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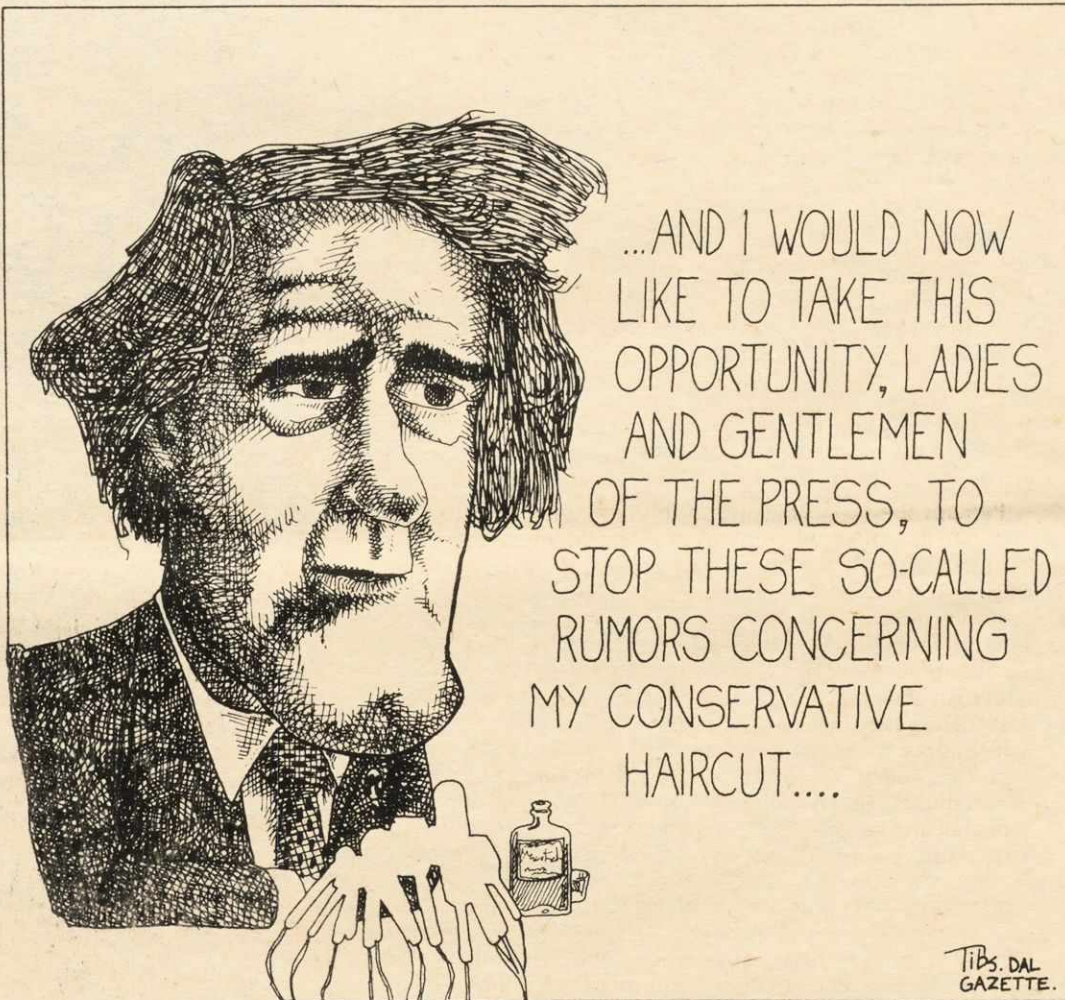
## editorial

### I have a question

"There, there, dear, it's all been taken care of."  
 Words of comfort, words anyone likes to hear when they're sick, tired or plain sick and tired. Words you can trust - as long as they don't come from a placating government.  
 Sunday's council meeting gave peace of mind to two groups. One was a campus organization petitioning for a grant to fund a special project, the other was councillors themselves. But for the handful of spectators, it was a false sense of security.  
 Council, in its wisdom, signed a cheque for 500 dollars to the Newman Society on the basis of a report outlining budgetary deficiencies and a brief description of what project the money would be used for. It did not think its request was important enough to send a representative to answer questions or defend its position.  
 The Newman Society was correct in trusting councillors to support its request. Despite the fact that no one around the table save Grants Committee chair Karl Nightingale had a very clear idea of who the group was or what was its raison d'être, they supported the motion to release the money. Five bills flew from the coffers.  
 "There, there, dear, the Student Union looks after its own."  
 Later in the meeting, nominations were opened for non-councillor positions on various Student Union committees. A long list was presented by Reza Rizvi for the Science Society to fill the blank spaces with unknown faces; unknown, since nearly all of the nominees failed to show up at the meeting to introduce themselves. Fortunately, just before nominations were to close, VP Susan McIntyre reminded council they must remain open until Sept. 30 as advertised. Only then did any councillor question who the nominees might be, or why a majority of them had been forwarded from one society.

I'll find someone to do it." President Tim Hill had asked Rizvi to find people who would sit on the Student Union Committees.  
 Yikes. There's a faint scent of patronage and subterfuge in the air. Granted, it's always difficult to find enough interested people to fill all the vacancies on committees. But councillors who don't question who these people might be, or why they are nominated from one interest group, or who seem to throw money to anyone who asks in writing alone need to be shaken out of their "it's been looked after" attitude. There is much more to being a student representative than voting on motions or hob-nobbing at wine and cheese socials.  
 In one sense, Tim Hill, Reza Rizvi and the Newman Society should be commended for taking the initiative to try and get the Student Union into gear.  
 Dare we say - more power to them?

*Catherine Ricketts*



...AND I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS, TO STOP THESE SO-CALLED RUMORS CONCERNING MY CONSERVATIVE HAIRCUT....

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