

"Lion" like phoenix

Winnipeg (CUP) - A crowd of mainly engineering students took less than ten minutes at a special general meeting Wednesday to force the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) to resume printing the engineering paper, *The Red Lion*.

The meeting was called by engineering senior stick Erik Tatarchuk to overturn an October 27 UMSU council vote of 20-1-3 to stop the UMSU printshop from printing *The Red Lion*. Council representatives supported that motion because they said the paper is sexist, demeaning to men and women, and possibly libelous.

An estimated 70 per cent of the 509 students at the meeting were from engineering.

Drowned out by cheers, jeers and a squadron of paper airplanes, UMSU President Tim Rigby called the meeting to order.

"I'm proud of the interest in the affairs of your student government," Rigby said, "I think it's neat."

Tatarchuk spoke first to the motion. "*The Red Lion* is printed for engineers, by engineers, and is only distributed in the engineering building. Even our opponents have trouble finding copies," he said.

He said if UMSU censored *The Red Lion* it would be a bad precedent, and might lead to the censoring of other student papers, such as the Agriculture Students' *Bullsheet*.

The second speaker, ap-

parently also from engineering, said engineering newspapers across Canada are the common heritage of engineers.

"It's like apple pie and baseball are to the Americans," he said.

The third speaker, later said by Tatarchuk to be from Commerce, then called the question, abruptly ending debate. UMSU council representative Mel Robinson challenged chairperson Tim Rigby's decision to allow debate to be halted, but the decision was noisily upheld by a majority of those on the floor.

The motion to reinstate *The Red Lion* carried by a large majority, although no count of hands was made.

Tatarchuk then spoke to the other two motions: That quorum at special general meetings be raised to 750 to prevent manipulation by special interest groups, and that motions passed at them not be binding on council.

He said the two motions did not follow proper procedure under UMSU bylaws, and moved the meeting be adjourned.

The entire meeting took 23 minutes, of which 7 were devoted to *The Red Lion*.

Tatarchuk was approached by a woman student after the meeting, upset because she did not have a chance to speak.

"I cannot tell you how angry I am," she said.

But Tatarchuk told reporters he was pleased with the results.

"Engineers do take a lot of interest in student government,"

he said.

"Personally, I think it stinks," said Glen Jones, UMSU Student Services Director, adding that the meeting was run illegally.

"I'm disappointed that it passed," Rigby said. He said the meeting was "overwhelmed by engineers."

He said, "the meeting was well advertised. Motions were published and everyone must have known. I can only interpret they didn't care enough. If it had been a burning issue, they would have opposed it."

But council rep Robinson felt it was a railroad.

"This shows how well our democracy works on campus," he said. "The engineers were led by the nose like a bunch of little boys. They could have taken over and run UMSU completely."

When asked if he will call for a referendum on the matter, Robinson replied, "that's all that's left for us. I'll ask for it at the next council meeting."

THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Jens Andersen

First, a bit of housecleaning: in my Tuesday article on the word "sic" I stated, "it is generally tagged on only when incorrect, archaic or unusual English has been employed."

The statement is a pretty good example of a half-truth, and probably symptomatic of lingering smoke damage to my brain from last Wednesday's fire. In fact, "sic" is not only widely used to pinpoint dubious English, but often to call attention to dubious facts (e.g. H. L. Mencken, a Pittsburg vermin exterminator(sic)....").

All this, of course, should be obvious to anyone who has read Fowler's *Dictionary of Modern English Usage* (I certainly did; God alone knows how I missed it).

At any rate I just thought I would mention the mistake before some expert presented me with a large indigestible crow for lunch.

Last Sunday I attended the lecture on "How Jewish is Christianity" by Krister Stendahl of the Harvard Divinity School. What a relief it was after the Interschool Christian Fellowship's multi-media show last week (see the Tuesday *Gateway*).

In contrast to the latter's slick but clumsy sell-job on Christianity, Stendahl gave a highly informative and non-propagandistic lecture on the divergence of the two religions from their common roots. Sprinkled throughout his talk were many interesting points such as the fact that (as the Bible states) Jesus confined his ministry almost exclusively to a Jewish audience, that the Jews were originally very missionary-minded, and that the ideas in the Lord's Prayer would be completely acceptable to any Jew except that because of long tradition the prayer has now become a sort of "badge" prayer for Christians.

Stendahl's dry sense of humor pervaded his speech, and he even told a few mildly irreverent religious jokes. He also noted the irony that fundamentalist and evangelistic Christians are the greatest supporters of the Jewish goal of upholding the state of Israel, yet they also "pray like mad that God will convert the Jews to Christianity."

On the whole, an interesting lecture, if not quite as thrilling as a dip into Huxley's *Science and Hebrew Tradition*.



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