

## No confidence in SU Council reps?

by Cathy Partridge

At Monday night's Students' Council meeting Graeme Leadbeater, SU president, asked Council to endorse a motion of non-confidence against eight councillors who had been absent several meetings.

After a councillor has been absent three meetings in a row or five altogether he/she is eligible for suspension or a non-confidence motion may be entertained. The motion must be passed by a two-thirds majority at three consecutive meetings.

"I, and the rest of the executive, have very strong feelings about attendance of councillors at meetings and feel they are not at all representing their faculties when they are absent," said Leadbeater. "It's in the best interest of our council to have a real working council."

Since the first sitting of the current Council on April 28 there were two councillors, representing students from the faculties of Education and Pharmacy, who had not appeared at any meetings or sent a proxy to attend for them. The education rep, Rita Zetson, had previously resigned, however, and has since appointed Kevin Warner as her proxy.

There are other councillors whose attendance has been limited to only one or two meetings. At least one councillor named at the meeting, Jim Tanner, has since handed in a letter of resignation.

Many at this week's meeting felt that not all of the members named should be singled out in this way. It was widely voiced that the absent councillors should be allowed

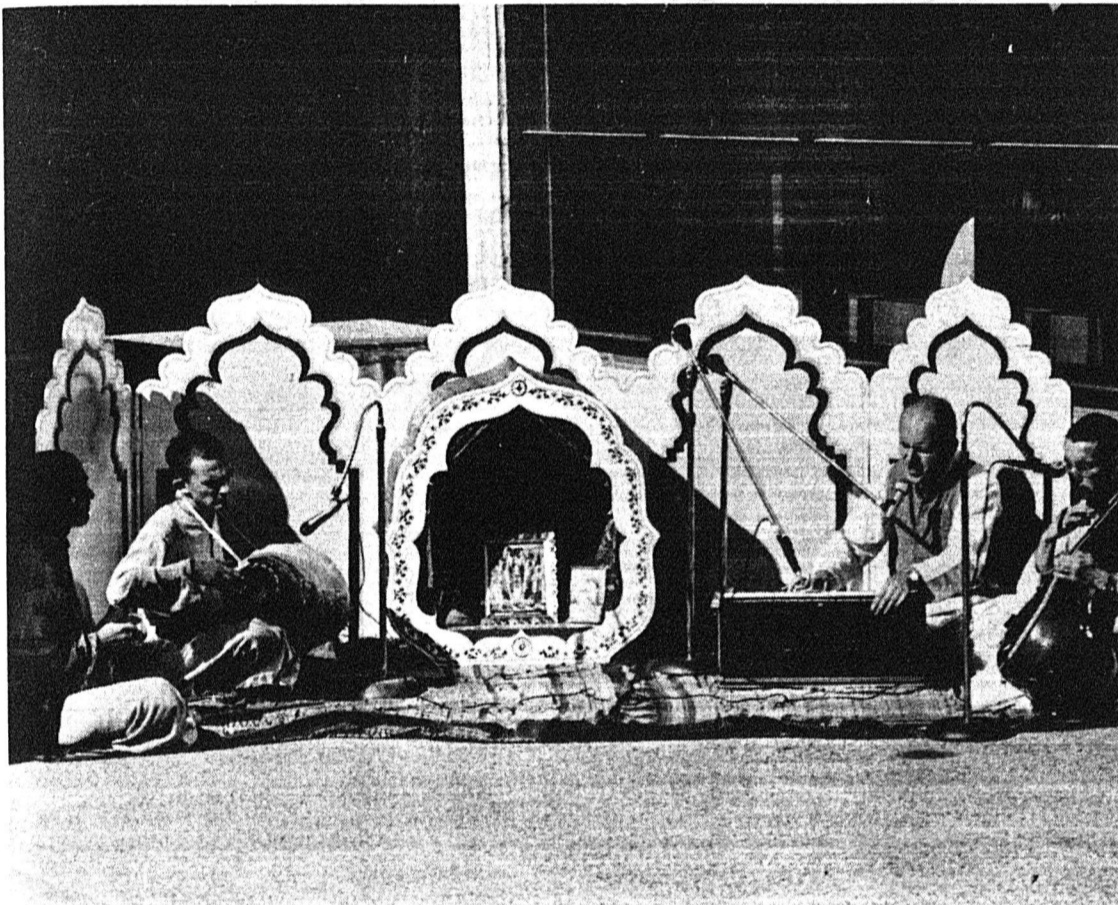
an opportunity to clear themselves before the non-confidence motions were introduced.

