

It's pass-fail by council nose While SU election campaigns maintain monetary 'barriers'

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Students' council accepted the principle of an honors-pass-fail system in a hairbreadth vote Monday night.

Councillors voted 12-11 with three abstentions in favor of a resolution to abolish the stanine system.

David Leadebeater, who favors a simple pass-fail method, said "exams are one way of containing students, keeping them in certain patterns, and rigidifying them." He thinks pass-fail would lessen the importance of exams.

According to Arts rep Bill Bradley, who helped propose the new system to council, "We should strive to better the educational system, and I believe it is obvious that the honors-pass-fail system would reduce pressure and competitive atmosphere and still provide a better means of evaluation."

Several motions were put forward by Bill Bradley and Jeff Caskenette that campaign expenses for council elections be drastically reduced or abolished. All failed to pass.

"I am at a complete loss to understand why some councillors refuse to work for just and equal election procedures. By maintaining such barriers it will continue to be possible for the few fortunate students with financial means to run a phony poster campaign to get in office. There are so many better and fairer ways of bringing the issues to the students, through The Gateway and an active scheduled debate campaign throughout

focal points of the campus during the week," Mr. Bradley said later.

In frustration, Jerry Riskin and Mr. Bradley put forth a motion that "the executive positions be put up for sale and go to the highest bidder, and that the monies collected be given to the Native People's Defense Fund." No vote was taken.

Council rejected the idea of a party system in council elections. "I think we have enough bullshit politics without a lot of bullshit parties," stated Commerce rep. William Heslop. "I would prefer a personality contest where a guy 'does his thing' to a party."

Council did favour the reorganizing and expanding of the council executive. The offices of president, academic vice-president, and external vice-president would be retained unchanged. Commissioners of activities, finance, education, and communications would replace and add to the functions of old positions.

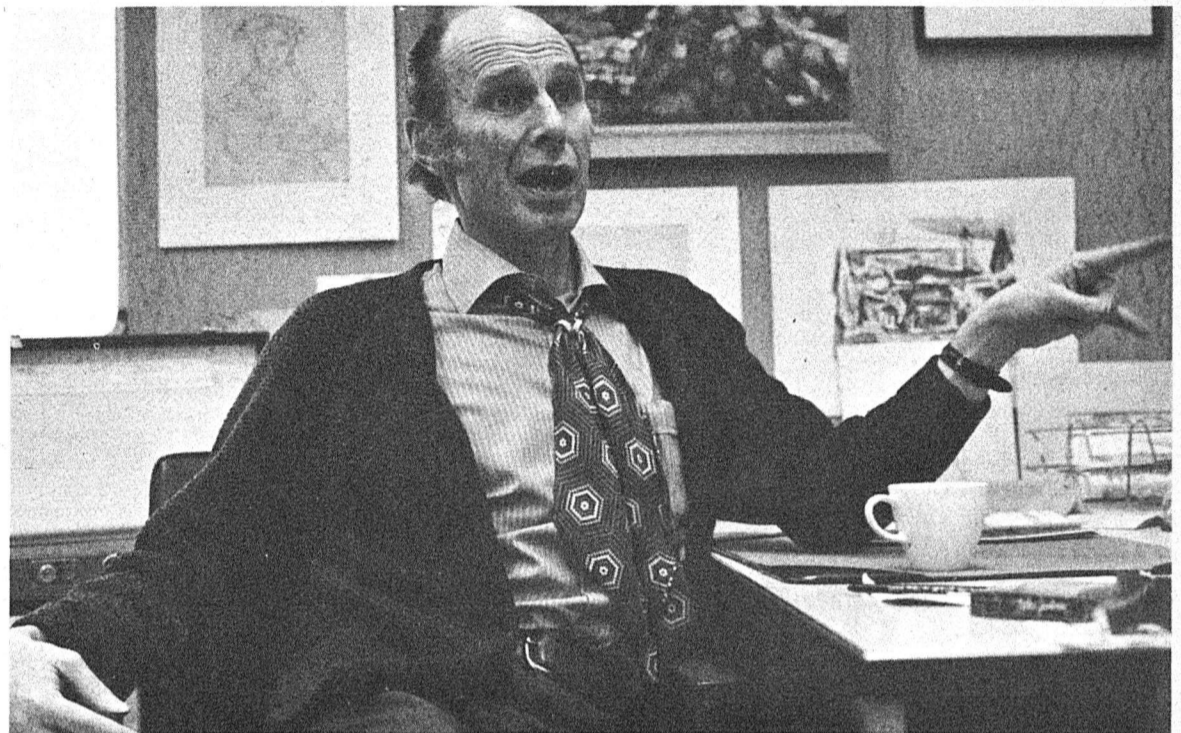
Councillors freely voted money out of students' union coffers to such projects as a Wilfred Watson play (\$1,600), "Up Against the Wall, Oedipus" to be shown in SUB.

CKSR, the campus radio station, was granted funds to operate an FM station, in the event that they received a government licence to do so. Making an FM stereo station operational would cost almost \$50,000. An ordinary FM station would cost at least half of this amount. An additional yearly operating budget of \$23,500 was also approved.

Council refused to grant \$300 for sending engineering undergraduates to a conference. Treasurer Dennis Fitzgerald informed councillors that two representatives were already being financed by the Engineering Undergraduate Society.

Rates in the SUB games area will go up, council decided. Curling sheets will now cost \$8 for students and \$10 for faculty. Billiards tables will be \$1.20 per hour, and shuffleboard 80 cents per hour. Bowling rates remain unchanged.

