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Funds may be too accessible

Spending SU money

by John Watson

The responsibility of signing cheques totaling almost \$5 million each year lies with three members of the Students' Union executive.

Last year, SU president Mike Nickel signed a \$130 cheque to Scott Richardson, then V.P. Internal, for "party expenses." *The Gateway* has not been able to determine what those party expenses actually are — though evidence points to a stripper that entertained at an end-of-year party.

This has called into question the amount of responsibility entrusted to the SU executive with cheque signing privileges.

At the executive's direct control is a discretionary fund of \$500. The executive committee (all five executive members) can access this money at any time and must later report the expenditure to council. All major expenditures must be approved by Students' Council first.

Council approves a budget outlining projected expenses in December of each year. The \$130 cheque was taken out of funds budgeted for the yearly changeover party.

Last year, \$1000 was allocated for the party. Funds approved for the party are spent — not under the direct control of council — but under the control of the executive.

This is also true for other SU areas. As Dave Oginski pointed out, *The Gateway* Editor-in-Chief has a great deal of control over how *Gateway* funds are spent. But the executive has access to a great deal more SU monies than other areas.

Tim Boston, SU V.P. Finance, believes the question comes to whether or not SU executives have a conscience.

"Abuse is very rare — pretty close to non-existent," he said. "The system works well, abuse comes in and makes the system be looked at again."

SU President Dave Oginski agrees. "The potential is there... but these types of situations are rare," he said.

The problem Boston and Oginski agree upon is providing enough controls without making it impossible to conduct day to day business.

"The person in charge has to be given enough leeway so he can operate efficiently," said Oginski. "The only way to avoid something (abuse of funds) is to tie the hands of the executive."

Law councillor Steven Phillips agreed it is natural for the executive to have a certain amount of freedom with funds. But, he said, funds may be too accessible at the moment.

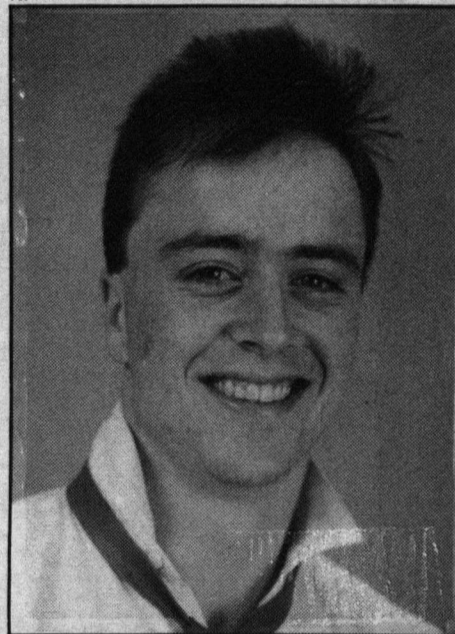
"There may be a need to spell out executive use of funds more clearly," he said.

According to Boston, the real control relies on the integrity of the executive.

"They remember scandals," he said. "(Scandals) label you with a lack of integrity."

If the executive is out of line, it is up to council to control them. Phillips, though, is not impressed with the job council has done with this role in the past.

"All the councillors acquiesced in this issue (the unaccounted for \$130)," Phillips said. "Many councillors obviously knew about this thing and they just didn't disclose it."

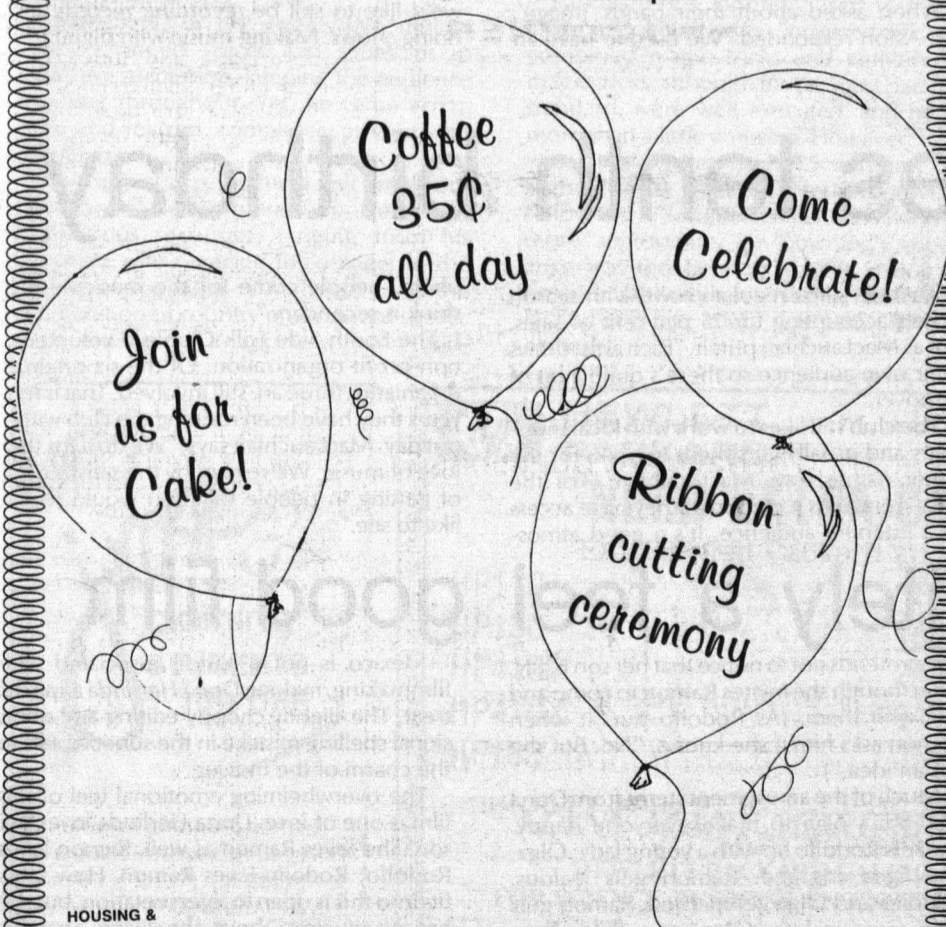


SU VP Finance Tim Boston

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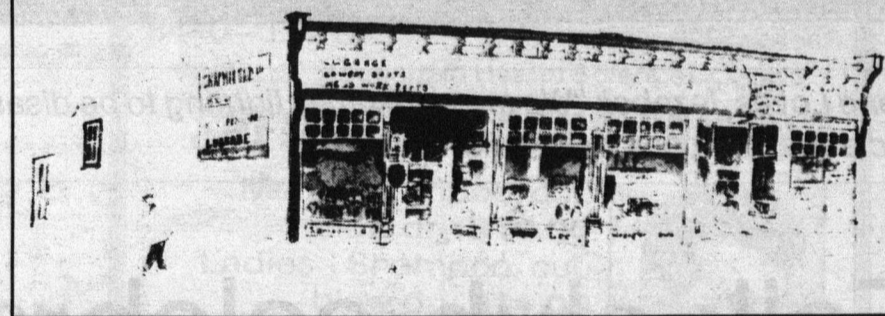
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