

# Connolly "frustrated" at this week's events

Mike Connolly says, "I agree totally that I should be impeached."

But he wonders how he can be convicted and punished for having broken the constitution, while others who've broken it are not.

"All breakings of the constitution are equal," he protests, citing the clauses which limits the SU president to taking only four courses a term while in office.

Jack Keefe is now taking five courses, and Mike says, "He knew he wasn't supposed to be taking them."

Connolly admits it's a difficult decision, but feels that Keefe and "other people should have the decency to resign."

He also wonders if impeachment from Council for having missed four meetings means automatic suspension from his seat on the Board of Governors, where most Councillors agree he has been an unusually good student representative.

His attendance record here is high, and he sits on three of its committees and two Senate sub-committees.

A by-election for the Board of Governors seat has been called for March 22, but Connolly is hesitant about running because "of rumours that will probably spread because of this that I haven't

been doing my job."

Connolly is frustrated at this week's events because "in the past, Council has ignored the impeachment rule."

He feels that the process is almost dormant, and that Council rulings should be carried out by precedents such as "the overlooking of

non-attendance."

Connolly puts part of the blame for Council's slackness previously this year in applying the constitutional to itself on Council Speaker Mike Trainor whose job, he says, is "to detect constitutional violations and bring them to Council."

Connolly thinks Trainor

"does a good job formally, but he's lacking in that."

Connolly also objects that he was not warned of the danger of impeachment, and did not know that councillors are not allowed to miss four meetings.

He has asked Trainor and Keefe to look into his status again.

## Keefe says interpretation to blame

"I don't think I should be impeached for being a student," says Student Union President Jack Keefe in response to rumours that a petition asking for his impeachment or resignation is circulating.

Keefe is violating the Student Union constitution by taking five courses he needs in order to graduate this year, rather than the four the constitution permits the President.

He believes the "logic behind that clause is non-existent. There's never been a reason given for it."

Keefe has just introduced a new constitution to Council,

and the four-course clause is omitted.

He believes the problem is one of "precedence and interpretation. There's a difference in politics between theory and practice ... precedence is the guide."

The SU President originally voted to overrule the old constitution and allow Board of Governors rep Mike Connolly to remain on Council, but now admits, "I shouldn't have."

In the case of missed attendance the constitution says impeachment is automatic, whereas for other infractions an impeachment petition signed by 10% of the

student body or 170 students must be presented to the Speaker, or Council must pass a non-confidence motion by a two-thirds majority.

"There's no recourse for Mike now," Keefe says, adding that it would be impossible for Connolly to remain on the Board of Governors without a Council seat because he would "cease to be accountable to anyone."

Responding to the petition rumours, Keefe shrugs, "I don't think students care, but if they think I should be impeached, I'm not going to be upset."



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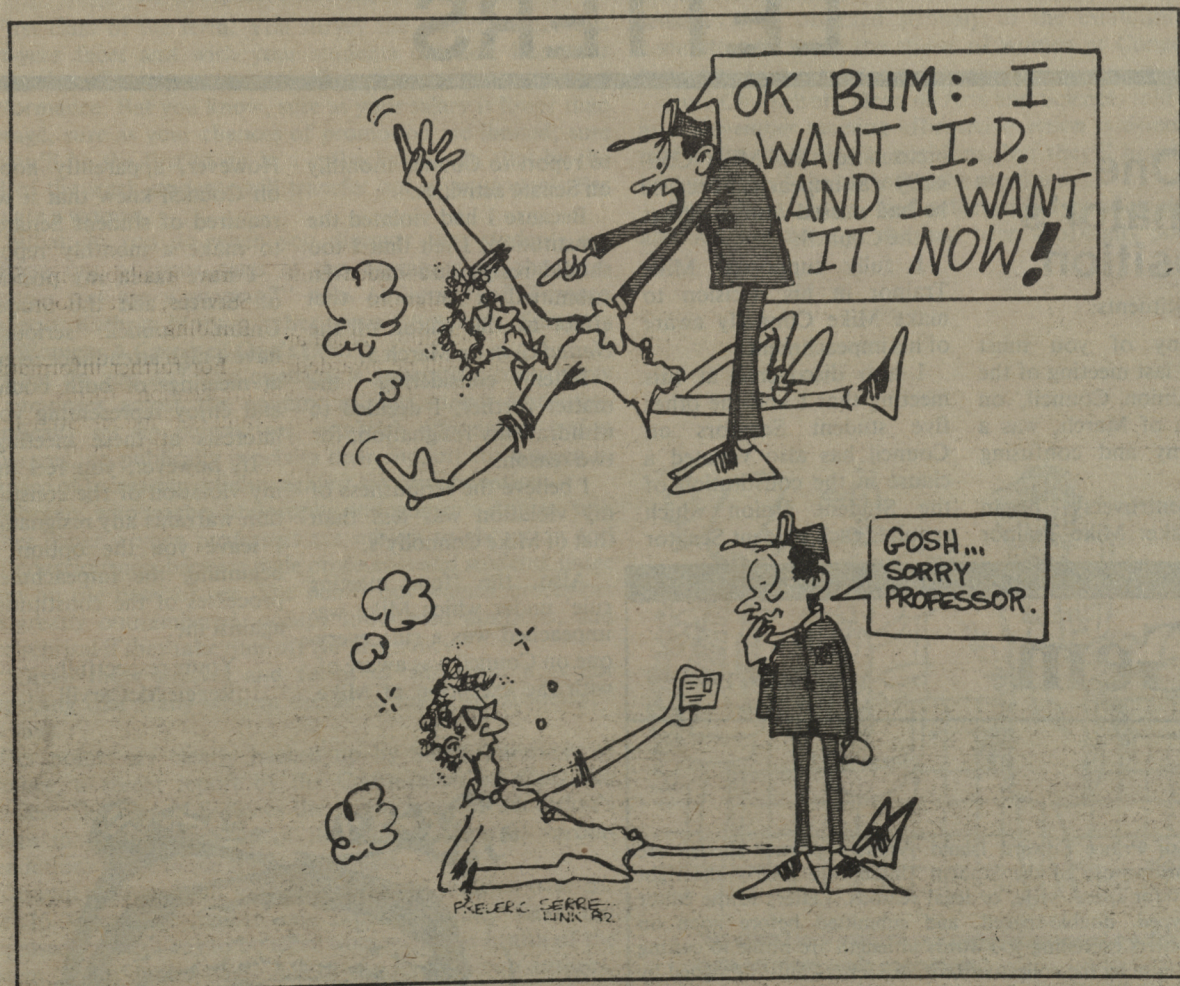
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**Rosencrantz  
And  
Guildenstern  
Are Dead**

Written by  
Tom Stoppard

Directed by  
David Moses

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