# HELP 

ARISE!!
This past weekend while in Doug (Federation president-elect) Thompson's office I chanced across the agenda for Math Faculty Council - hence this special issue.

There are 2 motions from Math Faculty Standings \& Promotions Committee which read as follows:

## 1. MOTION:

"A student may withdraw from the Faculty of Mathematics within the first six weeks of classes in a term without incurring any academic penalty. A student who withdraws after this date will normally be responsible for that term's courses in the sense that such courses will count as course attempts and be recorded with a grade of NMR.

NOTE: Effective date, Spring Term 1977

## 2. MOTION:

"1. Credit will not normally be granted for Math correspondence courses toward an Honours B.Math degree.
2. Concurrent registration in an oncampus and a correspondence course will not normally be permitted.
3. Co-op students will not be permitted to take Math correspondence courses while on work term. This same restriction also applies to non-Math courses which are required for the degree programme in which a student is registered. For other nonMath courses, when overlap between the end of the correspondence term and the beginning of the subsequent academic term exists, an overall average of at least 70 is required.

MathSoc/mathNEWS urges you to contact the deans or your department chairman immediately to voice your opinions on the motions. Faculty Council meets today, tuesday february 15 th in MC5158, so act now (or forever hold your peace)!

Here is a guide on who to contact:

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\text { P C Brillinger (director first year studies) } \\
& \text { ext. } 2689 \mathrm{mc} 5109 \\
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\text { R C Mullin (C\&O) } & \text { ext. } 3622 \mathrm{mc} 5170 \\
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## Presents <br> WINTER

March 2nd to 6th

Wednesday, March 2nd

Thursday, March 3rd

Friday, March 4th

Saturday, March 5th

Sunday, March 6th

Ice Sculpture Contest Opens
12:00-4:00 Folk Singers C.C. Great Hall
8:00-1:00 Casino Night South Campus Hall

8:00-12:00 Sleigh Ride

7:00am - 8:00pm Ski Trip
8:00-12:00 SCH Pub with "LADY"

Broomball Tournament V1 Rink
Dog Sled Races Laurel Creek
Pleasure Skating V1 Rink
Ice Sculpture Judging
8:00-1:00 Coffee House C.C. Pub
Pleasure Skating V1 Rink
Hot Chocolate, Tea and Coffee available in the C.C.


## math faculty

The powers that be on the fifth floor are after us again. Over the past few terms they have shortened the drop period, shortened the add period, raised the necessary average to get honours and general degrees, and limited the number of courses that a student can take each term. And now they're getting set to let loose another salvo.

Firstly, they intend to change the rules so that if a student withdraws from the faculty after six weeks, those courses count as course attempts. Presently, if a student withdraws, he can sacrifice the entire term and not have it count against him/her. This will be no more.

In addition, the rules with regards to students taking correspondence courses are going to be drastically changed. No longer will math correspondence courses be allowed as credits toward an honours degree. No longer will a student be able to enroll in a correspondence course while that student is also on campus. But it gets worse. Co-op students won't even be permitted to take Math correspondence courses while on a work term. This also applies to non-math courses that are required for their degree programme. For other non-math courses, when overlap between the correspondence term and the academic term exists, an overall average of 70 is required.

Now, you have to wonder what's going on here. Is the faculty telling us that correspondence course credits don't have the same value as regular courses? If so, the faculty should publicize the fact to both people getting their degree by correspondence, and the business community, that our correspondence programme does
not have the value of a normal degree. These people aren't getting full value. If this is the case, then I suppose that the correspondence programme should be upgraded, instead of being cut back.

If this isn't the case, then why aren't co-op students allowed to enroll in correspondence courses while on their work term? Many students have the time available on their work term to do so in order to lessen their work load while they are on campus. This is a perfectly reasonable and normal thing to do. But now the faculty intends to put an end to it.

