

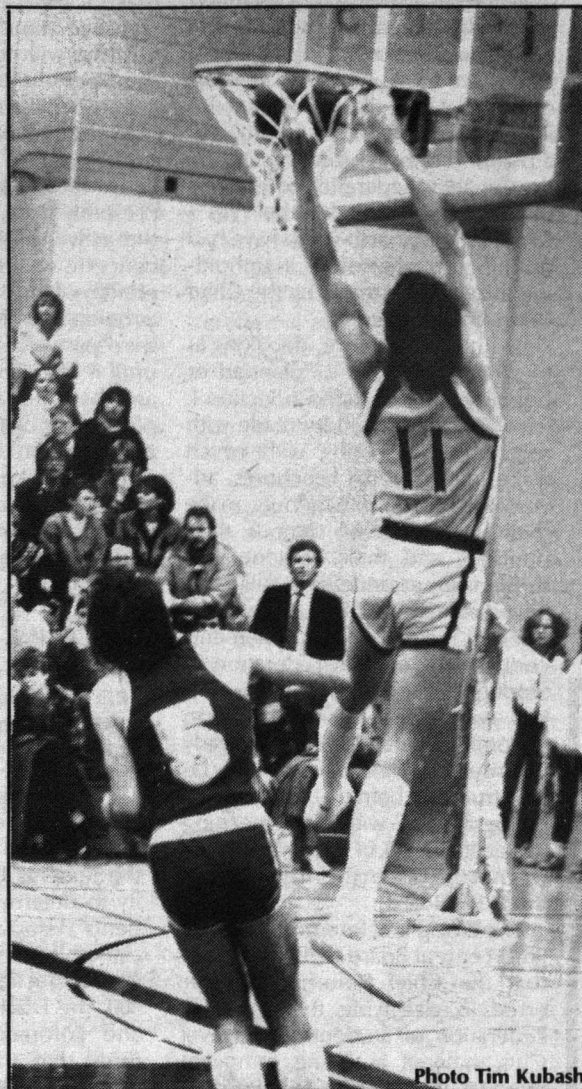
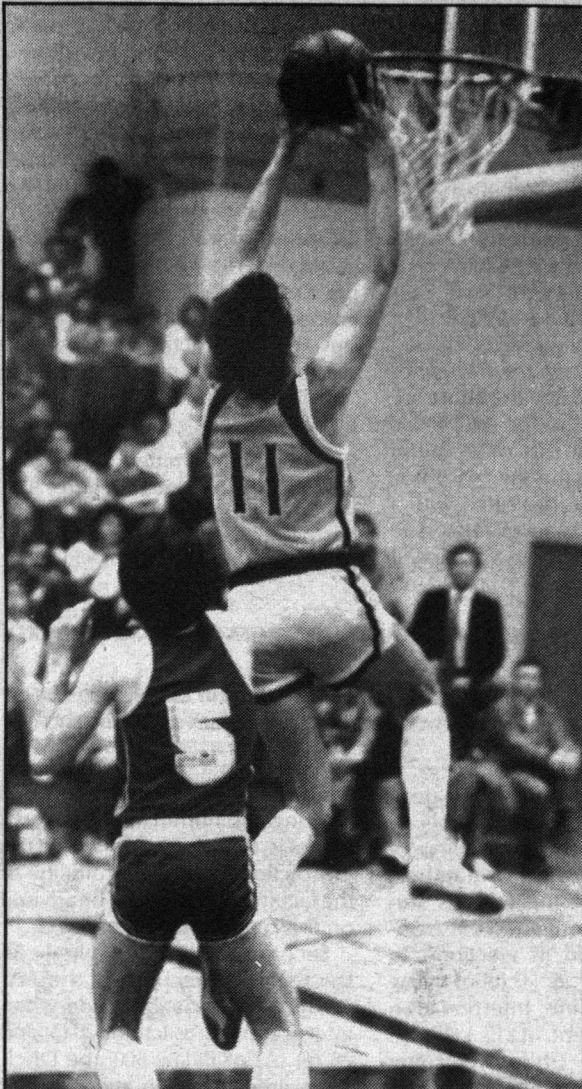
I saw Uncle Bobby in person at the Toronto Zoo...

