

SU executive de-rails club

Grind a goner

by John Watson

The *Grind's* status as an SU-funded club was unanimously terminated by the SU executive yesterday, a move which effectively kills the year-old club.

The club's office and records were seized on Dec. 18 following a request for an investigation by Arts rep Jayson Woodbridge.

Woodbridge - who sits on the Building Services Board, the group responsible for administering club activities - said in examining the *Grind's* grant requests he found "numerous irregularities".

"I noticed an allocation of \$450 for a telephone - the *Grind* has no phone," he said, referring to a portion of a *Grind* request for \$2,477 which was granted in an April 2 meeting of Students' Council.

An audit performed by SU finance manager Ryan Beebe showed a total of \$1,010 which was never spent on the equipment for which it was budgeted.

It also showed an accumulated debt of almost \$2,000 for the club, with much of that owed to their printer, Central Web Offset Ltd.

Floyd Hodgins, past editor and current member of the *Grind*, said while the equipment was never purchased, the money was used to pay for necessary services anyway.

SU president Mike Nickel sees things differently. "I consider this to be blatant misrepresentation, they should have to pay for this."

Other irregularities include members of the club receiving money for advertising sales.

The SU Clubs' Manual states that "all monies go toward the operating expenses of the group as it carries out its stated purposes."

However, a past executive member of the *Grind* received over \$650 in commissions from advertising sales.

Hodgins defended the commissions and said almost every member of the paper had received monies from advertising sales.

"We do not consider them to be employees of the *Grind*," Hodgins said, "they are independent agents selling the ads to the paper for a fee."

Nickel had no reservations about who caused the demise of the *Grind*. "It was no fault of the general membership, it was unfortunate they had someone like Floyd running the show."

"There will never be another *Grind*," admitted Hodgins, but a number of the *Grind's* staff have already indicated their desire to start another publication.

VP Academic Nevin resigns, cites health

by Ann Grever

Caroline Nevin, V.P. Academic, has resigned from her position on Students' Council.

Nevin is leaving because of health problems and her resignation is effective immediately.

According to Students' Union bylaws the council can either call an election for a new V.P. Academic or appoint someone to the position.

Mike Nickel, S.U. president is hopeful council will appoint Connie Uzwyshyn, Academic Commissioner, to the position. "Caroline recommended Connie be ap-

pointed," said Nickel. "There's no sense in calling an election with only four months left... and Connie has been involved in the portfolio and the issues."

Nevin is unhappy to resign. "I've been very, very happy with the job. I'm really upset to be leaving."

Fighting the writing competency test was Nevin's greatest achievement. "The students have been great... actually fighting the test through the boards and having the students' backing on it, having all the high profile, the excitement of it and actually working it out."

However, Nevin didn't like the politics of Council. "I don't enjoy watching people play political games just for the sake of playing games."

The motion to force her to resign in mid-November was an example of these political games, says Nevin.

"The resignation motion on council was really disappointing considering the work I had done. Ken (Bosman) actually said to me it's the only political dirty thing he's done this year."

Nevin recommended Uzwyshyn for the job. "She's very well qualified and I'm hoping on Tuesday, council will ratify her without any problem."

"My only worry is that election time is coming and the political hacks tend to get a little excited with something like this."



