

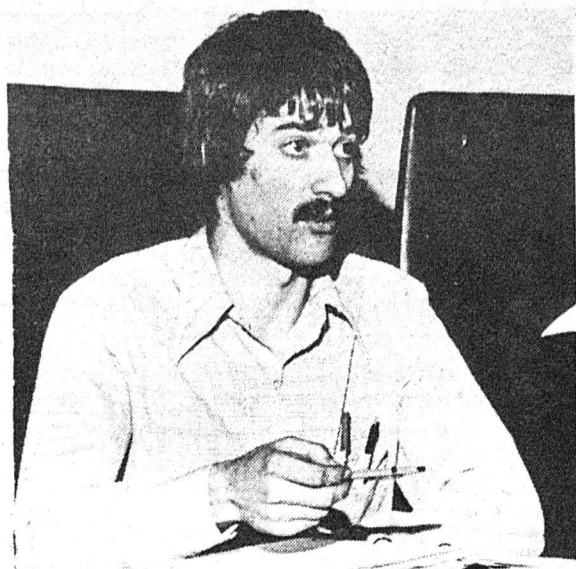
# DIE Board rejects complaints

In a unanimous decision Wednesday, the Discipline, Inter-pretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board rejected contentions that irregularities in the Feb. 11 Students' Union election were serious enough to re-run the election.

The DIE board released a statement saying "...the Board recognizes the fact that some irregularities did occur in the election, but none of them or all of them together were of a magnitude to indicate that the actual preference of the voters was misrepresented in the result of the election."

The hearings for the decision took over five hours Tuesday night to listen to appeals, testimony of witnesses and cross-examinations. The Board reconvened Wednesday to make the actual decision.

DIE Board chairman Gary Manuchuk said he's never seen such a large group of people submit an appeal - over 25 signed appeal forms and the hearings were full of spectators and election candidates Tuesday night.



Marathon session. SU Returning Officer Michael Amerongen (left) defends balloting



procedures while Ken Reynolds (right), one of over 25 plaintiffs, confers over appeal.

The complaints raised about the election were as follows:

- that the computer programmer hired by the SU to tabulate the preferential ballots did not give formal guidelines on which to run the campaign;

- that the electorate and poll staff were instructed that the individual votes need *not* be preferential;

- that the SU Returning Officer left opened contents of

- polling boxes with someone other than a deputized returning officer;

- that the ballots for athletic board positions were not distributed separately from executive position ballots;

- that the Returning Officer did not take action to ensure that all election campaign material was removed from campus by 7 a.m. on election day.

The complete text of the decision will be released today.

# SC votes no

Students' Council voted 14 Monday against a motion to support the Alberta Committee Equal Access to Education informational picket of the opening of the legislature's spring session today.

And Brian Mason, executive director of the Federation of Alberta Students (FAS), says he's disappointed that council voted to support the picket of the legislature.

"I was especially dismayed to see people like Ken McFarlane, academic, oppose the action," Mason said Wednesday.

"It's regrettable to see that people who have had so much to do about the issue in the past - have done no work on it - be vehement about what should be done."

Mason added the proposal increased foreign fees is

"obscene in its implications, and to want to avoid antagonizing the people who are implementing it is nothing less than cowardice."

"It's too bad," Mason said, "council didn't listen to the person - vp executive Howard Hoggins - who did a great deal of hard work for the Equal Access Committee."

Mason said the committee's actions will continue even if the government pushes the fee increase through, and he indicated their actions would "enter into active politics, not just writing letters and issuing gentlemanly protests."

Jan Grude, vp services, who spoke against the motion along with McFarlane, said Wednesday his opposition to the move was "basically a question of philosophy - our approach in last

year's election was to rule out the use of pickets as a means of coercion except as a last-ditch effort."

"A picket makes the wrong impression at this stage," Grude said. "I assumed, with the way pickets have gone in the past, there's no way this is going to be just an informational picket."

"I'm afraid with the number of Young Socialists involved the picket could turn into a shouting match if an inordinate number of people turn out."

"The TV cameras won't broadcast a fact sheet explaining the issue; the audience will see pickets and radicalism, and any radicals opposing a government as popular as Lougheed's are automatically assumed to be wrong - especially in an issue as touchy as foreign students."

Executive members Len Zoeteman, SU president, and Eileen Gillese, vp finance, supported Hoggins in favoring the picket.

## How to hustle circulation

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS-CUP) - What's the most widely read magazine in America today?

If you guessed such stand-bys as *Reader's Digest* or *Time* or the *Ladies Home Journal* you're way off.

The latest figures from the Audit Bureau of Circulation show that *TV Guide* - selling more than 12 million copies a week - is the publication with the largest circulation in the U.S.

In second place, with a

circulation of 8.4 million magazines, is *Family Circle*, followed by *Woman's Day*, *The National Enquirer* and *Penthouse*. *Playboy* is in sixth place.

*Reader's Digest*, once the all-time leader, doesn't even rank in the top 10 anymore, and has finished in 11th place. *Hustler* magazine, a newcomer in the 10th spot, has nudged ahead of *Reader's Digest*.

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## Queen's rejects NUS, favors differentials

KINGSTON (CUP) - Queen's university students narrowly rejected membership in the National Union of Students (NUS) and voted in favor of differential fees for visa students the second time this academic year in a Feb. 16-17 referendum. The NUS bid went down by 1,437 to 1,404 while 1,437 students favored the Ontario government's proposed differential fee system with 1,386 opposed.

A November vote on the fee differential had 1,544 students in favor with 852 against.

The hike was proposed by the provincial government in May and calls for a 250 per cent increase in fees for out-of-country students. Six Ontario university senates have rejected the levy as well as three governing boards.

Voter turn-out in the Queen's referendum was about 30 per cent.

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