

# GFC: English grammar, Night Watch, B of G committee

by Loreen Lennon

Rookie councillors may have mistaken yesterday's evening meeting of the 77-78 General Faculties Council (GFC) for a demonstration of efficient house-cleaning.

At least that was the form and content of the agenda, which was quickly disposed of in 90 minutes — good time by any committee's standards.

With the exception of a question posed by Dr. J. Lejnicks (Pol. Sc.), business proceeded from recommen-

dations of the executive committee.

The executive is mandated to give detailed consideration of council action, thus streamlining actual debate in GFC, and yesterday's items did not stimulate much beyond clarifications of form, rather than substance.

## CAMPUS LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

The issue of most concern was the Revised Report of the Campus Law Committee. The legalistic document, an updated procedures text for academic

misdeemeanors, was criticised for its improper grammar, its complex language and its "male" orientation.

Professor Littman (Law), chairman of the committee, pointed out that these criticisms were editorial and that substantially there was agreement of the proposed revisions.

The revisions included the introduction of a system of review of faculty decisions; continuity in dealing with student, faculty and university levels of discipline and appeals; the composition of appeal

boards (at least two students on each) and a clarification of the sanctions at the faculty and university levels.

Littman said his committee would be happy to look into a simplification of the report in response to Dean Baldwin's (Arts) suggestions the present form inhibited a general comprehension of the procedures of the university disciplinary panels and appeal boards.

The report was overwhelmingly approved

## NIGHT WATCH

The muddy issue of campus safety was stirred as GFC was asked to receive the report on the Night Watch Patrol. In accepting the report, there was some debate as to the evidence of necessity for Night Watch on this campus.

Last spring student teams of two patrolled the campus nightly to hinder the actions of potential trouble-makers.

GFC re-endorsed the concept of walking patrols and concurrently endorse a proposal to place the responsibility for

these patrols under Campus Security.

Final plans for Night Watch are consequent to further research by Campus Security and Board of Governor approval.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Professor Lejnicks was asked for a formal answer to a question concerning the relationship between the committee (B of G) and the GFC.

"What I want to know," Lejnicks asked chairman Harry Gunning, "is the scope of the Committee with respect to the functions of GFC."

Vice-president academic Myer Horowitz quickly dispelled Lejnicks concern for GFC autonomy by describing the Academic Concerns Committee as an "adjunct to the Board on matter of academic concern."

"There will be no consideration of inappropriate matters not already within the Board's jurisdiction."

The formal reply will be given at the next GFC meeting.

## Feds sponsor unity debate

Some 175 university students from across Canada will meet in Toronto next month to discuss problems facing Canada and the viability of confederation.

The symposium, entitled Alternatives Canada, seeks to provide a rational forum within which student perspectives can be explored, said Michael Sherman and Wendy Bellack, the coordinators.

"Discussions of Confederation and specifically of Quebec's position within it have gone on for many years," they said in a Sept. 9 press release. "But the action of the Parti Quebecois has made immediate the need to achieve new understandings among Canadians."

The symposium has received substantial funding from the federal government.

Guest speakers will be David Lewis, Claude Ryan, and Dr. John Evans.

There are six places open in the conference for U of A students, and according to the press release, communications have been established between the Alternatives Canada executive committee and the staff of the university departments of political science, economics and history.

At time of publication, however, only the department of economics indicated they have been contacted, and that they were sending a delegate.

The delegate is Maggie Lutfy, a graduate student working on her MA thesis, said economics chairman B.W. Wilkinson.

Students' Union president Jay Spark was informed by Gateway of the symposium last week, and he said yesterday he had approached university president Harry Gunning's office to see if funds could be obtained to send one student council representative and one Gateway staffer. Spark said he asked for \$1,000 for the event, but has not yet received an answer.

## Arts society attracts 50

by Adam Singer

About 50 students attended the first Arts Undergraduate Students Association (AUSA) meeting in the Students' Union council chambers Friday.

Dave Rand, Students' Union v.p. executive, admitted "I only came here for the popcorn."

Acting chairman Steve Kushner began with an explanation of the AUSA. Its purpose, he said, is primarily social, with a strong emphasis on intramural sports.

In addition, he said, it can act as a "sounding-board" for arts students with complaints, problems or suggestions.

According to Kushner, possible future functions may include a cabaret in early November and a coffee-house in mid-October, featuring live (amateur) entertainment. These functions would charge admission and operate on a break-even basis. Possible fund-raisers, together with a \$2000 grant, the AUSA expects from the

Students' Union, would help cover basic expenses, Kushner said.

Kushner foresees the AUSA's biggest problem will be in maintaining the interest of a group as large and diverse as the arts students.

This is the first time that an arts undergraduate organisation has existed in some cohesive form on campus, he said.

The AUSA office in HC 2-3, is open around mid-day Monday through Friday.

All of the approximately 3000 undergraduate arts students on campus are automatically members of the AUSA, as it collects no fees.

The assembly elected an executive, which stands as follows: President - Kate Greenaway; Vice-President - Harvey Groberman; Treasurer - Tim McRory; Secretary - Sylvia Betts; Social Convenor - Janet Kelly; Mens' Athletics - Allan Fenna; Womens' Athletics - Colleen Delong.

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