

Council preview

The outgoing SU executive intend to finish their term as quickly as possible; there are two controversial motions on the agenda for tonight's council meeting.

The first is a recommendation from the external affairs committee that asks council to endorse the International Campaign for Abortion Rights. The second would resume the debate

on the Students' Union response to the University Priorities Report.

The rest of the agenda includes a number of grants and a request to the *Gateway* to improve its distribution to Faculte St-Jean. President-elect Dean Olmstead will probably see a peaceful, well ordered meeting. Let's hope he thinks they are all supposed to be that way.



Roche

Even hear MP

Margaret Donovan

It is unlikely that the seven students who turned up to listen to Roche heard much that was new.

Roche, MP for Strathcona, returned on Canada in the 1980s on Friday.

While Roche believes unemployment and national unity are important issues, he says Canadians are too selfish and greedy, and almost totally occupied with local and national issues, to the exclusion of world problems.

He claimed that Canada is not a "global community" and is in its interest to become outward looking. Unless Canada recovers its sense of self-confidence the present attitude towards the world is a formula for disaster, not progress, Roche said.

In keeping with Conservative philosophy, Mr. Roche said there is too much government and too little leadership. He would like to see the private sector encouraged to participate in Canada's foreign policy. This can be done by buying more goods from the developing

countries, for example, he stated.

Roche conceded that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is a valuable part of our aid to the third world, but says we could be doing more—and loosening immigration would be a start.

Canada's international responsibility includes aid to people like refugees in camps in South East Asia. Mr. Roche believes that Canada should be taking in more than it presently does of the one million refugees in the world.

When questioned on the Conservatives' economic policy, Mr. Roche said the policy is related to national unity, in that the party believes the regions should be strengthened. He said the mortgage interest proposition will "... not do everything for the renter".

Roche also said that in the future, Canada will have to deal with its domestic problems and its international responsibilities at the same time. Canada's position in the changing world, will be dependent on how successfully it can do this, Roche added.

Ship boycott under way

Beer prices up in Lister

by Alison Thomson

Lister Hall students are unhappy with yet another of Housing and Food Services director Gail Brown's new policies. The latest changes affect the Ship, the pub in residence.

Brown says she is trying to provide different options in the Ship, and to this end has hired a coordinator who will book nightly entertainment. Along with the entertainment, changes include higher beer prices (70¢ to 90¢), higher food prices, waitresses rather than the old cafeteria style, and the promise of a cover charge on nights when a particularly good act is booked.

Since the changes have been instituted, students have been participating in an informal boycott which, according to newly elected Lister Complex Coordinator, Lorne Gunter, has been going quite well.

Gunter says students are objecting to the philosophy that the Ship should be a business enterprise. "It's a student service, not a business," he said.

Brown, on the other hand, says she has to pay attention to areas where she can make a profit in order to make up some

of the deficit which occurs in residence. "I'm the director of this department and I have the responsibility to make this a more financially viable service," she said. "There are going to be those kinds of things where they (the students) are just told about something."

Last Thursday, Charles McLaren, a graduate student in residence, wrote an open letter to Gail Brown, expressing his protest "at the arbitrary manner with which you reorganized the Ship." He received no answer from Brown. Residents then called a meeting to organize resistance to Brown's policies.

At the meeting Sunday night, residents decided to circulate a petition this week. Then, if it appears students are in agreement, an "active boycott" of the Ship on Thursday night, when the Lister Hall Students Association will be sponsoring the band, will be planned. The boycott will take the form of students filling the Ship but not ordering anything in the pub or from the restaurant.

This is not a move unanimously supported by students. Peter Spence, a Lister

student, expressed the viewpoint that the leaders of this sort of thing are shoving their viewpoints down students' throats. However, Gunter is confident that students are behind them.

The ever-quotable Mackenzie Hall President Frank Whipple summed it up when he said, "It's the straw that broke the camel's back and we're not going to let them get away with it."

Election results

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Commerce and Engineering strongholds. He also outpolled Fenna 235 to 157 in Lister Hall and the Education Building.

It is quite possible the Fenna slate was hurt by its association with NUS and perhaps by its connection with SU President Cheryl Hume.

