

# Prof accused of sexual harassment

BURNABY (CUP) - A university inquiry into alleged sexual harassment by Simon Fraser University political science professor, Leonard Cohen, will deliver its findings at the end of the month.

University of British Columbia law dean and chief investigator, Peter Burns, said in December the inquiry was extended because of input from additional witnesses.

Cohen was acquitted in provincial court last July of two counts of harassment, based on the strength of his professional standing and the corroborating evidence of defence witnesses.

In mid-spring of 1987, Cohen was granted a medical leave of absence until the end of the term. He is now in his third semester of paid leave of absence since the summer term of 1987.

Student Linda Crompton, who was working for Cohen, and her fiance Gary Teeple, a sociology professor, testified for the crown that between November 3 and 25, 1986, they received a series of anonymous, harassing phone calls at both of their homes. B.C. Telephone traced the calls to Cohen's home phone.

On November 17, the day Crompton sent Cohen a letter of termination from their work-study project, 27 calls were recorded within an hour and a half from Cohen's residence to Teeple's, and on November 18, 14 in roughly five hours.

Cohen testified that he had made many calls because

he was very anxious to retrieve the manuscript he had assigned Crompton to index, as he had personal deadlines to meet and pressure from his publisher. "My entire intention was to get back my material," he said.

Judge Wallace Craig said the calls Cohen made to Crompton and Teeple had a purpose and "I accept that purpose - and (the calls)

were not of a harassing nature."

Craig ruled the two key defense witnesses, "despite their close association with Professor Cohen," supported Cohen's testimony that he had difficulty contacting Crompton.

The judge also dismissed a letter Crompton wrote to SFU president, Bill Saywell, complaining of Cohen's al-

leged sexual and telephone harassment, as a "gross exaggeration of the truth, if it is at all truthful."

"We wouldn't have gone through with this whole process if we were not harassed," said Teeple, following the acquittal. "This proves how little an individual can do - how little an individual woman can do."

"The whole thing is just sickening, too ludicrous for words," said Crompton. "Anyone associated with this university and especially with Cohen knows the truth of this case."

"We've had a tremendous amount of support from faculty and students, and particularly the political science department," said Crompton.

Political science student, Andrew Dewitt, circulated a petition last summer, "which expresses our opposition to Dr. Cohen's anticipated return to a teaching position at SFU."

The inquiry is to hear other complaints of harassment against Cohen. Burns confirmed in July that the investigation will consider sexual as well as general forms of harassment.

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## Engineers opt into \$50 fee

by Stephen LaRose  
REGINA (CUP) - Engineering students at the University of Regina decided to cough up an extra \$50 per semester for the next eighteen months so their faculty can purchase new equipment.

Students presented a petition calling for the increase to U of R Board of Governors last month. The petition was signed by more than 70 per cent, or 240 of 330 students enrolled in engineering signed the petition.

"It took me by surprise - a pleasant surprise," said Bruce Cooke, Dean of En-

gineering. "The whole faculty was startled, and, I think, very impressed. We're pretty proud of (the students') responsible stand."

"I can't see an extra fifty bucks as a lot of money," said Engineering Student Society President Dave Fulton, a fourth-year electrical engineering student. "It's an investment in the future."

Both Cooke and Fulton said that the university's department of engineering is in dire need of more and modern equipment. "What we're really lacking in Regina is the labs. A lot of the equipment we have right now needs up-

grading and replacing, and we could really use equipment we don't have right now."

"Because of the rapid technological change, equipment can get out of date very quickly," said Cooke. He cited the purchase of a robot, a numerical-controlled lathe, and computer software for the new equipment. "We bought that over the summer, and it cost about \$100,000. The robot was about \$40,000."

Fulton said the students' contribution alleviated fears that the department was on the verge of closing.

"When things got scary with the provincial govern-

ment, the fund-raising drive, which this is part of, was showing Hepworth that this is a good school and we're willing to help all we can."

In his brief to the University of Regina on March 13, 1987, Education Minister Lorne Hepworth said the University of Regina must concentrate its "core curriculum" at the expense of other faculties. Engineering was one of those on the outside.

"Before the 'Friday the 13th' script, things were fine," said Fulton, also last year's ESS president. "But when it came out, there were a lot of people that came up to me and asked, 'What's going to happen to us?'"

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