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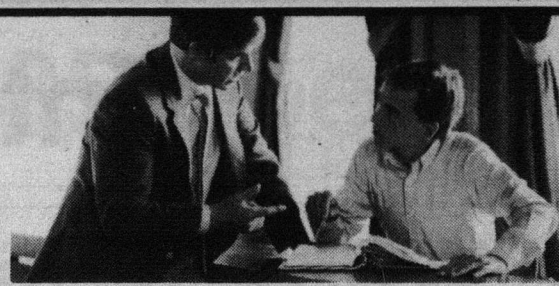
Letters cont.

Hacks manipulate

Dear Editor,
I have spent the past month and a half working to put a campaign together against the Arts students Reps to Student Council. I feel that Jayson Woodbridge, Grant Draper, Marie Clifford, and Randa Cooke have failed to represent Arts students. As a concerned student I took it upon myself to petition to request a general meeting, circulate a pamphlet with my reasons for accusing them, and a request that a vote be taken at the meeting on whether or not to ask for their resignations.
The ASA executive refused to allow me to have the meeting on a date and at the time I wished it to be held. I felt since it was going to be up to myself to obtain a quorum this decision should be mine. I requested that the ASA sponsor a table in HUB to allow both sides to distribute pamphlets. This request was turned down by the executive because they felt it would entail a conflict of interest. I do not understand how sponsoring a table to raise a relevant concern entails a conflict of interest. I cannot afford to pay \$25 a day for the table. I guess the ASA executive feels they have the right to stop me from trying to raise a concern. I suppose I'm not allowed a voice in what is

supposed to be a participatory democracy.
Lance Yuen has informed me that he did not feel this issue was relevant to Arts students. I was approached by some other people, who shall remain nameless at this time, who I actually believed were interested in helping to raise the issue. They informed me the meeting would be stacked. If I made concessions in their favour, it would be stacked in my favour, if not, it would be stacked against me. One of the concessions was to remove a rep's name from my motion.
I'm just a concerned Arts student trying to raise a concern. However, since these political hacks refuse to allow me to do this, I am regretfully forced to boycott the meeting. I refused to be involved in a meeting that I know will be stacked even though it may be in my favour. I apologize to all my supporters who believed in what I was trying to do and encourage them to also boycott this meeting instead of getting involved with a bunch of political hacks. I deeply regret that legitimately concerned Arts students are unable to raise a relevant issue.
I am, however, starting up a club that will sponsor any students who wish to raise a relevant student concern. Again I apologize, but I would rather stay with fighting for important issues than involving myself with underhanded politics.

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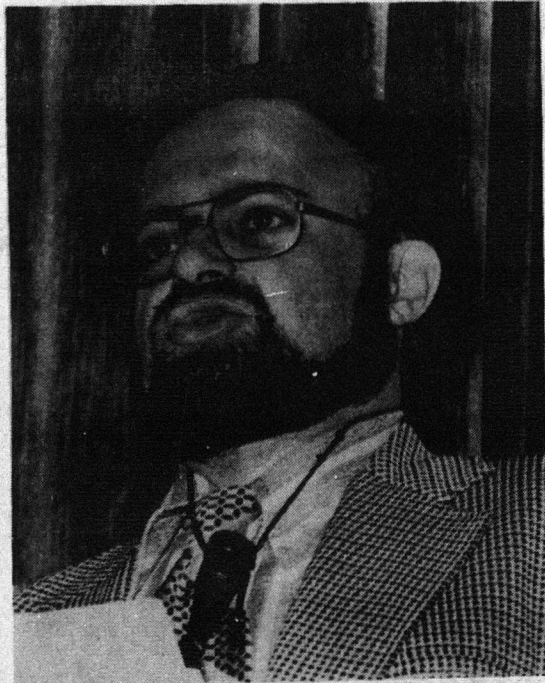
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