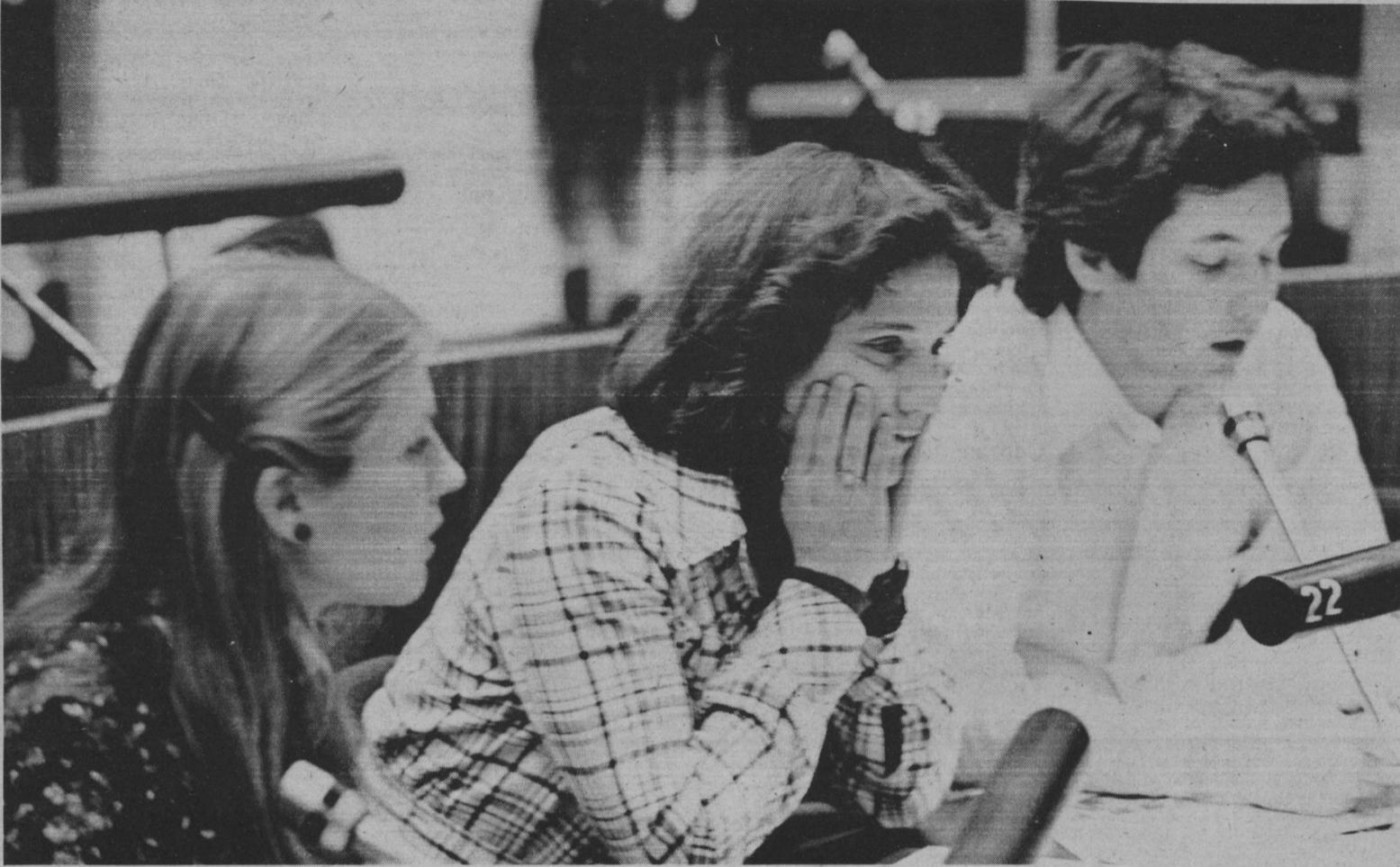


Arts court saved when BAC site defeated



Judy Chrastina (left), Collette Meunier and Greg Teal presented brief to SU council.

Photo by Norm Selleck

After a student representation to council and vigorous debate on the part of some councillors, a motion to support the siting of Business, Administration, and Commerce Building insofar as an all-weather link to HUB forms as part of the project, was defeated.

Greg Teal pointed out that in a referendum held last year, students voted against the siting of the BAC Building in the Arts Court. He said that as representatives of the students, council should uphold the wishes of the electorate.

He also mentioned that the aesthetic value of the Arts Court would not be enhanced if another building were inserted "to complete the Arts Court Quadrangle", as was suggested by vp finances and administration Jack Redekop.

"You don't add to the sense of open space by adding another building," said Collette Meunier, another student in the representation.

HUB tenants were also represented at the meeting. Judy Chrastina stated that council was also obligated to acknowledge that people lived in HUB, and that while the building would be under construction, noise and distraction would make life in HUB very difficult.

She also pointed out that HUB tenants do not agree that the all-weather link to increase foot traffic in the mall is sufficient justification for the construction of a building in the Arts Court.

