









Disco and politics just don't mix

A new political organization in Canada is waging a battle phenomena. Party president and schizophrenia. spokesman Dylan Wagner says mindless worship of Johnson safety pins and Ra-Ra-Rasputin.

Wagner's tactic is to present medical evidence about the harmful effect of disco and punk music to the Federal Department of Health and Welfare. He feels that the authorities would be forced to close discos across the country.

have discovered that there is a encourage the development of against subversive forms of definite correlation between underground or secret discos. culture. The SOAP (Save Our disco dancing and cancer. They Artistic Purity) Party of Canada also suspect that punk rock is a ble occurrence, Wagner has is attacking the punk and disco form of dangerous hired a team of specialists to

he is determined to eliminate the membership is growing in his reduce the influence of punk and sentiment is turning against disco and punk rock. He admits, however, that it is going to be hard to de-brainwash the young advocates of disco and punk. "There's a new generation of kids being raised on disco and punk and it is going to be hard to erase this curse from their con-

SOAP party researchers sciousness. Our actions may

To fight against this possiconduct a campaign of counter-Wagner says that intelligence. They will attempt to party, and feels that public disco by various methods of persuasion. This team includes veterans of psychological warfare: the Hare Krishna, the Moonies, the Evangelists, and Advertising Alliance of America. Help this holy crusade now.

> Donna Sommers SOAP Party VP and concerned citizen

Second Wind

by Alison Thomson

Students' Council in its infinite wisdom, spent over \$3,000 in twelve minutes at Tuesday's meeting.

The money was spent on grants to the Ukrainian Students' Association (\$450), the Chinese Students' Association (\$750), the Chemical Engineering Club (\$815), the Mechanical Engineering Club (\$900), and the Study Skills and Writing Workshop (\$300).

I have no doubt that these clubs need the money for worthy projects, but I certainly don't know that.

Glen Gallinger, interim vp finance and administration, who proposed these motions, apparently sees no need to explain these groups' budgets, or even to explain how the groups justified their need for money to student councillors. And \$3,000 is rather a large amount of money to be spent in a complete state of

Now, Gallinger is not the only one at fault. It is certainly disconcerting to watch four out of five motions pass without one question from a councillor as to the need for these fairly substantial sums of money. (Questions were asked about the Study Skills Workshop, which involves the smallest amount of money and is the most obvious "worthy cause."). This lack of questioning is inexcusable. Councillors have been elected by the students of their faculties to represent them, and this is no way to fulfill their responsiblity.

The executive is also at fault. These motions were all seconded by an executive member,

which is proper since they are all ex officio members of the board which is responsible for the grants. However, even though they may feel satisfied with these grants, they have a responsiblity to try to ensure that councillors are making informed decisions.

In spite of all this, there is no doubt that Gallinger is grossly negligent of his responsiblities as vp finance and administration. Presumably, he has spent a lot of time with the groups requesting funds, both individually and at the administration board. He should make councillors aware of the results of this close scrutiny, for how else can they vote intelligently?

Dave Fisher, last year's vp finance and administration, made a point of explaining how much money had been asked for the administration board's decision to council. Mr. Gallinger could well take a leaf out of Fisher's book.

To do otherwise is to behave in an arrogant and autocratic fashion. Gallinger apparently assumes that since he has the information, his decisions are correct and need not be questioned by councillors. If this is truly his attitude, he should be censured by President Dean Olmstead, who appears to show respect for the opinions of councillors.

Gallinger is facing an election. If he continues in a way that shows his indifference to the opinions of student representatives he deserves to be defeated. No attitude could be worse in an executive member of the Students'

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