

The art of acting ...

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...consists in keeping people from coughing.

Ralph Richardson

Council back, tempers flare

by Bill Doskoch

President Horowitz led off, S.P.E.R.M. dominated and two controversial issues were dropped from the Student council agenda Tuesday night.

Horowitz took the opportunity, his first in 13 months, to speak to council and thank it for the "extremely generous" donation of \$100,000 to the university library.

Gordon Stamp, VP Internal, asked Horowitz if this meant the money might be subtracted by the Board of Governors from next year's budget allocation to the SU. Stamp supported the donation.

Science rep David Blatt asked if the grant would definitely be matched by a grant from the provincial government.

Horowitz said he thought there should be no problem on either count.

S.P.E.R.M., the Society for the Protection of Equal Rights for Men, and their appeal of the External Affairs Board decision to not grant them any money dominated council's time for over an hour.

Business rep Rob Lunney, a member of the External Affairs board, initiated debate by saying he was heavily against the club. He felt it was not a serious organization and views it maintained on subjects like pornography should render it ineligible for support.

Arts rep Don Millar said actions committed in the club's name by Stamp (who is not a member of S.P.E.R.M.) could have cost the SU its liquor license. Millar claimed

they brought unauthorized liquor to a social on university property and therefore should not be supported.

Stamp replied "You're full of shit."

Considerable personal acrimony then surfaced in the ensuing exchange between Stamp and Millar. The matter was eventually resolved and the debate continued.

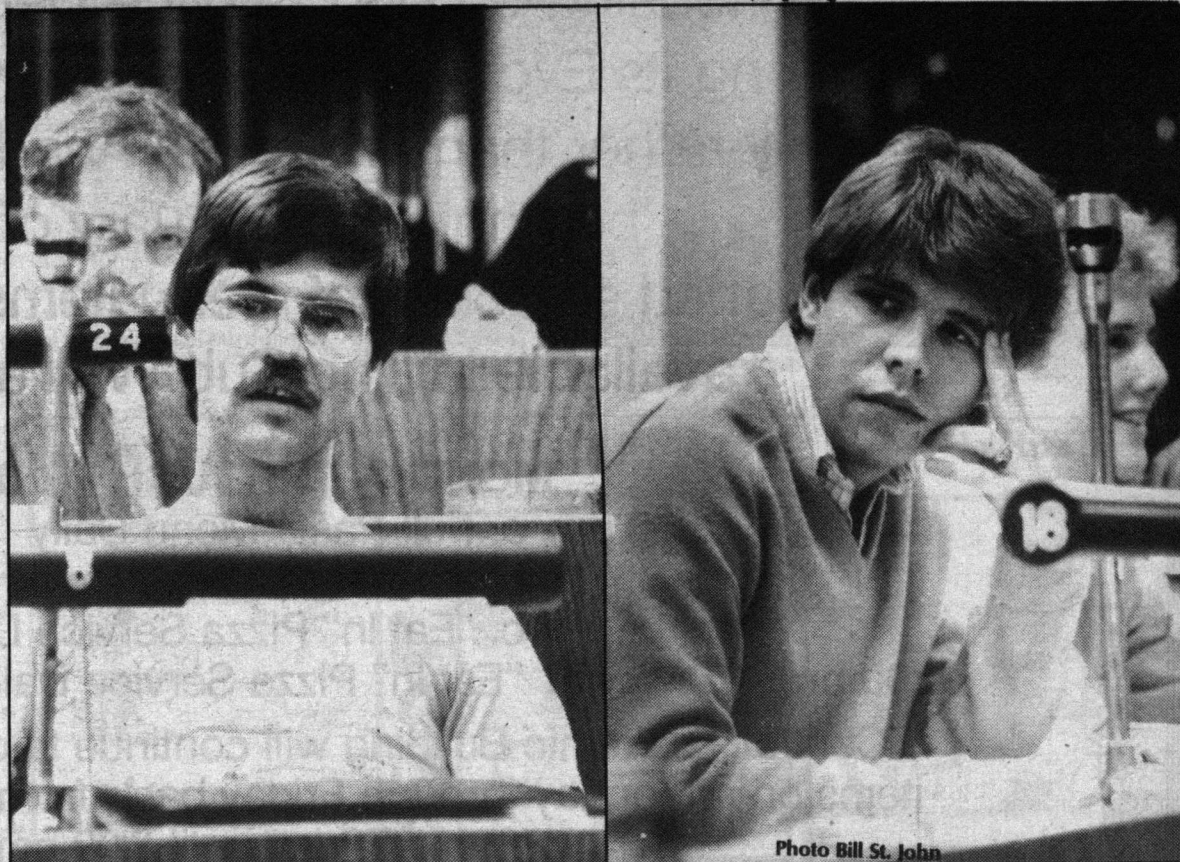
Clubs Commissioner Brian Wolfman tried to inject a note of reason by saying "we have a lot of weird clubs" and disagreements with a club's philosophy should not prevent it from receiving financial support.

