

Tory, Tory, Tory...

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It's four more years of fascism, folks!

Steve ChamChuk (CJSR)

Student Council busy as bees

by Suzette C. Chan

Student Council was busier than bees in a beehive this summer as it presented the golden rotating doors to a number of its own.

In danger of losing their jobs this summer were: SUB Theatre manager of seven years Peter Feldman; Student Council members Don Millar, Vince Craig, Todd Rutter, Brinton McLaughlin, Student Council proxy Barb Donaldson, Gateway editor-in-chief Gilbert Bouchard. Also, Anne McGrath's nomination to the office of the Academic Affairs Commissioner was overturned by council.

Feldman was fired after a joint meeting of last year's executive and the present executive. His job was in jeopardy as early as March of this year when a \$100,000 deficit was projected for the theatre. The actual deficit was \$145,000.

SU executive members blamed Feldman's penchant for booking esoteric dance performances for the dismal attendances. 1983-84 was the first year in four the theatre did not break even.

Picking up the SUB Theatre duties are Dinwoodie manager Gerry Stoll and Lindy Sisson. Stoll will still handle Dinwoodie with help from Val Stewart.

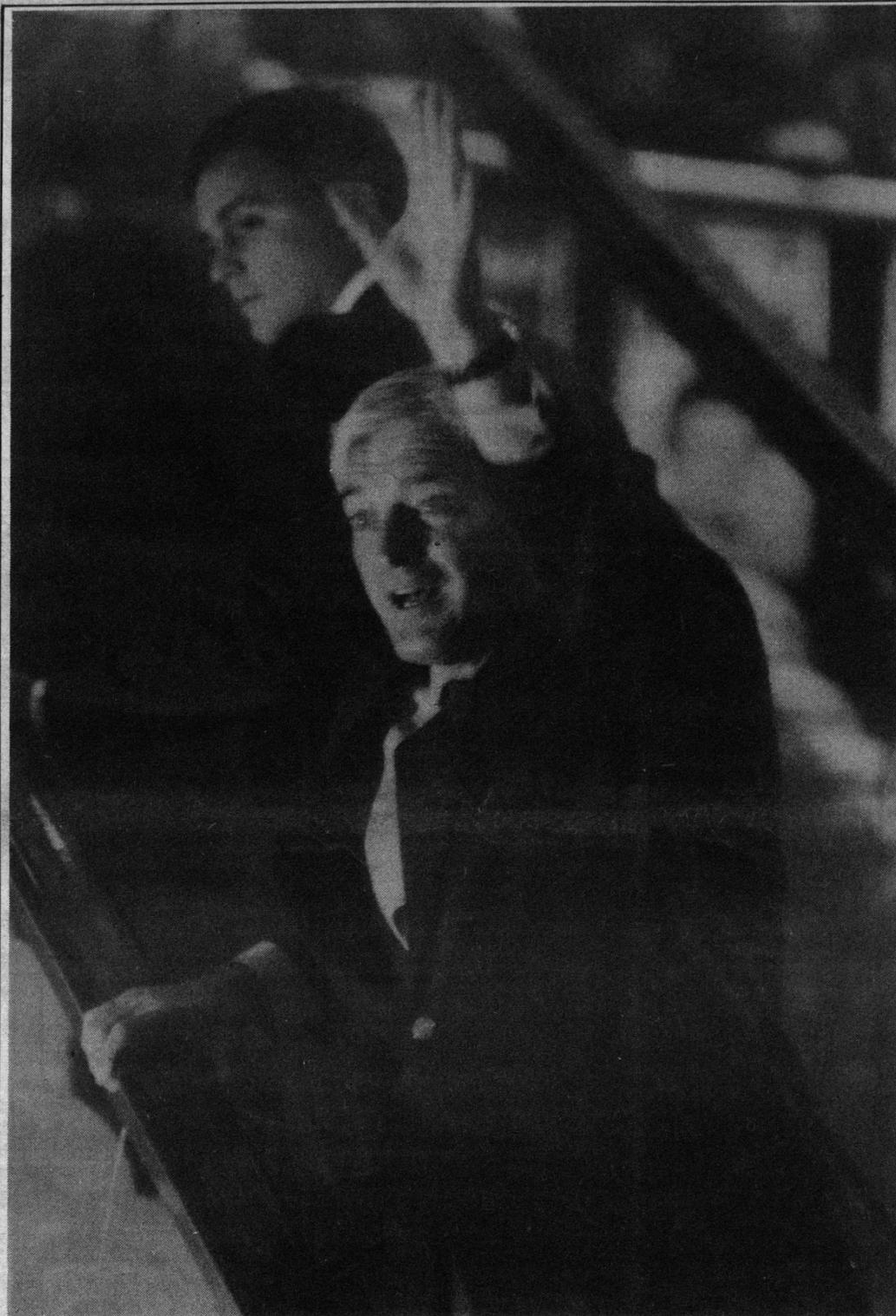
Student Councillor Brinton McLaughlin nearly lost his job twice. McLaughlin was hired as the director of the Exam Registry at \$6 an hour. He says the SU executive told him it was alright to open the Exam Registry through the summer even though there was no summer budget. But on May 31, McLaughlin was sent a letter from the SU executive saying he was working too many hours and was to be put on a \$300 per month salary as of June 1. McLaughlin decided to close the Exam Registry altogether.

