

Bears Mike Kornak soars towards a dunk. Alberta couldn't handle UVic though, losing 94-77 on Saturday. Story on page nine.

# The Gateway

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It's Engineering Week...

...Lock up your sheep.

-The Unknown Artsie

Collecting commissions while editor was Floyd's sin

## DIE hammers Hodgins

by Gilbert Bouchard

Floyd Hodgins, the ex-editor of the defunct student newspaper, *The Grind*, was found guilty yesterday of conflict of interest charges by the Students' Union's Disciplinary Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) board.

Hodgins was brought to the DIE board by SU president, Mike Nickel, who charged that Hodgins had violated the SU conflict of interest regulations because he received \$653.72 worth of commissions for the sale of the *Grind* advertisement space while serving on the executive of the newspaper.

"Since Hodgins could decide policy (at the *Grind*), Hodgins' duties as *Grind* executive member and *Grind* ad salesman are not separate functions and he was in conflict," said DIE board chairman, Lance Yuen.

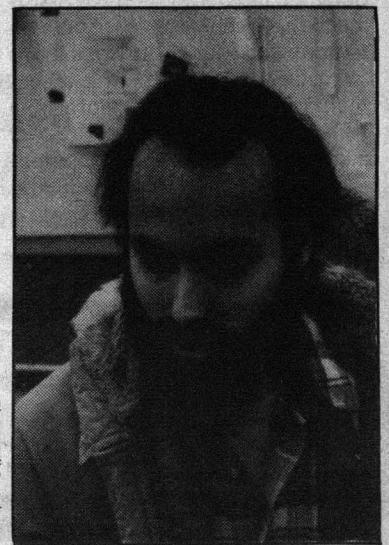
The SU constitution states that the executive members of SU clubs can not personally profit from the operations of the club, and that all revenue generated by the club over that of the club's operating expenses must be reinvested into the club.

"Hodgins has directly violated the SU constitution and the Student Code of Behaviour," said Nickel. "SU clubs are non-profit organizations, and the funds must be reinvested back into the clubs."

"You cannot have executive members of clubs writing them-



Nickel: definitely a conflict.



Hodgins: What conflict?

selves cheques. It's a direct conflict," said Nickel, referring to several cheques Hodgins wrote out to himself as payment for commissions for the sale of ads during his term as *Grind* editor-in-chief.

Hodgins argued that he did not see a conflict with a person being both an executive of a club and, in this case, an advertising salesman. "I don't feel it (selling ads) was a personal business interest," he said.

Hodgins also felt he was being unfairly singled out, since other *Grind* executive members also sold ads and were not brought to DIE

board under conflict of interest charges.

"The intent was serious enough that, not only should Hodgins pay back the money, but that his privileges be suspended," said Nickel.

DIE board is meeting today to decide on a disciplinary action. The maximum punishment could be the revoking of Hodgins SU membership.

Hodgins could also face similar charges under the student code of behaviour said Nickel. If found guilty of those charges, Hodgins could face expulsion from the U of A.

## Economomania

by Bill Doskoch

Some of the heavy hitters of current Canadian economic and political thought will be at the U of A this week for *A Debate on Canadian Independence: Perspectives for the 1980's*.

"I proposed the conference seven days after (Prime Minister) Brian Mulroney's speech to the Economic Club of New York (Nov. 1984) when he said Canada was open for business again," said conference organizer Dr. Gordon Laxer of the Canadian Studies department.

Some of the individuals who will be coming to debate the right side of various issues include Michael Walker of the Fraser Institute; Wendy Dobson, executive director of the C.D. Howe Institute; and Carl Beigie, former head of the C.D. Howe Institute and currently with Dominion Securities Pitfield.

Walker in particular has gained notoriety for his role in helping the British Columbia Social Credit government of Premier Bill Bennett design its 1983 "restraint" program, which resulted in 25 per cent of the province's civil service getting laid off.

On the left side of the spectrum, Drs. Garth Stevenson and Larry Pratt of the U of A's Political Science department will be speaking, along with David Crane of the *Toronto Star*.

Stevenson's expertise lies in federal-provincial relations. He has authored a book entitled *Unfulfilled Union* and was an NDP candidate for Edmonton North in the last federal election.

