

Reality...

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writing bad fiction.

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"Pamphlet all lies"

Students Stamped out

by Gilbert Bouchard

Gord Stamp, Students' Union VP Internal, called in Campus Security early Tuesday afternoon to remove two U of A students who had set up a booth in CAB (Central Academic Building) to collect signatures asking for Stamp's impeachment.

"They had no permission from the University to set up that booth," says Stamp.

The two students, Lorraine Mitchell and Danica Frazer, had been handing out pamphlets calling for the impeachment of Stamp, SU President Floyd Hodgins, and VP External Paul Alpern since early Monday morning, and set up a booth to collect signatures over the noon hour Tuesday in CAB.

"He is getting rid of the problem by booting us out," says Frazer of Stamp's actions Tuesday.

"There's been a lot of interest in our booth. People are stopping by and picking up the pamphlets. The response to the booth was good," says Mitchell.

"I told them (Mitchell and Frazer) that their pamphlet was a bunch of lies, and I did not say what their handbill said I said. I have kept almost all of my campaign promises except for two, and I asked them if they thought it was worthwhile to get booting out of university over a bunch of garbage like this," says Stamp of the handbill.

Stamp is considering taking further action against the two women. "Right now I'm sending a letter to Student Legal Services asking for

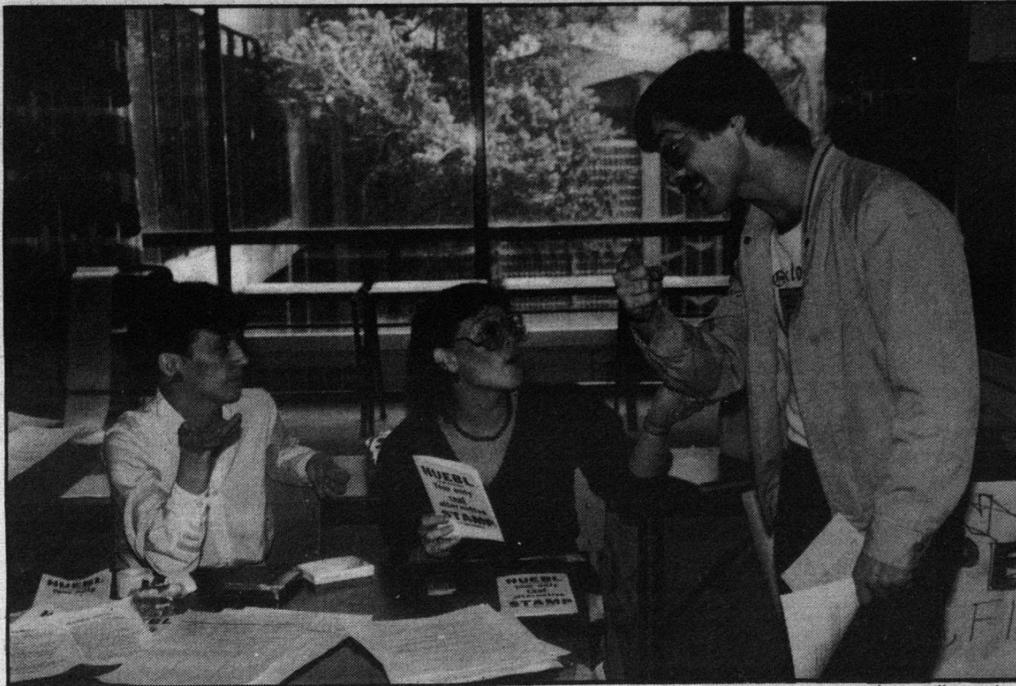


Photo Bill St. John

No this is not a play, this is reality. VP Internal Gord Stamp ejects students Lorraine Mitchell and Danica Frazer and their impeachment booth from CAB Tuesday afternoon.

their recommendations on whether to take this to a court of law or to UDP (University Disciplinary Panel)," says Stamp.

If he proceeds to UDP, Stamp will be recommending that "they (Mitchell and Frazer) get booting out of University."

When asked if he would support Stamp, SU President Hodgins says "if Stamp went to UDP I would back him because of the lies in the handbill they've been distributing."

"There's no name on the pamphlet, the least something like this deserves is a name on it," says Hodgins, "I've been trying to look at it from the perspective of the person who put it out. Obviously they've been misinformed. Some of their statements are out of context with reality."

For example, while the handbill states that Hodgins decided to sue the university, and that "at the same time he (Hodgins) says that underfunding is not the problem," Hodgins says "I didn't decide, Students' Council decided to seek an injunction against the university for their 'illegal quotas.'" Hodgins also maintains that the university has adequate funding save for the libraries and computer science facilities, "the problem is internal allocation of resources."

As for the pamphlet's accusation of Hodgins breaking his promise to "take a tough position with government", Hodgins says that he never said that he'd take a tough position.

"I called for a more aggressive lobby technique, a more visible technique. I've been on the radio, TV, and in the newspapers all

summer long, lobbying against the quotas, against the government," says Hodgins.

Hodgins also disagrees with the pamphlet's charges that he ever agreed to take students' concerns "directly" to the government. "I never said that I'd take concerns directly to the government, I said I'd make students more aware, more interested in the issues," says Hodgins.