The theory that Fenna was hurt by NUS (or vice versa) is supported by the poll by poll statistics. There appears to be a direct correlation between how well the Fenna slate did and how well NUS did. For example, NUS lost by almost 3 to 1 in the Commerce and Engineering polls where Fenna was clobbered.

The Liberal Democrats made a strong first-ballot showing at most polling stations but were severely hurt at a few locations such as Residence and the Education Building. They also got very little second-choice support from the voters. Apparently individuals either make joke candidates their first choice or ignore them completely.

Students in Law, Agriculture, Medical Sciences, Fine Arts and at Faculte St. Jean certainly didn't ignore the Liberal Democrats, as they received their greatest support at those locations. They were also the places where Mike Ford, the independent candidate for the Board of Governors position, showed the greatest strength.

Lister Hall upset this pattern, however, as Ford collected 60% of the vote while the Liberal Democrats fared quite poorly.

President-elect Dean Olmstead was all smiles on Monday as he told the *Gateway* he was pleased about the mandate he had received.

"If it had been really close I wouldn't have felt quite as confident," he said.

"This is going to be a good year. We're quite optimistic."

He did not appear concerned that one member of his new executive was a candidate from the Fenna slate.

"I haven't had a chance to really talk to Kyle, but I'm sure we can work together."

Olmstead also suggested that he would not be as outspoken or as radical a president as Cheryl Hume has been.

The new executive will take office on April 1.

For more complete election statistics, see pages 5 and 7.

No candidates declared

BACUS election soon

Nominations close tomorrow for the Business Administration and Commerce Undergraduate Society (BACUS) executive election.

So far no candidates have come forward to contest the

society's presidential race, though several "rumored" candidates are in the wind," according to outgoing BACUS president Kyle Peterson.

Candidates are likely withholding their nomination forms until the final day, said Peterson.

A total of 24 positions will be decided upon when the 1,650 eligible BACUS voters go to the polls February 21. Last year, 350 of the eligible voters turned out to vote.

For the past year the executive has been working to help the organization change its focus "from fund-raising operations needed before 1978 to pay off BACUS debts, said Peterson.

"We have a lot of potential and now it is a matter of directing it into the right areas — services, for example."

In January of 1976 BACUS incurred an \$8,000 debt largely because of an unsuccessful casino fund-raising venture. BACUS spent the following two years wrestling with finances to redeem that debt.

Socred party for concerned

The U of A Socreds will be hosting a Wine and Cheese party on Wednesday, February 21, at 8 pm in Room 142, SUB.

Bob Clark and nominated Social Credit candidates will attend. The party is an opportunity for university students to discuss areas of concern with their elected officials in an informal atmosphere.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be obtained from Dave Thompson (436-3455) or Nancy Murdoch (439-8995). All proceeds will go towards the operating budget of the U of A Socreds.

NORML overjoyed

Optimism high for marijuana reform

NORML (CUP) — It may only be a few more months until the current laws for possession of marijuana are removed.

Representatives of all three parties said Feb. 7 they were willing to give speedy passage to a bill proposed by Minister Marc Lalonde to decriminalize marijuana.

The bill, promised for several years, is expected to be passed by the end of the year. It is one of the order paper before the Commons had a chance to act. That bill would have removed marijuana and hashish

under the Food and Drug Act from the Narcotics Control Act, abolishing jail sentences and criminal records for those convicted of simple possession.

The current maximum penalty for possession is seven years in jail.

Lalonde has emphasized, however, the government believes possession should still remain an offence.

Both the Conservative and the New Democratic Parties said they would be willing to cooperate in passing the bill as quickly as possible after Lalonde

told the Commons Feb. 7 he wanted to consult with the Opposition as to whether such a bill could be guaranteed speedy passage.

Pressed by Conservative youth critic Paul Dick on why the government had failed to act on the question, Lalonde said that if the opposition parties promised cooperation "we will be very happy to consult and see how fast we can proceed."

The executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), Andy Rapoch, said he was "overjoyed" at the an-

nouncement. "Our reaction is one of a huge sigh of relief."

While he was waiting for the exact form of the bill before giving any final comment, Rapoch said he was fairly satisfied. "Removing simple possession was our main objective. The decriminalization of the individual user is 90% of the solution."

In January, NORML launched a campaign for immediate decriminalization. At that time, Rapoch estimated 40,000 people a year were convicted "for what it is clearly not a crime."