

My family was so poor they couldn't afford any kids...

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...the lady next door had me — Lee Trevino

Think slate forced to edit pamphlets

by Ken Bosman

Some complaints concerning the financial accuracy of a *Think* slate campaign newspaper were upheld Wednesday afternoon by Chief Returning Officer Shelley Chapelski, in consultation with SU managers Tom Wright and Ryan Beebe.

Chapelski ordered the withdrawal of some 5000 *Think* slate campaign newspapers.

The cost of the withdrawn material will be "two days without literature and 280 something dollars," according to *Think* slate presidential hopeful Floyd Hodgins.

Think contends that the current SU budget is misleading.

By adding into the operating budgets of Dewey's, RATT, and L'Express additional cost assumptions for items such as forgone rent, plus administrative and capital costs, *Think* claims radically different numbers than SU budget statements.

Think has been required by Chapelski to explain further the assumptions in their revised budget calculations.

The revised campaign literature will be substantively unchanged: "based on our assumptions, the bottom lines are the same," said Hodgins.

The banned *Think* literature also notes a projected \$9000 SU operat-

ing budget shortfall for this fiscal year, a shortfall of revenues versus expenses that SU Finance manager Ryan Beebe says "Doesn't exist."

Beebe points out that \$150,000 was transferred to a risk management fund. Under SU financial procedures, the \$150,000 is debited to the SU operating budget, but credited to a risk management fund, thus reflecting upon the SU operating budget negatively.

"If anybody should know that, Floyd, as past president, should," adds Business Manager Tom Wright. "Floyd used the number to deceive students," contends Beebe.

Hodgins says he got the deficit projection from a fiscal report published by the SU in *The Gateway* in January 1987, and commented: "Why do you (the SU) print a deficit budget if it's not true?"

Think was also required to withdraw a phrase in the banned literature claiming that the SU finished paying a \$1 million debt during the Hodgins term as president.

The debt was actually retired the previous year. On this matter Hodgins also claims misinformation.

"That was not my understanding. When Gordie (former VP Internal Gord Stamp) and I tried to reduce SU fees we were told there wasn't enough money."

Other complaints against the

pamphlet were denied by Chapelski.

"I wonder if I have a right to sue for defamation of character for statements that have been made," said Michael Hunter, current SU VP External, commenting upon a *Think* slate campaign newspaper.

The pamphlet, since withdrawn, states: "This past year we have seen the SU executive give 15 million SFB dollars to the government in one of the most botched attempts at negotiating the Students' Union has ever seen."

Chapelski required the statement be reworded.

"I checked with Fred Hemmingway (Students' Finance Board Chief Executive Officer); he can firm the \$15 million," said Chapelski, "however, the disposition of the \$15 million is to be decided."

"I don't want to argue with Michael Hunter," said Hodgins. "The issue concerns the SFB and the students on this campus. Nothing more, nothing less."

Think will reprint the banned campaign newspaper in a slightly modified form.

A second *Think* pamphlet will, upon CRO orders, also have a phrase referring to the SU having "blown a \$490,000+ surplus" blacked out.

Shinkaruk is appealing his disqualification

by Ken Bosman

Jim Shinkaruk, three time Board of Governors representative, may still get his chance to try for a fourth term.

Horowitz feeling fine

by Ken Bosman

"I'm feeling fine," says University President Myer Horowitz, despite recovering at home from quintuple heart bypass surgery following a February 18th heart attack.

"I'm recovering as quickly as I am because of the way I've looked after myself," noted Horowitz who has been in a physical fitness class for ten years. "My heart attack was an old problem, a physiological defect," he added.

"My secretary delivers things to me each morning," Horowitz said, but maintains "I'm not overdoing it. I'm following doctor's orders, but the theory is to get involved."

As for his return to campus Horowitz plans on "turning up for one thing about a week from now" and after that plans to start coming in for half days.

Horowitz expressed thanks to the media. "They left my family alone. It could have been different, and their [the media's] approach suggests an understanding."

Shinkaruk, disqualified by Chief Returning Officer Shelley Chapelski, and denied in an appeal to the Students' Union DIE Board, is trying now to take his case to the Students' Council Advisory Appeal Board (SCAAB).

"I'm not bitter... I want justice," says Shinkaruk. "I'm going to exhaust every appeal procedure."

Whether SCAAB has jurisdiction over the appeal is unclear. SCAAB has no power to overrule a DIE Board decision "during an election" according to the SU constitution. Determining "when an election begins will be a precedent" according to Shinkaruk.

