

We won't be voting on Eugene Brody fund

by Ninette Gironella

Students will not have to vote this year on whether they contribute to the Eugene Brody Board.

Nor did they have to vote last year, though it appeared on the ballot due to a mixup in legislation changes in 1982.

"It boils down to a situation where nobody acted on a situation two years ago," says Andrew Watts, VP External and Chair of the Brody Board.

The Board is responsible for funding and sponsoring fundraising drives for projects of a charitable, developmental, or relief nature on behalf of the Students' Union. The funds come from an annual fifty-cent fee collected from each SU member.

The mixup might not have been revealed had not Gordon Stamp, in response to the Students' Council failure to adopt a referendum bylaw, decided to make the annual referendum an issue.

In 1980, in order to deal with the continual demands placed on the SU to make donations to charitable causes, a referendum was held in which students voted in favour of paying fifty cents each for the 80-81 term to establish the Eugene Brody Board.

The by-law establishing the Board stated that an annual referendum would have to be

held in order for fees to be collected for the following year. This requirement was to give students a chance to evaluate the effectiveness of the system before committing their funds in perpetuity.

In 1981, Students' Council changed the relevant bylaw so that an annual referendum was no longer required. In March 1982 a referendum was passed stating that the Eugene Brody Board would go to referendum each year.

Unfortunately, during changeover to the new executive, the bylaw was not changed in accordance with the referendum result. As a result, the bylaw currently in effect does not require a yearly referendum.

Glenn Byer, Chief Returning Officer adds "I have neither the jurisdiction nor the power to include the question on the ballot... the Eugene Brody Board bylaw would have to be changed."

A bylaw change requires passing a motion at two meetings of Council not less than a week apart. There is not sufficient time before the election to change the bylaw.

Watts says that what may happen is the Board would hold an informational campaign to alert students to the Board's purpose. It is also possible that another referendum would be held in the

future to decide if the Board should go to an annual referendum.

The Board is named in honour of Eugene Louis Brody, a familiar figure on campus for 27 years, until his death in 1978. During that time he completed two degree programs, one in arts and another in science.

Despite a major crippling handicap (cerebral palsy), Brody remained enthusiastically involved in student activities. He was a regular reporter for the Gateway, worked with the student radio, served a term as an undergraduate student representative on General Faculties Council, and was a regular presence in the SU executive offices, suggesting ideas for the benefit of the students. The Students' Union presented him with a special achievement award in 1977.

Brody suffered a massive heart attack while waiting to see Queen Elizabeth during her visit for the Commonwealth Games. Ironically, the staunch monarchist was aided by the Queen's personal physician.

When news of his death reached campus, many students suggested that a memorial fund be established for Brody, in recognition of an exceptional individual who made valuable contributions to campus life.

In 1979 the Students' Union

established a scholarship fund with contributions from Brody's estate, and individuals who had known Brody. An award, consisting of the interest from the

funds, was to be granted annually. However, this award has never been given since the SU did not set up a system for administering the award.

New senator Cools led computer riots

Montreal (CUP) - The appointment of Anne Cools to the Canadian Senate January 13 will come as a surprise to those who remember her part in the 1969 Sir George Williams 'computer riot.'

Cools, the first black to be appointed to the Senate, spent four months in prison after she and more than 90 other students staged a two-week occupation of a university building culminating in the destruction of the ninth floor computer and almost \$5 million damage on February 11, 1969.

The occupation was the result of students' dissatisfaction with a university enquiry into charges of racism levelled against Sir George biology professor Perry Anderson.

Five years after the riot, Cools

established "Women in Transition," a United Way funded shelter for battered women in Toronto. Long respected as a social activist, she has been a leader in the feminist community for several years and has gained a reputation as a Liberal Party 'hack' twice contesting and losing a seat in the Rosedale riding.

The Canadian black community has heralded the appointment of Cools to the Senate - long a bastion of the White Establishment. According to Sam Hill of Canadians for Social Justice, "it's about time Trudeau did something to recognise that black Canadians exist. He's been conveniently ignoring us and our concerns for years."

Hays and Lynch win GFC seats

by Brent Jang

A third-year Arts student majoring in Canadian Studies and a first-year political science major topped the polls in a General Faculties Council (GFC) by-election for two vacant Arts seats.

Carol Hays captured 95 votes while first-year Arts student Stephen Lynch garnered 66 votes out of the 141 ballots cast on Friday. The four polling stations were in Tory, Fine Arts, Humanities, and HUB Mall.

Three other candidates contested the two GFC positions: Candace Turner, Lesley Clavey and Lois Daves.

Hays said quotas and the English Competency Tests are contentious issues for students. She stressed the idea of accessibility to students, as Lynch did in his forum speech.

