

Business as usual... Council idiotic

by Ken Lenz

Much debate and little decision marked last Tuesday's three-and-a-half hour Council meeting.

The most controversial topic of debate was a motion by Education representative Anne McGrath to overturn the DIE Board decision to void the CFS referendum results.

Ten minutes into the debate, speaker Kris Farkas decided the motion was outside Council's jurisdiction, since council has no power to overrule DIE Board.

Instead, Farkas decided to change the meaning of the word 'reject' to mean 'condemn' while leaving the original wording intact.

And discussion continued for about an hour though few people were sure exactly what they were discussing.

The motion was finally defeated.

Council decided to place the

CFS membership in the general election ballot in February. A referendum bylaw is expected to be drafted by that time.

Another motion which passed included the ability for some large clubs to hold cabarets and retain 100 per cent of the profits or losses.

Cabaret policy has worked on a 65-35 split basis; the SU picked up 35 per cent of the profits or losses.

Now, a few large clubs who meet certain criteria will be given preferential treatment.

Carolyn Devin was appointed the new Clubs Commissioner and Glenn Byer, who resigned as Chief Returning Officer, was appointed assistant SORSE director.

The controversial Media Services motion was removed from the agenda (see box).

Finally, Business Manager Tom Wright's contract was ratified with no debate.

Yes-CFS appeals

by Mark Roppel

The Canadian Federation of Students saga has taken a new twist.

The YES campaign will appeal the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board's decision to overturn the results of the CFS referendum.

The appeal will be made to the University Discipline Panel.

the appeal will be handled by first-year Law Student Dwayne Chomyn and YES-campaign manager Robert Lunney.

"I'm not pro or anti CFS," says Chomyn, "but this is another blunder from that kangaroo court (DIE Board)."

Since there is no referendum bylaw in the SU constitution and DIE Board is only supposed to deal with constitutional matters, Chomyn feels the Board had no business hearing the case in the first place.

Chomyn also says that since Chief Returning Officer Glenn Byer was not able to attend the DIE Board hearings, the Board was forced to reach a decision without adequate information.

Finally, Chomyn says expressions such as "unfair electioneering practices," and allegations that if CFS buttons had been included in the YES campaign budget, the budget "may

have" exceeded the allotted \$1450, are too vague.

"On what criterion did they base this?" says Chomyn. "Even if there is an error you don't overturn a \$5000 referendum."

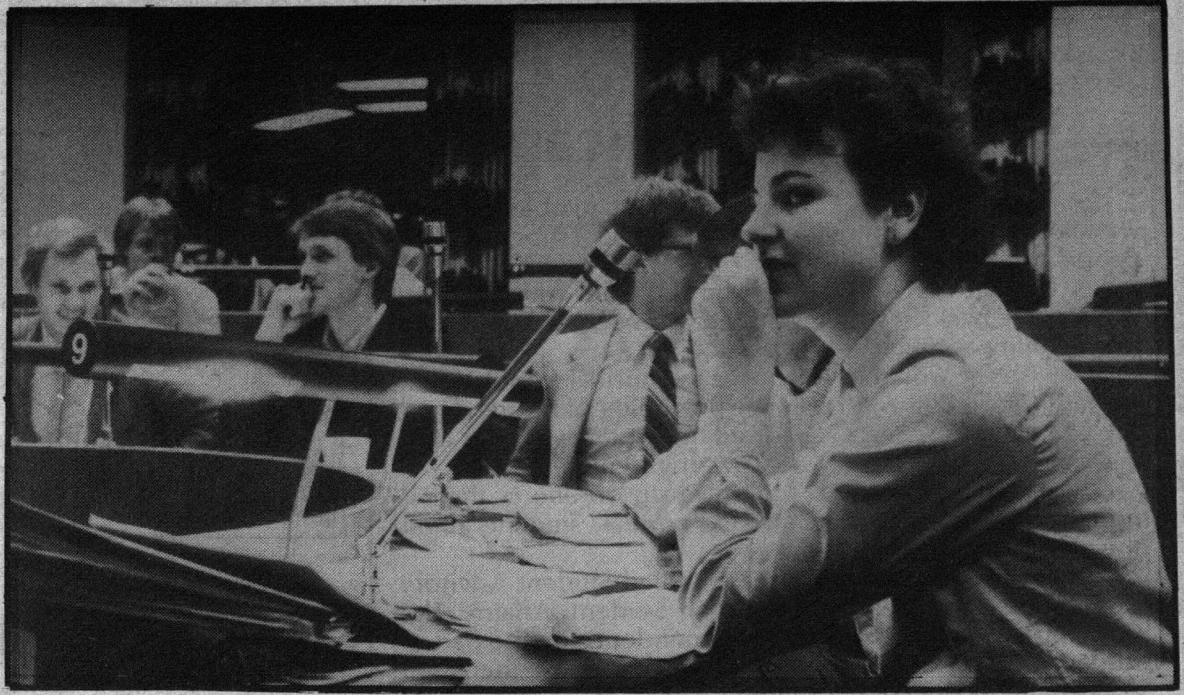
Chomyn points to DIE Board's decision to overturn Mike Walker's election to the SU Presidency two years ago and the decision last year to clear Robert Greenhill of charges that he violated the confidentiality of the Executive and says, "this is the third wrong decision in a row."

