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SPRING HAS SPRUNG and young men's thoughts have lightly turned to babbling brooks and blossoming beauties. The young man in this instance is Jon Morris, Mardi Gras King, and the blossoming beauty, Maryanne Elliot, Frosh Queen. —photo Barbara Anne Hay

Quorum Failure Of ASUS Will Influence Student Government

The failure of the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society to provide a quorum for its spring general meeting last Tuesday has "ruined" the chances of having a representative form of student government on campus next year, according to Ben Trevino.

Under the present plans, the annual general meetings of the AMS would be replaced by a representative assembly, containing 238 members. The members would be appointed by the various undergraduate societies.

Every society would have a minimum representation of five, one of whom would be the president of the society. The larger societies would have one member on the Assembly for every 50 members enrolled.

Under this system, ASUS would have 45 members, including its president, on the Representative Assembly. EUS would have 25 of the 238 members.

FEW INTERESTED

However, at the spring general meeting of ASUS, only 54 Artsmen attended, 100 were required for a quorum.

Ben Trevino, president of the Students' Council and one of the men responsible for the proposed representative government, said, "The lack of a quorum for an ASUS general meeting has ruined the effectiveness of any proposal for a representative form of student government. I will ask Council Monday night to reconsider the proposal and delay presentation until next year. We cannot take the chance of ASUS sending 44 members of a small clique to a representative meeting.

FAIR ELECTION

"Until ASUS can show an efficient organization and a fair system of electing representatives a proposal to a general meeting would be premature."

A group of engineers interviewed on this subject agreed with Trevino that the representative form of government should be delayed for a few years until ASUS has a chance to reorganize in the Buchanan Building.

Canadian Artist Rebels

"Art or Design in Architecture" was the topic of discussion yesterday by Lionel Thomas, noted Canadian artist, architect and sculptor.

Thomas divided the history of art in architecture into six classifications:

- Primitive Man must have nourishment before creation, so he had no embellishments on dwellings.
- Segments or sectional embellishments, as are the ancient temples of the Assyrians and Greeks.
- Total structural embellishments — Gothic, Renaissance structures using ornamentation on everything possible: doors, windows, walls, etc.
- Void embellishments resting mainly on form, as in the Eiffel Tower. These forms showed the influence of organization and union.
- Modern Form of non-embellishment — forms of metal, shell-concrete, and total sculptural form.
- Most modern form, using all types of art-form, returning to that which used to exist. There is now extensive use of mosaic, murals and experimentation with various textiles and materials.

MAJ. GEN. GEO. PEARKES, Minister of Defence, will speak Monday in Arts 100 at noon. His topic will be "Defence Policy and Spending." A question period will follow the speech.

'Tween Classes

Biology Club Movie Grand Prize Winner

FRIDAY

BIOLOGY CLUB — The film "White Mane", winner of the Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival will be shown at noon in Biology 100.

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE— Tonight's program: Mr. Wainman, color slides of Europe. Refreshments and meeting with the International House Association.

Economic Prospects Was Debate Subject

The economic prospects of the British West Indies were discussed heatedly at noon Thursday .

The first speaker, J. V. Bayne held that by generating more saving i nthe Indies, capital could be found to advance industry. He pointed out that Jamaica, except for Bauxite Mines, is essentially an agricultural area, lacking in natural resources.

HISTORY OF ISLANDS

L. M. Papkin, the second speaker, dealt with the history of economics in the West Indies, from slave times until the present. He said that the Islands produced what England wanted, and they wanted what England produced.

John Donaldson, the third speaker, considered the prospects for economic advancement, and the various remedies which could be applied to island economy. The high point for humour in the meeting was when Corbett asked Papkin if he thought that Britain had exploited the West Indies. Papkin answered, "No, but I would say they took home most of the profits."

Delegates To Hold Panel

Student delegates to the B.C. Natural Resources Conference will hold a panel discussion on Tuesday, March 18 to present their impressions of the conference.

The conference was held in Victoria on February 26-28. About 300 delegates from government, civil service, industry, and the university attended the meetings.

Some of the topics likely to be discussed by the panel are the organizational work of the conference in previous years, the main topics discussed this year, and future problems related to B.C.'s resources. The topics are chosen on the basis of students' interests.

Panel members will include Darshan Johal, Graduate Studies in Community Planning, Pete Peterson and Keith Robertson, both fourth Forestry, and Jim McFarlan, fourth Arts.

ACCORDING TO STROLL

"Positivism Is Extremism"

"Philosophy is a way of looking at things," said Dr. Avrum Stroll in a lecture Thursday noon.

