

"Punishment clause" sparks debate at annual staff meeting

By Kim Llewellyn

Proposals to insert a punishment clause in the York University Staff Association constitution sparked some heated debate at the annual YUSA general meeting on December 14, 1978.

After discussion on what was termed "an emotional issue" by YUSA president Lauma Avens, the union members passed a clause which read: "The York University

Staff Association has the right to discipline any member for a violation of the constitution after a fair hearing before the discipline committee. The accused shall be presented with the charges in writing at least five working days prior to the hearing and shall have the right to have a member of the association act her/his council."

The members rejected other amendments which defined the

infractions against the union as scabbing, misrepresenting the union or its members, giving out lists of union members without authority, and using the name of YUSA for soliciting funds, advertising, etc., without authority.

The suggested punishments for the infractions: reprimand, suspension from union activities and fines were also rejected by the membership.

Over 50 per cent of YUSA endorsed the rejected amendments, but support was under the two-

thirds required majority for constitutional change.

According to Avens, a very small percentage of union members "scabbed" during the union's strike in September. She maintained, however, that the discipline committee's purpose is to address much larger questions than scabbing and should be included in the constitution.

She said the two hour time allotment for the meeting was not enough time to discuss the changes and the union executive will

present new proposals hopefully more acceptable to the membership, later this month.

Both the new discipline committee and the executive committee, which will be involved in the decision of whether the "accused" YUSA member is found "guilty", are made up of members of the union. "That's the way Stalin did it during the purge trials of the 1930's," one YUSA member commented to Excalibur.

Among other items of business voted on were the election of the officers of YUSA. New officers are president, Lauma Avens, first vice-president, Claudia Francescut, second vice-president, Joan Chaplain, secretary, Lynn Taylor, and treasurer, Cathy Lepki. All were acclaimed.

The meeting was closed to Excalibur during the voting and discussion process.

York hosting conference on Year of the Child

By Patricia Smiley

1979 has been declared the Year of the Child by the United Nations. In celebration, and to increase awareness of the special problems relating to children, York will be hosting a conference beginning January 17.

The conference, being held in Winters College, will feature well-known speakers on subjects such as the rights of children, education, daycare, and a panel discussion on Canada's response to children of the world.

A private group of students organized the conference and it is being sponsored by the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Arts, FESA, CYSF and Winters College. All

proceeds will go to UNICEF.

Some of the highlights of the conference are:

- The CYSF movie series presents *Who Has Seen the Wind* on Thursday, January 18.

- Folk-blues singer Beverly Glenn-Copeland will be performing in Winters JCR on Friday, January 19 at 8:30 pm.

- Performances by a children's choir and theatre group are scheduled for Saturday, January 20.

- During the conference, children's artwork and photographs will be displayed in the Winters Art Gallery from 2-6 pm. 5-3

Philosophy society planned

On Wednesday, December 6, the proposed constitution of the York University Undergraduate Philosophical Society (YUUPS) received unanimous support from those present at the organizational meeting. The aim of the Society is twofold: (i) to act as the voice of philosophy students at York, and (ii) to be a forum where individuals can air their philosophical views and hear the views of others.

Currently, the Society is without officers and nominations are being accepted in the Philosophy office (Ross S661). There are four offices to be filled, and anyone enrolled in at least one course offered by the Philosophy Department is eligible.

The positions are: Chairman, Program Coordinator, Treasurer/Secretary and Member of the Program Committee. The responsibilities of these offices are listed on the Philosophy Department bulletin board (outside S661R). Nominations end January 19th. Elections will be conducted at a meeting of the Society on January 24th at 3:15 p.m. in Room 302 Administrative Studies. Proof of enrollment in a philosophy course is required of both voters and nominees. All philosophy students are invited to participate. For more information, phone Howard Hacker at 667-8249, after 6 p.m.

bureaucratic boogaloo

Attending university means a mass of application forms and sign-ups.

One course all students must pass is Waiting Lists and Line-Ups. A. Gnu (Student) Wayne Woodman

Waterloo newspaper kicked out by CUP; & gets trounced in a referendum

In a precedent-setting move, the Canadian University Press, the national organization of 60 student newspapers expelled the University of Waterloo *Chevron* in a 37-2 vote at its annual conference in Edmonton on January 2.

The expulsion followed hot-on the heels of a referendum on the *Chevron* at Waterloo, held November 30, which ousted it as the official U of W student newspaper. The referendum loss meant that the paper will lose its office space and its \$2 per student levy. The expulsion from CUP will mean that the *Chevron* will lose revenue from the CUP national ad network Youthstream.

The *Chevron* has for the past few years been heavily influenced by the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), a Maoist group which sees Albania as the world's only true socialist nation.

CUP's charges against the

Chevron include: physical and verbal harassment of some staff members, a hate campaign against former staffers, and denying office space to some staff members.

Chevron editor David Carter accused CUP of conducting a "witch hunt" and of "red baiting".

Chevron news editor Larry Hannant was quoted in the *Edmonton Journal* as having told the conference that the newspaper "has been the subject of vile abuse, of rumours and lies about our staff and about our norms of democracy and political views." Excalibur delegate, photo editor Bryon Johnson, voted for the expulsion because, "it was proven by the membership commission and the CUP national executive that the *Chevron* lacked any form of staff democracy."

Johnson denied that the CUP



papers voted against the *Chevron* because of the CPC-ML, he said the *Chevron* lost the vote because their attacks on the other Waterloo newspaper, *The Imprint*, and on the national executive alienated many delegates who already felt the *Chevron* was undermining the news service's credibility.

The *Imprint* was begun this year by former *Chevron* staffers.

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