Nevin: Didn't enjoy political games

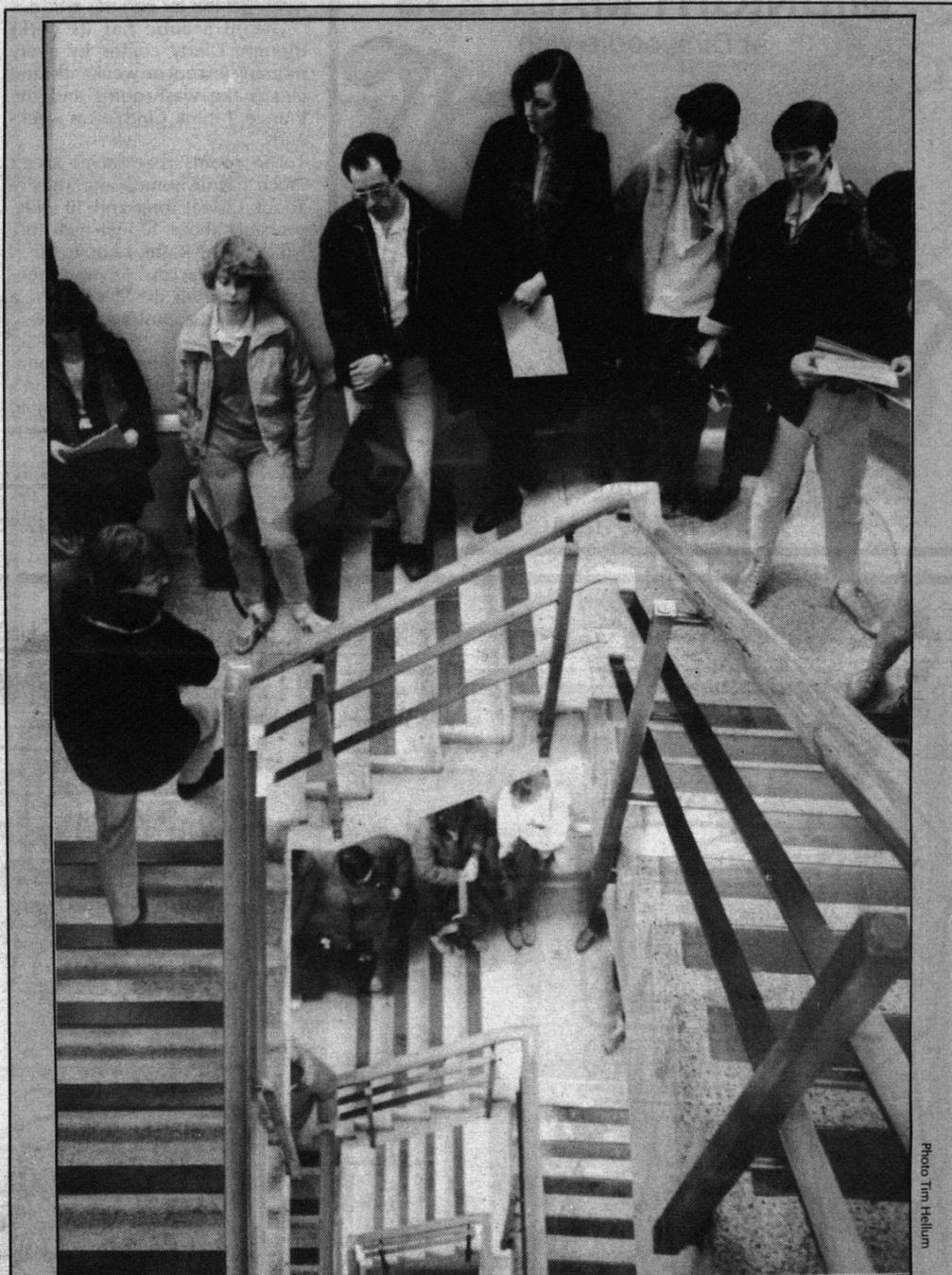
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Clothes make the man...

...naked people have little or no influence on society

Mark Twain



Ah yes. The first day of classes after Christmas break. The perfect opportunity to gather on the stairwell of the Administration Building and swap 'most boring lineup' stories with total strangers while waiting for the methodic hand of the all-powerful Registrar's clerks to stamp the documents that mean thou shalt not be destitute this term.

Researchers seeking greener labs abroad

WATERLOO (CUP) — Researchers receive such little respect in Canada that they are often better known in the United States, and can't be blamed for leaving the country for greener labs abroad, says a professor studying research in Canada.

"The research community in this country is very small and spread thin across several disciplines. Many people don't know where there are areas of strength in Canadian research," said Tom Brzustowski, academic vice-president of the University of Waterloo.

Brzustowski sent copies of a survey on Canadian research to 1000 academics, administrators, and researchers across the country. Although he has only received 230 replies, the results indicate that Canadian research is severely undervalued. Some respondents said leading Canadian researchers have received awards and acclaim for their work abroad, but little recognition in their own country.

The surveys received so far show the leading areas of research in Canada include chemistry, hydrogeology and thermal engineering.

Brzustowski said Canadian researchers that leave the country do so for more than money. "Some of it is salary, but most of it is resources. If research in Canada is to improve, there should be resources and support for the full cost of research for a lifetime."

Five year funding requests from the natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council have also called for increased federal funding for university researchers. However, both plans are still under review by the ministry of state for Science and

Technology, and no word has been given on when the status of NSERC and SSHRC funding will be announced.

Tom Siddon, the former minister of state for Science and Technology, was promoted to the fisheries portfolio on Nov. 14 following months of trying to sell the plans to cabinet, which makes the final decision. Siddon's successor Frank Oberle, who doesn't come from a science background, has dodged the funding question in Parliament.

Stephen Beatty, an aide to government house leader Ray Hnatyshyn whose office sets the cabinet

agenda, said no date is set for research council funding, but "that's not the sort of information we talk about."

In the House of Commons, Liberal science and technology critic David Berger said the government should move swiftly on funding the proposals. There are "thousands of Canadians whose careers are in danger," he said.

Brzustowski agrees. "If researchers were just funded a little more it would be better for everyone. That's sort of a cheerleader statement, but I honestly believe it," he said.