

Gosh, Greg - just 'cause you flunked!

GUELPH (CUP) - In a move that may have repercussions in all Canadian universities a student at the University of Guelph is appealing a course failure to the civil courts on the grounds that he was denied natural justice by the university.

The student, Greg Murray, says that the official mechanism of the university for deciding student grading appeals does not provide the student with the right to a fair hearing according to the legal definition of natural justice.

Murray has received both moral and financial backing from the Guelph student's council in launching his action against the university, and according to student council president Tim Hawkins, "the faculty are up in arms about it."

Murray received a failing grade in a course last semester and

launched an appeal of the instructor's decision through the usual mechanism. This consists of an initial informal meeting between the student, the instructor, and the department chairman. If they are unable to reach an agreement then the student has the right to appeal to the Student Petitions Committee, a sub-committee of the university Senate.

The Student Petitions Committee meets in closed session, does not allow the student to make a direct representation on his/her behalf, does not permit the student to call or cross-examine the instructor whose judgement is questioned or to be represented by council. The committee gives no statement of reasons for its decision and the decision itself is final.

The only access a student has to the committee is to write a letter

explaining the reasons for the appeal.

The precedent-making nature of the case stems from an Act passed in 1971 by the Ontario legislature which says that any statute can only be done if an appeal procedure embodying the principles of "natural justice" is made available.

The Act, the Statutory Powers Procedures Act, has never been tested in the courts as far as its applicability to the university appeal procedures is concerned. Universities have taken the position that the Act does not cover such cases.

If the case of the Guelph student is upheld the university might not only have to change its appeal procedures but all appeals rejected since the Act came into existence in 1971 may be questioned.

According to Hawkins the university has indicated that it is determined to fight the case in court, even if appeals to overturn adverse rulings are necessary. Hawkins says the president of the university faculty association has already contacted him to see if the case could be dropped and a fairer appeal mechanism established.

Hawkins says the faculty are "generally up in arms about the

matter" because they feel that giving students the right to due process in appeals would jeopardize the "flexibility" of the faculty.

The position of Hawkins and the student council is that this

"flexibility" simply means in practice that students have no proper way of appealing subjective grading decisions of faculty and that its elimination would not do harm to student interests.

Specialists Styling & Hair Care

Experts - Hair Analysis
Hair & Scalp Treatments Permanent Waving
Coloring & Frosting Hair Cutting & Styling

Campus Tower Bldg.
Bsm. 8625-112 St.

OPTOMETRISTS

DRS. LeDrew, Rowand, Jones, Rooney, Brin
and associates

CAMPUS OFFICE
HUB MALL 8922-112 ST. 439-5878

SOUTH OFFICE
10903-80 AVE. 433-7305

MAIN OFFICE
12318-JASPER AVE 488-0944

Office hours by appointment monday thru saturday
convenient parking



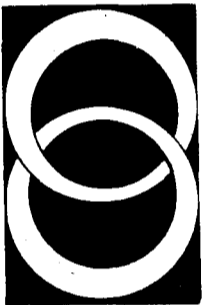
OPTICAL PRESCRIPTION CO.

Two University locations



8215 - 112 St. 433-1645
College Plaza

No. 230 - 8409 - 112 St. 439-5094
Physicians and Surgeons Building



coexistence de deux langues dans un pays

bilingualism/ biculturalism

Canada has two official languages.
We live in a bilingual/bicultural country.

Would you like to speak French fluently? Would you like to spend 6 weeks this summer in Toronto at York University's Glendon Campus?

You'll live in a bilingual/bicultural environment studying French while others are learning English. Your tuition and board will be paid through a Federal Government Bursary Program.

If you're over 16, and have some knowledge of French, don't pass up this opportunity. Write or call us today for the whole story on the Summer Language Bursary Program, July 2 to August 8, 1975 at York University (416) 667-2504.

Centre for Continuing Education
York University

4700 Keele St., Downsview, Ont. M3J 2R6



alberta contemporary dance theatre



SPRING
CONCERT

8:30 p.m.
Fri., April 4
Sat., April 5
Sun., April 6

Students Union Theatre

TICKETS: BAY OUTLETS & S. U. BOX OFFICE
PHONE 432-4764
FROM \$1.00

University of Alberta
89 Ave. East of 118 St.
PARADE NEXT DOOR



Something to "cheer" about:

Now the glorious beer of Copenhagen is brewed right here in Canada. It comes to you fresh from the brewery. So it tastes even better than ever.

CARLING O'KEEFE BREWERIES