Speaking on "Logical positivism," Dr. Stroll began by elaborating on the history of Logical Positivism, which he said had its beginings with the "Vienna Circle" about 1920.

Logical positivism, according to Stroll, atempted to show the distinction between scientific and philosophic statements. The positivists went to extremes, however, when they stated that many of the earlier philosophical statements were — "non-sensical," he said.

Dividing all significant statements into either analytic or synthetic statements were merely tautologies and told us nothing new about the universe, stated Stroll.

Synthetic statements, he continued, could only be true if they were empirically verifiable. Consequently a statement, such as "the world is uniformly shrinking" could never be confirmed, because no one would actually be able to observe the shrinking.

In pointing out some of the flaws of logical positivism, Dr. Stroll said that this philosophy failed to classify adequately moral and aesthetic statements.

In conclusion, he stated, "philosophy does not give the facts of world," and, quoting from John Wisdom, added, "Philosophical activity gives us new ideas about facts we already know."

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Doubt vs. Docility

We were relieved to hear tht nobody was killed Tuesday when an American Air Force jet bomber accidentally dropped a nuclear bomb on a private home in South Carolina.

The news services reassuringly report that only the house was blasted to pieces and a nearby church damaged and since all six members of the household happened to be outside at the time they escaped with relatively minor injuries.

We are further reassured by Air Force officials who confidently explain that no nuclear explosion could possibly have occurred because the bomb's trigger was not set in firing position.

And from Ottawa comes perhaps the most reassuring news of all: Defence Minister Pearkes announces that there is no danger of American planes accidentally letting loose a potentially-explosive nuclear bomb on Canadian soil. Mr. Pearkes says he doesn't let any planes carry A- and H-bombs above Canada unless they get a permit from his first.

The South Carolina bomb accident happened three days ago and most North Americans have been sufficiently reassured to forget the whole thing. But the British apparently are somewhat harder to convince.

American planes carry their bombs and warheads and other hellish material over Britain, too, but the British press has made considerably more of the South Carolina business than has ours. Leaders of the British Labor Party are preparing to bring the whole matter before Parliament.

And there have been demonstrations in the streets of London and of other British metropoli ever since it was agreed at the last NATO conference that the United States be allowed to set up missile bases in Britain.

The British are not content with the platitudinous explanations given by the USAF high command. They fear for their lives, and for those of the whole world.

This is no time for allied nations to be keeping secrets from one another.

The British apprehension should be reason enough for us in North America to replace our complacency and docility with some genuine doubts about the sincerity of our Washington guardians.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You

Editor, The Ubyssey,
Dear Madam:

In a few short words I would like to thank you for producing yesterday's newspaper.

Crisply, lucidly, you and your staff put over what I think many of us believe but have not expressed, that is, don't let the Ubyssey disintegrate from a paper of universal interest to the petty red tape schisms and uninteresting monotony of club entities and UCC bureaucracy.

'Tween Classes serves and can easily better serve the clubs, without adding a farraginous bulletin board of club advertisement and self agrandisement. I still cannot understand how the UCC committee, who drew up the investigation in all their indignant glory, could have the nerve, the impudent and blatant ignorance to make the remark that almost the total cultural life of the campus is brought by the clubs.

If a committee such as this is to have some control over our newspaper, I suggest that with efficient abondon they take over the whole paper and bring out in complacent and happy oblivion a UCC instead of a Ubyssey.

Yours sincerely,
DES. FITZ-GERALD

UCC ANSWERS

Ubyssey Editorial Flayed

(Editor's Note — Always willing to give its critics a chance to speak out, The Ubyssey donates a dozen or so inches to Chairman Curt Latham of the UCC Publicity Investigations Committee who vents his spleen in the following guest editorial. May the best side win.)

In yesterday's editorial the writer has insulted the intelligence of discerning university students by substituting sensationalist protest for sound reason. The discussion in the Monday Council meeting of the UCC brief involved two hours of thorough study with maximum opportunity for The Ubyssey's point of view. The result of that discussion (?) — a two-thirds majority in Council to enforce the findings of the brief.

However, in studying the vast verbiage devoted to this issue in yesterday's paper, I see misrepresentation, inference and slanderous conclusion, all of which seem directed to "martyrdom" for The Ubyssey.

In the first place, there has been no proposal for a "billboard newspaper." It is not the committee's wish that opinion and news be sacrificed for club advertising alone. Indeed, the "constructed" picture on the front page is childishly misleading. What the brief does ask for is dependable but limited space to report on club activities pertaining to outside interests and participation.

