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Dictatorship or Anarchy?

Council Asked to Close Cafe. Meeting Called for Thursday. Accusation of Herd Poisoning.

By TIM GLOVER

A mass meeting is to be held in the Gym, 12:30 p.m. Thursday to get the students of Uvic out of their apathy and into action.

At the meeting there will be no chairman, no rules of order, no motions, just talk: talk not of the University, not of the AMS, not of the budget, but of you the student.

AMS President Stephen Bigsby will be there, without, as he put it, collar and tie. He will be there just like everybody else. "I will be there simply as a student," he said.

"As far as I am concerned I will make a few introductory remarks and then the meeting will open," he added.

Worried by the fact that students might not attend it was suggested to council by organizer Ken Hart (Vice-President of the AMS) that the SUB cafe be closed at lunchtime Thursday so that students would have nowhere to go but the meeting, and that marshals be posted outside the SUB to persuade students to attend.

In addition the campus will be bombarded by 5,000 leaflets this week persuading students to attend this meeting.

Council while endorsing the idea of the mass meeting turned down the suggestion that the SUB cafe be closed—but only after much discussion on the democratic motivations of such a move.

"As Canadians we are hopelessly stodgy," said Bigsby.

"I want the students to get up and blow their minds. I want them to come from this meeting as the type of individual who is looking for something.

"I want to make this University have campus spirit. We are not going to even mention the Alma Mater Society," he added.

Accusations were made that the meeting would be nothing more than herd poisoning since people act bravely in large numbers. Any move at all could be pushed over in such an atmosphere it was stated.

An angry Bigsby after the meeting told me that the Martlet would be "nit picking" to oppose such a meeting.

He could not foresee any disorder in a meeting without rules or a chairman and said that the students should attend and be persuaded to attend so that they could find out why they were at University.

"This is intellectualism," said Bigsby.

Treasurer Election Slated

Election for a new Alma Mater Society Treasurer will take place Friday, November 25.

Nominations for the post of treasurer opened today, Monday, and will close at the end of this week.

The elections follow the resignation a week ago of Dick Grubb. Grubb's resignation was accepted with regret by Students' Council at their weekly meeting last night.

Grubb had accused council of not heeding his advice on monetary matters and not having any thought when spending other people's money.

AMS President Stephen Bigsby said last night that the business of the Treasurer's department was being carried on normally but the sooner an election was called the sooner things

would be running really smoothly. Grubb did have some assistants working with him but these were all first-year students and not eligible to run in the election for the office.

Much of the Treasurer's duties were being undertaken at present by Student Union manager Dick Chudley.

During council, reports were delivered by departmental heads.

Most blunt comment came from Men's Athletic Rep. Derek Reimer who claimed that Athletic Director Bob Bell should devote his full time to athletics and be taken from his teaching posts here.

"Mr. Bell has a very heavy teaching load as well as the many thousands of details connected with the Athletic Directorate. He find it impossible to keep regular

office hours which he should have.

"I think there will still be enough work for him if he is taken from his teaching post and concentrates fully on the Athletic Directorate. I would like to see this happen in the near future," said Mr. Reimer.

Penn Jones To Speak On Wednesday

Penn Jones, the Dallas Texas, journalist, who started the controversy over the mysterious deaths of those connected with Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald will speak at the S. J. Willis High School auditorium Wednesday.

Jones, on his first speaking engagement outside the United States has been brought to Victoria by the Political Science Forum. The meeting starts at 8 p.m.

Editorial

Don't Attend Sit-in Instead

Students' Council showed themselves in their true light Sunday night.

Guided by two people — Ken Hart and Stephen Bigsby — they were, with the dissenting voice of secretary Linde Baker, prepared to steer the student into moves that smack of dictatorship and anarchy.

For the sake of a mass meeting at which they hope that you, the students, will find yourselves and your true meaning in life by unorganized discussion, they were prepared to use the worst tools of propaganda to force something over on you, the majority, which you do not, and proved you do not, want.

