

"When it comes down to it,  
there are no rules in  
politics..."

...and ethics are only for  
what may become public."

Colin Thatcher

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## Grind loses its editor

by Mike Evans

In a front page article of the November 4 edition of *The Grind*, ex-Students' Union president Floyd Hodgins announced his resignation as Editor-in-Chief of the U of A's alternative newspaper.

In the article, Hodgins compared the actions of Students' Council representative Jayson Woodbridge and unnamed members of the current SU Executive to the actions of Germany's Nazi government and of fascist dictatorial governments in the Third World.

The actions which Hodgins protested to in his article include *The Grind* being put on probation until ratification of a new constitution by the general membership as required by an August directive of the Building Services Board (admi-

nistrative body responsible for all clubs to the Students' Union) and the requirement by Students' Council that a general meeting be held for the purpose of *Grind* constitution ratification by November 12.

Hodgins claimed that the steps taken by Students' Council, which were to uphold the decisions of BSB, at the October 28 meeting, were discriminatory and based upon misrepresentations of truth.

The Students' Council measures were a direct result of *The Grind's* summer coverage of the sexual harassment issue on campus and subsequent threat of a lawsuit to be filed against the Students' Union, *The Grind*, and Hodgins by Dr. Paul Koziey who believed he was slandered in *The Grind's* coverage of

the issue.

Hodgins has since claimed that he was being persecuted by *The Gateway*, Students' Council and the SU Executive because they requested he substantiate allegations made in *The Grind's* coverage of sexual harassment in the department of Educational Psychology.

Pursuit of this article has generated considerably more copy than there is room for in this issue of *The Gateway*, so an in-depth feature will appear in Thursday's issue. In this article, an examination of Hodgins' political career on campus, both as a member of the SU Executive of 84-85 and as Editor-in-Chief of *The Grind*, will be presented, as well as reaction to his resignation from several involved parties.

## Old profs never die...

OTTAWA (CUP) and Ann Grever

The federal government's new concern over discrimination prohibited by the Charter of Rights may not do much to help two U of A professors fighting mandatory retirement.

In its report to Parliament Oct. 25, the committee on Equality Rights suggested mandatory retirement be abolished in favour of flexible retirement. "Fixed date retirement at age 65 offends the prohibition of age discrimination contained in section 15 of the Charter," said the committee in a report summary.

Only universities in Manitoba and Quebec don't require professors to retire at age 65.

Olive Dickson, a history professor here at the university who was forced to retire in June and take a temporary position said, "There is no question about the general trend. But it is not clear where my personal case comes in. Dr. Zujewsky (Slavic Studies) and I come in between the Charter of Rights

coming into effect and the partial provincial proclamation of legislation being brought in line."

Gord Unger, the executive secretary of the Association of the Academic Staff said the Association is presently negotiating mandatory retirement with the university. "If a law that is retroactive is passed then we might be affected. . . we don't fall under federal jurisdiction."

Responding to a question from Svend Robinson (NDP — Burnaby) on the report in the House of Commons Oct. 28, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said the government will respond to the report in a short time.

"I suspect that the Honourable Member will not be surprised to learn that I am against any kind of discrimination whatsoever," Mulroney said.

Reine Degarie, a public relations officer for the committee, said the committee wants laws eliminating all forms of discrimination - and fast.

"If they don't make laws, all

these (discrimination) cases will have to be argued in court, which will take up enormous amount of time and cost a huge amount of money," Degarie said.

Meanwhile, Ontario universities may have to pay nearly \$30 million in damage if they or the provincial government don't move to abolish mandatory retirement, a professors' group says.

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) says \$30 million is the amount of money that would be earned by the 287 professors and librarians due to retire over the next three years.

A test case challenging mandatory retirement is now before the courts and is expected to reach the Canadian Supreme Court in three years. If the case (involving three York University professors) is successful and all 287 employees file claims, OCUFA says the universities could be out of a lot of money.

## 5,000 links in illegal eastern beer chain

HALIFAX (CUP)-Almost 5,000 students at Dalhousie and the U. of New Brunswick are participating in an illegal chain letter scheme which promises 32 bottles of beer for a \$16.50 investment.

The letter, called the Halifax Dartmouth Christmas Cheer Program, wants the recipient to "be prepared for the festive season", by sending one bottle of alcohol to the person whose name and telephone number is at the top of the list they receive, in the presence of the friend who "introduces them to the program".

The participant can then put her or his name at the bottom of the

list. The cheer program promises 32 free bottles in return, since each new member must pass the letter on to two other people.

Staff Sergeant Walter Leigh, of the RCMP's commercial crime detachment in Halifax, says he knows about the letter but won't investigate unless someone files an official complaint.

"We've had some calls about the letter from all over the province, and I've been advising those people that the scheme is illegal. Now, whether they choose to participate in the chain after that I don't know," says Leigh.

Leigh says pyramid schemes are

illegal in Canada under section 1E of the criminal code, which says any program that has participants investing much less than they expect in return is against the law.

Leigh says he has seen similar programs "every year around this time." Because the scheme does not involve money like most pyramids, Leigh says the cheer program doesn't worry him.

"It's almost a victimless scheme. Even those who lose, only lose one bottle of alcohol," he says.

One Halifax resident, Mary, says she received the letter last Monday, after hearing about it through her friends.



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## HUB gets millions

by Lutfulkabar Khan

The University will receive up to 5.7 million dollars for renovations of HUB Mall.

Dr. Taitt, Executive Assistant to Vice-President Facilities and Services said the Provincial Government is committed to pay 50 per cent of the cost of the renovations.

The renovations will be in the 'physical aspect' of HUB said David Bruch, Acting Director of Housing and Food Services.

Top priority is the roof and the exterior cladding. Architects and engineers have submitted their reports on the physical condition of HUB. The structural renovation work will be done according to their recommendations.

But unfortunately the interior renovations of the residential units won't be the highlight of the pro-

ject.

Robert Lamb, the Resident Assistant of HUB, said that complete renovation of the units will be feasible only if enough money is left after finishing the structural work.

Otherwise the Housing and Food Services will have to be content with the meagre 200,000 dollars allocated each year for upgrading of the units.

Suggestions have also been made to start the renovation work on May 1, 1986.

According to Lamb, this would be advantageous for both the students and the merchants of HUB.

A newsletter will be issued shortly by the Vice President, Facilities and Services, to inform the residents of HUB about the renovation work.

"It's been going through the Bank of Commerce, Sears, a travel agency downtown and the Victoria General (hospital)," she says.

While she does not know where the letter originated, she does question its appearance.

"The letter is laid out really well. Everything on it is centered and it looks like word processor type. It looks like someone's secretary did it," she adds.

Alice, a third year UNB student who received the letter from a friend two weeks ago, says she's having some trouble passing it on to other people.

"It's not that they don't want it

because it's illegal," she says, "but because people are naturally suspicious."

Both women know people who have received the promise of "free" booze.

Unlike most chain letter schemes, this one has seven carefully devised steps to ensure its longevity. "The people who created the chain don't want you to pass it on to just anybody, but to someone you think is trusted and reliable," says Alice.

The chain hasn't broken yet, but Leigh says it probably has reached its saturation point in Halifax.