The Gateway

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...but I was so young I can't remember. Maybe it was Darryl Sittler.

Neal Watson



Not the Doctor, but close. Bears' forward Mike Kornak slams for two against the UBC Thunderbirds. The Bears won one and lost one over the weekend. See page 10.

Photo Tim Kubash

Ballot re-count set for today

Election results "un-official"

by Neal Watson

Controversy surrounds the "un-official" results of last Thursday and Friday's voting in the Students' Union general election.

Some of the staff of the returning office and some campaign workers are wondering why the ballots were only counted once over the weekend and why the call for an official re-count was not made until today.

Chief Returning Officer Michael Brings said although there were mistakes made by the counting staff, a second count of ballots is not "automatic" even with the close margin of some of the races. He said a foul-up with the counting staff accounted for the delay in the call for the re-count.

A re-count is not required by the elections by-law, he said.

The re-count is scheduled to begin today at 3 p.m.

The "un-official" results, announced early Saturday morning, have Mike Nickel of Initiatives '85 elected SU president, Caroline Nevin and Gayle Morris, both of the Progressive Alternative slate, elected VP Academic and VP External respectively. Rob Splane was elected VP Finance and Administration and Scott Richardson was

voted VP Internal. Both are from the initiatives '85 slate.

SU President Floyd Hodgins was originally un-officially announced elected to the Board of Governors, but Returning Officer Brings said last night it appeared that had been over-turned with a second count.

Brings said there was not expected to be any changes in the results of the other positions with the re-count.

The turn-out was about 7,000 students or about 27 per cent of the student population. Last year's turnout was about 16 per cent.

In at least two of the positions, the official margin of victory was less than 100 votes and according to Brings, VP Academic-elect Caroline Nevin defeated Initiatives '85 candidate Donald Stanley by only seven votes. And this situation has many people questioning the procedure.

Deputy Chief Returning Officer Gunnar Blodgett said the counting procedure was "rushed" on Friday night and said none of the positions were safe.

"The results are quite likely to change," said Blodgett. "We're going to do the whole thing over again."

According to Blodgett, a single counting of the ballots was a somewhat unusual procedure and it was his impression that a re-count was ordered only after several complaints were lodged with the CRO.

But Brings denied that any complaints were filed with his office and said the errors were simply a result of mathematical mistakes.

According to Brings, a foul-up with one of his staff members led to the delay in the re-count call. Brings said one staffer took the tally sheets home with him Saturday morning and it was Sunday afternoon before he saw them again.

"That's when we noticed the mistakes," he said.

VP Internal Gord Stamp, who along with Brings reviewed the tally sheets Sunday, said there were many mistakes with the counting.

Dave Koch, the campaign manager for Initiatives '85, said the counting irregularities were "phenomenal."

Official results should be available tomorrow.

Students veto CFS, Building Policy

by Suzette C. Chan

Students at the University of Alberta will no longer be members of the Canadian Federation of students and the U of A SU will no longer follow a Building Policy.

In two referenda held during the general election last week, students voted "no" to continued membership in CFS by 64 per cent. The vote against restriction other than those spelled out in federal and provincial legislation in SUB was 76 per cent. About 27 per cent of the student body, or 7,100 students cast ballots. All figures are tentative results released by Chief Returning Officer Michael Brings Monday.

Although the Building Policy vote failed by a large margin, the Yes Building Policy Committee do not count the result as a loss.

"I think the result doesn't really show if students want a policy against racism or sexism," says Yes campaign worker Siobhan Avery. "The question (on the ballot) doesn't mention sexism or racism."