Both Teal and Meunier said that, as well as taking up a twenty-foot strip of the Arts Court for the building proper, allowances must also be made for a stairway in front of the building, and also at least ten feet for a roadway, which would further destroy the green space contained in the Arts Court.

The defeat of the motion to support the siting of BAC in that area does not necessarily mean that the possibility no longer exists that the building will be constructed there. Council does not have the power to veto, but its opinions should carry weight with other bodies who do have the final say in the siting of new buildings.

by Greg Neiman

GFC hears credit by challenge system

by Michael MacNeil

The various university faculties presented their opinions on "credit by challenge" in a

brief to the General Faculties Council Executive Monday.

"Credit by challenge" is a system that permits a student to pass a course that contains

material he has already mastered. Widely used in European universities, and to some degree in American universities, it permits a student to 'challenge' the course, write an exam and, if he so merits, to receive credit for that course.

Faculty response as expressed in the brief ranges from complete opposition, (especially in the professional divisions), to qualified agreement. A consensus of opinion is that the use of the system should be left to each individual faculty.

Dean of Arts, R.G. Baldwin, replied that his faculty is prepared to introduce the dydtem given the enabling legislation but pointed out some

of the considerations that would have to be faced.

Should there be restrictions on the kind and number of courses that would be subject to credit by challenge? If a student failed his exam, would he have an opportunity to write a supplemental? And if he failed, would the failure be recorded?

Alex Cairns, University registrar, pointed out at the executive meeting that the system merely allows a student to proceed to a higher level of study and that a student would still have to complete a requisite number of courses to receive his degree.

The question will be discussed further by G.F.C. in the near future.

Moroz committee end their hunger strike

by Greg Neiman

Members of The Committee in Defence of Valentyn Moroz ended their hunger strike on the orders of their physician noon Wednesday.

Permanent liver and kidney damage would result, he said, if the hunger strike continued and the students continued to go to classes, placing added strains upon themselves.

During their strike, which began Sept. 30th, the group dwindled in size from 13 to 5, but morale remained high among the remainder, although some lost as much as thirty pounds in the process.

At a public panel discussion sponsored by the Ukrainian Students Club in SUB Theatre Wednesday, Professor A. Volpin, a Russian dissident who was allowed to leave his country said, "We have to show the world the villainy of those judges who know that Moroz should have been tried in public, because there was nothing to do with state secrecy in his case." (State secrecy is the only reason for which any person can be tried 'in camera' under the Russian constitution.)

Volpin himself took part in demonstrations on the behalf of human rights in the Soviet Union, but was not severely prosecuted for it. Since his arrival to the United States, he

has been an outspoken advocate of worldwide human rights.

Both the Committee and the Ukrainian Students Club had representatives at last Monday's meeting of Student Council, urging it to support the cause of Valentyn Moroz.

Bohdin Romaniuk, spokesman for the hunger strikers, told of the condition of Moroz asking that council bring as much pressure as possible on MP's, the Secretary of External Affairs, and the Russian Embassy in Ottawa demanding the release of Moroz on humanitarian grounds.

Council passed a motion reading:

"Whereas this Council is aware of the fact that Valentyn Moroz, a Ukrainian historian, is in a critical state of health and is subjected to the harshest of treatments in Vladimir prison near Moscow;

and whereas this Council is concerned that Valentyn Moroz may not survive if this treatment is continued;

and whereas this Council supports the principal that inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the Human Family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world;

let it be resolved that:

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Inter-faculty studies dean proposed

by Michael MacNeil

The Ad Hoc Committee on Inter-Disciplinary Affairs recommended to the General Faculties Council Executive Committee on Monday that the position of Dean of Inter-Faculty Studies be created.

The opinion of the committee was that the time had come for some action of this nature to be taken, at least on an experimental basis, to recognize the significance of those activities which lie between traditional faculties and divisions.

Designed to create the least possible disruption of existing agencies, the new position would include such responsibilities as budgeting, staffing, and space allocations for new programs that could not necessarily be

assigned to existing areas.

The new dean would be responsible to the vice-president academic and would act with the advice of an advisory council broadly representative of faculties and schools.

The proposal concluded with the suggestion that the office be evaluated at the end of five years and, if dissolved, that provision be made for the appointee to be transferred back into the normal university structure. Because the committee could not predict the success of the venture it stated that individuals should not receive permanent full time appointments, leading to tenure, to programs having uncertain futures.

Objections were raised at the meeting to the restriction of

new programs to the area of graduate studies. Although the committee noted that the programs could be extended into the undergraduate sphere, Dean Horowitz moved that the report go to council without restriction, noting that it was more likely in the future that new programs would be created at all academic levels.

He gave the example of the Division of Eastern European Studies and mentioned that creation of programs such as the Mental Retardation Centre, which touched Medicine, sociology, education and so on could be increasingly more frequent.

The motion was carried and the matter now goes to G.F.C. for discussion.