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Committee appointed

Confusion reigns

by Glenn Wanamaker

The long sad tale of the Student Union's Honoria committee was revealed at the February 21 meeting of the outgoing Student Council. This commission is another in the ever-increasing list of tasks that Council Vice-President Jim Hearn did not do. It was his responsibility to set this up.

According to the constitution, this committee is appointed each year to make recommendations on any changes in the honoraria system. Honoria are paid to executive Council members as well as those holding office in various Student Union organizations. The committee is constitutionally a sub-committee of the Awards Committee and is to consist of three persons.

About a month ago Hearn appointed Bob Struthers to the committee, but nothing else was done. Hereinafter this is to be identified as Committee #1.

As nothing was done, Council Chairman Chris Smith consulted with President Brian Smith who gave C. Smith permission to go ahead. This is Committee #2.

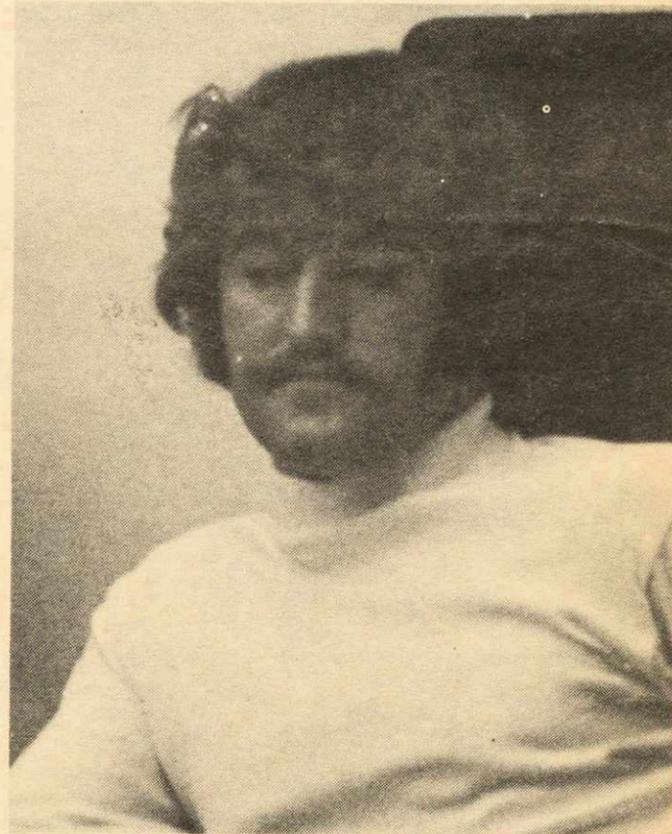
Vicki Adamson, who is responsible for the Awards Committee, then mentioned that the matter was never brought before Council as it should have been. Her "committee" which is constitutionally the "real" one, had not been consulted. However, as Hearn was designated the man to look after the matter, Adamson gave him the name of

someone for the committee, but that person was never contacted. Adamson's is Committee #3.

After many hassles a motion mandating Bob Innis, Bob Struthers and Lorway MacLellan to the "committee" was passed. Yet at a meeting scheduled for the next day, only one member from that "committee" showed up.

So Chris Smith (see Committee #2) decided to go ahead and finally get the thing done. Before the subject came up at the Council meeting, he and the others working with him had already spent about forty hours on it.

Now do you see how things operate at Council meetings.... or are you still confused?



Jim Hearn has ignored another task.

Council holds "in camera" session

Election screw-up ignored

by Bruce M. Lantz

At the final meeting of the 1971/72 Student Union Council, a Campus Policeman stated that the recent elections for Arts and Science representatives "are probably invalid".

Joe Wilson, who served at one of the polling stations, presented a brief to Council. Using paradigm diagrams he explained that because the ballots asked students to "vote for four or three" (Arts and Science respectively) this procedure allowed "an extremely high probability that less favored candidates might be elected".

In addition Wilson stated that the Elections Committee, headed by Mike Bowser, gave no instructions before the election as to what constituted a spoiled ballot. Said Wilson, "It made little difference in the other faculties and professions, but Arts and Science students would be better off drawing straws".

The Arts reps elected were Peter Dwyer, Debbie Henderson, Ken MacDougall and Scott Proudfoot. Science brought in Mike Evans, Timothy Matthews and Ed Miller.

There was some heated discussion regarding calling another by-election in these faculties, but it failed to reach a vote. No Council member (the only ones who have the right to propose motions) would bring it to the floor.

Subsequent Council business included a lengthy discussion regarding the donation of \$300 from the Grants Committee Fund for a week-long yoga/sensitivity session at Dal. Although it was suggested that the money come from the Executive Fund (which presently contains \$600), it was finally decided to wait until the Student Union received references from the other campuses where the group had participated.

A motion by Peter Mason stating that twenty per cent of the faculty concerned be able to impeach their reps for inefficiency was tabled as business for the new Council, after Vice-President Jim Hearn said that it was the right of the Student Union (sic) to impeach.

In another motion it was decided that Council members may hold two positions on that body, but they may only vote once on a motion or amendment. A motion regarding giving the Student Senators a vote on Council resulted in a tie vote, but was defeated due to a Constitution amendment requiring a two-thirds majority for such changes.

It is possible that the near future may see the end of supplemental examinations — except in case of illness. Council learned that faculty had brought this motion before the Senate, which has yet to decide

on the matter.

Anyone who is opposed to this procedure should write to either the Student Union or the Senate at Dal.

There may be a change in the Summer School program at Dal, beginning this year. Council voted support for a three year program which would assure a stabilized curriculum (no sudden deletions), with provision for necessary additions. Such a program would be reviewed at the end of each three year period.

It was learned that Treasurer Ian Campbell had "reluctantly agreed" to give Mike Chaisson \$75 to re-imburse him for losses incurred in the distribution of blotters for the Student Union. Apparently the blotters, which read "Compliments of Your Student Union" and were distributed free within the Union cost more than the advertising revenue could cover. According to Chaisson the fault did not lie with him but with his co-partner.

After some discussion as to the wording of the motion, it was decided that no money be given to him for this over-expenditure.

"In camera"

Previous to this Council meeting there were several rumors regarding irregularities in the campaign of President elect Brian Smith, and others

concerning a committee looking into honorariums, co-ordinated by SUB Manager Chris Smith.

President Smith stated that he wanted the rumors brought into the open and asked for questions at that time, but Alan Moors, member at large, moved that the Council go "in camera" — this meant that all observers had to leave the chambers for the duration of the meeting.

Usually reliable sources have informed the GAZETTE that the main issues regarding Smith's campaign were the fact that the tuition hike rumor may have just been a political promo; allowing Smith further chance for public statement. Andrew Cochrane, Smith's campaign manager, works for radio station CJCH — where the rumor was first broadcast. Much of Smith's campaign

platform was devoted to his stand against the tuition hike last year.

Apparently another issue was the fact that the Student Union executive fund (used for grants at the discretion of the executive) saw little use until the period immediately preceding the elections. Apparently some Council members maintained that the fund spent as much money in this period as was spent all year.

The other issue was an ad hoc committee which intends to review the salaries and honoraria within the Student Union structure. Sources indicate that Smith gave approval for this committee without getting the approval of council. If this is the case, and if Council refuses to ratify the committee, then their recommendations could have no effect.

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