

REGINA STUDENTS CENSURE BOARD

REGINA (CUP) — University of Saskatchewan students here have responded sharply to administration attempts to emasculate their student union and muzzle their newspaper, the Carillon.

A general meeting Wednesday of about 2,500 students of 4,400 at the university's Regina campus voted overwhelmingly for a referendum Thursday proposing a written contract between the student council and the administration that would direct the administration to collect council fees from students at registration.

The proposal specifies that the council is responsible for disbursement of these fees.

The three-hour meeting also censured the university's board of governors for refusing to collect fees on council's behalf this term.

The board announced Dec. 31 that it would not collect council dues because of council's financial support of the Carillon, which it said has undermined confidence in the university's senate, administration and governors.

Wednesday's general meeting was addressed by several student leaders, among them Martin Loney, president-elect of CUS, who attacked the board of governors as representing the province's corporations and the Saskatchewan Liberal party.

"For the past while the press has been talking about outside agitators, a militant minority attempting to mould students' minds and destroy the university," Loney said. "I have been looking for these

people and now I think I have finally found them -- on the board of governors of the University of Saskatchewan."

Regina student councillor John Gallagher told the meeting that the issue is not the Carillon but the survival of the student council here. With support from Ralph Smith, council's past president, and Don Mitchell, council president in 1966-67, Gallagher outlined previous administration attempts to suppress the Carillon.

The Regina administration maintains it has left open channels for discussions and negotiation between the student council and the board of governors, although council has consistently charged the governors with imposing censorship and restricting free speech within the university.

In a statement Wednesday, the administration outlined its version of past conflicts with the Carillon and said:

"One of the duties of the board of governors is to have regard for the welfare and advancement of the university. If any organization of the university,

including the student newspaper, persists in acting in a manner considered to be harmful to the university, the board must disassociate the university officially from any involvement."

The student council earlier dismissed this argument by pointing out the university's calendar urges students to carry on a continuing examination of institutions and ideas.

The calendar adds: "This constant critique must be applied first to the structure and function of the university itself".

The student council at the U of S campus at Saskatoon also condemned the governors' action, demanding in a meeting Tuesday that the board reverse its decision and guarantee the autonomy of student press and student government at both campuses.

The Saskatoon council demanded a response by Monday, although a general student meeting called Wednesday failed to gain a quorum. Those present, however, overwhelmingly supported their council's action.

PROTEST FACULTY DISMISSALS

CORNWALL, Ont. (CUP) — Students and civil servants are joining hands to protest faculty dismissals at the Cornwall campus of the St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts and Technology.

About one-quarter of the 290 students have vowed Wednesday (Jan. 8) to boycott classes in support of demands for an investigation of dismissals from the teaching staff.

And the Ontario Civil Service Association helped them out by calling for the resignation of college president R.C. Short.

The aroused students here charge the recent dismissal of English department chief Peter Kingston makes him the ninth teacher in 15 months to be fired or asked to resign.

Peters disputes that figure -- he says there have been only two dismissals in two years -- but Grenville Jones, an education representative with the Civil Service Association, replied that "Mr. Short no longer enjoys the confidence of the faculty or of the students."

Short said teachers seem satisfied despite no written job contracts, but Kingston said his dismissal Dec. 31 followed academic differences with the applied arts head, who he says required "personal loyalty."

Student leaders, charging that the only explanation Kingston received was a private memo which was unsatisfactory, are demanding of education minister William Davis:

Outside arbitration to ensure future dismissals are fair;

A special board of inquiry, made up of students and teachers, to review all recent dismissals;

A seat on the college's executive committee;

No reprisals against protestors, some of whom have been staging a 12-hour-a-day sit-in;

More administrative representation on the Cornwall campus.

The other St. Lawrence campus, at Kingston, has 900 students. Short is in charge there as well.

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