

# Students will remain on GFC

## They kept 2 votes by 2 votes

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Students will retain their representatives on the General Faculty Council and its executive committee as a result of student council's refusal Monday night to withdraw representation.

At Monday's GFC meeting, students' union president David Leadbeater and vice-president Liz Law failed to receive support for their motions concerning Gateway censorship. They subsequently requested last night that council mandate them to withdraw from GFC.

The vote for withdrawal failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority by two votes.

Mr. Leadbeater, explaining his position, said "this is a clear issue where a matter of justice in the eyes of many students was turned down by the GFC. Students' council had overwhelmingly supported motions on Gateway censorship." He said they chose this particular issue only as representative of an overall attitude of the GFC which prevented any effective student voice.

Treasurer Dennis Fitzgerald suggested that rather than withdrawing at this point, students should request more representation on that body and withdraw if refused. Other councillors said such attempts are not now proving fruitful.

"We are not talking about the principle of censorship, we are talking about tactics. I think if we withdraw it will create only a ripple," said agriculture rep Ken Stickland.

"There may be a little ripple when we get off, but there's none when we're on," retorted Bob Hunka.

The lengthy discussion polarized between those councillors who felt that representation of two students in a body of 77 was a hollow and farcical exercise and those who were reluctant to give up the students' foothold in the structure.

A member of the gallery said students should refuse membership on any university body unless three conditions are met: student parity, student agreement with the objectives of the committee, and open meetings.

Subsequent motions by Gerry Riskin and Bill Bradley advocating suspending representation until after council elections, and censuring GFC's action, also failed.

### Comedy of Errors

The above discussion occupied the more civilized second half of the meeting, conducted by council's new speaker Lawrence McCallum.

A totally disorganized comedy of errors in the first half resulted in the coverage of only two major items: by-law changes as a result of the expansion referendum, and the granting of \$300 to Women's Day activities.

There was some skepticism among male members of council as to the organization and objectives of Women's Day. Co-ordinator Dennis Crowe and arts rep Brian MacDonald, however, introduced the motion granting funds, in support of a representation from the organizers.

Amid gross procedural confusion, council approved a \$3 increase in students' union fees for most categories of students to cover SUB expansion.

A flurry of amendments, alternate motions, and reconsiderations marked the attempts of the professional faculties to justify their reluctance to pay extra fees for a building which they felt was of only limited use to them.

"Meds and dents pay students' union fees for up to eight years, and that's longer than most people here," said dent rep Jerry Connolly.

Commerce rep Willie Heselup argued that it was irrelevant how long a student remained on campus. "If they're here and use the facilities, they should pay," he said.

## SU co-ordinator wins appeal

Dennis Crowe was back at the students' council meeting Monday night, with full students' union privileges restored.

A DIE Board penalty which revoked the co-ordinator's students' union privileges, and fined him for missing two DIE Board meetings in connection with the closure of the SUB Art Gallery last November, was considerably reduced by the appeals board.

"Professor A. A. Ryan (one of the members of the appeals board), when outlining the reduced penalty stated the appeal board felt I had a valid reason for missing the first meeting, and therefore reduced the fine from \$15 for missing both meetings to \$7.50 for missing the second meeting due to carelessness.

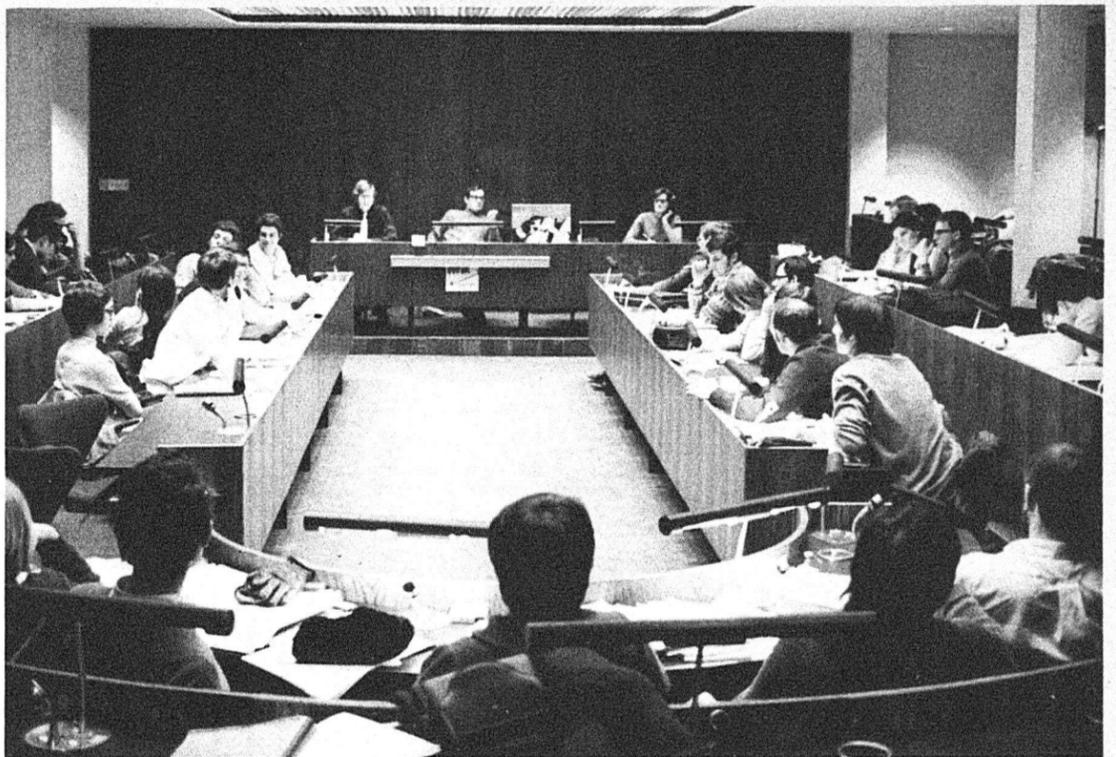
"I can't state as to their reasons for lifting the one month

suspension of students' union privileges but I assume that it is because they felt the original DIE Board penalty was too harsh," Mr Crowe said Monday night.

Mr. Crowe was visibly upset about the coverage the article received in last Thursday's Gateway.

"To say the least I was a little annoyed when I read the story on the front page. I think the article was slanted against me, and although I do not think this was done intentionally, I came out looking very badly — more than was merited for missing two meetings.

"The 'personal reasons' in quotation marks made it look like I was off at a party or something which was obviously not the case, as the appeal board judged," he said.



THIS IS WHERE THE ACTION IS?

—John Hushagen photo

... students' council last night

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YES WITH A CAPITAL 'Y'

—Dave Hebditch photo

... Friday for SUB expansion

## Students favour SUB expansion

Well, they did it!

Friday, students overwhelmingly supported SUB expansion in a students' union referendum. Of the 5,239 students who turned out to vote, 4,455 were in favor of expansion, 756 were against, and 28 votes were spoiled. No one knows the opinions of the 13,000 students who did not bother to vote.

Now that the students have supported the expansion three things are needed:

- approval of a pub in SUB must be passed by the Liquor

Control Board

- approval of commercial facilities in SUB by the Board of Governors
- approval of a loan from the Alberta government.

If all these requirements are met, tenders will be called this summer and hopefully construction will begin in the fall.

The estimated completion date is late 1971 or early 1972.

### Staff election for editor

For the information of any applicants to the personnel board for next year's Gateway editor, the staff is forwarding its recommendation Friday, February 6, after due electoral procedures. Applicants interested in gaining that recommendation should contact the editor-in-chief immediately.