

Council is opposed to advertising policies

REGINA (CUP) . . . John Conway, editor of The Carillon of the University of Saskatchewan Regina campus, has been fired by the Students' Representative Council Oct. 15.

All staff members of The Carillon except the sports department have also resigned in protest against the council action.

Student union president Graham Kelly said in a phone interview Oct. 18 that Mr. Conway was dismissed because he failed to provide adequate coverage of campus news and due to financial mismanagement of the paper.

Mr. Conway charges that these are not the real reasons he was fired. At the council meeting he suggested that administration pressure because of the "intractability of The Carillon's editorial policy" and "redbaiting and witchhunting" on campus were at work in the council's action.

He added that in his opinion the S.R.C. was acting in disagreement with the paper's editorial policy on Vietnam.

"I am personally and editorially against the American war effort and involvement in Vietnam and I am willing to argue this on intellectual, moral and empirical grounds," he said.

Asked Oct. 18 if Mr. Conway's Vietnam policy had anything to do with his dismissal, Mr. Kelly said:

"The priority of The Carillon should be what students do on this campus. The trouble was that the information on Vietnam was coming from sources out-

side the campus, mostly American."

Mr. Kelly said that if Mr. Conway had continued as editor, the paper would have ceased publication by mid-November for financial reasons. He said one of the reasons for this was an "Open Letter to Advertisers" published Oct. 15 in The Carillon.

The letter said the paper would not print tobacco ads because of the cancer danger involved in smoking and because these advertisements do not carry a health warning.

The letter also refused liquor ads because of a health hazard and turned down ads concerning the military because:

"We do not believe that the profession of mass murder should be encouraged on the pages of our newspaper."

The statement continued: "The Carillon will refuse to print any advertisement that is considered by the editor to be psychologically designed to mislead, misinform, or manipulate the reader."

The letter was published two days after the council sent a letter to Mr. Conway warning him that "the principle function of the student newspaper is to be an organ of student opinion and information."

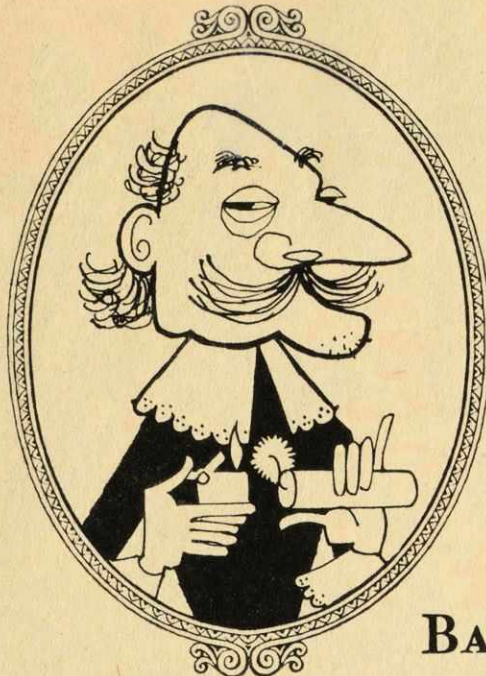
Mr. Conway said he intends to organize a mass meeting and call for a vote of non-confidence in the S.R.C.

Canadian University Press has set up an investigation commission to examine charges that the CUP Charter of the Student Press has been violated in the incident.

