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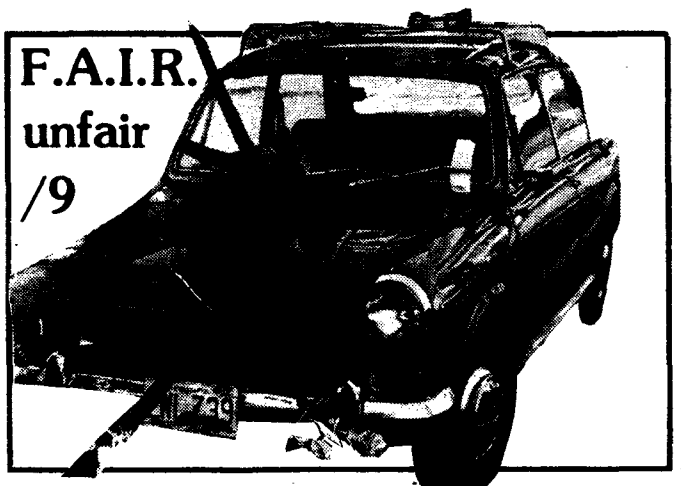

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AMS cancels one week day

By VERNE McDONALD

AMS week, a $4,500 extravaganza funded jointly by the Alma Mater Society and the university administration, began Monday with a rash of cancellations and postponements.

Bruce Armstrong, chairman of the orientation week and AMS week committee, said Monday the Red Cross ran its blood drive two weeks ago, cancelling plans for a clinic this week. A pre-Shrum Bowl pep rally planned for Monday was cancelled in favor of having volunteers tour the campus cheering and selling tickets, he said.

A proposed scavenger hunt was postponed until Friday or next week, said Armstrong, because it was felt it would need more time. Instead of the planned two days the hunt will take place over a week or more.

The AMS budgeted funds for all events with the exception of $1,500 provided by the administration for chartered buses to the Shrum Bowl this coming Friday night.

Armstrong's AMS week committee approved the tentative schedule of events on July 6 with Armstrong designated "to make any necessary changes." The student representative assembly approved the committee's plans on Sept. 19 as part of the AMS budget.

The committee's $4.555 budget, including $3,055 from AMS funds, passed without debate.

Since then, according to Armstrong, things have changed.

"We had planned to have Dr. McGeer (provincial education minister) for the great debate on Thursday but he is unavailable. That event will have to take place just as soon as it can go ahead . . . probably later in the year."

The $250 intended for the pep rally will be applied to other items in the AMS week budget and the general AMS budget, Armstrong said.

For example, the cost of today's scheduled boat race will rise because a further 10 cases of beer were allocated for prizes, he said.

MAN IN FRONT of Hebb theatre searches desperately for smell . . .

Sherrell covets neighbor's cash

By GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. could soon be selling automobile insurance in the U.S., corporation president Robbie Sherrell said Friday.

He told 100 people in Angus 302 that the crown corporation could make insurance rates cheaper for British Columbians by selling insurance in the U.S.

"Why can't we do insurance outside B.C.?" said Sherrell.

Sherrell, a former American resident said he would have to consult ICBC's board of directors and the provincial government before selling insurance outside the province.

But he said the government should have little to do with running the corporation.

"We're vulnerable to the government at any time. I'm trying to say there is a good role for government in our corporation, but I'd like to see it at a distance," said Sherrell.

He said the government gave him the authority to run the corporation and he expects them to respect that authority.

Sherrell said the corporation's monopoly on mandatory auto insurance does not make it impossible for private insurance companies to compete in the field of optional insurance.

But he said ICBC offers better services than the competing private

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Tragedy bugs residents

By JOAN MARKLUND

Gage residents were being bugged, but not enough to want to get rid of the pests.

Exterminators wanted to stop a suspected infestation of silverfish.

"Now a UBC tragedy — will you stand by and let the silverfish be slaughtered?" asks a sign in the Gage common block lobby.

The poster urges students to "smash the state . . . not silverfish" and "save our silverfish."

Concerned residents were asked to submit letters to Box 600 at Gage's main desk.

But the campaign was a failure. The exterminators sprayed closets, garbage areas and washrooms Monday and killed all the silverfish.

Ken Keobke, sole instigator of the campaign, said the protest was "just a joke." But he said he was "very disappointed" because he did not get any replies.

"It's like putting graffiti on the wall," Keobke said. He said he had hoped to start a graffiti conversation.

Keobke said he had not seen any silverfish yet this year. He added he thought it was all an RCMP plot to get into the rooms of students.