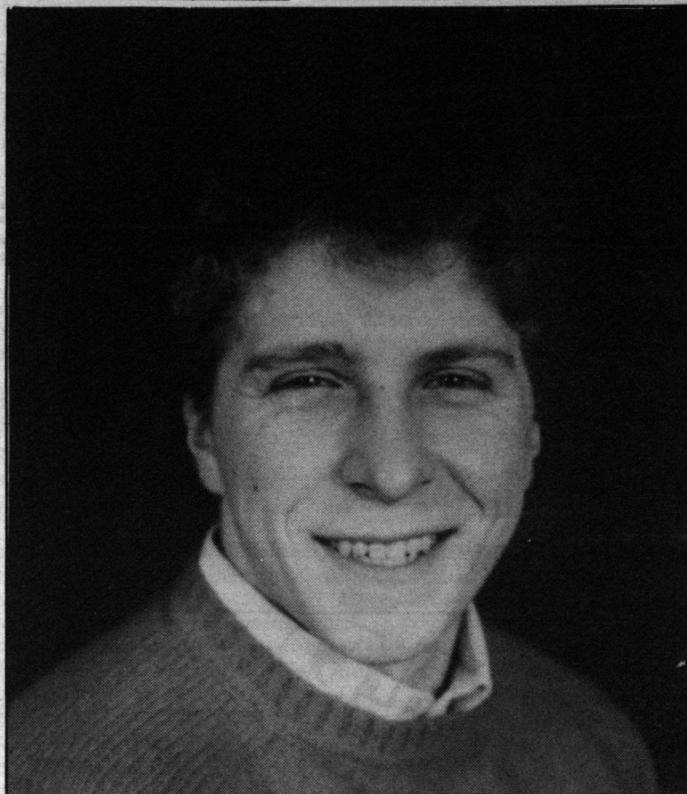
Shinkaruk believes the election is the two actual days of voting. "Nominations, campaigning, and the election are separate events," according to Shinkaruk's interpretation of SU bylaws. Chapelski

disagrees.

"SCAAB does not have jurisdiction. The election begins when nominations close." Chapelski does agree that the bylaws are vague: "It's unclear whether the election begins when nominations close or campaigning begins." Chapelski also cites practical reasons why Shinkaruk can't appeal: "If Jim (Shinkaruk) is allowed to run he wouldn't have equal campaigning time... a whole new election might have to be called."

Shinkaruk also can't understand why VP Finance candidate Grant Draper was allowed to run and that he wasn't: "The Woodbridge slate owes money, and so did my slate."

Discussions between Chapelski, Shinkaruk, and Paul Alpern, SU Speaker and SCAAB chair, are ongoing as to when and if the appeal will be heard.



Peter Sesek

Sesek waffling

by Dean Bennett

Expelled SU presidential candidate Peter Sesek tried to have an accountant from a printing company backdate a receipt in order to make Sesek's slate eligible for this year's election campaign.

Wayne Cartwright, accountant for Central Web Offset Ltd. — one of the printing companies handling election material for the Students' Union last year — told *The Gateway* that last Friday Sesek came and paid a \$610.50 debt owed to the printing company by Sesek's slate last year — *Students Working For Students*.

The debt had been outstanding from last year's election. Cartwright indicated Sesek asked him if he would backdate the receipt. Cartwright declined and a receipt dated February 27 was issued. Cartwright would not specify what date the receipt was to be backdated to. Sesek, however, has a different interpretation of what transpired.

"During the conversation it is possible that I asked him (Cartwright) to have it backdated. ... I honestly don't believe I did," he said. "At the time I thought it would have been nice to have it backdated. That would have been peachy... It would have cleared Jim's (Shinkaruk's) name."

Jim Shinkaruk, Sesek, and Kevin Brosseau were disqualified by Chief Returning Officer Shelley Chapelski last week because their slate had

not settled its debts by the time nominations closed at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24. Because the debt was not settled until the 27th, the three were in violation of SU and Elections Bylaws.

The expelled candidates appealed Chapelski's decision to the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board. At a hearing held last Saturday, the Board upheld the decision.

Sesek is upset because he now feels penalized after having paid the same debt twice. He said he paid the bill last April. However, he failed to get a receipt for it.

Then, in January of this year, Central Web — claiming Sesek had not paid them — took him to small claims court. The matter was still in litigation when this year's election came around and Sesek says he paid the debt off again to clear the matter up to allow Shinkaruk to run.

"It (the situation) is unfortunate. It's a total turn of events," said Sesek. "Our nomination never should have been accepted in the first place... I'm willing to take the brunt of this so Jim can run. I feel that kind of dedication to Jim."

Chapelski disagrees with Sesek's assessment. "I can't determine whether or not a nominated candidate has a debt owing to the Students' Union until nominations close, as per Section 7B of Bylaw 300 (the election bylaw)," she said.

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