Frazer continued her lobbying in the Student's Union Building Wednesday after she obtained permission from Stamp himself to set up a booth. However, while Stamp did give her permission to collect signatures on her petition in SUB, he did not give Frazer permission to distribute her literature.

Frazer said that the response to the petition was "very good," with 120 signatures collected so far.

Floyd disagrees

"Council called unfair"

by Suzette C. Chan

The Student Ombudspersons have called Students' Council "irresponsible and extremely unfair" in its rejection of Anne McGrath as Academic Affairs Commissioner.

In August, the Student Council Nominating Committee chose Anne McGrath over six other candidates to replace Sheryl Jackson, who was originally chosen for the post. Jackson quit in July because of other commitments.

But when Nominating Committee forwarded a motion in council to approve McGrath, the committee chair, SU President Floyd Hodgins, disassociated himself from its selection.

"I felt there was a bias on the committee," he said. "There were a couple of people lobbying actively for Anne."

McGrath claims that during the debate in council, members were more concerned about her political involvement rather than her qualifications for the job.

"They didn't even look at my qualifications" she said. "I was SU VP Academic and SU President at Ottawa."

Instead, she was asked in council whether she was a Communist candidate in the federal election.

After stating the question was a contravention of the Alberta Individual Rights Protection Act, McGrath confirmed she was running as a communist.

A report she made to council in May was also brought up as evidence of inappropriate behaviour on McGrath's part.

In that report, McGrath criticized members of the University of Alberta delegation to the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) conference at the U of A.

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Food, Housing hit hard

by Gilbert Bouchard

U of A Housing and Food services has been hard hit by competition from the private sector and will suffer a deficit of close to a half million dollars for the 1984-85 academic year, says Gail Brown, Housing and Food services director.

"We've never been able to go as far as the students would like," says Brown, "students prefer to live in self-contained units, and off-campus housing is very competitive. Lister Hall is very archaic for the 80's. The U of A's residences were designed in the 50's, explained Brown, and while the needs and wants of the students have changed since then, the residences haven't."

The move away from residence living is reflected in the vacancy rates, as "this year Lister Hall is short 100 people, which is a loss of \$180,000 in housing, and \$200,000 in food," says Brown.

"The residences can hold up to 1300, but we haven't budgeted for that amount in several years. We actually budgeted for 1100 people,

but only 1000 people actually showed up," says Brown, "our mandate is to break even, so the deficit has to be carried over to future years."

While the housing side is losing students to the private sector, the food side is suffering as well, as potential customers dissatisfied with the service, or the script program are opting instead to eat at one of the dozens of private restaurants on or near campus.

"People want diversity. For years the Housing and Food services was trying to provide uniform service at a uniform price all across campus, but the mood changed, and people wanted variations," says Brown. The renovated Subway in the second floor of SUB was a result of this customer demand, added Brown, and the facility has been a great success.

The Subway was designed with future renovations in mind, so that the Subway will be able to change with the tastes of the students. "So in a few years when pasta is no

longer in vogue we can move on to the next trend," says Brown.

The aim of Housing and Food services is now to provide different services across campus: pasta in SUB, Mexican food in CAB, and pizza in Lister hall.

Studies are also underway to revamp the script system. Housing and Food is discussing the situation both with their catering company (SAGA), and with the students, plus studying how other universities have handled the same problem.

As for this year, Housing and Food is offering bonus meal coupons, soup and sandwich coupons, lowering the first level of the 3 tier script program, so that light eaters won't be forced to buy so much script.

Unfortunately Housing and Food will not be able to buy back script at the end of the school year. "We would have to carry the losses of buying back the script to the next year, and the next years' students

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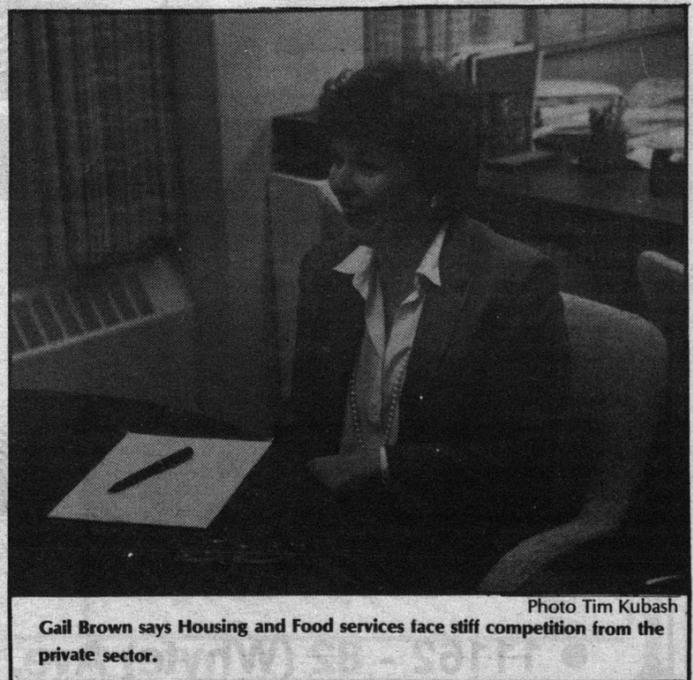


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Gail Brown says Housing and Food services face stiff competition from the private sector.