

Available Until Friday

## CHEVRON REFUNDS TOP 25%

At least one student out of every four is unhappy with **The Chevron**, if figures released on Monday are to be believed. According to Federation President Rick Smit and Chevron Refund Officer Sylvia Hannigan, approximately 2700 students have withdrawn their Chevron fees so far. The total represents over 25% of the 10,700 students eligible, which is over five times the number of Federation refunds.

Already the number of refunds has topped the number of students who signed the petition initiated by some members of the **free chevron** staff that led to the recall of former Fed president Shane Roberts two years ago. It also seems likely that the number of refunds will top the total votes cast in each of the last two Chevron referendums.

However the present total is not yet enough to dislodge **The Chevron** from its position as the *official* student newspaper of the University of Waterloo. For that to happen over 50% of the eligible students (around 5400) must withdraw their fees. There have never been more than 5000 students who have voted in an election at the University of Waterloo. However with the refund period lasting until Friday, anything can happen.

With the official status that **The Chevron** boasts about, they are able to use the Federation-controlled offices in the lower floor of the Campus Centre. They also are eligible to receive a student fee.

While refunds may not reach 50%, a high number of refunds (as is the case now) could persuade President Smit to call a referendum on the official status of **The Chevron**. Also a petition campaign may be mounted to have **The Chevron** decertified as the official paper. This petition could then be taken to the Federation or the University Board of Governors for action, if over 50% of the students signed it.

If you have not already withdrawn your Chevron fee, it is not too late yet. Refunds are available in **Campus Centre Room 214** from the refund officer until **4:30 pm this Friday**. You must present your yellow **Tuition Fee Statement** to the CRO in order for you to claim a refund.

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## Second Anniversary

This is not the only time that **The Chevron** has been unpopular. Two years ago this Saturday on September 30th 1976, the Federation Council voted by a vote of 19 to 2 to cut off funding to the paper.

Though the action was popular at the time, the Feds eventually lost. The Chevron staffers, buoyed up by their own determination more than any popular support, decided to fight the Federation by setting up an independent paper called **the free chevron**. They occupied the Federation offices in CC 140, despite Fed attempts to evict them. On June 26th, 1977 the Council reinstated the paper by a vote of 13-7-2.

The action of Sept. 30, 1976 led to the current Chevron crisis. In commemoration of that event the Board of **Free and Democratic Publications** is planning a series of events. We are hoping that such notables as Shane Roberts, Neil Docherty, Larry Hannant, Doug (Thug) Thompson, Larry ("Quite Frankly") Smylie, Nick (the chameleon) Redding, John W. (Mercenary) Bast, Salah Bachir, JJ (methuselah) Long, Ron (Hugh) Hipfner, and Rick the Smit can attend. It starts with a refund party this Friday in CC 214 and hopefully it will be followed by visits to CC 140 and 130.

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Chevron staffers rip up posters

## Independent Poster Campaign Underway

The second organized campaign to inform students of the possibility of obtaining their Chevron fees back, and indeed to encourage them to refund, began Sunday of this week in Villages I and II, this being the last week during which refunds can be obtained. Since that time, attempts have been made and will continue to be made to distribute these posters throughout the campus proper. This is despite the efforts of a large number of Chevron staff to tear them down before students can see them—efforts which have met with some success, but "we are still confident", says John W. Bast, apparently, the organizer of the project. "We have more posters than they can tear up."

The posters are headlined "Is this a newspaper you want to support?" and bear a collage of what the authors felt were the "most hopelessly politically slanted articles over the past year". They conclude with "Refunds are nearing 50%. Your refund could free UW of the chevronat last!" The posters were published by a group calling itself "Project S". "S is for 'Shhh!'" said Bast, elaborating that his associates do not wish their identities known, so as not to be subjected to the denunciations which "the Chevron will undoubtedly carry this Friday".

John W. Bast had been a Chevron staff

member for a year, most of which time was spent as Production Manager of the paper, a paid position. He left after doing a radio interview with David Greenburg of CKMS, the content of which "was not favourable to the Chevron", said Bast. "I did the interview because it seemed to me at that time that I had better stand up and start telling the real situation. Naturally this did not sit well with the Chevrats and my leaving was necessary."

Currently, Bast is Advertising Manager of the Imprint, a position paid by commission.

Asked why the posters appeared, Bast said that a group of friends and classmates of his had decided that now was the time to stand up and try to encourage refunds in an attempt to fight the "Marxist-Leninist philosophy which many of us believed prevalent on the paper and didn't belong there...and to aid the Imprint, in their and my view, a good student newspaper. We hoped that refunds would be higher than they are at this point and the poster would push matters a final five or ten percent. As it is, we hope to improve on the refund situation and show the Chevron people how much the campus dislikes them, once an avenue for venting that dislike is pointed out and encouraged to be followed."