

# Engineering paper is brought into line

**Montreal (CUP)** — The Engineering paper at McGill University, **The Plumber's Pot**, has committed itself to "an editorial policy of respect for human and civil rights" and has agreed to allow the Campus Women's Union, Gay Group and South Africa Committee to review its copy before publication.

This came after a move by the Students' Society to ban the paper and its publisher, The Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) from the Student Union Building, following publication of this year's first issue of **The Pot**.

The issue carried an editorial which contained derogatory statements about women and gays.

"It's bad enough being gay, but now the trend is to 'get it all out in the open, come out of the closet.' I think it is just disgusting," the editorial reads.

"I think all the gays should go back into the closet. Actually it's a special closet which can hold a lot of gays, located in Ausch-

witz. I'm sure you'll like it."

In the same piece the Editor writes, "When is anybody going to complain about this smut so that I can get some free publicity? There is a big organization out there known as the Women's Union that just sits on its ass and uses up precious students' society funds. When are those dykes going to start giving me shit for calling them dykes? Maybe they're too busy organizing lesbians to pay any attention to what goes on in the 'male superiority' tabloid."

Following distribution of the paper last week, representatives of Gay McGill and the Women's Union met with Students' Society VP Richard Flint to formulate a response.

On Friday, September 11, Flint presented a motion to the Society executive committee denouncing the **Pot** for "Incitement to hatred and incitement to genocide against gays", and proposing the Society boycott advertising in the paper, and

forbid its distribution within the Student Union Building. He also proposed the Society require the EUS to Disassociate themselves from the paper: failure to do so would result in their being banned from using the Union Building for events.

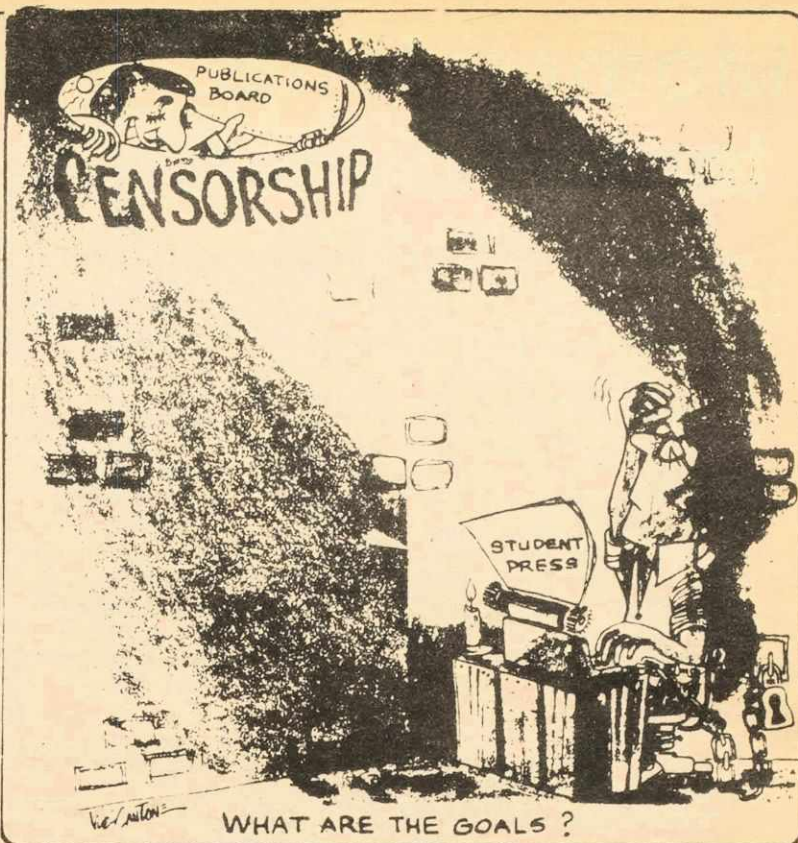
After much discussion, EUS president Tony Bettino agreed to a statement whereby "The **Plumber's Pot** commits itself to an editorial policy of respect for human and civil rights, and commits itself to restraining from incitement to violence or hatred towards any section of the McGill Population."

In future, representatives of Gay McGill, the Women's Union and The South Africa Committee will have the right to review copy and make suggestion.

The staff of **The Pot** say they will accept restrictions on what will go into the paper.

The **Pot** is also required to publish its editorial policy in its pages.

A representative of Gay



McGill said he believed, **The Pot** had violated the criminal code by inciting violence. He said his group and the Women's Union would press charges against the paper if they found more offensive copy when reviewing the paper prior to publication.

One staffer said they had wanted to clean up the paper but were worried that other engineers would resist such change. He said the staff wrote the editorial in the first issue in the hope of provoking a crackdown from an outside body.

# U of T revokes a degree earned by plagiarism

**TORONTO (CUP)** This summer the University of Toronto not only awarded degrees, but, for the first time in its history, revoked one.

