

It takes a real man ...

... to wear velour.

Gilbert Bouchard

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CRO fines President Hodgins for campaign infringement.

## Floyd fined

by Kent Cochrane

SU President Floyd Hodgins has appealed the \$60 fine assessed against him by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for an infringement of campaign rules.

CRO Michael Brings ruled that Hodgins' column in the Jan. 30 issue of the *Grind* was campaign material and should be paid for as such.

Hodgins is campaigning for Board of Governors in the SU elections being held this week.

The penalty will remain in force until the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (DIE) Board hears Hodgins' appeal sometime this week.

Hodgins writes a regular column in the *Grind* entitled "Floyd Speaks."

"I don't think this decision can be justified at all," said Hodgins. "I wasn't campaigning."

However, Brings stated that many of the things Hodgins wrote in his last column "have been used and are being used by him in his campaign."

"Maybe Floyd didn't know it was campaign material," said Brings, "but it could be and has been interpreted as such."

Brings also said that Hodgins was aware that his column would come out during the campaign period.

He added that the objectionable part of the column (most of the second paragraph) constituted about an eighth of a page.

An advertisement of that size in the *Grind* would cost \$60.

Hodgins, however, was not sure what part of his article was objectionable.

He also noted that he didn't mention his candidacy for B of G rep. anywhere in the article.

In his letter of appeal to DIE Board, Hodgins stated that his column "is an ongoing thing and therefore is not coming out especially during the campaign."

However, Gilbert Bouchard, editor of the *Gateway*, said that *Gateway* editors and volunteers have traditionally taken leaves of absence during campaigns in which they were involved.

"Andrew Watts and members of the Utopian Pragmatist slate took leaves of absence for the duration of their campaigns," said Bouchard.

Watts ran for VP External in the spring, 1983 SU elections, at which time he was editor of the *Gateway*.

Stuart Mackay, long-time SU research assistant, said that nothing like Hodgins' column had happened in at least the last ten years.

Hodgins didn't feel his column in the *Grind* had given him any

unfair advantage over other candidates.

Anyone has the opportunity to write articles in the *Grind*, said Hodgins.

"Just because others don't avail themselves of the opportunity doesn't mean I have an unfair advantage," he said.

Brings noted that the *Grind* had the same policy as the *Gateway* regarding submissions during a campaign period.

The *Gateway* will not publish letters or submissions written by candidates.

The \$60 Hodgins was fined will be deducted from the total allowable campaign budget (\$1300) of the Initiatives '85 slate.

Hodgins is a member of the slate, which is headed by presidential candidate Mike Nickel.

Candidates are reimbursed for their expenses by the SU after the election.

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## Yes-Building Policy group back in SUB

by Suzette C. Chan

The Yes Building Policy Committee has been allowed back into the Students' Union Building, but the man who originally banned it admits his "change of heart" was orchestrated in October.

SU VP Internal Gord Stamp says he had the entire stunt "planned ever since we (students' council) called the referendum."

Stamp had prohibited the Yes Building Policy Committee from campaigning in SUB last week, deeming their campaign material "offensive" under the Building Policy without having seen the material. At the time, he admitted his actions were politically motivated.