"It's too bad that some councillors who had attempted to come to these meetings have to be reprimanded as well," said Terry Sharon, vp services. "However there are some people who have to be removed."

If a non-confidence motion directed at any councillors goes through, each representative will have to contest his seat in a by-election in order to remain on council.

A letter has gone out to all councillors named at the meeting, informing them of the forthcoming proceedings and giving them the opportunity to "clear themselves". A reprint of this letter is included in today's editorial pages.

## Hare Krishna, Hare, Hare.....



This interesting group has appeared at the SUB patio for two days running; singing their gospel and handing out booklets and "nectar". This concoction, distributed to the audience in paper cups, tastes amazingly like yogurt, milk and fruit. The group, attracting surprisingly large crowds, is to take part in a United Nations program next year, which will investigate various lifestyles.

## Controversy not for Lang during Law address

Justice Minister Otto Lang briefly reiterated his stand on abortion, prison as a means of reform, and capital punishment during a question period following an address to our law students Tuesday.

His address concerned mainly the federal government's proposed changes in the criminal code, changes which he felt would not affect the individual much, but would be of interest to lawyers and magistrates.

The changes concerned alterations in sections dealing with police's powers to request alcohol breathalyzer tests, changes in bail procedures, procedures dealing with accused person's absconding before trial, and other changes to modify the legal procedure in the courts.

Lang did not discuss controversial issues until asked, and when he did answer the questions, his remarks were brief.

On abortion, he said the Cabinet was reviewing changes

in the current abortion laws, in effect since 1969 "with varying degrees of success."

The minister said Cabinet still viewed the rights of the unborn as important, and any changes in the law would not likely change the general outlook of the abortion laws.

On capital punishment, Lang said, "It is not necessary in our present Canadian society for the state to take a life. I believe the state has that right, but for today, and at our present level of development, I believe it is unnecessary to execute criminals."

When asked, Lang said he would not resign if an individual convicted of killing a policeman in Toronto was executed.

Regarding prisons, the Minister said the present prison systems were under review, and opinions from different sources were being weighed on the issues of penal reform.

## Practicum dispute unresolved

Monday's meeting between the ATA and the Faculty of Education, although it in no way resolved the extended practicum issue, has produced some progress. There is a chance that teachers may again accept student teachers into their classrooms.

Some alternatives were generated at the meeting and the executives of the two ATA locals have gone back to discuss them with their respective associations.

According to Dr. Ken Bride of the ATA and Dr. F. Enns, Dean of Education, the alternatives will probably center on the old

practice-teaching programs, rather than the extended practicum.

Dr. Enns felt the number of students affected will not be very large and that they will still be able to fulfill the teacher certification requirements, as they now stand.

Extended practicum, which involves student teaching for a full semester, will not be a requirement for certification until 1977, although the program was to have started this year.

Dr. Enns also felt a tentative understanding had been reached such that the two groups

would continue to co-operate on the planning aspect of the extended practicum program.

## N.B. Aid looks up

FREDERICTON (CUP) - Government response to requests for changes in New Brunswick student aid legislation has been "most encouraging", said Atlantic Federation of Students chairperson Jim MacLean.

Following a meeting between students and provincial youth minister Jean-Pierre Oullette and aid director Evelyn Briggs Sept. 11, MacLean said

the minister had "rationally considered our concerns" and promised to discuss these with the cabinet.

Oullette also agreed to meet again to discuss changes "in less than a month," MacLean said.

The AFS chairperson said Oullette had impressed him with "receptiveness if not

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The annual Turkey Trot, Saturday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m. Scenes as pictured above are the exception, although many a chicken requires lassoing before joining the turkeys for a trot. Do you?

## Smooth & easy registration takes 25 hours

ST. ANNE DE BELLEVUE (CUP) - Registration has always been a horror story. But from St. John Abbott College comes the one to top them all.

Registration dragged on for an unbelievable 25 hours here, after a new computerized system fouled up. The reason? Someone pulled the plug.

A huge backlog of students was created, as computer staff worked feverishly to correct the fault. Students who could not be processed on the appointed day were told to come back the next. Finally, registration staff worked all night to process the long line-ups.

Over 500 free soft drinks and dozens upon dozens of hamburgers and sandwiches were provided by the administration to ease hunger pangs.

The administration had promised that this year's registration would be the smoothest and easiest yet.