At the other end of the rationality scale, Lunney muttered something about snuff films and Stamp displayed his views of affirmative action by saying "It's bullshit" and asked, "Is the government going to tell us how many black people we have to hire?"

The matter was solved by tabling an amended motion to grant S.P.E.R.M. \$400 until they present a proper and detailed budget.

SU President Floyd Hodgins and VP External Paul Alpern moved to freeze executive salaries at \$1050 per month. The motion was passed. Those abstaining to possibly avoid being placed in a conflict-of-interest position during a re-election bid included Stamp, Millar, VP Finance Christine Ens, Councillor Brinton McLaughlin and six others.

Six different clubs ranging from the Debating Society to the Wado-Ryo Karate Club split \$5,540 in



VP Internal Gord Stamp and Arts rep Don Millar were two of the main combatants in Tuesday night's council bout.

grant money. Amounts granted ranged from \$400 to \$1,500.

The Education Students Association received a \$1,500 loan to produce a job search handbook.

A Eugene L. Brody Funding Board grant of \$1,500 to the Edmonton Learner Centre was ratified and a motion to donate \$500 to the International Red Cross to aid Afghan refugees was passed.

Question period brought a query from Millar on how SU advertising

money would be spent, given the appearance of the *Grind*

Alpern said any money budgeted to the *Gateway* should stay there and that official SU services ads should be exclusively with the *Gateway*. He also said area managers could spend their advertising dollars as they see fit.

A motion by Stamp/Hodgins to direct CFS fees to the library was withdrawn, as was a Hodgins motion to jointly sponsor a debate

between Dr. Henry Morgentaler and Joe Borowski with various pro and anti-abortion groups.

No reason was given for the first motion's withdrawal. The second was withdrawn because campus pro-choice groups were already sponsoring Morgentaler.

At the end of the four hour session, Speaker Jason Lucien congratulated council for "getting through the entire agenda."

No second term for Floyd - B of G next step

by Neal Watson

SU President Floyd Hodgins has decided not to run for re-election, but will seek the Board of Governors rep position for next year.

Hodgins said the reason he decided not to run for re-election was his wish to return full-time to his studies.

"I am intent on being a student and I could not devote the time to school with this job," he said.

Hodgins said he has enjoyed the

job in a "morbid" way.

"It is a rather unique type of job, but you would have to be the ultimate political hack to take this job for two years."

"The decision to run for the B of G position was based on my belief that there should be some continuity from the SU," said Hodgins. "I feel I have a perspective that the Board of Governors should hear."

Hodgins made the statements while discussing the controversy

over whether the new student publication, the *Grind*, is a vehicle for Hodgins re-election. Hodgins writes a column for the paper.

There has been speculation about the conflict of interest situation with Hodgins' position on the executive committee of the SU, the body that controls SU money, and his position as columnist of *The Grind*.

Gateway Editor-in-Chief Gilbert Bouchard admitted he was concerned that money designated for the *Gateway* in the form of internal advertising — advertising from SU areas — would be shifted to *The Grind*.

"I do think our budget may be reduced," said Bouchard.

But Hodgins insisted he was not involved in any scheme to transfer money from the *Gateway* to *The Grind* or a move to incorporate *The Grind* as a "second" SU newspaper.