These increases will give council an additional \$8,000 revenue in 1970-71.



—Dave Hebditch photos

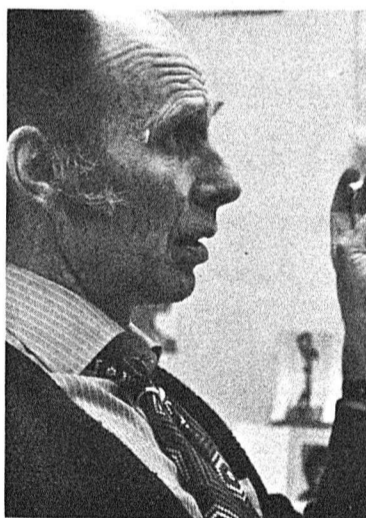
"TO HAVE A PH.D. OR PUBLICATIONS WOULD HAVE ASSURED TENURE

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Philosophy prof Kemp denied tenure— no exact reason given for decision

By JUDY SAMOIL

U of A philosophy professor Ted Kemp has been denied tenure. Although Mr. Kemp has not been given an exact reason, he feels it is because he does not have a Ph.D. and has not published articles in scholastic journals. Dr. D. E. Smith, Dean of Arts, declined to comment on reasons for the denial of tenure. He merely said it is a confidential matter between himself and Mr. Kemp.



PROF. TED KEMP
... will appeal decision

The head of the Philosophy department, Arthur Cody, was not available for comment.

When Mr. Kemp first came to the campus from teaching with the public school board, he agreed with the philosophy department he would complete his Ph.D. in two years. He has finished the course requirements and passed his candidacy oral examination, but has not written the thesis for it.

He had intended to work at his Ph.D. requirements, but during the intervening years there were difficulties in the department over the denial of tenure to two members. Mr. Kemp agreed with the department in that instance, however, there were after-effects making things difficult, he said.

After that, he simply changed his priorities. "I decided not to put that effort in. In a way I was unrealistic. I had a pretty good notion that to have a Ph.D. or publications would have assured tenure." Instead, he said, "I worked hard at teaching."

The vote in the department tenure advisory committee was apparently split in a 4-4 tie, with one-half wanting to deny tenure and the other half wanting an additional probationary period. The tie-breaker was cast by department chairman Dr. Cody.

Mr. Kemp says he was stunned to learn that there was not sufficient pro-tenure sentiment to support him. After a number of years teaching evening and summer credit, and the years since he has been here full-time, he finds it absurd for the committee not to recommend tenure.

The action of the two undergraduate students on the committee surprised him. "If the students were being represented, I should have got at least two votes. On the balance, students approve of my teaching." The two representatives did not vote in favor of tenure since there were no votes for that option.

Criteria for tenure selection are outlined in the Faculty Handbook and are a balance of performance in teaching, profession and society at large, said Dean Smith, with various weights on different sections.

In discussing his intention to appeal the decision, Mr. Kemp commented, "I think both committees showed a faulty sense of priorities in the application of criteria to my case. I think my service to the university and to the community was enough to justify appointment without definite term in 1967 when I first came to the campus."

Mr. Kemp has already come up for tenure decision once before in 1967-68 and was given one-year probation until 1968-69. In that year he was asked to take advantage of a moratorium of tenure proceedings as there was no one in the department with tenure at that time.

There were six other philosophy lecturers up for tenure this year. An unconfirmed report has been that three received it, three were given a postponement and one (Mr. Kemp) was refused.

Several students are upset at the denial of tenure to Mr. Kemp and action has been planned by Carl Jensen and Gaye Lounsbury. "We're hopeful to inform students about what is going on, and that they will provide a negative opinion, by condemning the denial of tenure to one of the best teachers on campus."

There is not too much hope that an appeal will change the decision, he said. "I'll seek an appeal and if I fail then I'll pursue whatever avenue comes along." Even if he worked and completed his thesis, Mr. Kemp is certain there would not be a reversal on the decision.

When informing him of the decision, Dr. Cody had told him it was a final determination of his situation in the philosophy department, Mr. Kemp said.

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Students' union lobby for drinking on campus

The Students' Union Lobby for drinking on campus is now underway. For the next few months, Student Union members will be approaching Alberta M.L.A.'s with their case for a change in the Provincial Liquor Regulations. This is necessary if the proposed addition to the S.U.B. is to have a Pub. Union members of voting age who are interested in working on this lobby are asked to notify Dave Manning, Public Relations Director for the Students' Union.

Students union official notice

There will be a referendum dealing with SUB expansion on Friday, January 23. All full members of the students' union are eligible to vote. The official wording of the referendum is as follows:

Do you favor an expansion of the Students' Union Building which will require an increase of three dollars (\$3) in students' union fees?

Yes No

—Derek Bulmer
Returning Officer

Two Black Panthers surrender

OTTAWA (CUP) Two Black Panthers who escaped an Ottawa police raid last September surrendered to Chicago police Jan. 14.

Robert Bruce, 23, chairman of the west suburban Chicago branch of the Panthers, and Nathaniel Junior, 24, Panther field secretary, were the objects of an Ottawa search in September, along with Panther captain of defence Merrill Harvey, 23.

Police claimed to find weapons and explosives in their Ottawa dwelling.

American officials had charged Bruce with jumping bail, kidnapping and assault with intent to commit murder. Junior was charged with bond default for failure to appear in court in connection with an alleged attempt to purchase machine guns.