

# Refunds O.K. on registration insurance



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Students dissatisfied with accident insurance policies purchased at registration can get refunds.

Mr. J. Ingle, the insurance agent involved, apologized for the situation, and said if there was any misrepresentation on his behalf, he will gladly give a refund.

Registering students had complained of "hard-sell" techniques.

One student reported: "I thought it was a fee I had to pay. The desk was in the registration lineup, and nobody told me it was a voluntary insurance plan. I still have not received a receipt in the mail."

The insurance desk was listed as part of the procedure on the instruction sheet given to registering students.

"We feel we have a moral responsibility to make sure students are covered with some sort of accident and health plan," said Mr. Clements, York Comptroller, concerning the availability of the insurance plan.

But the university adminis-

tration says it did not intend the plan to be obligatory.

Prior to registration, a letter was sent to all students explaining the plan and recommending they take advantage of the low rates offered.

It was offered at less than half the cost of a plan sponsored by World University Services

last year. The low price is a result of a survey showing students have low claim rates, according to Mr. Clements.

"I certainly apologize for the hard sell approach," he added, "it is a very good plan with broad benefits which are at least equal to those offered by OMSIP or PSI."

"A student could not subscribe to a plan such as this elsewhere at these rates."

"I would hate to see someone get a refund just because of the approach."

But if you wish a refund, send your reasons, and your address to Mr. J. Ingle, 700 Bay St., Toronto.

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## Acadia drops CUS in 3-1 vote

Wolfville (CUP)--Acadia has dropped out of the Canadian Union of Students.

Students voted more than three to one against continuing membership in the union in a referendum Monday. Just over 54% of the students voted.

Student council president Bob Levy said in a speech Monday, "I feel that we have gained little in our association with CUS over the years and the fact that many of you ask what it is, is more than eloquent testimony to its irrelevance."

CUS president elect Peter Warrian, who travelled to Acadia October 24 for the vote, said, "One of the reasons that the vote may have gone the way it did is people simply did not have information or familiarity with CUS."

Acadia is the first CUS member to withdraw since the London Congress last month.

CUS reacted to the Acadia withdrawal with a mixture of disappointment and mystification.

CUS president Hugh Armstrong claimed not to understand the reasoning of Acadia's Bob Levy.

Levy made it clear before the referendum that a vote for CUS was a vote against him.

Armstrong said Levy was not at the congress, and he did not know how much he knew about the organization.

"I wish he had contacted us for information," Armstrong said. "I wish he had been at the congress."

He said Greg Warner, Acadia



Pilot to co-pilot: "Check the sunbathers on the roof" photo: Clark Hill



A record price of \$135 bought slave Linda Brewster (V III) at Wednesday's Slave Drive for the United Appeal. Although the rowdy crew who put up the money included many factions, gallant Excalibur editor Fred Nix took final possession. The auction netted a recordbreaking \$500.

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## British call students 'wards of the state'

"Should students have the right and responsibility to be extremist and militant?"

Yes, according to 54 out of 65 students who voted on the resolution which was defended by the British Debating Union team in a debate against York Tuesday night.

The British teams support of the resolution was voiced by first speaker Hannan Rose, 24, of Oxford, and his assistant Colin MacKay, 24, of the University of Glasgow.

Shalom Lapin and Mel Lubek took the negative view on behalf of York.

The basis of the British argument was students are not regarded as citizens, but more as "wards of the state."

"Students should have the right and duty to put forward what they believe in. Opting out allows the establishment to take over,"

said Mr. Rose.

"Militance overcomes inertia," he added, "and with more centralization of power we must be more militant in our attacks."

Mr. Lapin of York contended that while the issues of student rights are important, the militant approach simply would not work.

"We are basically powerless," he said, "and militant action is only futile and self-

defeating."

"We depend too much upon the university and the society against which we rebel to do any good."

Mr. Lapin recommended that students throw in their lot with faculty, who have the access to the real "raw power".

The debate was chaired by the inaudibly witty Dr. James Cutt, senior tutor of Founders College.