

Student Council hassels

Councillors retain free passes

by Don Retson

One of the biggest obstacles the Winter Carnival Committee must overcome if it is to be a success is the belligerence of certain Student Council reps.

In a special meeting last week, Council was asked to reconsider a previous motion which allowed Council members free admission to all events.

Wolfgang Novak, this year's Carnival chairman, informed Council that close to \$1,000 in revenue would be lost if this motion was allowed to stand in this case. Novak also pointed out that only a few complimentary passes were given out to people other than the Carnival executive.

Taking into account the limited budget of the Committee and the limited seating capacity for all Carnival happenings, Council members should not mind paying to get into a few campus events for a change.

Predictably, the reaction of most Council reps to this suggestion was negative. Several members were indignant at the mere thought of paying into campus events, even for one week.

Not everyone agreed on this point. Bennie Blufarb, a regular to Council meetings, said that, judging on Council's past performance, they did not deserve free passes to either Carnival events or to any events on campus. He also threatened to have Council impeached unless they changed their stand.

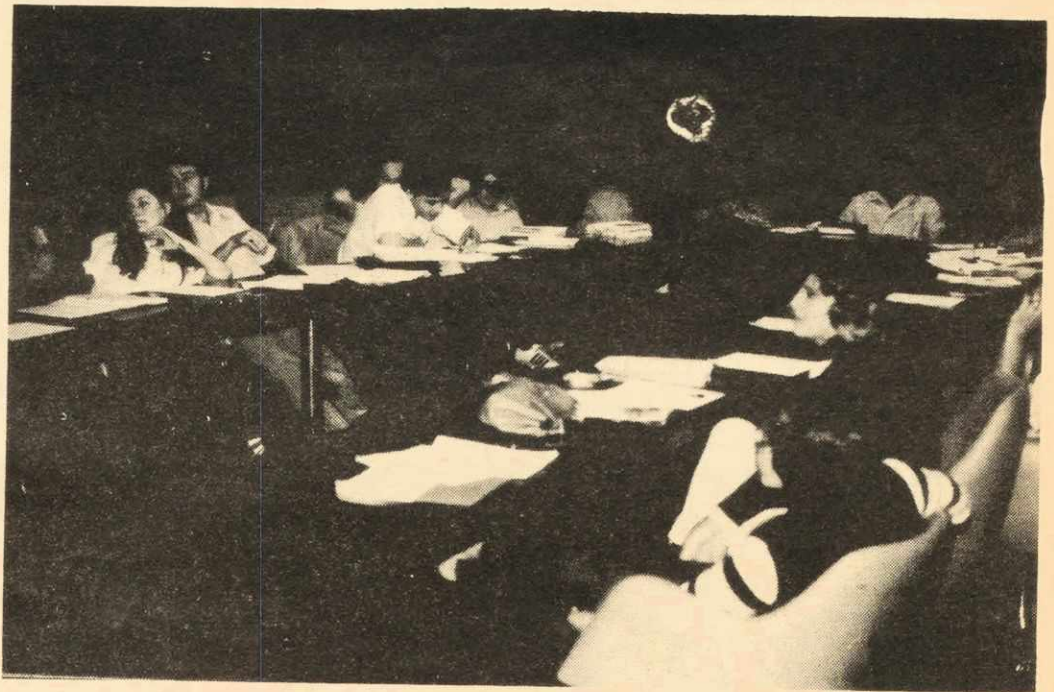
As there are only two weeks before the new Council elections, Blufarb retracted his threat, though, as he said later, "it would not be hard to impeach them."

Treasurer Ian Campbell was particularly incensed with the little work done by most Council reps this year.

"I don't see where the hell they do their work," he said. He claimed to have seen more reps looking for free passes than at the regular Council meetings.

Needless to say, the motion put forward by Vickie Faulkner and seconded by Alan Moors that Council members pay for Carnival events was defeated by a considerable majority.

In order to keep the Winter Carnival deficit from growing any larger than it is already, and also to avoid the resignation of Carnival personnel as a result of Council's action, Brian Smith suggested that money in the Council administration fund be used to cover members' free ride into Winter Carnival events.



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Here are some of your Student Council reps, in case you didn't know. It even looks like they had a quorum.

Submissions being accepted

CP hearing upcoming

Is the security of the university safe in the hands of a student Campus "Police" force? What powers should such a body have? What administrative structure would protect the university, the student body and the students working as Campus Police?

The Senate Committee on Campus Police hopes to find answers to these and other questions when it hears submissions from the university community at an open hearing to be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the SUB.