"I think it's healthy to have two newspapers on campus," said Hodgins. "The *Grind* presents another perspective to the *Gateway*."

Some *Gateway* people think it's direct competition to overthrow the *Gateway*, which is absurd," said Hodgins. "The *Grind* will not be competition to the *Gateway*, but

will complement it."

"It (*The Grind*) will take time to develop, but people are wrong if they think it will disappear," said Hodgins.

CFS wins and loses

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Though Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Newfoundland overwhelmingly reaffirmed its support for the Canadian Federation of Students November 16, the University of British Columbia soundly defeated the same membership vote a week later with an even greater margin.

Amid charges of irregularities, 85 per cent of UBC students who participated in the November 21, 22 and 23 referendum voted "no" to CFS in a record turnout of students. About 25 per cent of those eligible voted.

About 78 per cent of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College students in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, voted "yes" to CFS in the second referendum held on the federation this year. One held months ago was

favorable to CFS, but plagued by "technical difficulties."

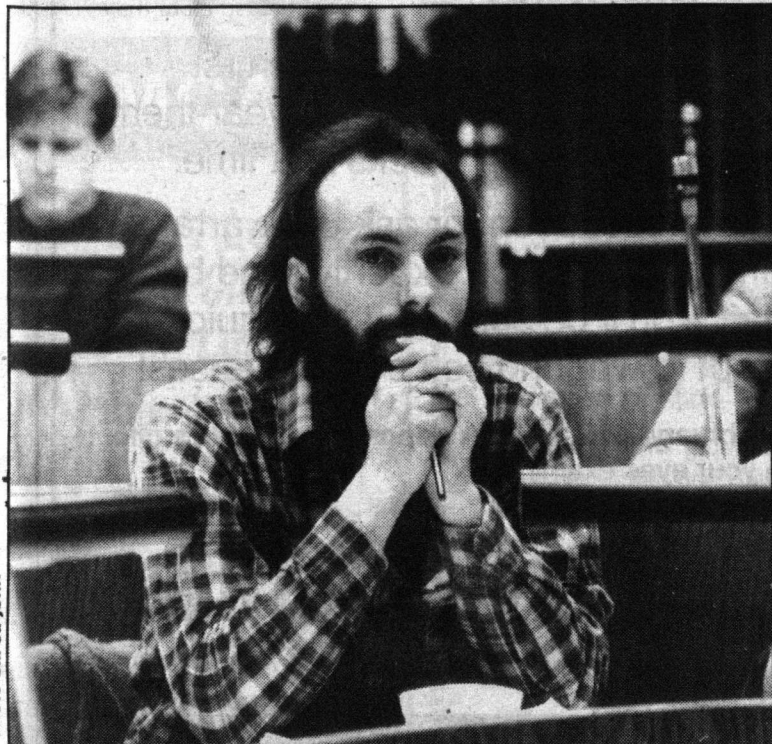
On the first day of UBC's polling, science students distributed a newsletter containing an anti-CFS letter and a ballot box was left unattended for half an hour at one of the stations.

Commissioner Donald Mustard said the irregularities are not serious enough to warrant a call for another referendum.

But Donna Morgan, CFS-Pacific region executive officer, said false information about the federation was circulated shortly before the referendum started and could not be countered by "yes" committee members. Also, UBC's student council failed to distribute hundreds of CFS pamphlets.

"For the last week we got a sense things weren't going well," she said. "UBC is different than any campus I've worked on before. There are really low turnouts for events. It lacks a sense of community."

About 800 students attend Sir Wilfred Grenfell and will pay \$4 to the federation. About 27,000 students attend UBC and would have paid \$7.50 to CFS, with \$3.50 going to the provincial organization.



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IMPORTANT MEETING

For All Gateway Volunteers
Tuesday, 15 January, 12:30 pm

- Selection of delegates to the spring Western Region Canadian University Press (WRCUP) conference. For more information, drop in before Tuesday.
- Selection of Editor-in-Chief Nomination committee
- Overview of CUP National Conference
- Discussion of Literary Contest