GFC Secretariat Eileen Soloman is confident that new student members can sway other

councillors' minds, although such influence is not always successful.

"When we (GFC) were discussing the raise in admission average to 65 per cent, students spoke out forcefully, with words well-chosen, arguments well-structured, and I think they changed a lot of minds," said Soloman, referring to a motion that GFC passed, despite student protest.

There are 140 seats in GFC, with students being represented by three statutory members, 39 undergraduates, and 8 graduate students.

The GFC Executive Committee has fifteen members, with a mix of administrators, professors, and three students.

A major criticism of GFC in the past has been its structure at the committee level. There are only three students out of the thirteen members composing the Planning and Priorities Committee. The two other standing

committees in GFC are the Academic Development Committee and the Facilities Development Committee.

If one likens the Board of Governors to a board of directors, then GFC could be described as a kind of university parliament.

Arts Students' Association President Dawn Silver says both Hays and Lynch have shown interest in getting involved with GFC's committees.

Lynch says he'll probably run for the 1984-85 Arts rep position. First, he wants to get acquainted with GFC's academic policies before making up his mind.

Hays says any new member to GFC has to deal with an enormous amount of information. Hays and Lynch agree that it will take a couple months before getting a good grasp on the motions.

GFC meetings are held on the last Monday of each month.

Canadian bus for you

by Kent Cochrane

If you are a young Canadian with \$1550 and nothing to do next summer, you might consider riding a bus across Canada to promote peace and goodwill.

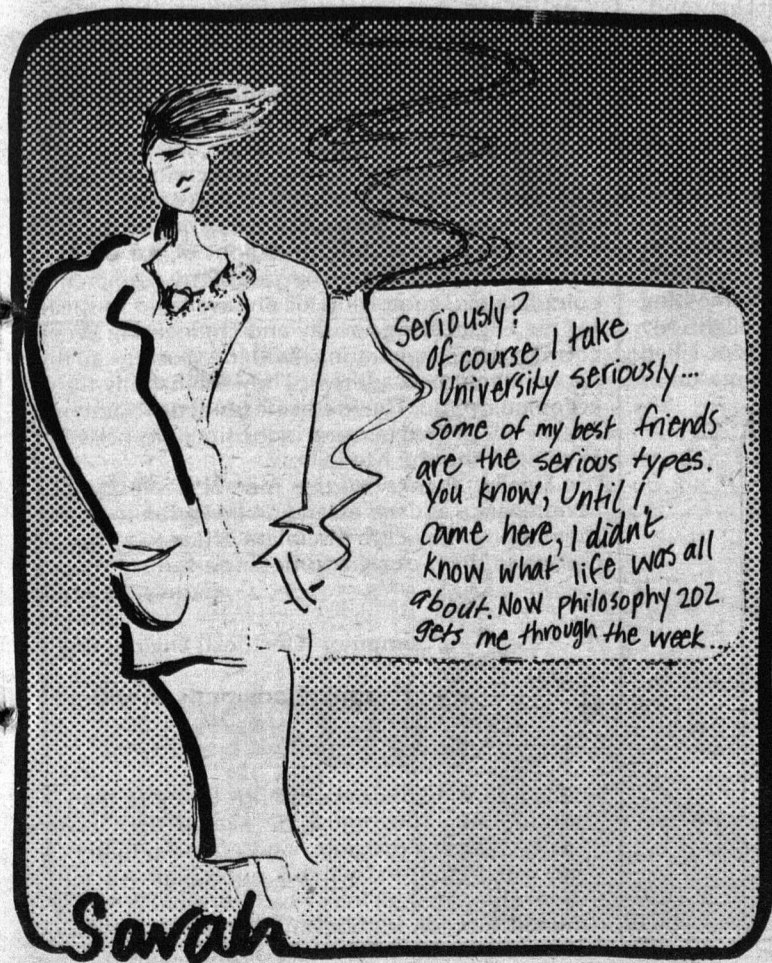
The 12th Commonwealth Expedition is booking for 200 Canadians and 200 young people from the 46 other Commonwealth countries to travel across the country from June 20 to August 9, 1984.

The group will visit every province and territory and will give concerts of song, dance, mime, and folk stories.

The purpose of the Commonwealth Expedition is to promote "friendship, unity, and goodwill" among the young people of the Commonwealth.

Participants do not have to possess any special talents, but should be 18 years old, patient, healthy, and committed to the aims of the expedition.

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Applications are available from the Student Awards Office, 252 Athabasca Hall.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, 29 February 1984

For more information, contact the Student Awards Office (252 Athabasca Hall, 432-3221) or Barbara Donaldson, Students' Union Vice-President Academic (259 Students' Union Building, 432-4236).

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