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as St. Mary's Basilica and All Saints Cathedral are "energy sieves" without a scrap of insulation or storm windows anywhere. (The heating bill of the latter is in the vicinity of \$12,000 / annum.) One only need look at the shops on Spring Garden Road or Barrington Street and the number of double door entrances could be counted on one hand and they too are frequently overheated.

The author is not specifically attacking any of the above named institutions. They are simply local examples of what is happening in schools, churches, universities, hospitals, etc., all across Canada. When will we realize that this is not Central America and this is 1978? After all, ultimately the taxpayer, the consumer or even the employee (not to mention the environment) must pay the ultimate price of an institutional apathy for energy conservation.

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Poor crop

To the Gazette:

As I read Mr. Evans letter (Feb. 16) I can only share his expressed sentiments. However, he seemed to zero in on one particular meeting where I think a thorough and open review is warranted. It is without question I believe council has suffered a demise and has added impetus to the growing majority—better known as the apathetic. I know I speak as one council member among a group who share my disillusionment.

Some may argue that I cannot adequately judge council, since I did not assume my duties until November in a by-election. But, I have followed council since its inception last March and watched it trod down an unsteady path.

The most perturbing element of

student council is the way in which the meetings are conducted. The Chairman, with his lack of authoritative control, allows the meetings to run in a disorganized and aimless manner. The meetings inevitably turn into a heckling match of wits or more like a ridiculous rash of remarks for which there is no cure. When members talk off on a tangent, talk out of order, or act unruly, the Chairman seldom intervenes unless he is prompted by someone else. Until we can bring order back into the meetings, council's effectiveness is badly hampered.

Then, as would seem unlikely, our own constitution seems to impede council's progress. As some headway seems to be made, Mr. Evans and other proponents seem to plead passionately for the constitution. Take two steps backward, turn to your left and reach an awaiting deadend. Naturally, the constitution should serve as a vital guide, but I question when it is followed right down to the letter. For example, in a most flippant and baffling display at Shirreff Hall, council found itself entangled in the constitutional web. According to the constitutionalists, we had to end one meeting and resume in an altogether new meeting, making a terrible farce of council.

As every good law student knows, the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada allow for interpretation and flexibility of the Canadian Constitution. Why don't we do the same? After all, council is supposed to serve the students of this university, not a piece of paper.

The most controversial issue which has come across council is the AFS debate. Never in my mind, will I understand the Executive's "responsible" decision. Clearly stated in the referendum was that the one dollar increase in student fees was to be allocated to AFS. Nowhere in the referendum did it mention that the Executive was to determine whether or not AFS was

a sound organization in order to release funds. As far as I and I'm sure others are concerned, they were poking their hands in "hands-off" territory and defying the wishes of the students. Perhaps, though, it is better to let an old fire die.

Probably council's 'claim to fame' or significant accomplishment for this year was its constitutional clean-up—updating that paltry piece of paper. We changed definitions of some words, rearranged the punctuation, supplemented responsibilities to the Executive, lavished generous increases to Executive salaries, preoccupied ourselves with the proper way of getting elected and an endless list of other trivialities. Again, it was a great service to the constitution but what about the students?

Of late, the heated issue within council circles was the drug plan. Four alternatives were suggested for a referendum and council has the audacity and arrogance to select one and dispense of the others. Needless to say, I was flatly against it. I have an inherent trust in the student body as far as making a sensible choice. The proper devices are available to inform them of the choices, perhaps attached with a recommendation from council. If this proposal is rejected in the straight forward yes / no question what is then going to be our proposal? Will we then come up with some makeshift solution, that may be unacceptable to the student body? So why have a referendum, in the first place?

Little more need be said about council's inept performance at the two residences, particularly at Howe Hall. Here, the cause of sobriety suffered a grave defeat. As a Howe Hall resident it was indeed embarrassing and I was only too happy when few showed to witness the havoc breaking loose.

I feel my useful work was primarily in an organization that represents the largest body of students outside council itself—the Science Society. It has proven to be a solid organization, sound committee work, orderly meetings, and a lot of innovative thinking. Perhaps council could have learned a lesson from this body.

It may well be that the rift and disorder within council has its roots back in Spring of '77 when council first took office amidst the controversy of the Recruitment Committee's selections. The Gazette has covered much of council's endeavours (at times, a bit subjective and exaggerated) but with a good measure of truth.

Another election is rapidly approaching. Although it may be pointless to say so, a more concerned student body makes for a more conscientious student coun-

cil . . . I intend to remain active in student politics. Perhaps this year, council has suffered a drought. Maybe next year, council will enjoy a good harvest!!

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Insidious move

To the Gazette:

It has come to our attention that the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Council of Arts and Science has presented a recommendation that would make it both difficult and unattractive for Arts and Science students to take courses offered by the Department of Education as electives.

One cannot help but wonder at the motive behind such a proposal. Should students in the Faculty of Arts and Science be denied the right to register in Education courses, they will have no alternative other than to enroll in courses offered in other Departments of the Faculty of Arts and Science. The ultimate consequence of this could well be the need for fewer professors in the Education Department. Conversely, such an arrangement would create the impression that other departments in the Arts and Science Faculty have become more popular.

If such a motion is approved by the Faculty Council, we feel that it would seriously undermine the quality of education for all Arts and Science students by eliminating valuable teaching staff and reducing the selection of Education courses.

We are raising this issue publicly in the hope that the Curriculum Committee will reconsider its position.

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Marc was right

To the Gazette:

Dale Robertson in his letter to the Gazette of Feb. 16 criticized Marc Allain for not verifying a statement made to him by King's external Vice President Trent Thompson which he later published. The statement was, "According to the King's Student Union constitution, council can unilaterally increase student fees." Mr. Robertson in his letter stated, "I wrote King's constitution and I can assure you I am fully

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