

Acadia student paper closed

WOLFVILLE, N.S. — The student union at Acadia University has ordered the student newspaper, *The Athenaeum*, to indefinitely cease publication.

Mark Blanchard, a co-ordinator of the paper, said student union president Peter Sonnichsen told staff publication was suspended because there is no editor and that the quality of the paper was poor.

The Athenaeum does not have a constitution, and editors are nominated by a joint paper-council committee before being ratified by council. Most student papers elect their editors without any council involvement.

"The executive was concerned that there was no one at the paper to set editorial policy and administer the paper's budget," said Sonnichsen, who claimed he was working in the paper's interests.

Sonnichsen said advertising for student union programming was not published in the last two *Athenaeum* issues.

"To a lot of students, this is the most important aspect of the student union. Weighing the cost of the paper to the actual product, we thought the students were not getting their money's worth," said Sonnichsen.

"As the president of the student union, I look at who's funding the paper, the students, and at who's

managing that funding — that's us. The paper should reflect the interests of the students, and that includes programming," he said.

Both the paper and Sonnichsen agree the lack of a constitution is stifling the paper. "I don't want to set editorial policy, I want the paper to come out as much as the paper's staff does," said Sonnichsen, who last year served as *Athenaeum* editor.

"It's an integral part of the university. The paper needs a constitution that will guarantee them autonomy," said Sonnichsen.

Blanchard said the staff wants to prepare a constitution, but is too busy managing the paper's daily affairs.

"We just want to put out the paper at this stage. The constitution is important, but it will have to wait until we're more organized," said Blanchard.

Two *Athenaeum* staff members have applied to be editor.

"If the applicants have the staff's approval, then the whole nomination procedure should be only a formality and hopefully one that will never take place again," said Sonnichsen.

Many *Athenaeum* staff say the council move caught them by surprise, and said negotiations could have been arranged before the suspension.



VOLUNTEER ACTION CENTRE

Student volunteers can find assignments at the Volunteer Action Centre (Phone 482-6431), a United Way Agency, that provides work experience and job recommendations as well as a chance to help someone else.

The following urgent requests will interest students:

Language and Lifeskills for New Canadians: Volunteers are needed to combine tutoring in English with friendly life skills learning that will help immigrants adjust to life in Canada.

Head-start Stimulation for Pre-schoolers: Volunteers are needed to go into homes and help mothers of pre-schoolers learn how to provide the extra stimulation that will enable youngsters to keep up with

the other students when they start school.

Day Programs for Dependent Adults: Volunteers are needed at centres in Bonnie Doon and central Edmonton to help with all aspects of daily programs that provide a day off for caregivers and a day out for dependent adults.

Sign Language: Volunteer urgently needed to befriend a deaf woman who was discharged four years ago from Alberta Hospital. She has a job and lives on her own, but is lonely and isolated.

Sewing Instructor for Corrections: A volunteer sewing instructor is needed at a city correctional institution to teach sewing to female inmates.

WRITING COMPETENCE PETITIONS

Notice to students who have not met the University's writing competence requirements and whose deadline for meeting those requirements occurs on or before November 1986 or January 1987: **If you plan to enroll in the second term of Winter Session 1986-1987 or any subsequent term and you have not yet passed the writing competence test, you may petition the GFC Writing Competence Petition Committee for permission to continue your registration.**

Registrations of students who do not successfully petition or pass the writing competence test will be cancelled prior to the start of classes.

Advice on preparing and submitting petitions can be sought from the Student Ombudsmen, Room 272 Students' Union Building, or the Student Advisors in the Office of the Dean of Student Services, Room 300 Athabasca Hall. The regulations and procedures used by the GFC Writing Competence Petition Committee are available in either of these offices.

Hearings will be held from November 25-28. The deadline for submitting petitions is Thursday, November 13, 1986.



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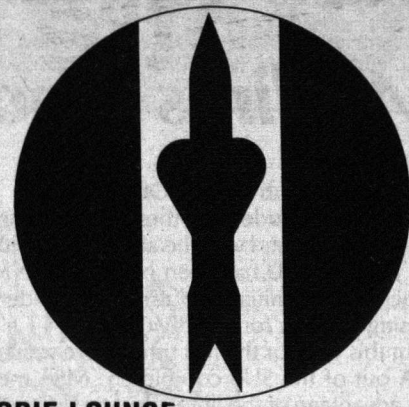
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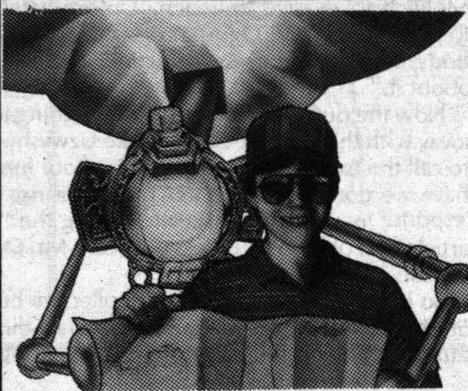
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