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## Copycats 'n' copycops

OTTAWA (CUP)—University of Ottawa students may be holding illegal texts without even knowing it, after a local photocopy shop was charged by the RCMP for violating federal copyright laws.

Laurier Office Mart was charged with seven counts of copyright law infringement for duplicating reading materials brought in by professors. The professors may also face charges, though none have been pressed yet.

This is one of the first cases in Canada to involve the Act since it came into effect a few years ago. Under the Act, it is illegal to duplicate most printed works without permission from the copyright owners.

The shop owners are charged with not having proper licence to photocopy copyrighted materials. Licenses are issued by CANCOPY, a national organization that represents publishers and writers.

Laurier Office Mart continues to operate despite the charges and has since obtained a licence from CANCOPY.

Bob Reed, investigating officer for the RCMP, said the shop was raided on July 20 following an RCMP officer's observations. Textbooks brought to the shop by professors at the University of Ottawa were seized during the raid, Reed said.

According to its mandate, CANCOPY's role in copyright cases is to protect the rights and interests of its members. It assists in police investigations when requested as well as gathering evidence independently. It also pursues civil cases on behalf of its members.

Reed said it is "possible" that charges could be laid against the professors.

## Québec fears fee hikes

MONTREAL (CUP)—A major Québec student organization has called on the provincial government to abandon any plans for tuition increases.

L'Organisation Nationale Universitaire (ONU) proposed at a press conference last Tuesday that the government implement an income contingent loan repayment plan as an alternative to tuition fees. With an income contingent repayment system, students pay for their education through scaled income taxes after graduation.

Serge Charlebois, spokesperson for ONU and president of the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FEUQ), said that income contingency plans would increase student access to university education.

ONU was created a year ago with a goal of uniting Québec's provincial student organizations. It represents over 200,000 students across the province.

There is widespread fear in the Québec student movement of impending tuition fees increases. This follows a report published last year by the province's Minister of Finance, Daniel Johnson, which called for increased tuition fees to match the Canadian national average.

Currently, Québec has the lowest tuition fees in Canada and the province would have to increase fees at least 50 per cent to attain the Canadian average.

## Kidnapping? Kidding

TORONTO (CUP)—A mock kidnapping staged by a campus chapter of Amnesty International failed to have the desired effect upon the audience.

Campus officials immediately condemned the act. "I think it isn't fair to mislead people about what appears to be a violent action," said David Neelands, the University of Toronto's assistant vice-president for student affairs.

U of T's chapter of Amnesty, an international human rights organization, staged the event in a third-year political science class.

Ten minutes before the modern political thought lecture ended, two men dressed in dark clothing entered the class and said to a student, "Simone Stothers, you're coming with us."

Stothers was then forcibly carried out of the room.

While the rest of the class sat and watched, teaching assistant Carrie Hull attempted to intervene, holding one of the "kidnappers" and preventing him from leaving the room.

Hull, who was not aware the kidnapping would take place, said later she had suddenly thought of the 1991 incident where a student was drawn out of a class in the university's medical science building and brutally stabbed.

At that point, members of Amnesty and professor Gad Horowitz intervened to calm the agitated class.

"This is a really apathetic university unfortunately, and we need to get people to realize what's happening in the world," member Ruth Cohen told them.

Horowitz said he let Amnesty stage the event because he thought it would raise awareness of human rights.

Simone Stothers, the Amnesty member who played the victim, said she was surprised that someone intervened.

A similar event was staged by the Victoria College Amnesty group last year, but no one physically intervened.

It is this possibility of misunderstanding that concerns Neelands.

"It's one thing to highlight the significance of violent kidnapping. It's another thing to lead people into believing they're observing one," he said. "It's not playing fair with the bystanders."

But a spokesperson for Amnesty's Toronto branch applauded the U of T group for their initiative.

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# news



Public administration students and faculty get excited in their own way.

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## Civil servants riled up

by Anna Walner

While Dalhousie's Theatre and Music Departments have marched, yelled and waved placards to show their anger over program cuts proposed by President Howard Clark, public administration students and faculty are waging a different kind of war.

Dr. Dale Poel, Director of the School of Public Administration, says the faculty are working to come up with an alternative to closure, rather than rallying publicly as other departments have.

