

Students' Council's "Chariots of Fire"

Students' Council continued its bid Tuesday night for a record-length meeting.

Most of the agenda, which was split in two last Tuesday, March 16, was pushed forward yet again to next Tuesday, March 30, the last meeting for the 1981/82 student government.

In spite of the agenda-shuffling, and the fact that for the first time this year they did not have quorum from the outset, Council sat for two and a half hours and discussed several matters of interest and importance to students.

*Tom Wright was appointed Business Manager of the Students' Union for one year effective April 1, at an annual salary of \$15,000.

Wright has been the SU interim general manager since George Ivanisko was fired in December.

He will continue to sell advertising for SU Media Productions, including the Gateway,

along with his new duties as Business Manager.

Wright's appointment is subject to ratification at the next Council meeting that meets quorum, likely next week.

Also subject to ratification is SU president Phil Soper's 'constitutional package.'

Soper and Council speaker Kent Ashby's pet SU constitution restructuring and clean-up project was pushed through first-reading with only eight Councillors present, and only two of the executive members - Soper and v.p. internal Brian Bechtel.

The female triumvirate of executive vice presidents Lisa Walter, Elise Gaudet, and Liz Lunney stormed out of the Council meeting at 9 p.m. to sit in RATT in silent protest to Soper's constitutional initiative.

For his part, Soper was the epitome of wide-eyed innocence. Regretting that so few Councillors were present, he insisted that this

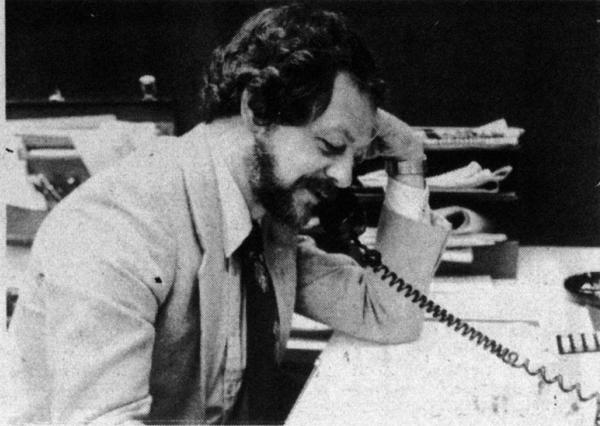
first reading was subject to ratification at the March 30 meeting and that it was preferable to giving the package two readings at once in that meeting.

Soper and Ashby both end their terms next Tuesday, and desire that their constitution does not get lost in the shuffle of changeover.

Moreover, they say interested parties had been given every opportunity heretofore to see preliminary drafts, and to proffer suggestions to the proposed constitution, a copy of which Councillors received a week ago.

*The only other matter of some significance to arise was Elise Gaudet's 1982/83 preliminary budget, which predicts next year the Students Union will make \$35,959. The bottom line of the \$4.7 million total operating budget.

Gaudet consented to table the budget until next meeting, even though every ounce of her energy



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and will went toward getting the budget out for Tuesday's meeting.

In any case, anything Council decided to do with the budget would have been subject to

ratification at the next meeting with quorum.

The preliminary budget will take effect April 1, 1982.

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