

CAUT Censures UNB Over Strax Affair

MONTREAL (CUP) — The Canadian Association of University Teachers Saturday formally censured the administration president and board of governors of the University of New Brunswick for their mishandling of the Strax case.

The censure vote passed 36-3 at a special council meeting held here March 15. The censure is the second one imposed by CAUT in its 10 year history and comes less than a year after similar action against officials at Simon Fraser University. That particular censure was lifted this fall.

The CAUT had repeatedly tried to intervene in the Strax case since the physicist was suspended from teaching in September. He was suspended without charges laid against him and without any provision for arbitration. He was then ordered to leave the campus by the courts on request of the university and when he failed to do so was found guilty of contempt of court and the injunction against him became permanent.

Last month, a CAUT delegation visited UNB to iron out the dispute but failed in its mission. After the visit, the CAUT set three conditions which the university administration would have to meet to avoid censure. They included initiation of binding arbitration into the case, suspension of the university injunction against Strax and payment by the university of all Strax's legal fees.

Colin B. MacKay, administration president of

UNB, refused to comply with the requests. MacKay is also president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

The censure involves CAUT recommending to its members that they avoid teaching at UNB, notifying other faculty associations of the censure, and placing ads in various educational and professional journals informing the academic community of the censure.

The University of New Brunswick information office released a statement Monday labelling the censure "indefensible and unwarranted". The statement with the name of the university as signator, said the legal action taken against Strax was a simple "exercise (of) the normal rights" of the university. The recourse to the courts, it said, was to prevent disruption.

After saying it regretted CAUT censured without "further discussion", the statement said: "The responsiveness of the university to a reasonable and acceptable resolution of the issues should not be in question."

The university was also upset that the CAUT did not take up MacKay's offer of limited non-binding arbitration in response to its three conditions. The statement said acceptance of the proposal might have led to a "mutually acceptable resolution of the issues arising out of the suspension of Professor Strax."

Columnist Gets Ten Days

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Tom Murphy, columnist for the Brunswickan, student newspaper of the University of New Brunswick, was sentenced to ten days imprisonment Wednesday after being found guilty of contempt of court two weeks ago.

He will serve his sentence at York County jail.

Murphy was charged with contempt after he wrote a column December 3 sharply critical of the New Brunswick Supreme Court's handling of the legal battles between the UNB administration and Dr. Norman Strax. John Oliver, Brunswickan editor, was fined \$50 after he was found guilty of contempt over the same item.

Allan Borovoy, Murphy's lawyer, said he planned no appeal.

Prosecutor J. F. Teed held out for a prison term for Murphy claiming that civil liberties organizers would pay any fine imposed and that Murphy should pay for his actions.

Here it is . . . The whole bloody carrot

CUS In Trouble

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The year's last, and biggest, referendum on membership in the Canadian Union of Students turned against the national union when the University of British Columbia voted Wednesday 2946 to 1701 to leave CUS.

The withdrawal leaves CUS with 21 members, 19 less than it had before its annual congress last summer. There are about 70,000 students in the 21 universities which are still members.

Fraser Hodge, incoming UBC student president, believes the withdrawal of UBC's 21,000 students means the death of CUS. He said UBC would take the initiative to form a union of the dissident schools which have left CUS and formulate "policy that is acceptable to at least the majority of Canadian students."

Peter Warrian, CUS president, declined Hodge's obituary: "I don't think the UBC withdrawal spells the end of CUS, it brings things to a head."

"A clear choice is in front of people now if there is to be a national student union with its organizational base as student unions with mandatory membership. I think that union will be very much what CUS in policy and structure has been — possibly somewhat reformed, but not that dramatically."

"The alternative to that is a voluntary union with individual membership which would be smaller but with a harder political line," Warrian said.

Hodge had opposed continuing membership in CUS to work for change in the national union because "the idea of working for change from within just doesn't work."

Warrian feels "the option of a social democratic union is both possible and politically appropriate at this time."

He emphasized the point that people overrated CUS's effect on the student movement: "A lot of people have felt that through smashing or 'moderating' CUS it is possible to stop or redirect the radical student movement in Canada. I think that is mistaken."

"There will continue to be disruptions in universities, alienation of sections of the business community regardless of what CUS does or does not do because so much of that is not within CUS's control. In fact, that control does not lie with any one group of people."

The First-Last Annual RAWards

The Red and White (fondly known as The RAW) recently voted on its First/Last Annual Awards of Merit (as in "Grin and Merit"). The winners were the following:

The RAW Aryan Affairs Eightly/Saturday Evening Post Award for refusing to publish, although sorely provoked, to: The College Times, PWC.

The Pontius Pilate / Our-Hands-Are-Clean Award for stout-hearted support to: The St. Dunstan's Students Union.

The James Hornby Memorial Award for journalistic excellence and dedication to the truth, to: The Guardian, The Patriot, The Journal-Pioneer, The Eastern Graphic (tie vote)!

The Lazarus Award, for returning to the fold, to: Cecil Bradley.

The Golden Balance Sheet (with bar and citation), for digital dexterity, to: Raymond Landry (now retired).

The Inter-Office Award for the most appearances by a non-worker who looks like a slob, to: Ernest Gallant and Michael Coady (tied).

The Red Star for Circulation (of unspecified nature) to: Sandra Shea.

The Inter-Office Award for Cleanliness and Godliness, in a purely janitorial capacity, to: Frederick DeCoste, May DeCoste, James Hornby.

The Madison Avenue Award for high ideals and sore feet in advertising to: Paul Poirier.

The We'll-Se-What-Develops Award for dark doings in a flash, along with the Award for Photo-Club Negative-ism, awarded jointly to: Raymond Dubrule, Oscar Tam, William Smyth, Ted Tam.

The Empty Space/All-The-News-That-Fits-To-Print Award for journalistic reliability and prolificity, to: T. A. McGarragle. (Actually "T.A. McGarragle" is just an office joke — no such person really exists.)

The Barging-Down-The-Niles Award for following the Team, and things like that (on our money), to: Donald Niles.

The Pseudo-Irish-Frenchman/Man for All Seagrams Award for being offensive in print and personally repugnant, to: Michael McCormick.

The Saturday Morning Washing Machine is Somebody's Chilly Suitcase Award, for frights of fancy, to: Leon Berrouard.

The James Cusack Indifferent Service and General Greatness Award, to: James Cusack (repeat winner).

The Lady MacBeth/Helping Hand Award, to: Laurent M. Sauve.

The To-Thine-Own-Self-Be-True Cross, to: Sharon Flynn, Sandra Clark, Margaret Beamish (equal).

The Boobie Award, merited by the staffer who has not won any of the other awards, to: George Mordo.

The It's-Too-Late-To-Ask-Who-We-Are-This-Is-Our-Last-Issue Award, to: The Canadian University Press.

(Needless to say, the usual amount of ballot-box stuffing occurred.)

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