The spraying was a "cautionary measure" due to isolated incidents; said housing director Mike Davis.

Davis said residents could leave a note on their door saying they did not want their room sprayed.

David added he was surprised to hear about the "save the silverfish" movement.

The silverfish is a degenerate insect that grows from 3/8 to ½ inch in length.

According to the Vancouver Public Library, the silverfish will eat anything, including "glue off the back of a book."

But not in Gage Towers.

— glen sanford photos

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Ask and ye shall be answered

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

Have you ever wondered why the price of beer in the Pit went up, or what university administrators are paid for, or how you can protest tuition fee increases?

The Alma Mater Society is sponsoring a student concerns day (Wednesday) followed by a students' priorties conference this Saturday.

"I'm tired of listening to (student) hacks. The idea of the conference is to inform the average student and get feedback from them," arts representative Bob Staley said Monday.

Staley said Erich Vogt, vice-president of faculty and student affairs, will be present at the conference representing the administration.

Staley said he hopes students will question Vogt about the UBC power structure.

"We hope to grill him against the wall, to put it mildly," he said.

AMS secretary-treasurer Glenn Wong said the conference will deal with difficult and complex issues that students face every day.

"Hacks can't be expected to run the whole show by themselves, the students must realize they should be aware of the issues," he said.

"The thing I want to emphasize is that the weekend will not bring immediate solutions but will educate students about what they're facing."

Accessibility, cutbacks and the action students can take on those issues will be major areas of concern, said Wong.

Wong added the difference between the student priorities conference and the recently-held student leadership conference at Camp Elphinstone is that the priorities conference is open to all students.

"Very few people can define such things as accessibility or cutbacks, let alone take action regarding them," he said.

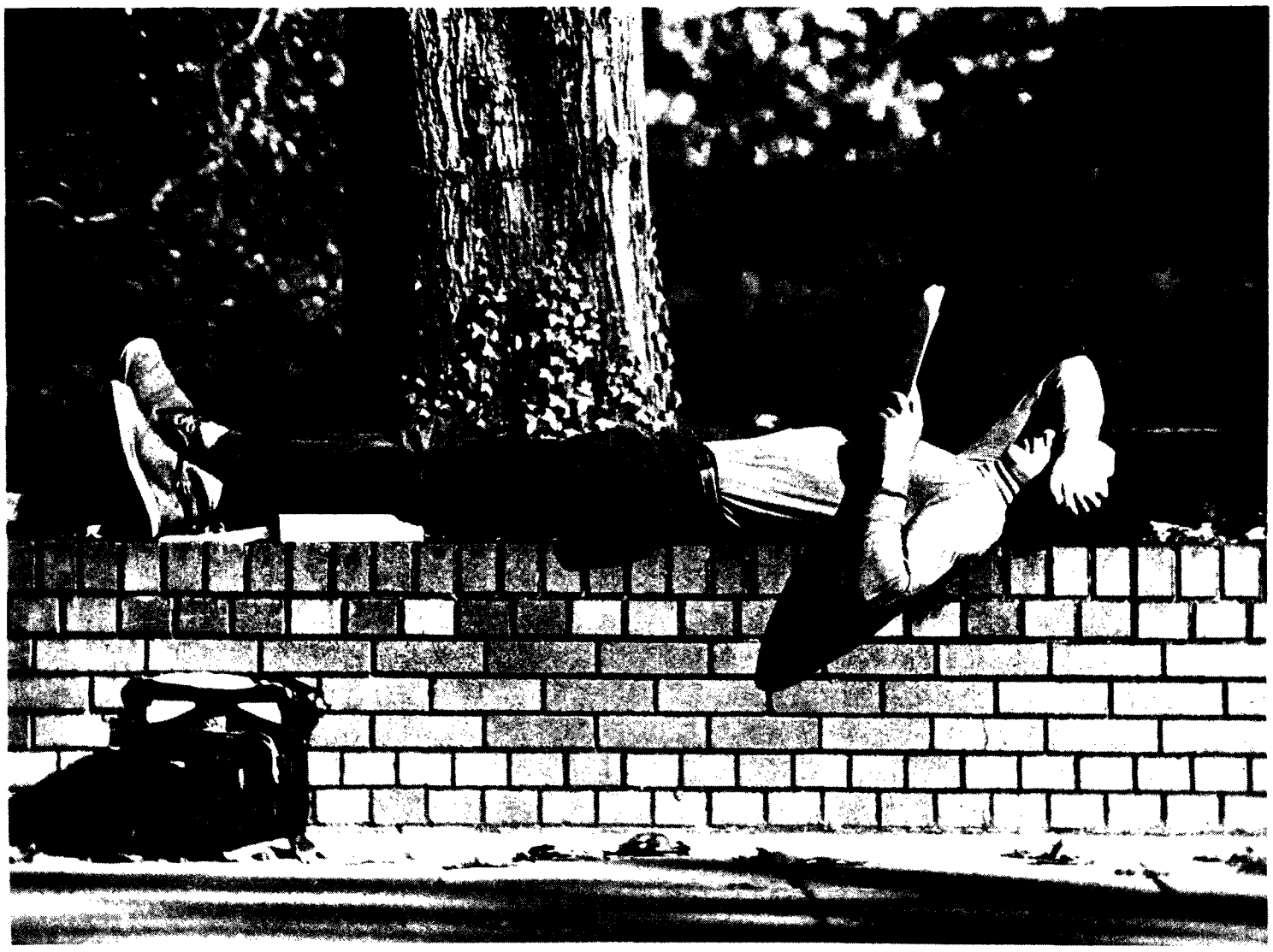
The conference will only be effective if students attend and voice their complaints, said AMS external affairs office Valgeet Johl.

