

## Free Chevron publishes twice, debate still rages

WATERLOO (CUP) — At an emergency meeting of the Ontario Region of Canadian University Press (ORCUP), student newspapers pledged support for the Chevron, the paper at the University of Waterloo shut down Sept. 30 by the students federation because of alleged communist domination.

Representatives from five papers plus members of the CUP executive and the regional field staff also outlined strategy for Chevron support and discussed tactics for the reinstatement of the paper with about 25 Chevron and Free Chevron staffers.

The paper's shutdown was sparked by the resignations Sept. 24 of the editor and publications board chairperson.

Since that time, Chevron staffers have put out two issues of

the Free Chevron. The federation also published one issue of its own new newsletter, Bullseye.

During an hour and a half session at the emergency meeting, federation president Shane Roberts failed to counter charges that he shut the paper arbitrarily without using existing structures.

While he answered questions, Free Chevron staffers intermittently burst out with shouts of "lies, lies" and called for "evidence". Federation executive member Doug Antoine left the session after half an hour charging a "set-up".

Roberts explained that the paper was closed because of a "widespread feeling that the paper was not serving the students."

"We provide money for a paper in hopes that people will be happy

with it ... people weren't so we shut it down for a while."

Roberts gave the "inability of staff to make changes" and the high proportion of non-students on the paper as other reasons for the shut down.

When asked who was dissatisfied Roberts referred to "certain groups."

In a heated debate over strategy, delegates urged the Free Chevron to back its non-negotiable demand for re-instatement of the paper as it was Sept. 24 with proposals for by-law and structural changes.

Staffers responded that they would "fight to the end and that we shouldn't kid ourselves with proposals."

"One basic issue is can the Chevron get rid of the council clique?" one staffer asked.

However at an Oct. 17 council

meeting the Free Chevron presented seven motions for inclusion on the Oct. 29 general meeting agenda. While all the motions call for reinstatement, Chevron staffers say they are reviewing their by-laws and will back their demand with a call for an investigative committee to revise them.

Delegates felt the federation had been hasty in its decision and should have given the staff more than three issues to prove its worth.

Roberts indicated he felt problems existed prior to September. He said the federation had set up a committee early in the summer to review the Chevron's by-laws but that it had never met.

The Free Chevron refused to sit on council's new investigative committee until its mandate extended to an investigation of

how the paper was closed. At its Oct. 17 meeting, council did that and two Free Chevron representatives will sit on the committee.

Observers at the meeting say the council is split over the content of the interim federation paper, Bullseye.

The first issue edited by federation executive Doug Thompson, featured a lengthy interview presenting Roberts' views on the Chevron closure as well as ample federation information.

Both the federation and the paper say the issue is for the students to decide. With both groups putting out publications and vying for student favour through proposals of one kind or another, the issue may come out of the realm of backroom politicking and personality clashes and get a democratic vote, say CUP officials.

### Sticky situation threatens United States

LOS ANGELES (ENS-CUP) — If all the gum chewed by Americans last year was wadded together, it would make a 200-million pound ball.

According to the Los Angeles

Times, American spent \$800 million last year on gum, and consumed about 200 sticks for each man, woman and child in America.

Some of the more recent

attempts to cash in on the gum market include celery-flavoured gum for health nuts; nicotine gum to replace the cigarette habit; and even a Japanese-made chewing gum for dogs.

### Says NSD should be postponed

WINNIPEG (CUP) — National Student Day should be postponed until the federal-provincial governments agree on the five-year formula for funding post-secondary education, according to new federal secretary of state John Roberts.

Roberts, who first heard of the day Oct. 5, called the Nov. 9 date "bizarre."

Student leaders should wait until the Fiscal Arrangements Act (FAA), which controls most cost-sharing agreements between the federal and provincial governments, is negotiated before reacting, he said.

National Union of Students (NUS) president Riel Miller said it actually makes more sense to have the day before negotiations are complete so students can have some "democratic" input into the discussions. All FAA negotiations are secret.

The day is not dependent on the FAA, Miller said, because it deals with many outside issues such as unemployment and the role and quality of higher education.

Although the secretary of state is responsible for post-secondary education, Roberts refused to comment on current FAA negotiations, saying it is the responsibility of the minister of finance.

Currently, the federal government gives direct grants to the provinces for higher education, however education ministers have discussed replacing this with a transfer of tax points.

Several smaller, poorer provinces say their smaller tax bases will mean decreased funding for higher education if the new system is introduced.

"Maybe it will or maybe it will mean a better direction of money," Roberts said.

The federal government wants, he said, is to establish an interface between federal programs, and provincial education responsibilities. They want to discuss, not direct.

Miller expressed surprise that Roberts was not aware of National Student Day, since NUS had informed his predecessor, Hugh Faulkner.

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