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Arts CRO in conflict?

by Ken Bosman

The Chief Returning Officer in the Arts Students' Association General Elections should be removed from office for conflict of interest says a former candidate, Andrew Robertson.

Robertson, is circulating a petition that claims that Arts' CRO Martin Levenson has too close a personal association with current candidates Wade Deisman and Steven Seiker.

The connections between Levenson, Seiker, and Deisman include:

- Levenson was the campaign manager for Deisman and Seiker during the recent SU Executive Elections.

- Levenson personally recommended Seiker take his place as Arts Representative to Students' Council.

- Levenson chaired last year's SU Anti-Cutbacks teams, upon which Deisman served.

Levenson does not challenge the concerns raised but still feels it is not a conflict of interest.

"I was appointed as CRO because I was most familiar with the bylaw — I wrote most of it," says Levenson. "If I thought it was a conflict of interest, I'd resign."

"I recommended Steven [Seiker] to Council because he came in second in the by-election that elected Wade [Deisman] to council."

"If you read the bylaw, I have no decisions to make — I only handle logistics," said Levenson. "All the

decisions are made by the Students' Union CRO or the Students' Union DIE [Discipline, Interpretation & Enforcement] Board."

Levenson agrees however that he does approve all campaign materials before they are allowed to be circulated.

Levenson also acknowledged that he resigned as campaign manager for Deisman and Seiker during the SU Executive elections, because "Mr. [Craig] Cooper [SU Chief Returning Officer] felt being CRO in Arts and Campaign Manager violated the spirit of some bylaw."

Cooper is more direct: "You can't be campaign manager in one building and CRO in another."

Levenson adds that he "welcomes any challenge to DIE Board."

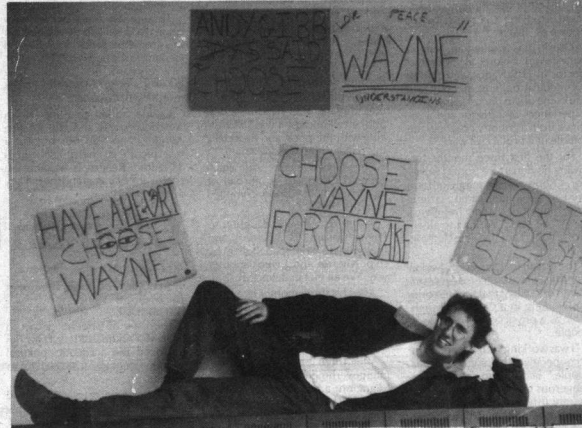
During the SU Executive elections Levenson bitterly attacked Cooper. Levenson felt that Cooper's membership in the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity was a conflict of interest due to the fact that four other members of the Fraternity were running for executive positions on two different slates.

Candidate Deisman also welcomed the petition and any possible challenges to Levenson's role as CRO to the SU DIE Board.

"It's fully within the rights of any Arts student to challenge the appointment of the CRO. I'm aware the concerns have been expressed," says Deisman.

"The concerns expressed seem reasonable," adds Deisman who hopes that the matter is resolved soon so that the "Representatives elected to Students' Council are legitimate."

Both Deisman and Seiker withdrew from the SU General election four days after Levenson resigned as their Campaign Manager.



Arts student Wayne Allen found a very direct means of attracting his sweetheart. photo Rob Galbraith

"Revolution" to save planet

by Tasha Larson

To save this planet from certain environmental destruction, we need a "revolution" in values, says Captain Paul Watson, conservationist and founder of the controversial Sea Shepherd Society.

Watson says he is "blazing a path for more moderate groups."

From ducking the bullets of Danish police to placing himself between harpoon and whale, Watson, along with the Sea Shepherd Society, have travelled the world to protect marine animals from commercial interests.

Watson and his group recently

sank whaling ships and the destroyed a whale processing plant in Iceland.

These acts led him to being labelled "militant", "guerrilla" and "terrorist".

Watson has two responses to accusations of his "lawlessness". He says it was a "policing action" and the Sea Shepherd Society was merely enforcing the regulations of the International Whaling Commission.

In 1986, the IWC declared a four year moratorium on commercial whaling. After notifying the Icelandic government of their intentions, and exhausting all avenues of negotiations, the Sea Shepherd Society took action.

Although there were opportunities to press charges against Watson Iceland did not, thus, in Watson's words, "legitimizing" the Society's actions.

Watson also points out that "militants" and "terrorists" bear arms. The guidelines for members of the Society however, stipulate that they may not carry explosives or weapons, and "cannot take any action which has the remotest

possibility of causing injury to a person."

Another action Watson has recently undertaken is the protest against drift-net fishing. He calls it "one of the most destructive fishing practices in the world." Huge nets drift free in the ocean to capture fish, but the result is that seabirds and mammals (even whales) get caught up as well. Watson promises to protest this practice and destroy any nets he finds.

Federal Fisheries Minister Tom Siddon has complained that Watson's radical action will disrupt Canadian negotiations internationally to limit drift-net fishing. Watson points out, however, that before the Sea Shepherd Society created publicity over the practice, Canada itself was experimenting with the economic potential of becoming involved in the industry. Due to the society's action, says Watson, Siddon was embarrassed into pulling out.

Watson says Canada has a "horrendous record when it comes to fisheries conservation," and he "has very little faith in any statements that come out of the fisheries office about their desire to conserve. It certainly has no historical foundation."

"Everything in the environment is inter-related," says Watson, "from the habitat loss in the oceans, to the destruction of rain-forests in Asia. To solve these problems and to save our world, Watson says we need a revolution in spiritual, economic and political values. We must come to the recognition that we are not the center of creation, he says, but part of everything else

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Schools get \$21 million

by Ken Bosman

Another \$21 million is being pumped into the Advanced Education and Endowment Fund to meet an unexpected surge in private donations.

"The number of applications received has greatly exceeded our expectations," said Advanced Education Minister Dave Russell. "We need additional funds to keep pace with the generosity of individuals, private businesses, and industry."

Under the incentive fund, the Government provides up to two dollars for every dollar in private funds raised by post-secondary institutions, depending on the type of donation.

Earlier this year Advanced Education provided an additional \$18 million for the fund.

The current matching program was started in 1986 and was anticipated to require \$80 million over the next eight years. By the end of this fiscal year over \$65 million in matching funds will have been provided.

Advanced Education anticipates

that by the end of this fiscal year the program will have exceeded in its first two years the \$80 million that was expected to last for eight.

Tom McClaren, Executive Assistant to Russell, sees the program as a great bargain for Alberta taxpayers "It's a great way of getting 66 cent dollars into the system. Both the U of A and the U of C have been very successful in raising private donations, and these donations are creating new chairs of study and new scholarships in a period of fiscal restraint."

U of A President Myer Horowitz was happy with the additional matching funds, saying "It's absolutely vital that we receive these monies," but he is perplexed by the generous nature of the Endowment Fund compared to the restraint imposed upon operating budgets.

"How do you relate the two thrusts?" said Horowitz.

Horowitz is quick to add that he doesn't wish to imply that money from the Endowment Fund should be transferred to the operating

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Sea Shepherd Tom Siddon