We have stressed the case of the production clubs because of their dependence on paid admissions. Moreover, we back up our recommendations on four basic arguments: 1) the clubs have a real, existing need for better coverage to ensure their own survival and to contribute generally to the wealth of extra-curricular life; 2) The Ubyssey has shown disorganization, lack of dependability, and slanted coverage of certain clubs; 3) The Ubyssey is still the most penetrating medium of publicity of student life; 4) there is no such thing as a general majority interest on this campus. Opinions and extra-curricular activities are found only in minority groups of which clubs are the principal components.

By discouraging the activities of clubs in denying them necessary publicity you create only more apathy and become truly "an insipid, inane rag." Again I emphasize that the foregoing is not an argument against the discussion of important issues such as the Blitz and Bonner. It is on the contrary a plea for recognition of the clubs as a principal contestant of student apathy.

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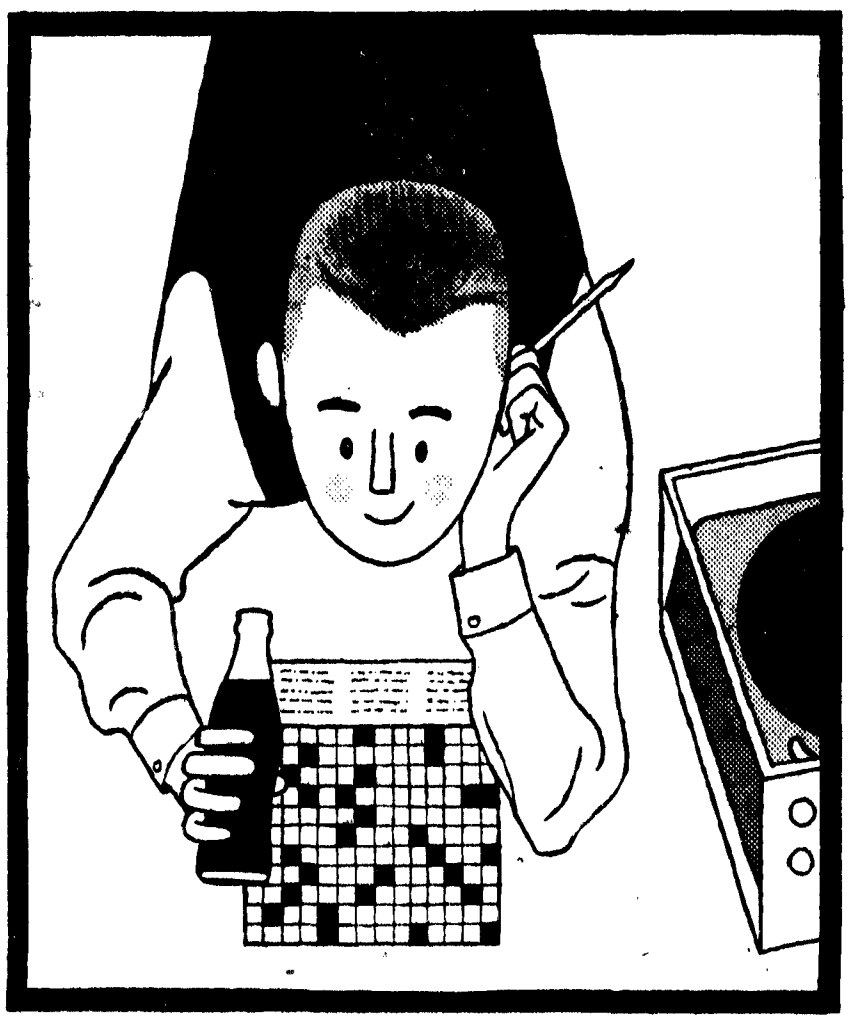

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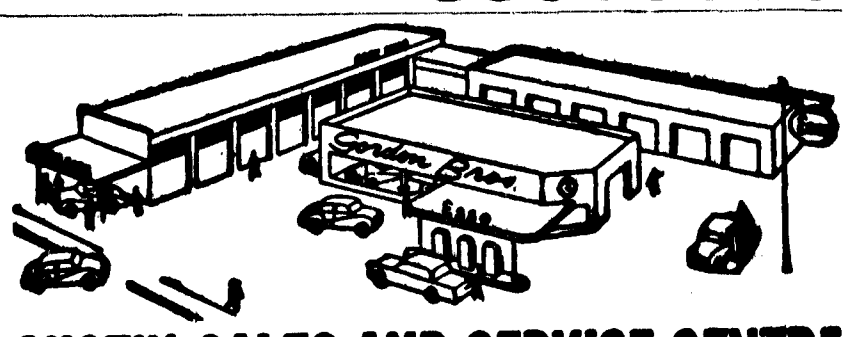

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Only Two Birds Face Wallabies

By PETER IRVINE

The B.C. All-Star XV's coach, Ken Banks, speaking for the team selectors, stated that their "object was to put a team on the field to beat Australia."

