

Waterloo vs. Chevron

WATERLOO (CUP) - The fight between the University of Waterloo students council and the staff of the student newspaper it closed last September continues despite the removal from office of council president Shane Roberts and a recent referendum which saw a 10-to-1 vote against reinstating the paper.

Staff members of the *Free Chevron*, the weekly they have published since the UW Federation of Students closed the *Chevron* Sept. 24, have called the referendum a fraud.

They charge that it was improperly administered and is not binding on the federation.

and had urged to students to boycott the referendum.

Interim federation president Dave McLellan said the federation considers the results of the eight-question Jan. 13 referendum binding.

The federation is now seeking a court order to evict the *Free Chevron* staff from *Chevron* offices. If the staff refuses to leave they will be arrested, according to student councillor Doug Thompson.

The referendum, initiated by former federation president Shane Roberts shortly before he was removed from office by a student petition Dec. 26, asked UW students if they desired a

campus newspaper, if they favored the paper's membership in Canadian University Press, with its compulsory fees, and what body should publish the student newspaper.

The ballot also asked students who they thought should control the editorial content of the paper, who should comprise its voting staff, the method of funding the paper and if the federation should reinstate the paper — along with two paid staff who were fired when the paper closed — and assume all debts incurred in publishing the *Free Chevron* since the closure.

The final question asked if the interim president should continue in office until the newly-elected president takes over Feb. 28, if a presidential by-election should be held, or if the newly-elected president should take office immediately following the regularly-scheduled election Feb. 2.

In the referendum results, students voted "yes" for a campus newspaper, approved its membership in CUP, and decided the federation, rather than a body appointed by it or a separately-elected body, should publish the paper and decide on the hiring and firing of staff, the administration of the paper's finances, and the rules by which

the staff operates.

A majority felt editorial policy should be set by a body elected directly by students, and that students whose student union fees contribute to the *Chevron*'s finances (as opposed to others who make up the campus community) should be eligible to become voting staff on the newspaper.

A question asking if students preferred to fund the paper directly through either compulsory or refundable fees was rendered irrelevant by the vote establishing students' Council as the publisher, reaffirming council's right to budget the paper with council revenues as it sees fit.

Students voted, 2276 to 224 against "reinstating" the *Chevron* to its position before the Sept. 24 closure, as well as news editor Henry Hess and production manager Neil Docherty to their positions which were terminated by the federation when the paper was closed.

According to Docherty, who is production manager of the *Free Chevron* the referendum was a fraud because it did not include as a choice the demand of the *Free Chevron* staff — that

the paper be reinstated and that an investigation of the closure take place.

Free Chevron editor Larry Hannant attacked the referendum's reinstatement question because "it does not present the position accurately. It focuses attention on 'outstanding bills' and 'back pay' rather than on the real issues."

The *Free Chevron* staff also charge there were several irregularities with the administration of the referendum and quote former federation president and Toronto lawyer Brian Herd as terming the referendum a "straw vote" on the grounds that it violates several sections of the corporations act.

Staff members also charge the federation referendum by-law was violated when Roberts mailed ballots out to UW co-op (off-campus) students Dec. 22 without prior notification in the campus newspaper. They also say acting-chief returning officer Gary Prudence admitted the ballots were not initialed, numbered, and that no method was employed to ensure their return by the persons to whom they were sent.

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Interviews will be held 5:00, January 31 in room 270A, SUB.

Answers

1. d) Philadelphia
2. c) 20
3. Howie Young
4. a) Jerome b) Jim c) George d) Maurice e) Harvey
5. None
6. c) Montreal .658
7. Los Angeles Minnesota Pittsburgh
8. a-3 b-4 c-5 d-2 e-1
9. Howie Morenz and Bobby Clarke
10. True.

Ferris is speaker

Third year Arts student John Ferris will be students' council speaker for 1977-78. An administration board recommendation naming Ferris for the position was approved by council Monday.

The meeting dealt over \$3800 to various university organizations, including \$1000

for the Hire-A-Student project which promotes student employment during the summer.

Annual grants of sums ranging up to \$400 were made to CUSO, the Concert Choir, The Chinese Library Association, the Medical Students Association and the Rehab. Med. Association.

Career prospects

An evening designed to bring students and business community together will be hosted by the International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce (AIESEC) 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Faculty Club.

AIESEC will be inviting a large number of firms from the business community to introduce their respective areas of

specialization. The sponsors have expressed hope the evening will benefit students by providing information about future careers and give business firms insight into students' attitudes and interests.

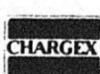
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Tuesday, February 1st

8:00 p.m.

Social Room, Jubilee Auditorium,

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A CUSO programme officer will be on hand to show a film and provide further information.

For further information contact the CUSO Office, 2-5 University Hall (ph. 432-3381)