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Sheridan student says he was fired over union story

By JOHN KERNAGHAN

A student reporter for the Sheridan College Sun says he has been fired from a part-time college job following a story under his byline that described clashes between Sheridan management and the non-academic workers union.

Chris Morton, a 23-year-old last year journalism student said the day the story was published he went into the audio-visual department where he worked to collect his pay check and was told by department head John Taverner that he had been dismissed.

"Taverner said he didn't need me, even though he had just dismissed someone earlier. I felt it was retribution for the story."

In his report, Morton quoted Mike Guel, president of local 0029821 of the Civil Service Association of Ontario, as saying management has harassed support staff employees after the employees had gone through grievance procedures.

Sheridan personnel administrator Gordon Massey Morton's firing "is not true". Morton says he has heard that he will be reinstated but at a lower position than previously occupied. "But I've heard nothing official on this. As far as I'm concerned I've been dismissed."

Guel, chief union steward Brian Salmon and one of Morton's employees claim he was fired and has not been reinstated.

Guel said Morton's firing was typical of the administration's "intimidation" tactics. He claims management keeps a dossier on file for each employee and has used casual conversation in taverns against grieving employees.

He said there has been so much unrest in the last year that 80 of the union's 145 employees at Sheridan have resigned and been replaced.

Guel claims that the college has consistently broken the three-year-old contract with the union and often hides behind a clause of the Crown Employees Collective Bargaining Act.

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Stewart, Turcotte tapped for top Mississauga posts

BY FRANK TOUBY

Henry Stewart will be the City of Mississauga's first city manager, and David Turcotte will be the city's first city clerk.

The 44-year-old Stewart has been full-time deputy town manager since 1969. Mississauga council-elect voted last week to appoint Stewart to the post to fill the vacancy left by town manager Dean Henderson who has resigned effective Jan. 1, 1974 to go into private accounting practice.

Turcotte, 30, has been appointed city clerk to take over the duties of present town clerk Jack Corney, who will work on staff of the new Peel Regional Police commission.

Both men are long time Peel County residents. Stewart was born in Albion Township in 1929 and lives on DeNesbitt Drive in Streetsville with his wife, the former Jean Black of Toronto Gore, and his four sons ages 4, 6, 8, and 11.

Turcotte lives on Old Pheasant Road with his wife and daughter.

Stewart has been active in municipal government since 1955 when he was the assistant secretary treasurer of the Toronto Township planning board and assistant of the committee of adjustment.

He graduated with a BA degree in general arts in 1955 from Waterloo College and attended a one-year course at the University of Toronto's School of Planning to study planning law.

In May of 1960 he became Toronto Township deputy clerk and in March of 1965 assumed the added duties of deputy manager.

He became full-time Mississauga deputy manager in June 1969.

Stewart sees the city manager's post "as the job that finds itself sitting between council and staff."

"An oversimplification would be to say the job is an attempt to co-ordinate departments in carrying out policies of council," he says.

"It is mainly organizing material that goes to council and seeing that decisions that come from council on these matters are carried out according to the wishes of council and to the benefit of the municipality."

The appointments of Stewart and Turcotte should have a comforting effect on nervous town staffers who feared the new council would take a broom to town hall.

"It's unfortunate that the reorganization thing has taken the time it has to settle some of these things down," says Stewart.

Like his predecessor, Dean Henderson, Stewart intends to maintain a low profile.

"A city manager shouldn't be too high a profile. The very nature of local government is too complicated for any individual — particularly an appointed person — to have the answers on all subjects."

Stewart says he will not appoint a deputy city manager immediately, but "will go six months without one to see how the work-load spreads around."

Turcotte is eager to assume the clerk's duties. "I'm looking forward to the next three years," he says. "We're going to have a hell of a lot of work ahead of us."

"We must establish a city and a city image. It's a major function just to create the city image."

"It's interesting to look forward to the views of the new council. It's nice to have a place that isn't static. We've got people interested in doing something on that council. I'm in the one position to see it all happen first-hand."

Turcotte will head a 35-member department. "We have a unique department in Ontario," he says. "Most clerks just run elections, record minutes and prepare agendas."

"We are deeply involved in zoning, official plans, subdivisions, in other words, the development of the municipality."

"We have the information officer as an integral part of the clerk's organization and that gives us a role in forming the new city's image."

"But perhaps above that is the administering of the property acquisition needs of the municipality," he says.

In the rare instance when there is a tie vote during an election — after the recount — the clerk is responsible for drawing lots to determine the winner. In the past, the clerk was actually empowered to cast the deciding vote.

"We have a young department, and hopefully therefore a progressive one. There's a lot of talent in the department, both academic and in general know-how," Turcotte says.