It appears that these changes fall in line with the other changes being made. All reduce the amount of administrative work required. Presently, changes are also being made which will result in the cutback of the co-op programme. All past changes have cut administration work required and have generally made it tougher for students to fulfil degree requirements. These new requirements appear to be just another step in that direction.

We now have to wonder if this is ever going to end. The faculty continually comes forward with these motions which work to the detriment of the student's interests. If students continue to sit back and take it on the chin, our interests will continue to be ignored. It is apparent that we must look after our own interests, as we are getting very little help from elsewhere. In the past, MathSoc has attempted to inform and mobilize students, with some degree of success, to fight for their interests. For only if we voice our disagreement loudly, and the faculty knows that the introduction of changes of this type will be met with opposition, will they think twice about proposing them.

These latest changes will be ratified by the Faculty Council on Tuesday, Feb 15 and then will be passed on to the University Senate for their meeting on the 21 st. If students don't react NOW we're just going to swallow it one more time. a

## at work:

MathSoc exists, like the Federation, to serve the students. One of its duties is to play watchdog over the various decisionmaking bodies within the university, whose decisions could change the way of life of mathies.

To this end MathSoc has, over the years, received the privilege of sitting on several committees within the faculty of mathematics. Presently the tally stands thusly:
math committee
\# of students

| Executive (chaired H F Davis) | 1 |
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| Curriculum (P J Ponzo) | 2 |
| Library (S Lipschitz) | 1 |
| Timetable (P C Brillinger) | 1 |
| Faculty Council (H F Davis) | 2 |

These committees, and all external relations, are the responsibility of the
Education Director, an executive post (i.e.
appointed by the president) in the Math Society. This seat is filled by Ken Lynch, and evidently that is about the extent of part of his efforts. It is part of his job to locate and provide representation on those committees, and report periodically on the significant moves in them. Certainly the motions from Standings \& Promotions going before Faculty Council tuesday may be considered worthy of the attention of all mathies.
mathNEWS commends Kevin Willis (MathSoc vice president) for his assumption of Lynch's duites insofar as he attends Cirriculum and Faculty meetings, and brought to MathSoc meetings the motions of Faculty Council dealing with general departmental degrees. A full report will be forthcoming in a future issue.

We consider it unusual that Standings \& Promotions has no student representation and request such. Math Society would rather work amiably with the faculty and be informed of all changes in the process, rather than find out mere days before final decisions are made.

# faculty council: 

Right To LIFE

They're at it again! It has been almost a year since the Math Faculty Council reduced the course drop period to six weeks, (it would have been three weeks, if the students hadn't protested). Now, on the recommendations of the Standings and Promotions Committee, a committee on which students (unlike other faculties) have no representation, the Faculty might vote to change the last day a student can withdraw from the faculty from the last day of lectures to the last day of the sixth week of the term.

Why are they doing this? Well, many of the Faculty have apparently been impressed by Dr. Kalbfleisch's report, based on anti-cal data, that supposedly indicated that students had an easy work load (I am suprised that Kalbfleish, being the great statistician that he is, did not make a more detailed analysis). The Standings and Promotions Committee is composed of mainly professors who are administrators. There was concern last December about the large number of students dropping out, giving the Faculty an administrative headache. So, reducing the withdrawal period would, like reducing the drop period, cut down the administrative workload of Faculty members.

The shorter withdrawal period will not benefit the students, however. Already, when one withdraws late in the term, he/she receives little or no refund from the Universtiy, so the new regulations will not help the students economically. If a student gets caught in a bind late in the term, (this is much more possible with the shortened drop period), through academic, economic, emotional or personal reasons, he/she is pretty well out of luck.

A person taking six term courses who wishes to withdraw will be faced with six half-course attempts, all marked with NMR (No Mark Recorded).

Of course, under the famous 'normally' clause in the Math Faculty regulations, one can appeal to the Standings and Promotions Committee. Considering the makeup of this committee (no students), its past record and the fact that it was the committee that initiated the rules, one's chances would seem to be slim indeed.

