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...and then it's cold.

Suzette C. Chan

Gateway editor-elect suspects malice

## Council overturns editor selection

by Anna Borowieki and Neal Watson

Students' Council refuses to recognize the decision of a committee charged with choosing the 1985-86 Gateway editor-in-chief.

In a council meeting Tuesday night, council chair Jason Lucien ruled that the Media Selection Committee had not been properly struck and that their decision last month to chose current Gateway news editor Suzette Chan as next year's editor is invalid.

According to an SU constitutional by-law, the Gateway editor-in-chief is selected from a number of applicants by the Media Selection Committee and then ratified by the Gateway staff and Students' Council.

Chan was chosen to be next year's editor-in-chief by a Media Selection Committee and ratified unanimously by Gateway staff in February.

The committee is composed of the SU VP Internal (the non-voting chair), the out-going editor-in-chief, five Gateway staff members and three student councillors.

However, Lucien pointed out that only one councillor sat on the committee.

In council, Stamp said he was not informed when he should need for councillors to fill committee positions although current editor-in-chief Gilbert Bouchard said he saw Stamp writing the dates in a datebook.

"It is the responsibility of the chair to make sure the editor is in place by Feb. 15," said Bouchard. "It's his responsibility to see that all the dates of meetings are set and that a committee is formed with all members present," said Bouchard.

"Since we have no editor-in-chief for next year and it is past Feb. 15, the chair failed miserably. (VP Internal Gordon) Stamp showed a tremendous amount of irresponsibility."

"I did not realize I was to run the whole committee," said Stamp. "My idea was to leave it as flexible as possible and to leave it in the Gateway's hands. It was basically an oversight."

Chan feels the incident amounts to continued harassment of the Gateway and its staff.

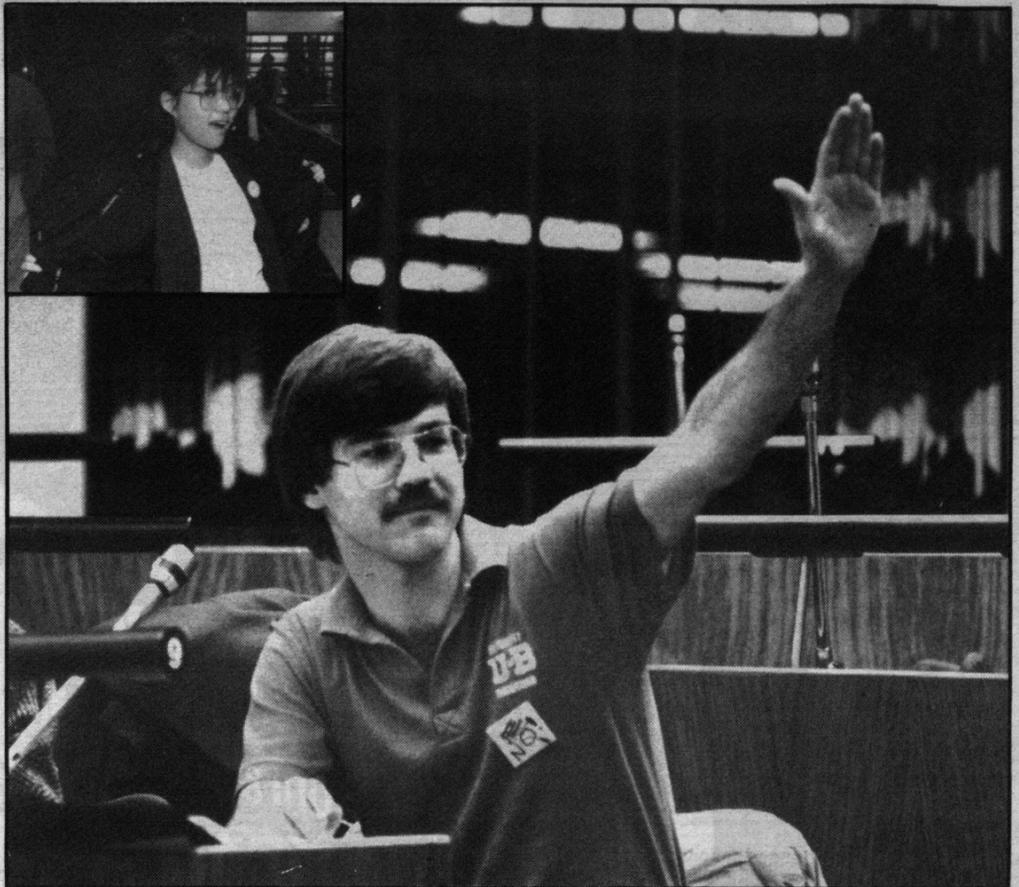
"It started in the summer when Stamp tried to fire Gilbert before his editor-in-chief term started," she said. "He also threatened to fire me over an article I wrote. He felt that my interview with Anne McGrath, who was running in the federal election as a communist was biased. Although he sent me a nasty 'private and confidential' letter, he never did outline what exactly he felt was biased about the article."

Chan also pointed to a number of letters to the Gateway from the SU executive threatening to "shut down" Gateway on editorial grounds.

"I recognize my original selection was overturned because of technicalities," said Chan, "but I would not be surprised to discover malice underlining the sin of omission (of properly selecting council members for the Media Selection Committee)."

Council selected three councillors to sit on the media committee at Tuesday night's meeting.

Since the deadline for submissions to the position of Editor-in-Chief is over, an advertisement for an open meeting of the Media Selection Committee will appear in



Stamp makes a point in council Tuesday; Chan (inset) reveals dismay with SU.

Photo inset Bill Ingle  
Photo Bill St. John

an upcoming issue of the Gateway.

In other business, council dealt with a paper which some members wanted adopted as official SU policy.

Richard Jehn, a former Grad Students Association president, expressed concerns that the University Administrations exaggeration of its financial difficulties.

He believes a general deficit is being created by transferring funds into a reserve. He supports his statements stating that a \$27,000,000 fund "set aside for faculty and department purposes" generates \$3,000,000 per annum.

At present, financial queries are

open to interested parties. However, Jehn wishes to see "an open budget process" whereby the method of how the figures on paper can be investigated and checked.

Students' Council voted also to send three executive members to Ottawa for a one-day conference on financing higher education and university research in Canada. The executives flying to Ottawa on March 13 are President-elect Mike Nickel, VP External-elect Gayle Morris and current VP External, Paul Alpern. The estimated cost of this one day conference for three people ranges between \$2,535

and \$2,800.

A proposal was put forth by Stamp and SU President Floyd Hodgins requesting that the Canadian Federation of Students vacate the Students Union Building by Mar. 1. Stamp said that "a lease was never signed."

Don Millar suggested to "let them finish off the year and let's not inject this note of vindictiveness." In return, Millar proposed that the Student's Union might request materials they no longer need for our libraries. CFS was voted out by the students during the Feb. 7 and 8 election.



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The number-one ranked Golden Bears hockey team take on the number-nine ranked Saskatchewan Huskies in a two-out-of-three battle for the CWUAA hockey championships this weekend at Varsity Arena. For full coverage, see pages 10-11.