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QUEENS THIS ISSUE—Our star cutline writer, Harvey Thomgirt, was so overwhelmed by the beauty of the candidates for Miss IFC he was rendered speechless. Our photographer, probably more accustomed to such talented displays, did manage to get the names: front row, Helen Day, Karen Anderson; second row, Joanne Fallow, Krista Kalbach, Sheila Wynn; third row, Laurie Brennan, Carol Hays, Yvonne Choma; back, Brenda Abbey, Learose Adamson. The winner will be crowned Thursday night at Songfest '67.

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CUS letter 'not censored'

Seizure of mail justified says Branny Schepanovich

By ELAINE VERBICKY

Students' union president Branny Schepanovich says he was justified in keeping a letter written by CUS chairman Owen Anderson from reaching it destination.

The letter, addressed to CUS national president Doug Ward. said U of A was ready to pay \$500 for CUS mailing fees. It expressed hope of forwarding the sum to CUS "at your convenience." No bill had been received yet from CUS.

Schepanovich saw the letter by accident when it was awaiting signature on a secretary's desk, and confiscated it. "I did not go beyond my power," Schepanovich commented Thursday.

"Anderson's letter was not writ-ten in accord with students' union policy. The executive of the stu-dents' union has a general supervisory role regarding all students' union activities."

Anderson has called the action unjustified censorship and has demanded Schepanovich's resignation. NOT CENSORSHIP

"About the censorship charge, I believe true censorship involves actually opening a letter. This was not done. The letter was not even signed or folded," Schepanovich commented.

Secretary-treasurer Al Anderson was with Schepanovich when the letter was taken. He agreed with Schepanovich the letter was not in the best interests of the students'

"At the time of intercepting Owen Anderson's letter, I had serious regrets this might injure his ego. However, I chose to act on the mat-ter without any publicity. "But Owen has chosen to publi-

cize the matter as widely as possible. I told him at the time the letter should not be communicated to the Canadian Union of Students, and that this necessitated stopping

"Now, Owen Anderson has com-pletely frustrated this intention by

Two students criticized at council

Students' Council executive members severely criticized the actions of a council member and another student at the regular council meeting Monday.

Owen Anderson, external affairs chairman, was hit for his recent attempts to show an uncensored film as part of the political science club's program.

Students' union president Branny Schepanovich charged that Anderson had not conducted the proper research or gone through the correct channels before attempting to show the film, "The East is Red," a history of the Chinese revolution in the past 50 years.

Anderson, who previously said he intended to use the film as a test case, said he had studied civil disobedience for two years, studied every part of the amusement act, and talked with every cabinet minister in the provincial government before he began on this project.

Vice-president Marilyn Pilkington and secretary-treasuer Al Anderson both read statements to council which constitute a story elsewhere in The Gateway, critizing Owen Anderson's efforts with regard to his recent mail censorship claims.

Second Century Week director Dave Estrin was criticized for an article he submitted to The Gateway for publication Dec. 7.

The article in question called for Schepanovich's impeachment, and suggested that his activities had cast some shadows on SCW.

The article "was damaging to a person's reputation and damaging the image of the corporate body of the students' union," said Miss Pilkington.

"I do not feel it is was your (Estrin's) place to make the statements. They are deterimental to the success of the pro-

ject.
"I think it is reasonable to request you not to make these statements again, unless they are accompanied by adequate documentation, she said.

Estrin did not comment on the

No action was taken against either Anderson or Estrin.

Marilyn, Al support seizure

Students' union vice-president Marilyn Pilkington and secretarytreasurer Al Anderson have strong-ly supported president Branny Schepanovich on the "censorship"

"Owen Anderson's letter to Doug "Owen Anderson's letter to Doug Ward was irresponsible, was written without consultation or authority to do so, and was against the intention of the students' council in its relationship with the Canadian Union of Students," said Marilyn Pilkington Pilkington.
"Anderson would not discuss the

implications of the letter in order to rectify the misunderstanding, but merely stated either the letter

but merely stated either the letter would be mailed as is, or Schepanovich would have to stop it. With this choice the president could do nothing but stop the letter.

"He has the responsibility to prevent any action which is against the intentions of the students' council."

She charged, "Owen Anderson is accusing Branny Schepanovich of censoring mail. It appears to me Anderson intentionally forced Schepanovich into this position, and then exposed it to The Gateand then exposed it to The Gate-

"He deserves to be rebuked, not only because he has been over-extending his authority and attempt-ing to act behind the back of the executive and council, but also because he is attempting to cast aspersions on the intentions of Mr. Schepanovich.

HONORABLE INTENTIONS

"Schepanovich's intentions have his responsibilities as president of the students' union."

She said Anderson's letter offered CUS a sum of money which had been set aside only in case it should be needed. The whole \$500 was offered without any specific request

from CUS.

"This is not the only letter which Owen Anderson has written in which he has stated policies on be-half of the students' union which have never been discussed either by the executive or the council," she disclosed.

Secretary-treasurer Al Anderson,

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