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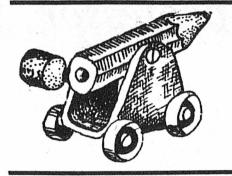
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link with CKSR. We'd like you to take advantage of what we can

So, if you've been a sometime Gateway staffer, why not drop in and see what's happening. If you've never worked in the media before, but would like to see what its like, come on up to room 282 SUB and talk to us.

Get involved. Its your paper.





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Do our SU councillors need an honorarium? Arguments in the affirmative would be that with the increased amount of work council has been doing of late and recognising that only a small percentage of councillors get roped into doing it, some reward should be made.

But that assumes that work will be done.

Although I've been criticised more than once for saying so, I don't really believe we get \$250 worth of work out of each and every councillor. When almost all positions are filled by acclamation, and when almost all meetings are delayed until quorum can even be reached, I can't see the sacrifice; I can't see the justification for "honoring" our councillors with a total expenditure of \$5,500.

Granted, there are some who are worth far more than that to the Students' Union, but I still must point

out that these are exceptions.

If councillors are to be rewarded for their work, I'd like to see more original work done. I would estimate that less than ten original motions came this year from individual councillors on any issue. Almost everything came from the executive, or from boards and committees of the SU, od which councillors compose about half.

And at that, there's many a councillor who has accepted more than one post. Clearly not every councillor attends enough meetings to justify an honorarium (much less participate in them as well), and of those who do attend, few do original work.

Brian Mason used the phrase "councillors who just sit and push buttons." I would suggest this definition applies to more than half of Council.

The worst part of the situation, though, is that those deserving of reward and recognition usually go without. It's sad but true; Council membership is a thankless job most times.

But it doesn't need to be. If students could be shown that enough work is being done by all Council members to justify an honorarium, I think students would support such a proposal. The media laughed when MP's raised their salaries, but I think shocked exclamation would be appropriate to a simliar Council

Peter Drabble, in a fit of moral acumen, sai it wasn't unethical for Council to give itself honoraria. I'd callit more akin to thievery.

Instead, I'd like to see those councillors (like Mellon) who warrant praise given appropriate reward for a job well done. But outright paying of every councillor would certainly not be just. Grea Neiman

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The truth

While attending the Progressive Conservative Convention in Ottawa a short while ago, I came across some interesting occurrences which your readers might find of some interest.

I couldn't be a delegate (they found out Mom kissed Hu Harries in 72), so Dad sent me down as an observer, which is more fun anyway. I spent my time wandering around the hall, carefully observing the workings of politics and scarfing free booze at every opportunity. I think it was pretty low of Flora Macdonald to limit me to two Shirley Temples, but Brian Mulroney gave me all the Scotch I wanted (until he found out I wasn't a delegate and had me thrown out).

Well, after Paul Hellyer's speech on Saturday, the vibes were pretty bad in the old Civic Centre. I really thought that it was tits up for the old P.C.'s until I stumbled into this smoke filled room in the basement.

To my amazement, there was old John Diefenbaker

himself, with Joe Clark strapped to a funny-looking table. T Chief was in a white lab coa and I could hear him saving" going to teach you how to walk how to talk, how to shake you jowls! Together, you and I w rule Canada forever!" Then, h and Joe Clark practiced say "Lester, go to hell."

As I stood there, hidden i the shadows, who should wal in but Dalton Camp! He and Die conferred for a moment, an then unstrapped Mr. Clark. A they led him out of the room. heard Dalton say - "And make sure you throw them off you trail by supporting Wagner!"

I'm still trying to figure ou what all this means - maybe Jo Clark had a bad headache an had to lie down or something. tried to talk to him as he wa leaving the hall that night, but Jack and Hugh Horner wer acting as bodyguards - the kicked me where it hurts an called me an 'S.O.B. CB lackey,' whatever that means!

I'll try to find our more fo you guys, because one of Jo Clark's aides said that I wa invited to the Diefenbunkernea Ottawa, because 'I knew to much'. If he could see my mi term results, he'd this otherwise!

Bob Brownnos

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