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# Council split on funds

Students' Council is divided over whether to support the university in its attempts at fund-raising in the private sector.

A motion was placed before Students' Council on Tuesday calling on Students' Council to support the university's 75th anniversary committee which is at present attempting to raise money from the private sector.

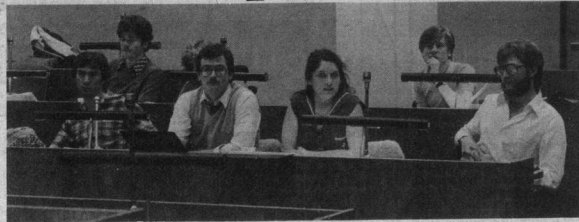
The motion also stipulated that Students' Council call upon the private sector to recognize the university's right to control the allocation of funds within the university.

Mark Hoye, SU v.p. academic, surprised everyone in when he asked that his name be withdrawn from the motion.

The motion had been sponsored by executive members Hoye and Teresa Gonzales v.p. external. Hoye's withdrawal from the motion surprised even Gonzales.

When asked to explain his reasons for withdrawing his support Hoye replied, "This motion could do some funny things to the university."

Hoye elaborated by explaining that the fee's backing of



In Executive split Mark Hoye withdraws from motion and drops out of picture.

funds from private industry and business would jeopardize the university's autonomy in planning for the future.

"In the long range this could become an institution devoted principally to the manpower needs of industry and business," stated Hoye.

SU president Robert Greenhill countered by saying that the donations would be going into

the general operating budget of the university. The money would then be allocated accordingly.

"These funds will be matched by the Provincial Government, we will receive twice the amount that is donated. The money will then be spent as the university sees fit," said Greenhill.

Hoye, on the other hand, felt that industry and business would insist on placing stipulations on

any donations they could be persuaded to make.

"I don't believe that someone like ESSO would donate all kinds of money without stipulating that it be spent on something like a new engineering building," said Hoye.

Obviously flustered over Hoye's withdrawal from the motion, Greenhill stated, "I can't understand why Mark is withdrawing from the motion since he originally proposed it and I think any objections to this arise out of narrow-minded paranoia."

The motion was later tabled until more information could be brought formally to Council over

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the objections of Hoye who stated that the "major principle was stated in the motion, whether or not the university should solicit funds from the private sector."

Afterwards Hoye re-iterated his feeling about private sector funding upsetting the balanced development of the university.

"All areas have to be developed at the same rate, otherwise the U of A would become known solely as a place for engineering or commerce instead of fine university with a broad intellectual base."

Still shaken by Hoye's unexpected opposition Greenhill maintained his position that not to support the idea of private sector funding was viewing the entire issue from "a narrow paranoid focus."

Greenhill also stated that "the university has very strict guidelines about how a donation might be received and these guidelines insure our institutional autonomy."

However he did say, "It's good that this motion has been tabled we can now look at this thing in more detail, because Mark did bring up some valid points."

Musingly Greenhill added, "I just wish he'd told me sooner."

## Students injured in cancer research

OTTAWA (CUP) — A University of Ottawa graduate student was seriously maimed while working on a project involving a new anti-cancer chemical.

Jim Freed lost one hand and three fingers, suffered minor burns and cuts to his chest and neck. Lydia Radzевич, an assistant who was working with him at the time, suffered minor burns on her feet.

Freed was conducting a chemical reaction experiment when the substances he was mixing exploded, shattering the fume hood he was working under.

Chemistry department of-

ficials are unable to explain why the explosion happened. Chemistry department chair Tony Durst said he is completely baffled by the accident.

"I have thought it through I don't know how many times. I don't want to speculate but I don't think it would be fair to blame it on poor safety in the lab or on any carelessness on Jim's part," said Durst.

He added that Freed was working with very small quantities of chemicals that can cost up to \$30,000 per kilogram.

An inquiry commission, headed by a member of the

National Research Council, was immediately initiated by the university but has yet to make a report.

According to Durst, however, the only person who really knows why the accident occurred is Freed who refuses to comment on it.

A small explosion occurred in the same lab two years ago when a mislabelled bottle of potassium metal was left in a sink. Chemistry professor John Holmes, who was in the room when the explosion occurred, narrowly escaped injury.

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