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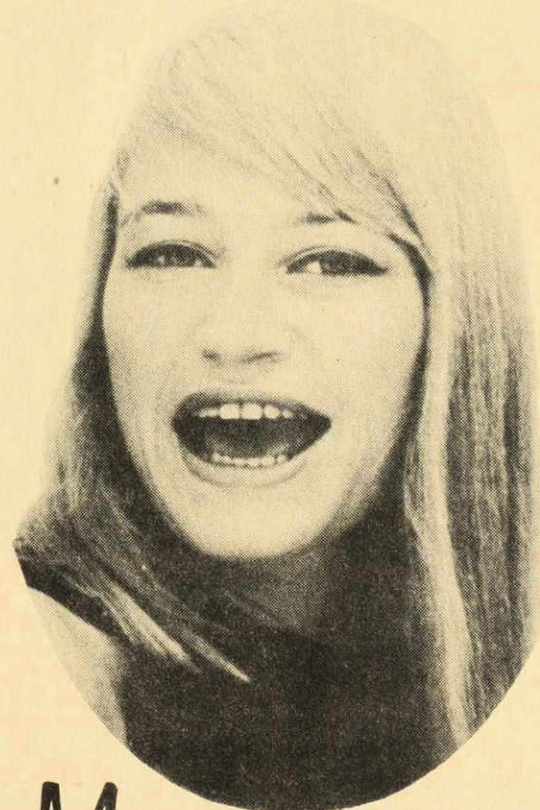
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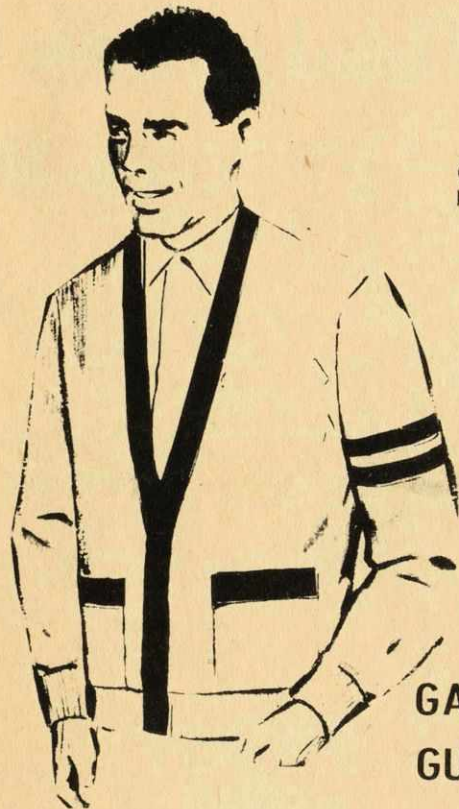
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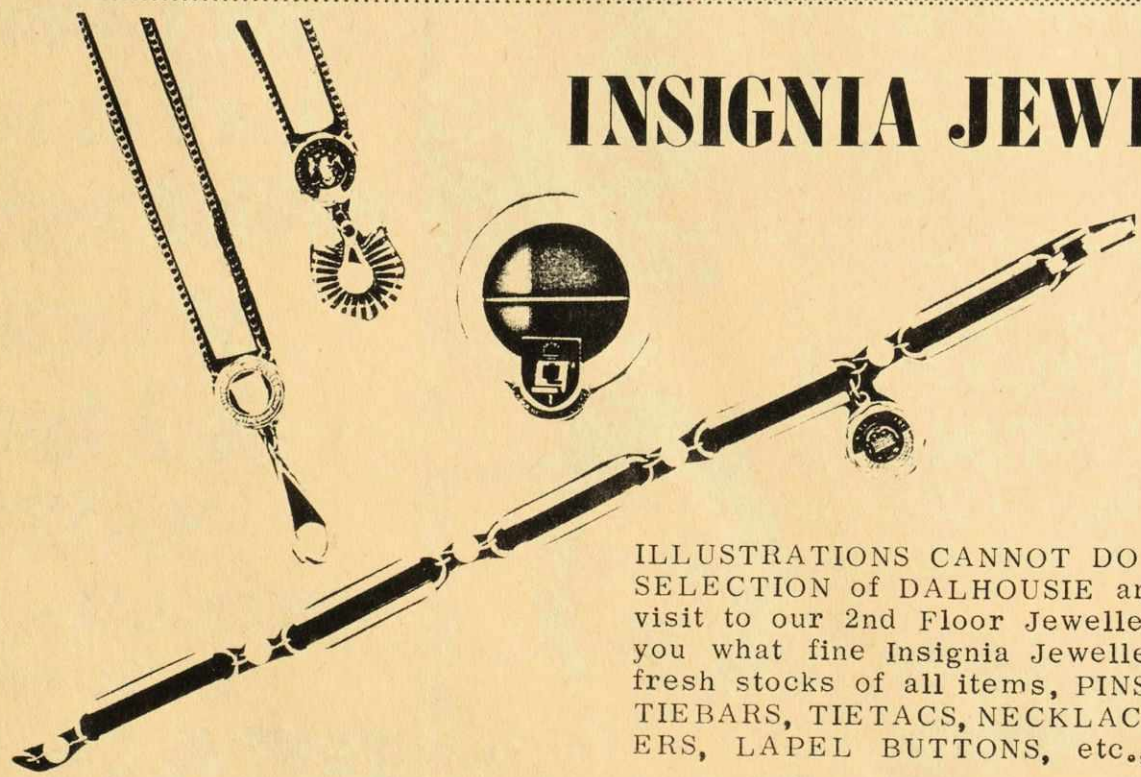
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