There is some concern about taking such matters as the CFS referendum outside the Students' Union to the University Administration.

"The whole concept of student government means that we run our own affairs, but the process of appeal is open to those who disagree with me," says SU President Robert Greenhill.

But Chomyn maintains "the conception of a fair hearing" is more important than the "political idea of autonomy."

The University Disciplinary Panel is under the jurisdiction of the General Faculties Council. A panel of between three and six people will be selected from a list of names once the formal appeal is made.



Get to know your SU Exec: VP External Andrew Watts laughs at VP Academic Barb Donaldson who actually has her mouth closed. Meanwhile, VP Finance Greg McLean glares contemptuously at apathetic councillors, and President Robert Greenhill tries to hide his face in VP Internal Peter Block's hair.

Councillors neglect duties

by Gilbert Bouchard

Positions reserved for councillors on Students' Union are vacant and a handful of councillors are compromising their efficiency trying to fill the remaining positions by sitting on several boards at once, says SU VP Finance Greg McLean.

"Most of the groundwork for the SU administration is done on various boards and councils," continued McLean.

Among other things, Boards handle club applications, faculty association grants, building policy, cabarets, and most of the other areas of SU concern.

"But unfortunately, councillors aren't willing to sit on boards any more and this is detrimental to the whole system," said McLean. "I've seen meetings where only the executive members and students at large have shown up."

McLean also had harsh words for many councillors who have "outlived their usefulness on council, a lot of them are dead wood, and most councillors just don't want to get involved and only a handful of councillors will actually participate."

Quebec students revolting

MONTREAL (CUP) — More than 2,000 students marched on Quebec's National Assembly while student pickets affected almost half the province's colleges during a Nov. 15 protest.

The students, organized by the Association Nationale des Etudiants(es) du Quebec, were demanding government recognition and response to the crisis in post secondary education.

Most of the demonstrators in Quebec City came from Montreal colleges, but delegations from eastern and southeastern colleges swelled their ranks.

College students in every region of Quebec threw up pickets around their campuses. In most cases, the lines were respected by students and faculty.

Pierre Laliberte, a student at the Quebec City demonstration, said it was the first time Quebec college students have organized in such force.

More protests are expected as students protest government proposals that include the introduction of tuition fees to the previously free college system, limitations on student aid and enrolment quotas in some programs, and legislation designed to weaken student organizations.

One blatant example of councillor apathy is the administration board, which McLean chairs.

The administration board has had two of its four councillor positions vacant for the last two and a half months.

According to McLean, the administration board is one of the more interesting boards to be on.

McLean also said that administrators of other

organizations (for example, the university administration) are forced to sit on boards.

Next council meeting McLean will put forward a motion that would make it mandatory for councillors to sit on at least one board, if there is an opening.

"There are a lot of students that would like to get involved, but there are no openings," concluded McLean, which makes the councillor's apathy all the more difficult to understand.

BC student leaders upset over settlement

VANCOUVER (CUP) — B.C.'s student leaders are angry over the settlement between the Social Credit government and organized labor which ended the growing general strike.

An anonymous member of Students Against the Budget at the University of B.C. called the agreement "a gross and hideous sell-out."

Another member, Alicia Bar-salio said the decision by Operation Solidarity leaders should have taken place after open debate.

Steven Howard, Simon Fraser University's student president elect, said he is embarrassed to have worked with the union coalition, Operation Solidarity.

Classes resumed Nov. 14 in public schools and post secondary institutions after three days of closure and disruption.

Despite picket lines, B.C.'s three universities remained open during the strike. Students and faculty were left to their conscience, and most chose to cross the lines.

About 90 per cent of the public school teachers stayed off the job, while about 75 per cent of college teachers respected the pickets.

Monroe said the agreement includes a government commitment that money saved by the strike will go back into the educa-

tion sector. But other legislation dealing with centralization of decision making for education and the removal of community representatives from college boards was not addressed.

Also unclear is whether faculty at universities can gain exemption from the Public Sector Restraint Act to protect tenured positions.

White mice on dope

(RNR/CUP) — Police in the Chicago suburb of Park Forest have finally solved the case of the pot-pilfering mouse.

The pesky rodent had been breaking into evidence lockers to nibble confiscated marijuana. When the mouse refused to go for a trap baited with cheese, the cops decided to use a joint of California dope instead.

"Snap" went the better mousetrap, said police chief Michael Dooley, adding, "that mouse probably doesn't know he's dead."

Media scandal resolved

SU Business Manager Tom Wright and councillors Tony Brouwer and Brian Becker have reached a decision about the Media Services Advertising Pamphlet.

The Pamphlet was previously deemed by Brouwer and Becker to undermine the "fundamental principles of the SU" as it portrayed students as wealthy.

Though Wright disagrees with the councillors, he has agreed to change two sections of the pamphlet.

The first is the slogan "The earning power of these consumers is well in excess of \$250 million yearly." Wright will clarify that this figure includes both University staff and students.

As well, Wright will change three pictures which Brouwer and Becker find objectionable.

