

SU memo leaked

Greenhill censured

by Richard Watts

At the last meeting of Students' Council the executive announced that Robert Greenhill had been censured by the SU Executive Committee.

SU VP Finance Roger Merkosky and SU VP External Teresa Gonzalez censured Greenhill for reading a confidential memo in the SU election forum. The memo was a note from SU Business Manager Tom Wright to Associate VP Finance Dave Norwood of the University outlining a proposal to sell the space currently occupied by the Univer-

sity Bookstore in SUB to the University.

Said Merkosky, "We (this year's SU executive) had explicitly told him not to use the information and he did."

Merkosky continued, "I thought it was in bad taste and I don't think the situation warranted it and I don't think reading the memo was consistent with the interests of the Students' Union."

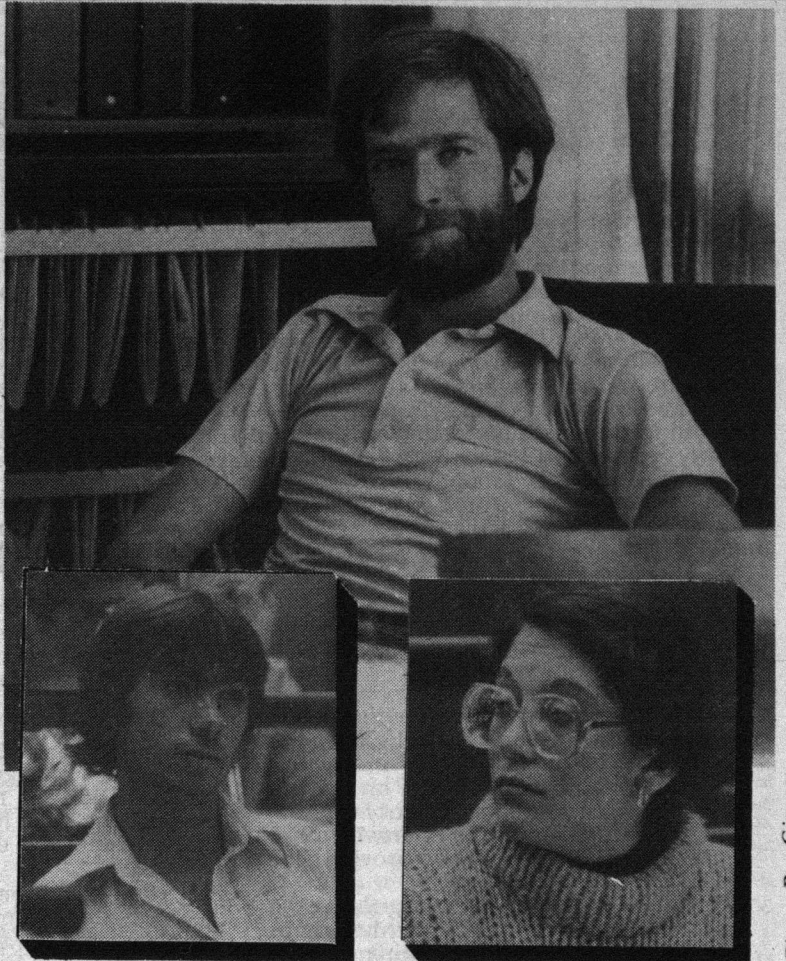
Greenhill countered by saying that he didn't feel that any confidentiality had been broken as the information had already

been made public by the Therrien Slate.

The Therrien Slate used the idea of selling the bookstore space to the University as part of their financial platform in the SU elections.

"I was the first member of the executive committee to breach confidentiality," admitted Greenhill, "but I still maintain that the information contained in the memo was already public."

Greenhill concluded, "In future I shall ensure that I clear anything like this with the executive committee before I do it."



Photos Ray Giguere

Naughty Robert Greenhill and the censurians from executive committee, Merkosky and Gonzalez.

mobilization week

Students say gimme (again)

OTTAWA (CUP) — It's been a long time since representatives from Canada's post-secondary institutions talked about having a good year.

Since the late 1970's, the news has generally been bad: cutbacks are deepening, tuition fees increasing, staff salaries lagging behind inflation, educational quality declining and on and on....

If you were waiting to finally hear some good news, this isn't the year for it. The problems afflicting universities and colleges in recent years have become more pervasive.

Overshadowing all of the usual problems in the spectre of an unprecedented student unemployment rate of perhaps 25 per cent.

Unemployment is the focus of the Canadian Federation of Students' spring campaign, which will climax March 21 to 25, in a Week of Mobilization directed at youth unemployment and underemployment.

CFS is currently organizing a national postcard campaign, asking students to sign a postcard to Prime Minister Trudeau demanding increased direct job funding, a full employment policy and an end to "short-sighted" cuts to social service programs.

Last year CFS' campaign highlighted student protest marches, but this year it will be more diverse, with a notable emphasis on small teams of students lobbying politicians directly.

University of Victoria students will lobby B.C. assembly members, and ad hoc teams on B.C. campuses will campaign with the intent of exploding the myth of fiscal restraint.

CFS believes federal and provincial restraint policies will worsen the current economic crisis by cutting purchasing power and pumping money into departments that create few jobs, such as the military. They are calling for an end to social service cutbacks, reduced tax breaks to corporations, reduced military spending and greater deficit spending to revive the economy.

Alberta institutions will focus on employment and funding during the week, although they rejected the national campaign strategy at the CFS conference in November.

Synthetic sincerity

(RNR/CUP) — Will coke go better with...Ronald Reagan?

Bubbling over with the success of its "talking" vending machines, Coca-Cola is considering new uses for voice-synthesis technology. One idea is to dispense hard patriotic appeals along with soft drinks on military bases. Coca-Cola strategist Ray Morgan envisions a talking vendor in every P-X.

Says Morgan: "You could make a tape of Ronald Regan talking to the troops. He might want to say, 'America's defense depends on you.'"

"It will not be a high-profile campaign in Alberta," said Diane Flaherty, CFS executive officer, because of "co-ordination problems." Alberta's original student organization, the Federation of Alberta Students, recently laid off all of its staff after several members pulled out.

Saskatchewan institutions plan a provincial lobby day, and a campaign committee is organizing other activities. Manitoba's theme will be jobs and peace. Student associations there plan a provincial lobby, a postcard campaign to the labour minister and a demonstration in front of the Winnipeg Armed Forces Recruiting Centre. The students will protest a scheme the federal government is studying to create jobs by recruiting more young people into the armed forces.

CFS-Ontario plans a major demonstration March 23, National Student Day, at the provincial legislature. Students will be bussed in from all over the province.

Quebec student associations do not belong to CFS, but are planning a similar series of activities a week earlier.

Members of the Student Union of Nova Scotia will lobby the provincial government March 23. The Dalhousie University Students' Union will sponsor workshops on unemployment, fiscal restraint, student aid and the future of higher education.

Student unions in the other Atlantic provinces, which are not

members of provincial organizations, will run local activities focusing on unemployment.

The CFS national office will organize a lobby day of federal MPs, and a number of meetings with federal ministers. They will also hold a press conference March 23.

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