

Executive patronage?

It seems apparent that the Presidential team of Sampson and Mancini are doing all they can to have the treasurer of their choice appointed for next year's council.

Consensus around council was that former electoral officer, Sandy MacNeill wanted the job. However, when this information was leaked he did not put in his application. He is now running for member at large.

Application deadlines have now been extended supposedly because the three candidates who have applied are not good enough. This might be true, but even so, it is not the main point. The committee appears to be totally unfair to the candidates who have applied, and some say their qualifications are equal to those of past treasurers.

Present Treasurer Patrick Stewart who believes the candidates are capable, was not invited in for discussions on the committee's choice, thus having no input in their decision.

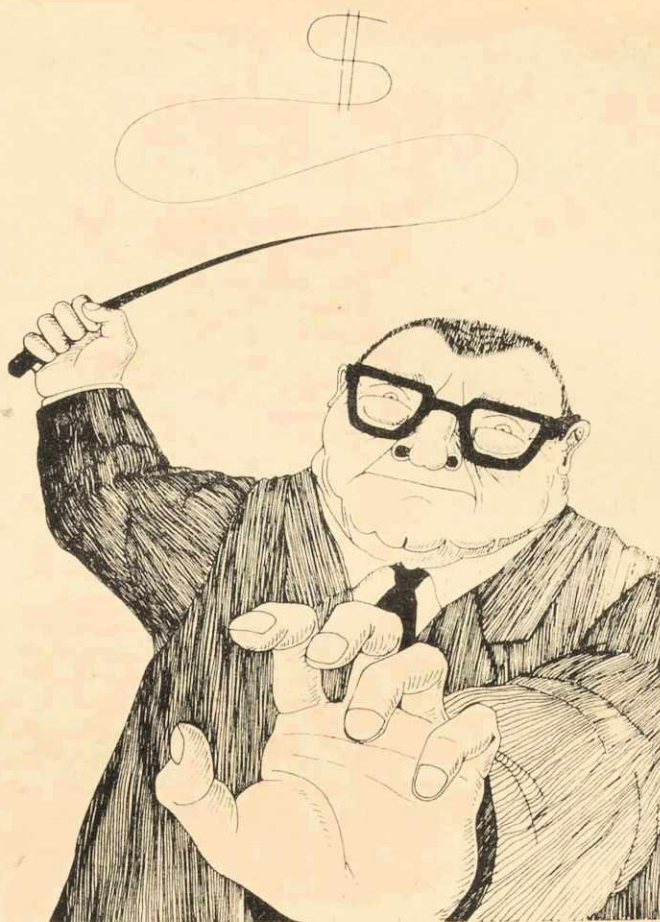
Gail Rudderham's application was accepted late and no one will disclose the reasons. Perhaps it is she who Sampson and Mancini want to work with next year?

The hiring committee's actions are questionable. It will be interesting, to say the least, to see who they will appoint as Treasurer on April 15th.

We hope that the rumours of the manipulation of the committee are untrue so that the treasurer is selected solely on the basis of qualifications.

Oh yes, another coincidence — The **Gazette's** last issue is on the 14th.

by Valerie Mansour



Ultimate absurdity

Finally the ultimate absurdity.

The federal government has discovered a way to: eliminate 22 jobs in a depressed region; help people to commit crimes and perhaps send them back to prison; break up their families; and, all the while claiming that they, in the National Interest, are saving taxpayers money. In fact, they are actually costing us \$200,000. A small amount, you might say, but not when the issue is clearly examined.

The government is doing this to us by letting a firm called the Coalition Support and Services die. 'CSS' is a Halifax-based organization which hires ex-prisoners and handicapped

people to provide their skills to needy persons in the area. It is a socially rehabilitative and economically-run organization.

The project ended with four-and-one half years of service to the Halifax and area community when the federal government decided not to continue its funding.

The CSS project was one of the most progressive and effective of its kind in Canada according to reports (see this week's story), and opinion throughout the community has been overwhelmingly favourable. The fact that the government is cancelling a worthwhile programme is bad enough, but it will also cost this country and region — the taxpayers, \$400,000 not to fund the project. CSS would be funded presently by a \$200,000 budget. This discrepancy appears obvious when one considers the UIC, welfare and social assistance costs that will be necessary if these people which the project employs have to return to jail.

Solicitor-General Francis Fox is the person who has the power to do something about this heinous crime. He has had requests to look into the matter for the past 6 months but has refused to speak with the people responsible for CSS.

It's reassuring to know that we have a government in Ottawa that is not only responsive to community needs but is not alienated from the people of our country.

by H. MacKinnon

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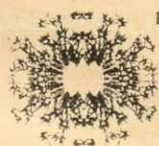
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Letters

'Racist advertising'

To the Gazette:

In light of the **Gazette's** admirable policy of defending the rights of homosexuals, I was surprised to see the degrading and racist advertisement from the Julius Schmid Co. in the March 31st issue. A liberal press philosophy is of very little merit unless it is universally applied.

I refer of course to the monstrous profanation of the "Sheik" T-shirt, which featured the stylized sketch of an Arab in the character of a "dirty old man". The fact that one of the trademarks of the firm is "Sheik", is certainly no excuse for portraying an Arab as a lecherous deviant. The emblem on the shirt proclaims a derogatory racist assumption, which I have no doubt has led to much pain and embarrassment among persons of Arabic descent. I have already written to

Julius and Co. suggesting that a drawing of a member of their public relations department in an attitude of sexual maladjustment would have been more to the point.

A firm which manufactures birth control materials has a special duty to the public. Since the product is of a very personal nature, it is their responsibility to ensure that the limits of discretion and common decency are not exceeded in their advertising. Inviting people to adorn their clothing with advertisements for prophylactics is dubious enough; inviting them to appear in public in a costume such as that proposed by Julius Schmid is intolerable. I am sorry that the **Gazette** saw fit to print such drivel, and I hope we will be spared a repetition.

Sincerely
Richard W. Cooper.

Gazette people !

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