The current Building Policy gives the SU a mandate to prohibit "sexist, racist, or otherwise offensive" material or events from SU Building premises.

"We don't think we've lost," said Avery. "We've actually accomplished a lot since our campaign has been an awareness campaign."

"Everyone we talked to (while campaigning) said they wouldn't want to vote for the question on the ballot, but we actually changed some minds when we talked about the rights of women and minority groups."

The referendum question read: "Do you wish the SU to place restrictions in addition to those which exist within federal and provincial laws, on activities in the SU Build-

ing?"

Avery's committee had started a post card campaign asking students to sign a petition which read: "This referendum question is so confusing that interpretation of the results will be impossible. I wish to take a clear stand. I fully support a building policy which restricts sexist and racist materials and/or events."

Avery says the committee has yet to count the number of "ballots" it has received.

"I don't think this campaign is going to end," said Avery. "everyone who worked on the campaign will still fight racism and sexism on this campus."

But for SU VP Internal Gord Stamp, the issue is dead.

Saying he felt "vindicated" by the results, Stamp said, "It proved I'm right; students don't want the SU as a babysitter. It was a policy that was shoved down their throats. The people who were responsible for it (three years ago) forgot who they were serving."

Stamp said the SU has a mandate to "protect students", but wants questions of racism and sexism to be resolved by students in the form of protests.

"Would you believe that the External Affairs Board over the summer wanted to bring in Jim Keegstra?" queried Stamp. "He should have been allowed in the theatre. The students would have butchered him, but it should be up to the students."

Meanwhile, mum's the word at the No CFS camp, where campaign leader Ken Bosman has imposed a silence policy against the Gateway. In a written statement, Bosman said: "It is our belief that any statements we may issue to the Gateway stand a significant chance of being

misquoted, taken out of context, or otherwise distorted so as to alter the intended meaning."

Bosman was approached Monday for comment on the referendum results, but declined. "I'm issuing no statement."

David Blatt, organizer for the Yes CFS committee, was unavailable for comment.

David Blatt, organizer of the Yes CFS committee, had mixed feelings about the results.

"It was a disappointment that we lost, but at the same time, I believe the result was favorable," said Blatt. "We realized a long time ago we probably would not win. Getting 35 per cent of the vote was not embarrassing. It showed that we ran a good campaign and that people

Fire in HUB pedway

by Neal Watson

A fire in the pedway between HUB Mall and the Humanities Building yesterday morning was caused by a faulty overhead heater.

The fire caused between \$10,000 and \$15,000 damage.

The City Fire department responded to a call from campus security at about three a.m. yesterday morning.

Campus Security Director Doug Langevin said security personnel noticed a fire in the area at three a.m. yesterday morning and notified campus security who in turn called the fire department.

The Physical Plant Director, Gord Bulat, said several pieces of furniture were destroyed in the fire as well as 12 nearby windows that were either cracked or broken.

The area also sustained severe

were listening."

Although he feels encouraged, Blatt doubts pro-CFS forces will be at work at the U of A for a while.

"I think CFS will be put to rest at the U of A for a couple of years," said Blatt. He added that the executive elected after the referendum will be reluctant to take action contrary to the No CFS vote.

Blatt disagrees with speculation that the absence of the U of A in the national lobby group would spell CFS's demise.

"I think it will make it difficult for CFS financially next year and for its membership campaigns at other large universities. However, I still see a lot of hope for it to continue."

smoke and water damage, said Bulat. Repairs would cost in the area of \$10,000 to \$15,000, he said.

According to Bulat, the fire was caused when a section of one of the overhead heaters collapsed and part of the element landed on one of the sofas.

The heater probably overheated, said Bulat, "but they are supposed to withstand that."

The overhead heaters collect heat and then reflect it. "For whatever reason, it seems to have fallen off," Bulat said.

Bulat has ordered investigation to determine if the overhead heaters are faulty or need repair.

The area is open to pedestrian traffic and Bulat said the area will probably remain open during the repairs.