

Censorship appeal board knocked by GFC executive committee members

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The executive committee of the General Faculty Council will not support formation of an appeal board above the university printing services to deal with censorship issues.

"Highly authoritarian" was the term students' union president David Leadbeater used to describe the decision made by the General Faculty Council executive on his motion concerning censorship presented Wednesday.

The feelings of one committee member were that the effect of the motion for an appeal board would increase the number of "matters of this kind" and create censorship where in fact there is none now.

Dr. Tyndall, a guest at the meeting, said, "it was an unfortunate motion, and poorly worded."

The motion arose as a result of

refusal by Printing Services to print an "objectionable" cartoon in The Gateway last November.

Following an appeal to students' council by Gateway editor Al Scarth, Mr. Leadbeater suggested that appeals to decisions of Printing Services be handled by a small students' union-university committee with parity between students and administration.

"Students and faculty, as members of the university community, should have a say in the decision of what is and is not printed by the university press," Mr. Leadbeater said. "The decision was dangerously legalistic and reflected the thoughts of the upper echelon in administration."

Another motion presented by the SU president was to rescind the original action by printing coordinator Ross Grant.

Dr. Tyndall said such action is

"impossible," and not within existing powers of GFC.

During the meeting the question arose whether GFC did have authority on matters such as censorship. While the council has the right to express opinions and to make recommendations regarding university operations, in certain business aspects, for example censorship, it has no power of decision.

As a result of Wednesday's meeting the motions will be presented to the GFC at the end of the month without the support of the executive.

In response to the seemingly obvious solution to the problem of censorship, changing printers, Mr. Leadbeater said, "fine, but this sort of freedom should begin at home," the university printing services should be the freest in the city.



DR. CHEDDI JAGAN has made a plea that charges against those involved in the destruction of equipment in the Sir George Williams computer centre be dropped (see story). He will be speaking in SUB theatre at noon and in Dinwoodie Lounge at 8 p.m. on Friday. The topic will be "Imperialism in Latin America."

Amnesty for SGWU protesters says Jagan

MONTREAL (CUP) — Guyana opposition leader Cheddi Jagan Monday urged the withdrawal of charges against 87 defendants charged in connection with the damaging of the Sir George Williams University computer centre last February.

Jagan, leader of the People's Progressive Party in Guyana, was in Montreal for the opening of the January assizes of the Court of Queen's Bench, which will assign trial dates for 70 of the accused including Jagan's son, Cheddi, Jr.

"The students have already suffered enough," Jagan said. "They have already paid a high penalty by being out of school. I think the charges against them should be dropped."

The 87 have been charged with

conspiracy and property damage in connection with the incident, which resulted in two million dollars damage. Sir George Williams students involved in the incident have been suspended indefinitely from the university.

The students originally occupied the computer centre in protest against alleged racism at Sir George; damage to the centre was incurred after Montreal's riot squad was called in to evict them from the premises.

Members of the black community in Montreal have said that the hysteria aroused by the incident has completely smothered the actual cause of the trouble at Sir George—racism directed against the predominantly Caribbean-born black community.

So far, their demands for continued investigation of the racism charges have been overlooked, despite a furor at Sir George Nov. 3 when "The Paper," newspaper of the joint Sir George Williams-Loyola College evening students' association, published a cartoon depicting armed black savages preparing to attend a black studies program at SGWU.

The editor of "The Paper" was fired, and publication of the newspaper was suspended for one week by the SGWU administration.

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The Evergreen and Gold is moving along according to schedule in spite of students' council's earlier efforts to tube the yearbook.

"I think it will be a pretty good yearbook," said E&G editor Ken Hutchinson.

"The staff is aware that this may be the last yearbook, and has tried to summarize what has happened on campus and to look ahead a little bit."

"We hope this book will say something to and about the average student who isn't involved in SUB activities or a frat . . . sort of the silent majority type."

Mr. Hutchinson expressed concern over its ability to carry on next year.

"I can't see anyone around with the experience to do the job next year," he said.

Working with a small, almost inadequate staff now, he said that any interested students who come in to help out would be greatly appreciated, and that he is particularly interested in anyone with an eye on next year's editorship.

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