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A MEETING OF THE KKK—Not actually. They're only the judges going to punish the frosh for the fiendish crimes their mere existence has brought to campus. They were probably kinder than they appear for each of the freshmen came away from Wednesday night's Frosh Court in one piece.

Drastic educational changes possible following release of U of T report

TORONTO (CUP) — A report which could change educational policies in all Canadian universities has been received by the administration of the University of Toronto.

Personnel sought for student senate positions at UBC

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Students at the University of British Columbia acquired four seats on the university senate last May, but are now unable to find anyone to accept the positions.

The university's highest academic body decided to allow students into their meetings but only after years of lobbying by students and proponents of academic reform.

Nominations for the positions have been open since the start of registration in early September. Elections are scheduled to take place Oct. 18.

Under rules established by the Senate the student candidate would have to have at least second-class standing in a full program of studies in the winter session preceding his election.

In the elections a separate ballot will be given to students registered in the faculty of graduate studies. The ballot will contain only grad student candidates.

Undergraduates will elect three other senators on another ballot. The candidate getting the most votes will hold office for two years. Second and third place candidates will be on the senate for one year.

The MacPherson Report, recommending drastic changes in the structure of the faculty of arts and science at the U of T, is "likely to revolutionize education policies in Canadian universities if its major recommendations are implemented", said associate secretary of the Canadian Union of Students Pat Hembruff.

Commissioned more than a year ago by president Claude Bissell, the report was prepared by a committee chaired by C. B. MacPherson of the university's political economy department.

The report's main recommendations are:

- drastic reduction of classroom hours and use of examinations
- inclusion of students in policy-making bodies of the faculty
- reduced emphasis on examinations
- no course should have more than one lecture per week
- abolition of exams in the second year with option to write supplementals in case of failures
- term work to make up 50 per cent of final mark
- revision of present honors and general courses.

At present, U of T general and honors courses are split. Students taking the four-year honors program have smaller classes, get better library privileges, and have greater access to professors than those taking the three-year general program.

The MacPherson Report, to be released publicly Sunday, recommends establishing a three-year special course and a four-year general course instead.

The report, containing 96 recommendations in all, received 431 briefs, 317 of them from students.

The committee was apparently shocked that so many of these briefs were criticisms of undergraduate instruction given by the professors at U of T.

The student administrative council has asked acting president John Sword to issue free copies of the report to all 8,300 students in the faculty of arts and science.

However, plans call for only 4,000 copies to be published. All professors will receive a free copy, and the rest will go on sale at the university bookstore for \$1.50.

UofT supports birth control

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto students' union president Tom Faulkner says he is risking a jail term by backing his council's stand in support of birth control education.

U of T council voted Sept. 20 to support a committee which intends to make birth control information available to co-eds.

Standing behind the council decision, Faulkner told council, "I may go to jail over this, but it is very remote, and I am prepared to risk it."

He said later he doubted charges would be laid.

U of A students' union vice-president Dave King says this council has no stand on the subject because the matter has never been brought before it.

He said he believes birth control is absolutely essential.

"It is ludicrous that any govern-

Med students seek decrease

Students' union fees claimed too high for benefits received

Students in the faculty of medicine say they are tired of paying students' union fees for union facilities they don't use.

They are circulating a petition, to be presented to students' council Oct. 10, calling for a general student referendum on the matter.

The referendum, if held, would ask all members of the students' union to consider a reduction of third and fourth year med student fees from \$35.50 to a level comparable with graduate student fees, \$5.

"We are trying to get students' council to schedule a fee reduction for med students and an increase for grad students and nurses," said med rep on students' council Blaine Hirsche.

"For \$5 the grad students, with associate membership, have almost all the privileges of our full membership—and they are right there on campus. We aren't. Third and fourth year people are on 24-hour call at the hospital, have classes

off campus, and don't have time to use students' union facilities," he added.

The arguments used in the petition supporting the med students' position are:

- Medical students pay undergraduate fees for a minimum of six years, two years longer than any other non-professional program on campus.
- Medical tuition fees are higher than for any other faculty on campus—\$585, including students' union membership.
- Third and fourth year med students have less opportunity to use students' union facilities because they have a forty-hour class week, no lectures on campus, spend half their time in off-campus city hospitals, and spend little or no time at University Hospital.
- Fourth year students are on 24-hour hospital call for three months, unable to attend any outside function.

Law and dentistry may act also

Law and dentistry students are also preparing petitions calling for fee referendums, said Hirsche.

He says the referendum is being requested because the fee structure of the students' union is the concern of every member.

"Every student should have a voice on this. He has the right and privilege," Hirsche said. Although med students are far outnumbered in the general membership, "students will realize the injustice in the present system, and see the justice in a new one."

Although he hopes students' council will make a wide study of fee injustices first, Hirsche said he anticipates a common fee of about \$15 for graduate students and members of professional faculties

like nursing, law, medicine and dentistry.

Graduate Student Association vice-president Erik Solem added that graduate students receive only the telephone directory, The Gateway, and the student handbook for their fee. They are not allowed to use SUB, receive yearbooks, or vote in students' union elections.

"But I don't think it's fair med students should pay so much. They should investigate. I don't see why the GSA fee was brought into it, but we welcome any suggestions concerning the general fee structure," he said.

"Some grad students feel we shouldn't have to pay any fees or belong to the students' union at all. The whole fee structure is currently under question."

"intended or represented as a method of preventing conception."

Ontario attorney-general Arthur Wishart has said he will investigate the program after obtaining a copy of the U of T resolution.

"There are going to be changes in the law on these matters, but I'd like to know exactly what they're going to do," he said.

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