"After Clark dropped his bombshell on the university world, the next pressure point really is at the faculty level," says Poel. "We will have a faculty plan that shows capacity for revenue generation and some restructuring of the faculty, but complete preservation of the program."

Poel says it's not always effective to be extremely vocal at the beginning of a campaign like this one. He says it's important to first plan a strategy.

"The initial reaction by Clark to all the bombardment from other departments has been fairly minimal. I've seen very little indication of flexibility or openness," he says.

Poel says timing is crucial for making a proposal to the Board of Governors. The final decision comes in January and they will have to carefully plan the buildup to the decision, he says.

"In terms of time frame, you want to build to a January point at which you have to convince Clark to open up his mind and be receptive to an alternative strategy," he says.

As 1994 will be the school's 25th anniversary, the campaign fight is named "Celebrating 25". As a way of promoting the campaign, the school is taking over the annual alumni phone-a-thon. They are asking alumni to give to a scholarship fund by way of cheques post-dated to March 31, 1994. By that time the school will know the status of the program.

"I'm hoping to have a stack of post-dated cheques showing the support of the alumni," Poel says.

While other departments facing closure are examined again and again by the media, public administration coverage has been practically non-existent. But Poel doesn't blame the media. He says media coverage isn't part of their strategy yet.

"We haven't jumped in yet," he

says. "The media turns to whatever is flashiest. Theatre students walking around in costumes is a lot more exciting footage than someone talking about the importance of the civil service."

Poel says the school faces unique difficulties in its fight, difficulties that other departments could not understand.

"As we introduce our Celebrating 25 campaign to the three Maritime governments, they have to be careful in what they say," he says. "If they come out strongly endorsing the school, the university could turn around and say, 'Why don't you give them a special grant?'"

Another difficulty Poel points out is that public administration has fewer links to the community than the arts departments.

"Our constituency is not a symphony," he says. "Our constituency is civil servants. It's less glossy."

But at the same time Poel says he's happy with the way the school is waging its fight. He says the faculty as a whole is staying together and working as a cohesive group.

"I'm feeling very confident," he says. "We fully intend to stay around."

## Anti-Semitism alleged

by Jen Horsey

The student union investigated a campus political club last week after a Jewish group claimed the club was distributing anti-Semitic books and pamphlets.

A student complained to the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students' Federation (APJSF) after attending an International Socialists' meeting in the SUB in early November. The student, who sources at the APJSF would not identify, believed that the literature being distributed at the meeting was anti-Semitic. The APJSF then notified the student council, which launched the investigation.

The review, led by DSU President Jefferson Rappell, decided the literature in question was anti-Zionist and not anti-Semitic. Zionism is a political movement based on Israel rather than an ethnic or racial designation.

Under the DSU constitution, anyone who distributes material which

incites hatred can be banned from the SUB. This applies to student groups as well as to others, like the International Socialists, which are not formally recognized as societies by the DSU. Official societies must submit a copy of their constitution to the DSU vice-president every year.

Anti-Zionism "is a legitimate belief," said Caroline Kolompar, the executive vice-president. She said the DSU constitution does not consider it a form of hatred against a minority.

Joshua Ross, APJSF co-chair, agrees that the material was not anti-Semitic, but is not satisfied the issue is closed.

"We were never contacted" by the International Socialists after the complaint, he said. As well, he said, "when Jeff [Rappell] finally got hold of the organization, they were slow in providing the literature." He said it took three weeks for the materials to be presented to the DSU. Sources on student council confirmed there were delays in obtaining copies of the offending literature.

There are also concerns that all of it may not have been handed over to the DSU. "I don't know that we saw all of the literature," said Ross, "but that which we saw was not anti-Semitic." And, said Lewis Jacobson, a council member involved in the investigation, "we can only look at what they've given us."

However, Kolompar said she felt the International Socialists were cooperative. She said a member of the group "did sit down and try to explain the difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism."

"Our goal was not to go after the organization," said Jacobson, "but to go after the persons responsible for the material. We would like to think that it was only being done by a few people in the organization."

Kolompar said the DSU would take no further action on the complaint.

A member of the International Socialists could not be reached for comment. Copies of the alleged anti-Semitic material could not be obtained.