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Students ban censorship

WOLFFVILLE (CUP) — Acadia University's student council has voted overwhelmingly to stop censoring the student newspaper, *The Athenaeum*.

The council executive struck a censor board among themselves to monitor *The Athenaeum's* flats before they went to press, after editor Kim Munroe referred to some student councillors as "assholes" in a Jan. 29 editorial. Munroe wrote that some councillors, who drank alcohol in Acadia's Axe lounge after hours, jeopardized the student pub's liquor license.

Council president Peter Sonnichsen said Munroe's editorial was libelous, and that he had assigned other executive members to proof-read future *Athenaeum* editions to ensure no other such copy was printed.

According to Munroe, however, councillors were more interested in prohibiting copy that reflected poorly on council.

The issue was resolved when council passed a four-point motion removing the censor board.

"I'm really pleased they reconsidered the idea of the censor board," said Munroe, who must write an apology to the people mentioned in her editorial.

Jeff Redden, general manager of the student union building, must also apologize to students for allowing people to illegally use the bar. No disciplinary action will be taken against *The Athenaeum*.

Saying yes to CFS

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The Canadian Federation of Students received a vote of confidence February 10 when students at Selkirk College in B.C. voted to stay in the organization.

But CFS still faces membership reviews at Vancouver's Douglas and Capilano Colleges in the next few months.

Stephen Scott, CFS executive officer for the Pacific region, said he is confident that both votes will be successful.

At Selkirk, near Castlegar, 24 per cent of eligible voters cast 190 ballots to remain in CFS and 76 voted to pull out.

Scott said that Selkirk membership review was necessary because of communication problems made worse by the college's relatively remote location.

"Travel to regional meetings was subsidized in an attempt to maintain communications, but it is a two-way street, not like McDonald's 'we do it all for you'," said Scott.

"To get the benefits of CFS you have to be actively involved and in the past there was a problem with participation by Selkirk." But Scott added that participation has been better this year.

Scott says students receive benefits even if they are not members of CFS, and often do not realize changes which can be credited to the Federation.

Campaigning may have made the difference at Selkirk as CFS national chair Tony Macerollo visited the college to make speeches on the benefits of membership.

Donna Jori, office general manager at Selkirk, said, "I think he (Macerollo) did probably make the difference."

Promo leads to withdrawal

WATERLOO (CUP) — A University of Waterloo custodian has withdrawn her complaint to the Human Rights Commission after receiving the promotion she was earlier denied.

"I've got the job now," said Toncka Bestic. "I'm satisfied, so I said it was okay to drop it."

Other custodians have reported an improvement in their working conditions since the student newspaper, *The Imprint*, reported earlier this semester of complaints of harassment and intimidation of unionized custodians by management.

Union president Bill McClanahan has called for an investigation into the complaints by a committee of union executive members. But custodians fear the committee will attempt to find out who spoke to *The Imprint* and take sanctions against those workers. Several workers had complained about the effectiveness of the union, claiming it was "married to management."

At least three grievances, one regarding discriminatory hiring practices and two regarding working conditions are currently before the union for consideration.

Custodian Alice Peters is waiting for management to reply to a grievance she filed after her request for promotion was turned down on the basis of absenteeism.

Although she was absent 44 days last year, Peters claims she was primarily not considered for the job because she is known as a "trouble maker", having complained about sexual harassment two years ago. She also said her absenteeism was justified and that her good work record made up for the 28 days she lost due to a serious throat infection.

"I have eight years seniority and they hired a guy who had only been working here a few months. They said I could apply again in a year, but I don't want to wait a whole year. I should have gotten that job," Peters said.



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