Guillaume Uyidi, 40, a former Fulbright scholar who received his PhD in Educational Theory in 1974 was stripped of his degree after a judicial board of the Governing Council ruled that he had plagiarized part of his thesis.

The council charged Uyidi in 1979 after finding that "significant portions" of the second

chapter of his thesis were "taken without acknowledgement" from an earlier University of

Wisconsin thesis by Dr. J. Kent Davis. Davis wrote a letter of complaint to the School of Graduate Studies at the U of T in 1977.

At his hearing in May, Uyidi admitted using verbatim and paraphrased sections of Davis' thesis in his own, but said that he had dictated one footnote referring to Davis' work that his typist had missed. He maintained that these sections were minor parts of his paper. He later told a reporter that "time pressure" made thorough proof reading difficult.

The University's lawyer, Kathryn Feldman, said she found it "incredible that an

articulate and intelligent A student with extensive academic experience could inadvertently exclude a reference relevant to so many pages of his material."

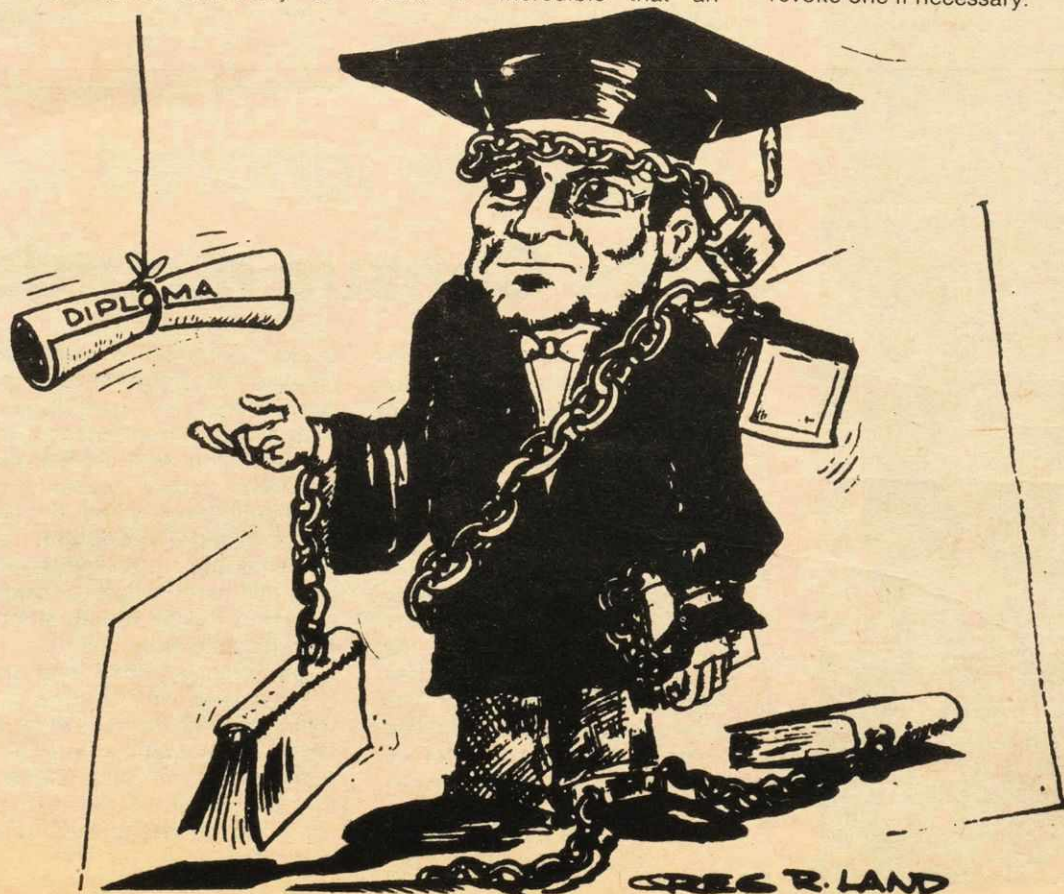
John Leyerle, Dean of Graduate Studies at U of T testified that one footnote would not have been sufficient to give Davis' work its full credit in Uyidi's thesis.

Uyidi had initially challenged the university's right to revoke a degree but Divisional Court judge Mr. Justice David Henry ruled this spring that the university could act "to maintain the integrity of its degrees" and thus revoke one if necessary.

Uyidi's name will be "stricken from the record of graduates" of the U of T, details of the incident recorded on the transcripts of his marks, and his thesis removed from circulation.

The seven-member board concluded that Uyidi's failure to


refer to Davis' work in his footnotes and bibliography was "intentional and for the purpose of passing off the Davis work as his own," and that "the chapter in which the plagiarized material" appeared was not a minor part of his thesis.



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