

## Wolfville

### Student Editor fired for using second hand sources

WOLFVILLE (CUP) — The editor of the Acadia University *Athenaeum* has been fired by the University's Student Council because of what that body calls "irresponsible behaviour".

Bringing the motion before Council January 21, Student President Jim Enman charged editor Michael Chiasson with using second hand news sources and ignoring the advice of three lawyers.

According to Enman, Chiasson had written an article January 8th, charging a visiting professor with plagiarism during a mathematics seminar in which the mathematician failed to acknowledge sources pertinent to his talk. The professor was an applicant for head of the mathematics department.

The article drew protest from a majority of the Acadia mathematics professors, the University President, and from the Student Council executive. University President D. J.M.R. Beveridge, in a letter to council president Enman said he could "think of no story published in the student newspaper that has hurt to a greater extent, any department, or indeed the University itself than has this article".

## Ottawa

### Anti-NUS policy maintained

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Central Council of the Association Nationale des Etudiants de Quebec (ANEQ) officially voted January 28 that "the National Union of Students be totally destroyed", according to reliable sources within ANEQ.

The decision of the Central Council, which will likely be debated at the ANEQ Fourth National Congress January 31, will "be defeated by the students of Quebec" the source predicted.

The council is politically divided and the anti-NUS motion may result in an open battle between political ideologies within ANEQ at the Congress.

A large part of the Council, including a majority of the ANEQ executive, are members or sympathizers of the Communist Party

## Lennoxville

### Residence rooms searched

LENNOXVILLE (CUP) — Residence students at Bishops University have called for the resignation of their campus security chief after an impromptu search of their rooms, claiming their basic right to privacy has been violated.

While students were away for the Christmas break, University Comptroller, Jean-Luc Gregoire authorized inspection of all residence rooms by security chief Doug McConnell.

An inspection followed, described by Gregoire as merely a "maintenance check", without the knowledge or permission of the students whose rooms were checked.

A report has now been issued consisting of a room by room listing of damages and items considered to be "irregular" and "abnormal" by the inspector.

"Abnormal" items include mar-

Math profs who submitted their letter to the editor of the paper, requested an apology and a retraction.

Chiasson, however, in separate meetings with the University President and the executive of the students council, refused to retract or apologize, stating that he had acted in good faith on information from sources, which, though he claimed journalistic prerogative in not naming, he had no reason to disbelieve.

Enman wrote a publishers retraction and ordered Chiasson to print it on the front page of the

## Mountain View

### Waterbeds versatile

MOUNTAIN VIEW (ENS-CUP) — A Mountain View, California man was arrested January 20 on a murder charge involving an unusual weapon — his waterbed. According to police accounts, Mark Bates quarreled with his bride of one month, then threw her on their waterbed, slashed the mattress with a knife and tried to drown her. She escaped and summoned police.

January 15 issue of the *Athenaeum*. Chiasson printed the retraction but also included an editorial accepting no responsibility for the retraction.

Staff members of the *Athenaeum* presented their constitution to the January 21 council meeting asking that an committee be struck to investigate the issue. However, Enman stated the procedure was "a waste of time" and moved that the constitution be suspended.

Council agreed to suspend the constitution and agreed that since the legal opinion sought on the matter indicated that Chiasson's article was "potentially libellous", he had acted irresponsibly and the motion to fire was passed.

A former *Athenaeum* editor told council that they had "presumed (him to be) guilty until proven innocent" and that it was interesting to note that, of all the

## Winnipeg

### Visa students slandered?

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The Manitoba minister of colleges and universities has slandered all visa students of the province, says the University of Manitoba International Students Organization. The Minister, Ben Hanuschak, said January 20 that not all people coming to Canada on student visas intend to study.

"A growing number of people are entering Canada on student visas, booking into a college for a day or two and then finding their way into the labour market," the minister said.

"Such illegal entrants deny places in universities and colleges to local citizens and jeopardize the genuine benefits of international education for bona-fide students".

Hanuschak said he had no statistics on the numbers involved but said it was "significant".

However, the international students public relations officer, Daly de Gagne, said the statement should first have been documented before it was made.

Unless it can be documented, de Gagne said, it is "a slander against visa students ... such statements, unsubstantiated at the time they are made, contribute to racial feelings."

accusations of libel and demands heard from the visiting mathematics professor himself.

## Winnipeg

### High fees not detrimental

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Raising tuition fees will not prevent students from going to university, says Manitoba's director of student aid.

"If tuition fees go up," said Rick Kleiman, "those people who are the poorest will receive the increase through student aid."

According to Kleiman, any tuition increase would increase the amount student aid allows for education costs. Therefore student aid would increase to cover the increase of tuition costs, he said.

Kleiman denied that fee increases would affect the university's accessibility by making it impossible for students to go to university. If they cannot go because of financial reasons, he said, they can apply to student aid for the money they need.

"One hundred bucks extra won't kill those students," he said. And

only those students who could afford to pay the increase would have to pay it, he added.

"Student loans and bursaries are not the cure-all", says National Union of Students (NUS) field-worker, Miguel Figueroa.

By Manitoba's student aid regulations, any aid is partially bursary and partially loan. Any increase would also be partially a loan. Even if student aid were increased to cover a fee increase, students would have a larger amount to repay when they graduate.

And, according to Figueroa, many students from low-income families won't go into debt to get an education, no matter how much they want it. He quoted a study which said that 30 percent of low-income students wouldn't take out loans for education.

## Hamilton

### Are minds like jelly?

HAMILTON (ZNS-CUP) — A Canadian researcher reports that he attached electrodes to a bowl of lime Jell-o and succeeded in picking up recordings of wave activity similar to that given off by the human brain.

Doctor Adrian Upton of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, says that the portion of Jell-o involved was about the size of a human brain.

Upton stresses that the lime Jell-o was not doing any thinking. He says the apparent brain waves from the gelatin dessert resulted from various artificial feeding machines and respirators that were operating next to the Jell-o, causing it to vibrate.

Upton explains the tests were conducted to show doctors that E.E.G. brain wave readings can be deceptive, particularly on persons in comas who are attached to various artificial life support

systems. Upton did not explain why the lime flavour was used.

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