Recent charges made against the CP's have pointed out the necessity for change of the present structure, which has broken down largely as a result of the incessant responsibilities assumed by the force.

Should these responsibilities even have been assumed by students? Should students ultimately and completely replace the outside agencies employed by the university as security guards?

If Dal were to do this, it would be bucking the trend throughout North America. The Senate Committee reports that of 32 American universities responding to a survey, 26 had a full-time professional police force with full police powers. In the few schools where students were used for security purposes, they were mainly employed as traffic control officers, at sporting events and as unarmed guards.

The Campus Police at Dal are vested with powers to act as agents of the property owner and in their own capacity as private citizens, in contrast to the American practice of granting full police powers of arrest and detention.

The Committee hopes to determine which is the correct approach and whether the powers of the Campus Police should be even more restricted than they are at present.

Written submissions will be accepted at the Student Union offices in the Dal SUB.

Student criticizes Ontario education study

TORONTO (CUP) — One of the two student members of the Ontario Government's Commission on Post Secondary Education has expressed dissatisfaction with the draft report of the Commission's findings released last week.

David Black, a graduate student from the University of Waterloo, will submit a minority report to the Commission this week outlining his criticisms of the main report. He said in an interview in Toronto that he agrees with most of the report's recommendations but feels that it completely ignores the crucial question of the quality of post-secondary education in the province.

He also criticized the Commission report for not questioning the goals and directions of education.

Among the major recommendations of the 13-member commission under the chairmanship of former Engineering Dean Douglas Wright:

— a proposal to raise fees to 50 per cent of the cost of education.

— the establishment of a new government bureaucracy which would control the setting up of all faculties and departments within the universities.

— payment to organizations and institutes which provide "practical" training to students, on the same basis as grants are made to universities.

— abolition of the Ontario Student Awards System to be replaced with a modified loan-

grant system. Full tuition grants would be available to those in financial need, but only for the first three years of their education. Loans, now available interest-free, would be open to all no matter what the financial status, but on a principal plus interest basis.

— para-medical courses would be encouraged and admission to quota courses such as medicine would be done by lottery.

— the creation of a university of Ontario which would provide educational services by means of the mass media to the people of the province.

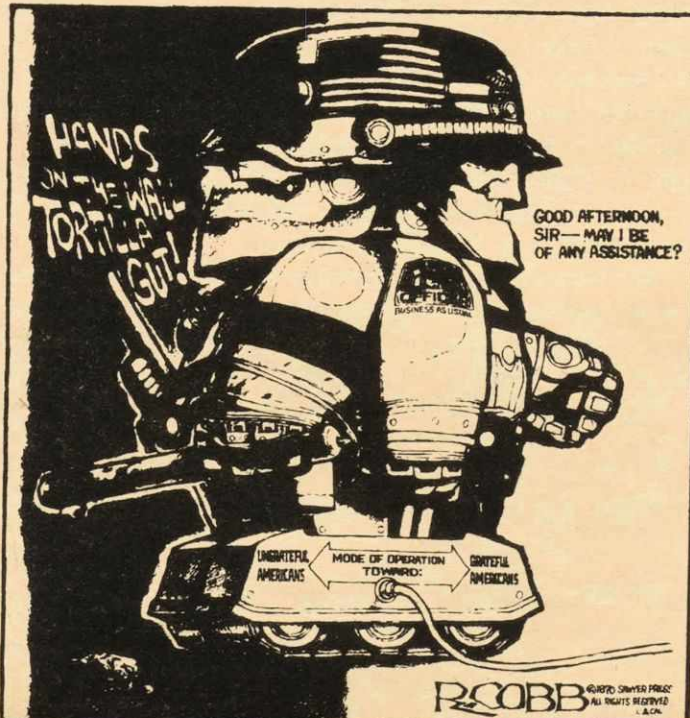
— an evening-up of the number of male and female faculty members in post-secondary institutions.

Black, who signed the draft report with reservations, said that the Commission members were individuals who had personally experienced upward social mobility and were committed to the principle of equal opportunity.

"Greater accessibility to the type of university the commission envisages is just a means of providing everyone with an equal opportunity on the job market," he said.

"They see education as a vehicle for social mobility. It is the grease which oils the system. Otherwise capitalism would come to a halt."

The final report of the Commission, which was originally set up in 1969 by then education minister William Davis, is expected in June.



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The new prophylactic machine installed in the men's and women's washrooms in the SUB basement. "I don't know why I put them there," says Treasurer Ian Campbell.