What can one do? Well, you can do nothing and allow this further restriction on your academic freedom. If you want to keep the present withdrawal date you must let the people in power know how you feel. Attend the Faculty Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb 15th at $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ in MC5158. Contact your department head, the Dean and the Associate Deans and let them know your opinions. Get behind the actions of your Math Society. There is no guarantee that these actions will work, but we'll have a chance. Think about it.

This the first of series of surveys by mathNEWS of student opinion． Just fill this sheet out and deposit in mathNEWS＇mailbox outside the third floor lounge OR put it in our mailslot in M\＆C 3038 OR send via on－ campus mail to mathNEWS，M\＆C3038，UofW．

First a few details about yourself（nothing personal，of course）：
Are you（circle where appropriate）
male OR female
1st OR 2nd OR 3rd OR 4th year
math OR other OR non－student
regular OR co－op
Should math students be able to take correspondence courses and have them count towards their degree？

## YES

NO
With Restrictions
Should math students be able to withdraw from University and NOT have that term count against them？

YES，at anytime during the term（the current situation） YES，but only for the first 6 weeks（proposed）

OTHER，please specify

## ELECTIONS

In the third Federation election this term，mathies（at least some of them）will vote to select their representatives to Federation Council．The elections are this Thursday，February 17th from 9：30 a．m． to $4: 30$ p．m．The polling stations are located on the Third Floor of the Math Building，outside the C\＆D Lounge．

The candidates for the two regular seats are J．J．Long，Bruce（bun）Mills， Oscar Nierstrasz，Peter Blunden，and Geoffry Hains．The candidates for the two co－op seats are Lorne Gershuny，Dennis Rekuta，Steve Risto，and Ron Hipfner．

## NO BLADE OF GRASS

On Monday，February 21st WAT－ SFIC will be showing the film NO BLADE OF GRASS

This is a classic science fiction movie． It should be noted that admittance is restricted（we have been told that this is because of the rape scene）．The film will be shown in MC5158 at 8 pm and 10 pm ．Cost will be 25 cents for WATSFIC members， 75 cents for Federation members and a buck for everyone else． －

## HERE ARE THE

All students hail the brave and valiant efforts of the revolutionary Group of Seven in their struggle against opportunist art！ This past Sunday，working under the cover of darkness，they put an end to that foul， slimy red worm which used to be found between Physics \＆the Arts Library．To the sound of light applause and the oc－ casional＂about time someone did that＂， the group held burial services for the worm．

The Group of Seven is rumoured to be a subsidiary of the CBG（Campus Beautification Group）．This in turn is sup－ posedly controlled by some math and science students．
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it is just past $22: 35$ hours on a Sunday evening．this special ish is coming to care of MathSoc（paid for by said）but editorially independent of such．Early monday morning （oops．．graphix）will grind these four，count＇＇em Four＊\％\％\％pages into 1200 morning grapix our free and democratic staffers were，and not necessarily in this order．copies again our unknown cartoonist；rabid rabbit you can release your choke hold now．．．Mad Dor， math faculty curriculum committee $; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;$ havo Dennis as always Mullin；rjhipfner；the be sure to answer it，tres important；convolut；；have to use up space somehow；our questionaire worms，worms and more wormstrob just went to a；sldkfjghfjdksla；a；sldkfjghfjdksla；sldkfjghfjdksla；iss；to the chevron office i hope． no poetry editor showed up．．．oh well nobody reads the stuff anywia；sl dkfghghfjdksla；sldkfjghfjd another pizza，good incentive to show up（if you get stuff anyway；ramblerambleramblerambleramble jeez i just forgotr．．．．sleep，what＇s sleepzzzzzzzzzz my drift）；＊＊＊＊＊＊＊flash＊＊＊＊＊＊＊＊Don＇t forget．．． from bun Sunday， $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{e}}$ b． 13 22：50\％ ＊＊＊＊＊＊＊flash＊＊＊＊＊＊Don＇t forget the MathSoc PUB on wandall Mes Dougall（liner）；and Alex white（first draftee）

