

SU forum: sublime to ridiculous

Commentary by Shaun Cody

Wednesday's election forum was meant to allow the candidates in the Students' Union election to elaborate upon their policies.

Some actually managed it amid the pandemonium. A carnival would best describe the atmosphere of the forum. Paper balls and paper airplanes, elastic bands, shoes, and vocal abuse were directed at the candidates.

Peter Seseke and Jayson Woodbridge were particularly subject to the ire of the partisan audience. Jayson Woodbridge, apart from being called a bum and a Nazi, was given a Hitler salute when he stood to speak. Cries of "Peter's a hack, Peter's a hack" resounded throughout Seseke's presentation.

A blatant air of sexism pervaded the forum. Women candidates, regardless of slate, faced flocks of 69 signs. The boisterous individuals behind me began to chant "Show us your tits" when Rhianna Harben stood to speak. They stopped shortly thereafter. Even in this atmosphere, their actions met with

disapproval.

At the height of the disorder, Chief Returning Officer Paul Pallister told the audience "Jeez, guys, we're really showing our intelligence today. CFRN is here and maybe we'll all be on the news." The CFRN cameraman meticulously recorded the 69 signs, the paper

airplanes, the flying shoes, and the Hitler salute accorded to Woodbridge.

Eddie the Engineer, speaking for Freddie the Engineer, was treated to a takeoff of Led Zeppelin's Black Dog. Rather than:

"I don't know but I been told, A big legged woman ain't got no

soul"

Eddie, in his Civil Engineering jacket, faced

"I don't know but it's been said that Civils give each other head." He responded with a terse "fuck off", which was duly recorded by the CFRN cameraman.

Caroline Nevin, a former VP

Academic, opened the anticlimactic question period by asking Jayson Woodbridge if his "uncontrollable temper and irrational behaviour" made him unsuitable for the S.U. President's office.

The fine line between rowdiness and crudity was run roughshod over.

Windsor profs steal student work

WINDSOR (CUP) — A committee of inquiry at the University of Windsor has ruled that two professors stole a student's work.

Masters sociology student Carl Bertoia was hired in 1984 by two Home Economics instructors as project manager of a Summer Canada sponsored study of elderly parents and adult offspring.

Bertoia told the committee he spent the summer writing the document. But it was published in January 1985 listing professors Sue Goerzen and Linda McKay as authors. "When I confronted them, she

(Goerzen) said that we made a decision that you aren't really the author of this report," said Bertoia.

The committee supported Bertoia's claim to at least co-authorship. It also recommended the university implement a formal authorship policy.

Bertoia said the instructors told him they denied him credit because he was a paid employee and was therefore not a co-author.

Other reasons, Bertoia said, included the time and effort involved in editing and printing the work.

But, he added, only minimal edit-

ing was needed, and it was done with both parties present.

The committee found that Bertoia may be the document's principal writer and called for a corrected title page listing him as co-author. It also recommended a letter of

apology from Bertoia's employers and that reprimands be placed in both professor's files. The recommendations were presented to U of W president Ron Lanni and are not binding. But Lanni said the sug-

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Spoof shuts down paper

TORONTO (CUP) — The student council at Seneca College has shut down the student newspaper after confiscating 5000 copies of a spoof issue it calls "malicious and libelous and in no way humorous."

The Feb. 27 issue of OBT, dubbed OBTtease, contained among other things a photo of a decaying cat, an ad for an "open-minded sex slave, M or F, 4-13 years", and an article alleging sexual activity by the student president in the council office.

The council, the paper's official publisher, was not amused. President Emily Thomson said OBT was shut down so that its "policies and procedures" could be reviewed by a committee of newspaper staff and council members - with the staff "probably" forming a majority. The paper will re-open, but maybe not this year, she added.

In a bulletin posted on campus, the council defended removing about one-half the 10,000 copies of OBT's (the rest were distributed to Seneca's other four campuses).

"We do not feel this is an issue of censorship or freedom of the press,

but rather of an organization acting in a responsible manner," the notice said.

Thomson denied actually firing editor Clark Davey, though Davey said she told him he had been dismissed.

Davey, who said he apologized for any harm done, had mixed feelings about the closure.

"I'm happy about the shut-down in one way because in a way they stopped it from becoming a massive issue, but it's also a hassle for the students because they don't have a paper," he said. Davey said he had been told to expect legal action and perhaps being black-listed by employers that deal with the college.

However, the editor said OBT's

policy and procedures could have been changed without the council closing the paper down.

"I think what they're trying to do is run the paper themselves," he said.

Thomson said she received negative comments about the paper, while Davey said reaction has been mainly positive and "a lot of people are coming into the office for copies."

Whatever the students' thoughts, they may lose money on the whole affair. The paper will forego about \$3000 in printing costs and lose advertising revenues for the issue. If it fails to publish again this year, it may lose local ad sales and \$2200 to \$2500 in national ad revenue.

The paper is about \$5000 in debt.

LHSA, Grind issues at Lister Hall forum

by John Watson

Almost 25% of the election candidates did not manage to attend the Lister Hall all-candidates forum on Tuesday night.

Fortunately, they didn't miss much. There were only about 20 spectators in attendance.

The major matter of contention was \$2,000 the Lister Hall Students' Association (LHSA) had loaned to the now defunct *Grind* newspaper.

LHSA president-elect Dave Tuckey asked the presidential candidates if the LHSA would get the money back.

Dave Oginski (Positive Perspectives) and Jayson Woodbridge (Woodbridge) both stated that they would not refund the money. "Let's face it," said Woodbridge, "your executive made a bad decision."

Bachelor #1 (Tabula Rasa) and Peter Seseke (Students Working for Students) said they felt the LHSA should receive a refund.

"I was news editor at the *Grind* at the time," said Seseke, "and it was very generous..." of the LHSA. Seseke said both the *Grind* and Central Web Offset (the *Grind's* printer) should receive their money back.

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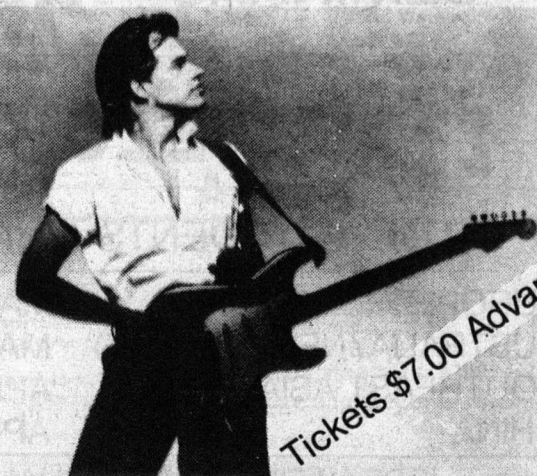
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