

Koncz responds to Norris letter

Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to Norris's Letter to the Editor last issue - especially after hearing law students comment that the letter was an embarrassment to them.

There are no wrong doings at the Student Union (unless one wants to speculate on how someone like Norris can be acclaimed and stay on as representative). First, there certainly are checks and balances in the council. It is impossible for the President to 'ramrod' a motion through council. All motions require a quorum of councillors to be present and at least a majority vote. Not a single councillor has resigned stating intimidation by the President. Mr. Norris simply ignores the facts and writes from a cloud of illusion and prejudice.

Council as a whole (since the President cannot decide such an issue) had decided to postpone the By-elections and hold only the regular Fall elections. Council meetings may be postponed if several councillors inform the President they would like to but are unable to attend. The power to schedule meetings is the President's but the constitution requires a certain number of meetings per month (a check which has been dutifully followed by the President). Agenda items must be submitted to the President by councillors 48 hours in advance of a meeting - if there is nothing submitted, there may be no agenda to be printed. Proper procedure and the constitution have never been ignored, thanks to Chairman Bennett (proper procedure and the

constitution are sometimes suspended by unanimous consent of council.)

The Student Union President never was interested in the position of SUB Director and 'worked his way onto the Board of Directors' the same way any other student can - through vote of council. It is impossible for the President to 'pay his friends cash from student funds for work they don't do', since the Comptroller controls all the funds. (Being a law student, sure Norris is aware of the rules relating to slander and libel.)

Norris' ramblings and fanciful paranoia underline the

fact that Norris has no facts. Actually, Norris wanted to suspend proper procedure and the constitution by closing council meetings to the students and to the press. Also, Norris has protested that the President has too much power and too much work - now that the President has come forward with a plan (endorsed by the Executive) to increase the number of Vice-presidents in order to lessen his power and work, Norris stands opposed. Norris also served notice of motion to impeach the President - just before an election. As usual, attacks on the President are

never in the form of specific complaints and Norris can not be accused of breaking tradition here.

Finally, what is 'normal' Mr. Norris? Is it a council headed by yourself (or a friend) with all positions appointed and council meetings closed? Who will define normal - Big Brother Norris? Thankfully we still have a President interested in democracy, including open elections for all positions and open council meetings where proper procedure (Robert's Rules of Order) and the constitution are respected.

Oliver Koncz

High time to decriminalize marijuana

Editor:

Did you hear about the Newfie who got busted for marijuana breath? Then there was the silly-servant who had fields of marijuana; no doubt "Mum" was none too pleased when they got to Ottawa that night. Rumours are flying everywhere and no-one knows who to trust.

It's time to re-evaluate the laws concerning the legalization of marijuana in this country. Under today's

legislation, a person found in the possession of a joint of marijuana is theoretically subject to incarceration for seven years, and is, in any event, saddled with a criminal record. A large percentage of Canadians from all walks of life, admit to erstwhile use of marijuana, yet do not consider themselves criminals. Maybe Brian will face the issue.

Signed

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