

Pizza spies on the prowl at UBC eatery

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Student councilors at the University of B.C. say they have no qualms about hiring private investigators to spy on their employees.

The Alma Mater Society's food and beverage department hired two detectives in November to report on

the work ethic of employees in Pie R Squared, the council-owned pizza joint. The two sat at tables with tape recorders and made notes.

Charles Redden, general manager of the AMS, said it is "generally accepted practice" for the council to hire private investigators to monitor

its employees when they receive customer complaints. "Because complaints were raised we were duty-bound to action," Redden said. "We followed standard operating practice to bring in someone unknown to staff to observe and that was what we did."

But Hugh Finnamore of the United Food and Commercial Workers International union said spying on food employees is generally considered uncommon and extreme.

"I wouldn't say it's standard practice—not covert monitoring," Finnamore said. "It's unnerving. For somebody to

hire [investigators] is to say, 'I don't trust you.' It's a real morale-basher."

Employees called the action a betrayal of trust between the council and the employees.

"We knew [the investigators] were watching but we didn't know what," one employee said. "It was like a soul rape."

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