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confrontations

MONTREAL (CUP) A conflict between the student association president and newspaper editor at Vanier College has led to accusations of physical intimidation.

Milva D'Aronco, editor of the **Snowdon Press**, said student association president Tracy Cochrane attempted to punch her during a recent argument on whether to allow a student councillor to work on the paper.

According to D'Aronco, Cochrane tried to force her to allow a member of the student council to write for the **Snowdon Press**, despite a policy of both the council and the paper that prevents council members from being newspaper staffers.

When she attempted to discuss the problem with Cochrane, D'Aronco said, "he started yelling and screaming... I don't know how, but I stayed calm. I simply told him off, and (said) to leave me alone."

At that point she turned to leave the office. "Once I opened the door, I saw his hand flying and aimed at my face." She ducked to avoid what she said was a punch Cochrane had thrown at her.

But Cochrane said it wasn't D'Aronco he intended to hit. "I put my bare hand against the wall and hit it," he said, claiming D'Aronco was twelve feet away. "She stormed out and I got angry."

"If she's going to make these blanket statements, she better have proof."

Cochrane said the question of a councillor working as a **Snowdon Press** writer was not the issue.

"It's explicit in our by-laws that a student council member cannot be a voting executive member of any club. But any student can use any service provided by the student council or the school."

This is not the first time the VCSA president has pressured the newspaper, said D'Aronco. "Cochrane was openly critical of the **Snowdon Press** and suggested he had the right to take out and put in articles," she said.

"The students are the people who come complaining to me,"

said Cochrane. "(They) are just waiting for her next article, to pick the errors out of it."

"I'm not going to (be) some kind of Randolph Hearst," he said. "We just want to make sure that they're publishing in quality English. All we're asking them is to watch the quality of the articles."

D'Aronco said the quality of the paper has suffered because of council harassment. "So many people around the school

say the newspaper is lousy," she said. "Well, if it's so lousy, it's because we've been too busy fighting for our rights."

D'Aronco said the conflicts are threatening to destroy freedom of the press at Vanier College.

The paper has published two editions in spite of the disputes. But its budget has yet to be approved by the student council, and the constitution has only been reviewed without approval.

Council

Dalhousie Student Council took a strong stand in disapproving strip teases in the Student Union building, last Sunday.

The issue was sparked by the "exotic entertainment" at the Engineering Society's Beer Garden two weeks ago. Some council members considered the DSU's image in the larger community would be damaged by condoning such an event in the SUB.

Council voted 14 for, 5 against with 2 abstentions, to disapprove of stripping as it is a sexist act, which is inherently degrading to women.

Concern was expressed by some councilors that they did not wish to censor a society's right to choose whatever entertainment it likes, whether or not other people may think it is an "art form".

Caroline Zayid, science rep, urged councilors to think about students' image in society. Condoning strippers compounds the negative image people already have of students, she said, citing as an example the image of students as bad tenants.

How can students spend \$1000 on a march to affect community and government opinion, and then endorse an event that is degrading and deeply affects people both inside and outside the university community, she asked.

This vote was in contrast to the telephone opinion poll where councilors voted 21 to 6 to allow the engineers to have the strippers.

The future of strip tease acts will be decided by referendum. Council voted to put the question to students, along with other issues, on referendum day some time next term.

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