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Executive Committee of  
AUCE local #1

June 10th, 1976

I hereby resign from the position of Executive Representative of Division A, effective June 10th, 1976.

I resign with very many criticisms of the executive as a whole and of Ian MacKenzie in particular as President.

Firstly, I find it appalling that members of the executive have authorized payment to the University of maternity benefits, regardless of the Constitution. You perhaps recall a general membership meeting at which both positions of Trustees were available. There ensued a long discussion regarding the opening and closing of nominations — pure hassel, but all according to the Constitution. Peggy Smith and I objected to the 'needless' red tape and were put in our place by the rest of the executive and the membership at large. I accept that and, in fact heartily approve. Have our values completely altered in those few intervening months?

Secondly, Ian MacKenzie's unwillingness to remain neutral in the chair at executive meetings has caused several tense and unpleasant moments.

Thirdly, Ian MacKenzie's disregard for our rules of order (e.g. the item about debate on a motion to table at the June 10th General Membership Meeting), his subsequent ignoring of Trustee Shirley Chan's admonitions on this item, and his completely inexcusable disdain for Shirley's challenge to the chair are all examples of his inability to remain in the chair at any meeting.

Finally, I must point out that, due to the membership's reaction to the entire issue of the 'maternity benefits affair', it has been proven to me that I represent no one on the executive but myself and I am unwilling to frustrate myself needlessly any further.



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