McLaughlin says the SU began to get complains about the Exam Registry being closed, so McLaughlin was approached by members of the executive to re-open the registry. Arrangements were made for students to drop off exam orders at the registry then pick them up in the Students' Union administrative offices.

But McLaughlin had to open the registry for the month of June because he promised his employees he would be open. After paying his employee's wage out of his own pocket, McLaughlin calculates he made \$19 during the month of June, the same month he was writing a computer program to be used by the Exam Registry starting this fall.

During the fall and winter sessions, McLaughlin will keep the drop-off arrangement and will be paid \$350 a month. The Exam Registry will open on October 1.

Then in late July, McLaughlin, Don Millar, Vince Craig, Todd Rutter, and Barb Donaldson were summoned to the Disciplinary, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board on charges on conflict



John Turner: Th-th-th-that's all, folks.

Photo Dan Watson

And now...the loser

by David Wright

On August 28 John Turner made his last bid for votes in Edmonton. The occasion was a breakfast rally at

of interest.

Business representative to Students' Council Michael Grant felt McLaughlin should not serve as both a Student Councillor and a director of an SU service.

Grant also believed Donaldson, a Home Economics proxy for the summer, may have used her voting privileges to her political advantage. Donaldson is Central Committee representative of Alberta to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Student Council representatives Craig (Science) and Rutter (Arts) are employees of RATT; Millar (Arts) worked at L'Express. Both establishments are SU-owned, all employees are members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees. Grant felt there could be a conflict between being CUPE matters members and Students' Council

members. DIE Board ultimately decided neither McLaughlin or Donaldson were in conflict of interest but that Millar, Craig, and Rutter, who was in England when he was taken to DIE Board, were in conflict.

Millar, who believes the whole DIE Board incident was "an attempt to get rid of people Michael Grant and Gord Stamp disagree with", says he is considering appealing the DIE Board decision to the University Discipline Panel (UDP).

Millar has since quit L'Express for unrelated reasons. Another incident Millar believes is an attempt by Stamp to silence his opposition is Stamp's attempt to fire Gateway editor-in-chief Gilbert Bouchard even before the Gateway was started.

Stamp felt Bouchard showed neglect and incompetence in his

thousand broke into applause and cheers.

Turner quipped: "I have confidence Canadians will make the right decision."

work on the *Summer Times* and the Handbook. He said the *Summer Times* was consistently late and the Handbook was of poor quality. He reasoned that if Bouchard could not be responsible for a four-page newspaper in the summer, he would not be able to manage a 16-page paper in the winter.

But Bouchard maintains the *Summer Times* was late only two times out of six when Stamp decided he wanted to fire him. Bouchard admits his work on the Handbook was not as good as he would have like, but he does not believe it was the insalvageable mess some councillors believed it to be.

The matter was resolved in council, as a large majority agreed with an ad hoc committee's recommendation to keep Bouchard as Gateway editor-in-chief and to fine

Gateway goes microfilm

by Suzette C. Chan

The Gateway may be the first student newspaper on the continent to be entirely microfilmed and indexed.

This spring, the University of Alberta Board of Governors approved a grant of \$5,600 to the Executive Library and the U of A Archives. The grant was made in part to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Gateway.

A similar U of A Archives request was rejected by the Board of Governors three years ago.

The money is intended to cover microfilming costs only. SU executive librarian Stuart MacKay is currently investigating the cost of hiring library science students to index the Gateway.

"It would really be nice to get it done by volunteers now, but it (indexing) is really dull work. We may have to look towards the President's funds to set up a Step Program for Library Science students," MacKay said.

MacKay said indexing the Gateway is important and could give the paper some real advantages. "Without indexing (the microfilm) you may as well look at the bound copies of past Gateways. It would help the Gateway look a lot more professional. It would help the staff do its work quicker, especially the volunteer staff; research time would be cut down. It would also allow other papers to network with us. For instance, we can hook up to the Edmonton Journal's system."

The microfilming process started this summer, with the fall 1910 editions of the Gateway first to be filmed.

him \$350 of his \$1500 Handbook salary for his failure on the Handbook.

Members of Students' Council were successful in blocking the nomination of Anne McGrath as Academic Affairs Commissioner.

McGrath was chosen by the SC Nominating Committee for the post but her nomination was overturned in council.

SU President Floyd Hodgins said he disagreed with his committee's recommendation because some members of the committee were biased. But McGrath believes she lost the job because of her political views. McGrath was the Communist candidate in the federal riding of Edmonton-Strathcona. She drew her conclusion after members of student council questioned her political views rather than her qualifications when it considered the Nominating Committee's recommendation.

McGrath has taken the matter to the Students' Union Ombudsperson and the Human Rights Commission.