

Dean cracks down Spy vs Spy facing flak

by Allison Annesley

The Council On Student Services (COSS) passed a recommendation to the President of the University on Wednesday that the Students' Union club, Spy Versus Spy, be banned from campus.

The motion, initiated by Dean of Students Paul Sartoris, had overwhelming support in COSS and will likely re-surface in Monday's General Faculties Council meeting when University President, Myer Horowitz, returns from vacation. Should the matter be dealt with before this time, the decision concerning what action can or should be taken will rest with Acting President, George Baldwin, otherwise Vice-President Academic.

The campus club, founded last month by three University students, requires participants to locate and shoot their assigned "targets" with toy guns.

In recent weeks, the conflict between this game, its registrar (the Students' Union), and the University administration has made the newslit of the Edmonton Journal, the Alberta Report and ITV News.

Club organizers have also been contacted for an interview by W-5, the national public affairs program.

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The motion, when passed, read, "Moved that due to the hazardous nature of the game Assassins or Spy Versus Spy or similar games and the threat they pose to members of the University community and University property, COSS recommends to the President that these games be banned from University property."

One lasting result of this matter will be a stricter adherence to regulation procedures by all campus clubs, who will be required to have their constitutions approved by both the Students' Union and the Office of Student Affairs before being allowed to operate. The Spy Versus Spy faux pas in this area was that they neglected to register with the University after receiving constitutional approval from SU Clubs Commissioner Sterling Sunley.

Ironically, although Dr Sartoris emphatically expressed distaste with what he claimed was the club's pursuance of controversial publicity, the game would have had less attention had he never intervened in the club's operation. In January of 1981, an Assassins club, organized by another group, held a relatively low profile game that ran its course without incident.



Two spies about to shoot it out with their lethal rubber-dart guns.

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U of C endangers Federation

The University of Calgary Students' Union executive are withholding money from the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) and forcing FAS into possible dissolution.

The Lethbridge Community College and the Grande Prairie Regional College may also withhold money and aggravate the problems of the provincial lobby group.

Says FAS president Don Millar, "This petty nonsense in relation to our budget means that lay-off notices have been served to all staff at the end of February."

"Withholding is an interesting way of describing their actions - stealing is a lot more accurate," says Millar.

The problems arise over who actually owns the FAS membership fees that are collected from the students of member institutions at the beginning of the academic year.

The University of Calgary held a referendum in December asking students whether they wished to pay higher membership fees (\$3.50 instead of \$1.50) with the idea that a 'no' answer would mean dropping out of the organization.

The University of Alberta has been paying the \$3.50 membership fees for the last 2 years.

A 'no' answer was received from the students and the U of C decided to drop out of the Federation. However the members of FAS contend that the money collected from the students of the U of C in September by the U of C Students' Union while students there were still members is rightfully theirs. Under the terms of the FAS agreement the U of C remains a member until August 31 of this year.

The Executive of the U of C Students' Union however refer to their own constitution which states that unless the students give their consent it is illegal to tax them. Their constitution also states that if two constitutions contradict each other the constitution of the older organization takes precedence.

The executive also say that they are not members of FAS, they are just acting as fee collecting agents of FAS and therefore FAS would have to sue the students themselves.

Says Rick Fercho, the VP External for the U of C Students' Union and former member at large of FAS says, "It is the opinion of the executive that if we don't have a case then the membership fees will be sent, if not it would be too much trouble to return it to the students and we will give it money to our campus radio station."

Says Millar, "All of these legal hassles are very frustrating; in all our cases our legal position is unassailable."

Ont. U's inaccessible

TORONTO (CUP) — The Ontario government has still not acted seven months after a study showed its educational system is inaccessible.

York sociologist Paul Anisef's research showed that children from lower socio-economic backgrounds have a poorer participation rate in post-secondary education institutions. He attributed this to the child's socialization process and social inequities present in the system.

At the time of the study's release, student and faculty organizations across the province raised concerns about the issue of accessibility. The Ontario government, which had commissioned the study, said it was firmly committed to accessibility. But, seven months later, it has failed to act on any of the recommendations put forth by Anisef's report, "The Pursuit of Equality: evaluating and monitoring accessibility to post-secondary education in Ontario."

His recommendations are divided into three categories, compensatory and revised educational programs, early financial intervention and continuous monitoring of accessibility.

The government says it is waiting for responses to the report by various groups before acting on any of the recommendations.

The NDP is planning to use the Anisef report as ammunition for a renewed battle. They have formed a task force on accessibility and are planning to bring it up once again, in the Ontario legislature.

Anisef has made another proposal for studying accessibility to the ministry of colleges and universities. It would be based on the 1971 and 1981 censuses and consider factors such as parental occupation, work income and ethnicity.

But so far Anisef has not received a response from the ministry. He says the government has put him on hold.

Feminists vandalized

SASKATOON (CUP) — Spokespeople for the University of Saskatchewan Women's Centre are calling the recent vandalism of the centre's office "just another example of violence against women being used to silence them."

Damage ranged from anti-women graffiti on the walls and file paper thrown on the floor to destruction of photos of centre members, and urine on tables.

"Fuck me, I love it," was scrawled on the chest of a daycare doll left lying on the floor.

"We've been in the news challenging things lately," said Cathy Holtslander from the centre, "so this was not entirely unexpected. We have no idea who it might have been. We suspect some people who have been hostile to us but we have nothing firm."

Referendum-dum

Students will be asked three referendum questions on this year's Student Union executive election.

Besides having to make a choice between a record number of candidates students will also have to vote on whether they support a five dollar increase in their SU fees, whether they support the idea of the SU supporting CJSR in its attempts to go FM, and whether they wish to continue funding the Eugene Brody Board

by donating fifty cents a year.

The Eugene Brody Board is a philanthropic group of the SU which funds social and cultural events and activities and is administered by Students' Council.

The five dollar increase in SU fees is being asked since the SU constitution prohibits the raising of membership fees by more than a dollar per year above the rate of inflation. Currently students pay \$48.50 per year in membership fees.

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SU cuts out Anti-Cutbacks-Team

The Anti-Cutbacks Team was dissolved by Council on Tuesday night.

Debate was brief with few councillors raising objections.

The organization which was sponsored by the Students' Union was started last year when feelings were running high over the government's underfunding of post-secondary education.

The organization was given official status by the SU in September with a mandate to run information campaigns, lobby the government, and do research to find out about the funding problems of the University.

Unfortunately few students this year were willing to participate in ACT.

Said Tony Brouwer, chairperson of ACT, "All the people who were involved last year and had experience either left or lost interest and those who were interested just couldn't keep anything going."

Brouwer said that by dissolving the Committee he hoped to make cutbacks an SU election issue and make everyone aware of the problems in government funding of the University.

"There are problems," said Brouwer. "This year the government funding level of public institutions is being raised by only five per cent and that doesn't even keep pace with inflation."



Chairman of ACT, Tony Brouwer, hopes to see issue of cutbacks become an election issue.

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