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The only way women could have equal rights nowadays...

...would be to surrender some.
Burton Hillis



Photo Ray Giguere

Could this little girl be a future Cathy Rigby? Perhaps, if she could just reach the bar.

Charges fail

Pres acquitted

by Richard Watts

The charges brought to DIE (Disciplinary Interpretation and Enforcement) Board against SU President Robert Greenhill have failed.

The charges were brought by Students' Council Arts Representative, Dwayne Chomyn, over Greenhill's reading of a confidential memo in the SU election forum.

The memo was a proposal from SU Business Manager Tom Wright to University Assistant Vice President Dave Norwood briefly outlining a proposal for the sale to the University space currently occupied by the University Bookstore.

Chomyn charged that Greenhill had compromised the confidentiality of the SU executive committee and had jeopardized the negotiations of the sale and that his actions were therefore not consistent with the best interests of the student body as a whole.

During the course of the meeting, SU VP External Teresa Gonzalez was used as a witness by Chomyn to confirm the Greenhill had been instructed by his executive not to use certain information in his campaign for re-election.

This information included the proposed sale of the Bookstore and financial details surrounding the leasing of SUB during this summer's Universiade.

Gonzalez stated that credit for the Bookstore proposal belonged to VP Finance Roger Merkosky and Business Manager Tom Wright and that she had been afraid Greenhill would try to claim credit. She also told the board that she had asked Bev Therrien not to use the information in her campaign.

A letter from Roger Merkosky claiming that negotiations with the University were hampered by Greenhill's actions was also used as evidence by Chomyn.

Members of the Therrien Slate, Gonzalez said, learned of the proposal through a member of the Greenhill Team, who told a student, who told a member of the Therrien Slate.

For his defense, Greenhill had letters from Finance Manager Ryan Beebe and University Assistant VP Finance David Norwood. Both letters stated that the SU election had not affected Bookstore negotiations.

DIE Board ruled that since the confidentiality of the memo had not been ratified by Students' Council, DIE Board could not recommend disciplinary action.

Chomyn's evidence of irresponsible conduct by Greenhill endangering the interests of the student body was ruled insufficient by DIE Board.

DIE also ruled that in future any breaches of any committee's confidentiality be dealt with by that committee.

Services intact

by Andrew Watts

When students endorsed the five dollar fee increase on their Students' Union fees last Friday, they ensured the smooth continuation of SU operations.

"Now, we won't have to look at any significant cuts," says Roger Merkosky, SU VP Finance.

The five dollar increase per student will bring in approximately an additional \$100,000 in revenue for September '83. According to Merkosky, this means "good news for our services."

Students' Union finance manager, Ryan Beebe, concurs with Merkosky. If the fee referendum had not passed, Beebe comments, "it would have altered a lot of decisions."

Those 'decisions' include the building of new club space and the renovations about to get underway in SUB.

However, Merkosky feels that, even with the five dollar increase, the SU is not out of the woods yet. He would also like to see the inflationary adjustment be added to the SU fees. This would mean an additional \$4.75.

Merkosky feels that these two

increases must go hand in hand if the Students' Union is to be assured of financial solvency.

The current debt facing the Students' Union is predicted to be, according to both Merkosky and Beebe, \$280,000 at the end of March '83. This will peak over the summer to approximately \$600,000.

The talked-about sale of the bookstore space to the university has not been confirmed as the University is examining the proposal.

"I would say that that ball (the proposed sale) is in the University's court," Merkosky says.

Merkosky, though, has problems with selling the space to the University.

Comments Merkosky, "I'm against selling the space, it would be very shortsighted as we might need that space in the future." He continues, "We've (the Students' Union) had the building (SUB) for a very long time and I think it's a bit of a sad note that we have to start selling off bits and pieces of it."

Merkosky says that he would only consider selling the space as a last resort.

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