

Praise and platitude at changeover

The "human consequences" of the leakage of information given out during closed-door meetings of Students' Council was stressed in outgoing speaker Howard Bank's speech given to incoming council members at the changeover meeting Monday.

He referred to two "incidents" which occurred when information released by executive to council was leaked to the press.

"I suspect some damage was done," said Banks, admonishing the new Council members that information given in a confidential manner should remain so.

Banks made several other admonitions, including a reminder that although proxy members have the full rights of the Council members, it is the Council member himself that is elected to office, not his proxy.

Banks made it clear that he was speaking for himself and that it would not necessarily represent the position of the new executive.

At the completion of the address, SU president Joe McGhie made an announcement in agreement with Banks to the effect that if Council will not treat confidential information with due respect, then some information may be withheld

from Council.

McGhie hastened to add, though, that this would only occur if it is absolutely necessary.

The installation of the incoming council followed, with present councillors introducing their successors and outgoing vp services Randy MacDonald introducing the incoming executive.

Further tribute was paid to councillors and others associated with the Students' Union during the Mantor administration at a party held after the meeting.

Engraved tankards were presented by Mantor,

accompanied by a short speech on the merits of each recipient.

Mantor thanked his executive for all the support they had given him over the year, and outgoing executive vp Gary Croxton said that Mantor was the best president the university had seen in four years, "and I'm not saying that because I was part of the executive, I really think so."

Singled out for special praise was one-time Gateway reporter Eugene Brody, who, in the words of Mantor, "always wanted to do something for us, and in the things he has done, has been most valuable indeed."

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members of the 18-25 year age group.

Under such a plan, Neal says that there would be no surcharge for paying on an installment basis. The first few payments would be at the regular rate of insurance, to be followed by as much as a 15% reduction on further payments if accident rates are lower than usual.

For students wishing to pay under a lump sum, a repayment of fees would take effect.

Students would be contacted by mail, all students being eligible for the plan, regardless of previous driving records. Also they would deal directly with the insurance company on an individual basis and those with driver-training certificates would be given further reductions.

"It's a situation where we have nothing to lose," says Neal.

The agreement to begin this operation will be signed by Darryl Ness, University General Manager, "very shortly".

"It's a guaranteed issue," says Neal, "we hope that students are, in fact, worthy of the discount."

The plan was introduced by Arts rep Dave Allin.

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The magic and mystery of the pendulum

Perish the thought that you have to be psychic to predict the future. The art of divining through the use of a pendulum was used by the ancient Hebrews, Egyptians and Chinese and after two thousand years is just as popular as ever. To make your own pendulum, take a medium sized glass bead and thread eighteen inches of black silk through it, making a knot at one end, so that the bead does not slip through. You can also tie a ring to a length of thread. Then carry the pendulum with you for seven days. Each day take it in your hands while inhaling three deep breaths, exhaling slowly after each one. This is said to put some of your "mana" or spiritual vibrations into it.

Now you are ready to go into action. Go into a quiet room, grasp the thread between the thumb and first finger, allowing it to steady down. If you have a problem and want to know the answer (and who doesn't have a problem these days?), then concentrate on the problem. It may take from a few seconds to a few minutes to get a response from the pendulum. If the answer to your question is in the affirmative, the bead at the end of the pendulum will begin to gyrate clockwise. If the answer is negative, the pendulum will gyrate counter clockwise. All you have to do then is to have enough confidence to follow the indications of the pendulum. Keep a record and see how the answers work out.

Ask a friend to put an unusually shaped object in a box. A spoon is a good object to use, because it has two distinctive ends. Test the accuracy of the pendulum by swinging it over the closed box and asking it if the bowl of the spoon is to the left or to the right. Amazing! The simple pendulum always gets it right!

Try another experiment by holding the pendulum over the palm of a lady friend and it will move in a circle. Hold it over the palm of a man, and it will oscillate backwards and forwards. The inanimate bead knows all about sex. In the ancient temples when pendulums were used, the priests would often predict the sex of an unborn child. Find a pregnant friend, and try it yourself. If the pendulum moves in circles, she will give birth to a girl. If it oscillates, the child will be a boy. It is such a simple way to stop all those months of worrying whether to do the nursery out in blue or pink!

Another interesting experiment is to get the pendulum to tell the time. Take an ordinary drinking glass; suspend the pendulum in it, so that the bead is about half way down. Ask what time it is, and the pendulum will hit the sides of the glass, stopping at the right hour. You can try to fox the pendulum by choosing a time when the hour is not straight up. Suppose it is eight thirty. The pendulum will strike the sides of the glass eight times clearly and then flounder around moving half way towards the edge.

Add another party game to your repertoire by taking six glasses of water. Get a friend to put salt into two or more glasses, but you must not be told which glasses contain ordinary water and which have the salt added. Hold the pendulum a couple of inches over each glass in turn. When it gyrates counter clockwise, those glasses will be the ones to contain salt.

One of the most practical uses of divining by the pendulum is to use it to find a lost person. It can even be used to locate oil and water. Simply hold the pendulum over a map; oscillation indicates direction, and gyration a ceasing of movement. And there will be your lost person, water or oil!

Why and how the pendulum works still remains a mystery, but the fact that it gives an amazing degree of accuracy can be proved by practice. Skeptics can say that the person using the pendulum influences it, but this is not true when it is used to find a lost person, water or oil. Logic no longer provides the answers to everything, and the areas beyond logic still produces phenomena to mystify as well as to enlighten.

Try it, and see how many accurate hits you can make with a simple bead and two feet of thread. You will be surprised at the results, and it is so simple a child can do it.

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