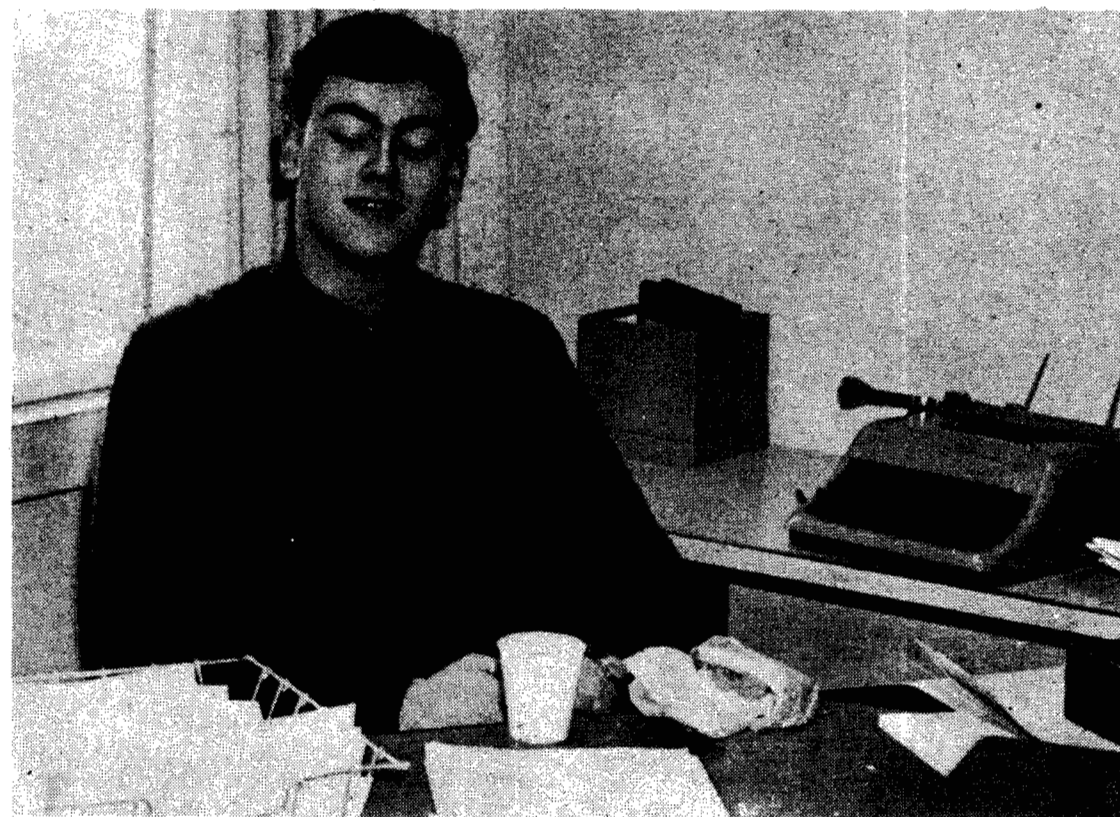
Bigsby and Hart, the duo-dictatorship of this move, do not want to have this meeting the democratic way, according to the AMS constitution — the way it was done with the budget meeting just two weeks ago — they want to do it not from the governed but from the governors. They want to force their ideas on you.

They want to be activist therefore you must be activist.

To this end they are prepared to do anything. They are prepared to close the SUB cafe at lunchtime. They are prepared to go ahead with a disorganized, anarchical meeting.

Now is the time to show this council who put them there and who they are ultimately responsible to. Call a general meeting of the AMS to condemn their action and in the meanwhile don't attend the mass meeting Thursday. Instead go to the SUB cafe, your cafe, at 12:30 p.m. and sit down, keep sitting down, even on the floors, till the place is full.

Let's have a sit-in and show the council who is boss and who calls the tune on this campus.



Bigsby — Student Intellectualism