

Media: Lou Grant vs. The Gipper

(PNS/CUP) -- Last year's 13 week actor's strike may be a taste of things to come, now that Ed Asner is President of the American Screen Actor's Guild.

Asner convinced fellow actors they should elect an "activist" President who'll hold out for more the next time the Union negotiates Royalties for pay T.V. programs.

He also promised to speak out on political issues - including American involvement in El Salvador and the Air Controllers' strike. That marks a change in tactics for the Actor's union, whose Presidents have steered clear of politics since the early 1950's, when Ronald Reagan aligned the union with the late Senator Joe McCarthy to identify and blacklist left-wing actors.

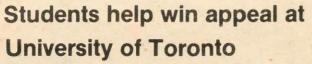
Okanagan administration concerned re student finances

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- After a history of turning a blind eye to students' union finances, the Okanagan College administration has overnight become concerned about student books.

The college is withholding about \$10,000 in students' fees pending release of a union audit, according to college bursar John Watson.

Watson said he asked the union for an audit last summer and said until the audit was satisfactorily returned, the college would not give the union its money.

"In turning over the fee to another organization (students' union) the college has some obligation to see that the funds are being used appropriately," said Watson.



TORONTO (CUP) -- Arthur Kruger, Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Toronto, has ruled in favour of Dr. Anne Duffy's contract renewal appeal.

Duffy, a professor in the sociology department, was denied a contract renewal on the basis of a review committee's perception that she had an "unseen potential" for future scholarship.

Students in the department felt that the review committee's comments stemmed from a lack of publishing activity by Duffy, and they were quick to give strong support for her teaching abilities, which they felt had been overlooked by the committee.

When asked for her thoughts on the renewal of the contract, Duffy replied, "I appreciate what the students did and I'm very conscious of their role."

Undergraduate Sociology Students' Union president Ruby Maini commented that she was "ecstatic" about the decision. "This decision proves that students can influence administrative decisions at this university," she added.

McMaster student union blasts move to axe students from committee

HAMILTON (CUP) -- Student representatives were thrown off McMaster University's Long-Range Planning Committee November 11, after a university vice-president threatened to refuse the committee salary information if they remained.

Les King, academic vice-president of McMaster, told the university senate that the committee could later be examining budget and salary totals for each faculty. Saying students should not have access to salary information, King declared "If students are on the committee, I will not make such data available to it."

McMaster president Alvin Lee said even deans did not have access to salary information in other faculties, before the committee's structure was revised. But both Lee and King admitted that students sitting on the finance committee of the McMaster board of governors are able to obtain faculty salary levels, although King



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