In a letter to the committee allowing them back into the build-

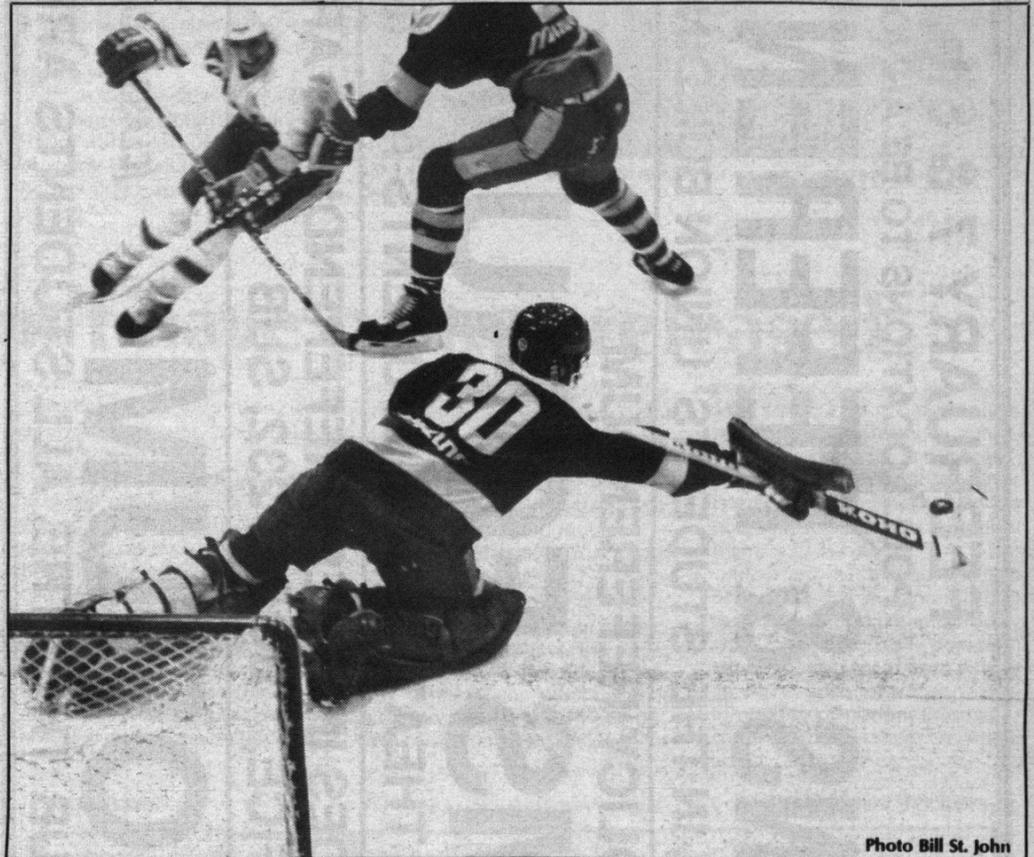


Photo Bill St. John

The Golden Bears swept two from the UBC T-Birds over the weekend to remain the number-one ranked team in the nation.

ing Friday, Stamp wrote: "I feel that those who live by the sword die by the sword; those who believe in censorship should be censored."

"I have always said that any small group of people have the ability to abuse power," said Stamp, "and this is a power the students never asked for."

Asked if he was campaigning for the No side, Stamp said, "It may or may not be construed as such. The No campaign manager (Rick Stedman) agreed not to do any campaigning until I lifted the ban on the Yes side."

Stamp conceded this action amounted to collusion. "In a sense it is. I was phoned up by the chairman of the DIE (Disciplinary, Interpretation and Enforcement) Board,

who advised that if I had an advantage, problems would occur."

Meanwhile, the Yes committee is happy with Stamp's abuses of power. "He just did it for the press but it was better for us because it shows what kind of people do not support the Building Policy," said Yes spokes man Iodd Rutter.

Stamp's action will be up for review at the next student council meeting tonight.

"They can either censure me or they could try to kick me out of office which would take a two-thirds (voting) majority at three consecutive council meetings."

## Fee plan criticised

by Gilbert Bouchard

Presidential candidate Peter Sesek's campaign promise to reduce Students' Union fees by 50 per cent is drawing fire from the SU business and finance managers.

Sesek claims the Students' Union could function by collecting only \$27.25 per student instead of the present \$54.50.

"\$865,000 is the appropriate amount that has to be collected," said Sesek.

Sesek also claims \$27.25 would still yield a surplus. "\$450,000 to \$500,000 surplus would be obtained and maintained through \$27.25, give or take \$10," says Sesek.

However, Sesek has since altered that figure. In his campaign pamphlets, Sesek quotes \$38.50 as the optimum SU fee.

But SU business manager Tom Wright and SU finance manager Ryan Beebe disagreed with Sesek's

figures and intent.

Beebe attacked Sesek's accounting theory, pointing out that Sesek's poster uses budget and cash flow figures interchangeably. "Budget figures have nothing to do with cash flow," says Beebe.

Beebe also says, "I have no desire to get into a position where there is no cushion, no reserve."

Wright agrees. "I'm not saying that you cannot operate on that amount next year. You can, but you cannot operate on that amount on an ongoing basis."

"Sesek's figures do not allow for capital expenditures which are needed in RATT, L'Express, Typing Service and other areas," said Wright. "Nor do his figures allow for a long term reserve for major repairs on the building, and the possibility of having to replace the Students' Union Building."

## SUB Way successful

by Bill Overend

Increased customer usage has saved the life of the SUB Food Services outlet, says Gail Brown, Director of Food Services.

The customer count fourteen months ago stood at 5390 per month, and the operation was wallowing in the red. Last month, 9793 people (an increase of 63 per cent) frequented the SUB Way, yielding a tidy profit margin.

According to Brown, renovations which occurred in December 1983, together with a fresh approach to

the food services market spelt the difference between sinking and swimming.

"The renovations followed an intensive period of customer surveying," said Brown. "We had considered simply changing the menu, or closing the SUB cafeteria all together," but the decision was finally taken to renovate in response to market preference.

A wholesale strategy change was required to elevate SUB to the standards of the modern food ser-

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