

SU pay hike illegal

by Mark Roppel

The pay increase which the Students' Union Executive received last month was illegal but it may be too late to do anything about it.

On January 24 Students' Council voted to increase the salary of the SU Executive from \$900 a month to \$1050 retroactive to July 1. Council also voted to increase the salaries of next year's executive to \$1200.

Executive salaries are dealt with by a bylaw of the Students' Union Constitution. Any change to a bylaw is a change in legislation and must pass two readings.

However, when the salary increase was voted on (January 24) it was listed as a recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee Report on Wages and Benefits of the Executive Members of the Students' Union and was not even scheduled for a second reading.

Unfortunately, Students' Council Speaker Kris Farkas did not realize at the time that the pay increase was legislation and not a Board recommendation.

So technically, the salary increase was never passed.

"If anything has been implemented, it shouldn't have been," says Farkas.

But according to Robert's Rules of Order, a motion can not be rescinded "when the case is in the nature of a contract, and the other party has been informed of the vote."

Since this year's executive has already received their retroactive increase and next year's Executive has already been promised theirs, Council must pay these salaries regardless of the fact that the increases were never really passed.

Farkas ruled that an oral contract exists.

Undergraduate representative to the Board of Governors Wes Sawatzky said, "the increase was morally wrong, out of order, and frankly I don't think they deserve it."

"I've worked at companies where I've had to give money back, I don't see why they (the Executive) shouldn't have to give theirs back. Anyone who can't live on \$1050 a month can't manage their money," said Science Representative and VP Internal-Elect Gord Stamp.

The issue came to light at last Tuesday's Students' Council meeting when Stamp moved to rescind the motion to increase salaries.

Farkas ruled that since the

salary increase had never been legally passed in the first place, a motion to rescind was out of order.

SU President Robert Greenhill then moved to have a second reading on the increase.

But Ken Bosman pointed out that this year's and next year's Executive have already been promised money and that can't be taken back, therefore the second reading would be a waste of time.

Farkas ruled a second reading was out of order as well.

Robert Greenhill then challenged the chair.

"We have to settle this thing tonight," said Greenhill. "We can't have students thinking that council did something unconstitutional."

The challenge went ten to eight against the chair. But for some reason Council thought a two thirds majority was necessary to overturn a ruling of the speaker.

But actually Robert's Rules clearly state that a simple majority in the negative can overrule the Speaker.

No one realized this at the time, so Greenhill moved a new motion, to "reaffirm" the salary increase.

Yearbook for sure

by Mandy Cliffboom

The Evergreen and Gold, the University of Alberta Yearbook, has become official.

The Evergreen and Gold bylaw passed second reading and became law at Tuesday night's SU meeting with a vote of 18 to 9. The yearbook is asking for up to \$5000 in SU grants but will likely received about \$2000.

The strongest opposition to the by-law came from Education representative Ann McGrath.

"I haven't seen many universities that have been able to

maintain (a yearbook on a) university-wide basis that were at all financially feasible or even popular with the students," said McGrath.

Law representative John Pfreim argued in favour of the bylaw saying "students do identify with the university as a whole and want something to take with them when they are gone."

The first edition of the Evergreen and Gold will be available in early April at a cost of four dollars per copy.

Gord Stamp then said that since Robert was one of the people who had received the increase it was conflict of interest for him to move such a motion. An alternate mover was found.

After much debate the motion to reaffirm the increase passed ten to six with seven abstentions.

"Council has made mistakes before, and I'll admit this is one of the biggest... it comes down to basically a matter of covering up your ass," said Business Representative Brian Thomas.

But Farkas now says if in fact a majority is all that is necessary to overturn the chair, then a motion to have second reading on the salary increases could be introduced at the next Council meeting.

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- 2nd Term: May 28 - June 15

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SUMMER SESSION 1984 is scheduled as follows:

- Full Term: July 3 - August 10
- 1st Term: July 3 - July 20 with classes held on Saturday, July 7 in lieu of the July 2 holiday.
- 2nd Term: July 23 - August 10 with classes held on Saturday, July 28 in lieu of the Civic Holiday (Monday, August 6)

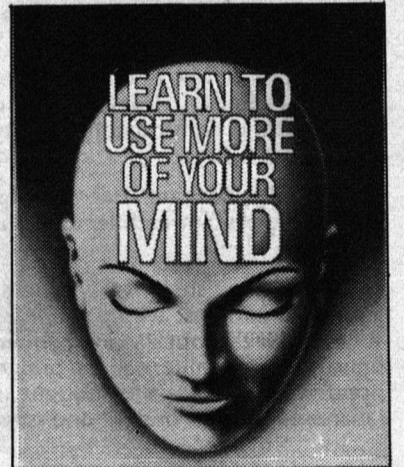
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