This is indeed a worthy aspiration, however, we at UBC must question whether the team picked is the best one to carry this province's colors against the Wallabies.

Naturally we are prejudiced, but we firmly believe that there are four or five UBC players who should have been selected.

"The B.C. Reps will depend mainly on their backs for their scoring movements when they meet the Australian Wallabies . . ." says coach Banks.

The backs picked are as follows: fullback, Neil Henderson; wings, George Puil and John Newton; centres, Raly Calton and George Sainas; five-eighth, Ted Hunt, and scrum-half, Norm Blake.

There is no quarrel with Henderson, Puil or Blake but the rest of the backline needs some comment.

If no players are to be replaced, we would strongly suggest that Calton be moved to five-eighth and Hunt into the centre. Calton's fine handling, quick start and good cut and swerve make him a good choice at standoff.

The drawbacks for his choice at centre are that he is not a top defensive player, he is not in good condition, and is inexperienced in that position.

Hunt, on the other hand, is much more adaptable to the centre position, his hard, slashing running power would be used at better advantage there.

It is also difficult to imagine why Peter Tynan wasn't chosen for one of the games. He is a real "money player" as evidenced by his fine showing in last year's Barbarian game. If Hunt is to remain at standoff, surely Tynan, on an overall basis is a much more dangerous player than Calton and as good if not better than Sainas.

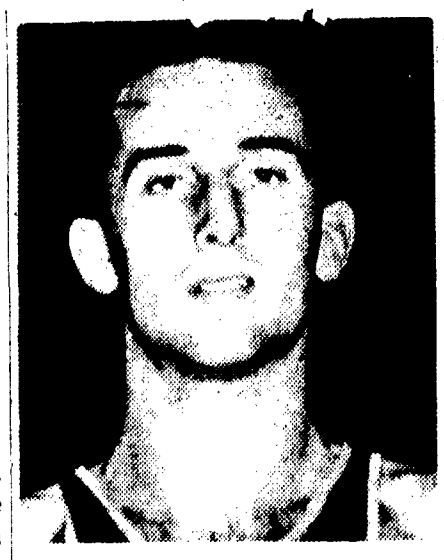
John Newton, gifted with a long stride, has been a shoo-in on the wing for three years.

However, we think that Garry Sinclair deserves at least one All-Star game at this position. Sinc has been the most consistent back on the UBC side this year. His rugby sense and handling are superior, while his tackling and speed for the first 20 yards is as good as the ex-UBC player's.

Moving to the forwards, we are at a loss to know why Derek Vallis was not chosen.

Also, the best wing forward in town has been ignored. Peter Bugg is his name. Fast, in top condition, plucky, and clever, Bugg, at least, must be put in the same class as Jack Witty or Peter Von Harten.

To be fair to the selectors, however, their job was difficult. Also, we hope that whatever team steps out on the turf at Empire Stadium tomorrow evening, they will give a great performance — and the best of luck to them!



ED WILD

Named to the second Evergreen All-Star team was Thunderbird basketball captain Ed Wild. This was the second year in a row that Ed was named to the second team. Wild, a hustling two-way guard, never let up and had some tremendous games, both offensively and defensively for the Birds. Steady and outstanding playing such as he is exhibiting against the Eilers in the B.C. finals was mainly responsible for his selection.

Mainland Teams Are In Control

Amidst color, action, hope and disappointment, members of sixteen provincial high schools continue to try for the various positions and honors in the 13th Annual High School Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Vernon stood off West Vancouver to win the right to advance into the 'A' event. The losing teams of the first draws go on to try in the consolation events. Vernon was the only interior school to go on in the 'A' event.

The Kootenay entrants, Nelson, bowed out to Mission in the opening round and were knocked out of the Tournament when they were defeated by Cumberland.

The strong and taller coastal teams will be against each other in the final games.

Lester Pearson, Vancouver College, Lord Byng and Prince of Wales are perhaps the best in the playdowns. Victoria is the only 'outside' team that can put up a battle for the Sparling Trophy, emblematic of the first place winners.

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