

Council meeting disrupted over representation issue

WATERLOO (CUP) — Frayed tempers caused a loss of quorum at a crucial moment and prevented the University of Waterloo Student Council from considering whether to send a pro-abortion telegram to federal justice minister Otto Lang. The telegram, presented to student education co-ordinator Shane Roberts, called for a law which provided abortion to those not prepared to bear a child, and advocated planned parenthood programs. When council was prepared to vote on whether to send the telegram, science rep. Ralph

Torrie, who heatedly argued against the action, stormed out of council chambers and broke quorum for the meeting. Torrie had argued that since council only represented a small percentage of UW students, it could not go ahead with the pro-abortion stance because it would be stepping on some student's religious sentiments. Since all students are forced to be members of the federation, it would be both irresponsible and immoral to send the telegram without consulting the religious minority on campus, he said.

The telegram presented to council read: "We believe that motherhood should be voluntary. We believe that Canadian women should have freedom of choice. Those who are not prepared to bear a child, despite alternatives to abortion that society can offer, should be able to have their pregnancies terminated safely and without delay. "We believe that medical facilities where abortions can be performed in maximum safety should be available to all Canadian women, even if they live in areas without such facilities, even if they

are poor, even if they are young. "A law which provides access to abortion only to a few and only in some locations is unjust. We ask that police and courts immediately stop prosecuting Dr. Henry Morgentaler and those other professionally qualified doctors

and nurses who have been performing abortions in order to help women. "We ask support for planned parenthood programs. We ask that abortion be removed from the criminal code."

Tuition sanctions force hikes in university's service fees

WINNEPEG (CUP) — Facing an increasing financial crisis and forbidden by the Manitoba government to increase tuition fees, the University of Manitoba has increased fees on almost all other services it provides. Parking fees have gone up as much as 200 percent, fees for the use of Physical Education facilities as much as 50 percent, the cost of transcripts is up 100 percent, and a fee for validating I.D. cards has been instituted where none existed before.

According to university administration vice-president Don Wells, the fee hikes were to cover increasing costs. Wells said the increases were related to the university's financial uncertainty in that when money is tight, the university must be more careful in ensuring that people who use the facilities pay for them. The University of Manitoba has been running a deficit for the last several years, culminating in this year's \$1.9 million deficit. However, they have been ordered to

strike a balanced budget next year, with an expected 15 percent inflationary increase in their government grant. They are asking for a 33 percent increase. And, although the university's Board of Governors theoretically has the power to raise tuition fees, the Manitoba government has indicated it does not want fees increased this year. According to the U of M's president, the Board will not act before consulting with the provincial government.

Residence fees increased despite surplus

LONDON (CUP) — A projected \$200,000 residence deficit has turned into a \$4,000 surplus at the University of Western Ontario, but even with this \$204,000 increase over projections, residence students will still be paying more. Despite the failure of the deficit to materialize, the student cost for residence food and a bed have been increased by \$85 to \$95 over last year.

"The problem with the cost of living increases," said residence warden Donna Runnalls, "is that the residences are self-supporting institutions, so while McGill can offer increases and still be subsidized by the provincial government, we have no choice but to make up the loss by charging higher rates." Both managers agree that the lack of revenue from summer also added to the increase.

Originally the administration had announced a full \$100 increase for the two residence plans, but the

fee was reduced by about \$10 when the surplus materialized. Vice President Administration, A. K. Adlington, first said the "most significant factor" in causing the surplus was "a slowdown in the rate of increase in food prices" and cutting the administration's costs for goods and services. But, he added, the increase now assigned is due "to a cost increase in every component of the operation."

Upgrading poor conditions will force fee increase

WINNEPEG (CUP) — While accommodation at the men's residence on the University of Manitoba's main campus remains "unfit to live in" the administration says renovations would raise rents at the three U of M residences by 20 percent.

infesting many of the cramped, dreary rooms; harsh lighting in the rooms and corridors; antiquated furniture; and cracked urinals with problem plumbing. The administration responded by repairing bookshelves and repainting one floor of the building. The residence associations says this practice is usual for each year. The brief called for replacement of the heating system, a new modular furniture system, better corridor and room lighting; carpet in the rooms and an improved washroom. None of the renovations have been attempted. According to Administration VP, Don Wells, these renovations will not start until the university finds a

way to finance them. The most probable way of accomplishing this would be to raise rents at all three residences possibly up to 20 percent, he said. Repairs to the heating, plumbing and lighting systems could begin next spring, he said, if the university can get that financing.

Wants English test for profs

WATERLOO (CUP) — With all the talk about consistent admission standards to Ontario universities, a University of Waterloo senator pulled the classic switch September 15. Rick Irving, student representative to the senate suggested that professors, not just students, should be tested in English. While the senate discussion centred on the experimental testing of students in English and Mathematics, Irving said professors with a poor command of English may be doing harm to students who take courses at the university.

UW president Burt Matthews, long-time advocate of student exams in English and mathematics, acknowledged that it was "an interesting idea", but said he had never heard of any similar testing. 1,800 first year UW students participated September 12 in an exam to test their achievement in English and Mathematics. The test results are to be compared with the high school marks of the students. About one-half the first year class wrote the test.

Last November the Resident Students' Association submitted a brief to the Administration complaining that the men's residence was "unfit to live in" and asking for extensive renovation to the building. The complaints cited an aged heating system that banged and hissed all through the winter months, sometimes so loudly that students could not sleep; insects

Student says aid committee post is token role

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Ross Powell, a student at Simon Fraser University, has become the only student representative in the BC student aid structure. The provincial education department, claimed Powell was appointed because "the government is trying to pay attention to the point of view of the students."

token organization", and that the other members of the committee "become hostile when I try to introduce policy matters." Powell also said the committee will not allow him to have the confidential appeal policies manual which is used to judge appeal cases. "It is difficult for me to understand the technical points without a manual," he said, expressing fear that, "The bosses may use their confidentiality to protect themselves, instead of protecting the individual."

Powell disagrees, and called his appointment "a diplomatic move by the education department" intended to do no more than "throw a crumb" to the students. Powell said the committee which has only met once, reviews appeal applications but has no policy making authority. In terms of financial aid policy, he said the committee was "a

Without a manual, he says he will be unable to judge whether the committee of which he is now a member is being fair in its decisions.

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