He sees the clerk's department as a link between the ratepayers and council.



Biting winds and blowing snow didn't stop these young girls from carolling for charity last week. They raised and donated \$22.08 to the Hospital For Sick Children. The girls include: Heather Angus, Jantee Culpeper, Heather Leggett, Johanne Leggett, Christine Bereczki, Karen Varty, Marilyn Baxter, Chrisy Jameson, Holly Angus, Sheri Roberts, Hilary Trapp and Marilyn Terry. (Times photo by Ray Saltz).

CVCA representation plan crumbles

By JOHN STEWART

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority reversed itself Wednesday night and allowed five small villages located north of Peel County full membership on the 1974 Authority.

Authority members rescinded an earlier resolution which would have combined the five villages to allow two members on the new conservation body.

But the Village of Erin registered a very strong objection and asked for reconsideration of the question.

The decision this week means that the villages of Erin, Erin Township, Amaranth, East Garafraxa and Mono with a total 1972 census population of 4,135 persons will have five members on the Authority.

Mississauga, Brampton, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills — all new municipalities under regional government plus Orangeville with a combined population of 189,828 — will have 11 members.

Chairman Roy McMillan said it was very unfortunate that opposition

had been broached "at a time when we need all the co-operation we can get to keep the Conservation Authority in the watershed. Those of you in politics know what I mean," he added.

McMillan said he had spoken to northern members, who were upset at the short notice they received about their loss of representation. He said the village representatives had given long and faithful service and were naturally upset when they discovered they were to be removed.

The changes in Authority

representation are a result of the implementation of regional government. Each municipality in the watershed is entitled to at least one representative. When large urban municipalities were created under regionalism many small towns in the south, such as Streetsville and Port Credit, disappeared.

But the northern end of the watershed, unaffected by regional government, was still entitled to a member for each village, even though some have populations of less than 100 persons. The

Authority tried to remedy the inequity of representation to population by combining the northern villages as has been done in other regions.

Authority members passed resolutions Wednesday, that Erin and Erin Township be combined for representation by Jan. 1, 1975. They did the same thing for Amaranth, East Garafraxa and Mono.

Mississauga Reeve Grant Clarkson termed the situation, "unfortunate. It's not a question of maintaining the status quo, it's actually a reduction of people from the south."

He said he is prepared to go along with the suggestion but hopes that a weighted vote such as is used at county council might be invoked.

He said the north had never "ganged up" on the south and had always been fair. "We've even had trouble getting people to represent us from the south," he admitted.

McMillan said that in view of the large tax levy contribution from Mississauga (about 65 per cent of the Authority budget) the voting set-up the new Authority is "stretching it a long way."

'Save energy but don't pollute: poll

Although the majority of respondents to an energy questionnaire from Mississauga MP Don Blenkarn agree that speed limits should be reduced by 10 mph and tax removed from insulation materials, better than half are opposed to measures which could pollute the environment.

Preliminary results, with 7,500 returns to date, indicate that 80 per cent of respondents would favour reducing speed limits by 10 per cent and 74.5 per cent

agree that sales tax should be removed from insulation and storm doors and windows as an incentive to keep heating costs down.

However 63.5 per cent voted against relaxing pollution standards to allow some industries to use coal or bulk fuel to meet their energy requirements as it would mean increased amounts of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere.

Another 39.5 per cent favoured the relaxed standards and six per cent

were undecided. On the removal or alteration of automobile anti-pollution equipment to save the use of gas, 48.5 per cent agreed with the measures, 47 per cent voted against them and 4.5 per cent were undecided.

Asked if efforts should be made immediately to build an oil pipeline that would allow an oil policy of only Canadian oil supplying the nation, 91.5 per cent agreed, one per cent said no and 7.5 per cent were undecided.

With the present rate of returns, Blenkarn said he expects upwards of 20,000 replies after the Christmas mail rush is over.

He added that many replies included letters suggesting measures that might be taken to conserve energy.

Some suggestions were to adopt year round daylight saving time, to force use of public transit and to speed up research into alternate forms of energy.

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Hit by train, bus destroyed

A \$6,000 Charterways bus was destroyed Wednesday afternoon after it stalled at the Canadian Pacific Railways crossing on Wolfedale Road.

Police say the bus stalled on the tracks a few minutes before a train was scheduled to be at the crossing. The driver Hebben Wallis, 59 of Suburban Drive in Streetsville attempted to start the bus several times but was unsuccessful.

He left the vehicle as the train approached.

The bus was southbound on Wolfedale about 4:57 p.m. in heavy snow when the accident occurred. Buses are required to stop before crossing railway tracks.

The Charterways headquarters is located directly adjacent to the railway crossing.