Henry Hess respectively. The paper plans legal action to force the Federation to rescind this decision.

The executive charged the paper had been taken over by a campus political group, the Anti-Imperialist Alliance (AIA) following the resignation of the editor-in-chief, who cited political pressure from other *Chevron* staff as his reason.

The council approved the closure after the appearance of a special *Chevron* denouncing the Federation executive. The staff deny the charges of an AIA takeover and note the Federation has never produced proof for its allegations.

They continue to publish the *Free Chevron* and demand the reinstatement of the paper and the fired staff.

## Loans down

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Student loan applications dropped by about 10 per cent at the University of British Columbia according to financial aid officer Byron Hender.

But he refused to attribute the drop to high student summer unemployment.

"My own feeling is that the students we're seeing didn't have a bad time," he observed.

But according to British Columbia Students Federation spokesperson Stu Savard, many students were unable to apply for loans because their savings did not meet loan requirements.

He pointed out that less grant money also deterred students from applying.

Initial loans of \$600 were offered this year with the remaining money available on a 50 per cent loan, 50 per cent grant basis. Last year the initial loan was \$300, allowing for a larger grant.

Students received about \$200 more than last year because of the higher cost of living, said Hender.

## Teacher's morality

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Members of the education department at Memorial University are protesting a clause in provincial teaching contracts that forces the immediate dismissal of teachers whose religious beliefs do not adhere to those of their employer.

Unanimous disapproval of the clause was voiced by 150 education students and faculty at a meeting Nov. 10.

The clause states, "Any teacher may be dismissed without notice for failing to adhere to the religious morals and/or ethics of the religious denomination which employs said teacher."

The group decided to lobby the provincial government and Newfoundland Teachers Association with press releases.

Chairperson Georgie Brown said the clause lends itself to misinterpretation and abuse because it is up to individual school boards to define "morality".

"There is no university accepted definition of what is moral or immoral," said one student.

What I'd like to know is where the hell the dividing line will be drawn between the two and who will be responsible for drawing it."

## Biologist shortage

TORONTO (CUP) — There may be a desperate shortage of Canadian biologists in the next ten years forcing Canada to import scientists if the government continues to reduce university research grants, according to a York University professor.

Dr. Kenneth Davey, York biology department chair, charged that the "de facto" freeze of university funding since 1969 has caused a decrease in PhD science students because of research facility shortages.

"Good teachers become better teachers by virtue of research", Davey said.

Not only will there be fewer biologists he said, but the ones we have may be inadequately trained. Without funds for new equipment Canadian biologists will be lacking technical skills that will prevent international information exchanges.

Davy said that government agencies which give research grants have no check on the performance of their staff. The national research council, responsible for university research funding, uses a peer-review committee to screen poor applications.

Canadian research is unique, Davey said.

"Nobody else will do it for us." The Canadian government is managing to ignore, and possibly destroy, an area of society that has already proved its work in handling these problems, he said.

## Ed. resigns

WOLFVILLE—The editor of Acadia's student newspaper, *The Athenaeum*, resigned last week. Lorie Crocker said she could no longer enjoy the confidence of the staff, and that she no longer had enough time to lead the paper.

An editorial board of four now runs the paper. Del Carrothers, one

of these four, was elected president of the Atlantic Region of Canadian University Press (ARCUP) Nov. 14. Carrothers has resigned as president of ARCUP, feeling that he would now be unable to give the time and energy needed to lead the region properly.

## Hatchet job

TORONTO (BODY POLITIC-CUP) — A new gay studies course offered at Toronto's Humber College is underway despite national adverse publicity generated by the Toronto Star.

When the course was first announced, the Toronto Star ran a large front-page story headlined "Homosexuality Taught As Way of Life in Humber Course - Will Make it Easier for Others."

The course's instructor Earl Reidy described the coverage as "a bit of a hatchet job" because it did not represent his plan for the course but suggested that his was a "how to" class in sex.

## International christmas

by Clive Grogono

This December 22nd to 28th Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will sponsor its eighth Atlantic International Christmas. The University of New Brunswick campus in Fredericton will be home for a week for eighty students from around the globe as well as the host Canadian students and staff families.

A spectrum of indoor and outdoor sports will comprise a major part of the program as many will be skating, skiing and tobogganing for the first time. Other activities are curling, snow-shoeing, swimming and table tennis, and informal discussion sharing of culture, cus-

oms and experiences will take place highlighted during "International Night" - a meal of national dishes and a program of cultural activities. A truly Canadian Christmas of stockings, Christmas tree decorating, and discussions about the meaning of Jesus' birth will be experienced.

International Christmas is a family time for all overseas students or any others who would otherwise spend Christmas holidays alone or in residence. The cost is \$50 plus transportation (to be arranged). If you are interested phone Clive Grogono 422-3209 or Dean MacDonald 443-6750 for more details.