Pratt authored a book entitled *Synchrude* which was turned into a documentary by CBC in 1977, a documentary that then-Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed found so unflattering he tried to sue the CBC for airing it.

Crane is the ex-financial editor for the *Star* and authored a pam-

phlet for them entitled *Free Trade: Salvation or Sell Out?*

The schedule of the debates is as follows:

● Thursday, Jan. 16:

**Free Trade and Canadian Sovereignty.** Dobson and Paul Phillips, economist, University of Manitoba. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., 2-115, Education North.

● Friday, Jan. 17:

**Closer Ties to the United States: Implications for the Provinces.** Stevenson and Dr. Brian Scarfe, chairman of the department of Economics, U of A. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Council Chambers, University Hall.

**The Ideology of the Marketplace and Canadian Nationalism.** Walker and Dr. Patricia Marchak, sociologist, University of British Columbia. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, University Hall.

**The Western Accord: The Roles of Government and the Marketplace in Canadian Energy Policy.** Pratt, with his opponent to be announced (TBA). 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers, University Hall.

**Foreign Ownership and Economic Development.** Crane and Beigie. 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., 2-115, Education North.

● Saturday, Jan. 18:

**Cultural Policy and the Canadian Identity.** Susan Crean, writer and broadcaster and Keith Ashwell, entertainment editor of the *Edmonton Journal*. 10:00 to 12:00 noon, Council Chambers, University Hall.

**The CBC in Canada's Future.** Gordon Fearn, sociologist, University of Alberta, TBA. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Council Chambers, University Hall.

For those individuals who wish to attend the conference, the fee is \$10 for students. Registration information can be obtained from Joan Booth of the department of Canadian Studies, Rm 306 Arts, telephone 432-5086.

## Engineers' Week growing up

by Bill Doskoch

Well, it's that time of year again, the time when all real engineers turn off their calculators, tear themselves away from their drafting tables and go do some serious knuckle-dragging... that's right, it's Engineering Week!

But wait — can other U of A students expect stunts like engineers bursting into a student council meeting firing blanks from .303 rifles and taking the entire SU executive hostage by chaining them to a pillar (1980)?

Or how about an article on "pediophilia" which provided a "how-to" guide for murder and subsequent necrophilia involving 12-year old girls (*The Godiva*, 1981)?

Sadly enough (for those who love to hate engineers anyway), those days appear to be gone.

"It's a combination of a lot of pressure and a little bit of growing up," said Engineering Student Society (ESS) spokesperson, Tim Mullen. "Things like getting kicked out of the Jube (Jubilee Auditorium) five or six years ago for wrecking some curtains and chairs got the guys thinking."

Take the tradition of Skit Night, for example, which some students

attempted to have banned in 1984 under the now-repudiated Building policy against sexism and racism.

"It's becoming less vulgar," Mullen said. "It's starting to approach some level of acting skill."

"Teams get disqualified if they bring in strippers," added ESS activities coordinator Doug Kaupp.

The idea of Engineering Week is for clubs to accumulate points in the various competitions (pub crawl, toboggan races, ice sculptures, scavenger hunt) and the one who gets the most has its princess crowned queen at the Queen's Ball.

Another thing is clubs have to stick to their themes this year for *Godiva* submissions and posters. For example, Chemical's is *Miami Vice*, Electrical's is *Star Trek*, and so on.

When asked if the various events such as the queen competition and

kicklines represented institutionalized sexism, Kaupp said he didn't think so.

"The queen idea isn't really a beauty pageant, it's the club with the most points that wins. And the Women's Engineering Society has an all-male kickline this year so if you want, we also have reverse discrimination."

For those interested in following the exploits of the 'geers', the toboggan races and scavenger hunt are Tuesday, the keg races and ice sculpture judging (along with Skit Night) are Wednesday, the CAB rally and boat races are on Thursday, the beer-brewing competition is on Friday, and the whole event wraps up on Saturday with the Queen's Ball.

If you want more information you'll have to call the ESS office at 439-2644 because, unfortunately, we've run out of space.

**Gateway Staff Meeting**  
Thursday, Jan. 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Old and new writers: please show up and chit-chat with us. We're lonely.