"We want to talk about the research park, accessibility, the standard issues. But what we're really looking for is student input rather than thrusting the issues on the students," she said.

Workshops have been scheduled so students will have an opportunity to have their questions answered.

"Workshops are designed such that there will be more question and answer periods to generate discussion rather than big background papers that are apt to be tedious anyway," said Johl.

The student concerns meeting Wednesday will be held at noon in the SUB conversation pit, while the conference will be held in the Buchanan lounge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and will be followed by a party.



— matt king photo

EVER HEARD OF STUDENTS sitting still so long they took root? Grey eminence photog Matt King, who has a little moss growing on his own north side, found ultimate in perpetual students studying poetry for English 100 atop Sedgewick library. Unfortunate from original Arts '20 race who had shoelaces tied around shrub as prank some years ago says this fall has been the best, weatherwise, in years. He should know.

'Fairest' is for no sex or age rates

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optional insurance companies and therefore picks up most of the business. The new ICBC Fundamental Auto Insurance Rating program will make ICBC's insurance the "fairest" in Canada, said Sherrell.

He said the program will change auto insurance ratings currently determined by age and sex to ratings based entirely on the accident record of the driver.

"The whole thing should be based on who has accidents and who doesn't now that the driver has to pay for the wrongness of the driving."

Under the new scheme it will cost drivers $300 in insurance penalties for each accident they are deemed responsible for, said Sherrell.

He said if current trends continue the penalties should raise $36 million to cover the cost of bringing insurance rates for males under 25 years of age in line with adult rates.

Sherrell, who came to B.C. in spring 1978 following a storm of controversy over his appointment, said he was forced to learn how to deal with the press too quickly.

Multinationals create energy shortage

By STEVE REILLY

The energy crisis and the need for a nuclear alternative are myths created by multinational power corporations, an anti-nuclear power advocate said Sunday.

"We have an energy crisis because the multinationals control energy policy," said Bill Harding, former United Nations director of development policy. "They have created a mythical energy shortage and presented it as the fundamental reason for the development of nuclear energy."

Harding told 60 people at the Vancouver Community Music School that the world supply of energy will give us enough time to expand and develop renewable energy supplies if traditional energy sources such as coal are effectively utilized.

"The multinationals have made the industrialized world so dependent on oil that the major question being asked is not 'Is there enough energy?' but, 'Is there enough crude oil?' "

Harding also said the large oil and gas companies have invested heavily in alternate power sources, preventing these sources from becoming competitive with oil.

Nuclear energy plants are entirely unnecessary in Canada, Harding said. "Uranium can be used for only two things — electricity and nuclear weapons.

"At the moment, electricity accounts for only 14 per cent of our total energy consumption, and overall our electricity industry is overproducing. Ontario, for example, produces 43 per cent over its minimum requirement and is sending excess electricity to the U.S."

Harding said a far better program for Canada would be in solar heating. "Half of Canada's energy consumption is used to heat space, and a passive solar energy program could reduce that consumption by 50 per cent," he said.

No no to nukettes

OTTAWA (CUP) — More than 1,000 people marched on Parliament hill Saturday to protest Canadian overseas sales of nuclear reactors.

Demonstrators from across Canada poured onto the streets of Ottawa, bearing banners and chanting slogans before ending the nonviolent protest with a rally in front of the Parliament buildings.

On Parliament hill, Gordon Edwards, chairman of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, blasted the federal government's lack of understanding of the nuclear issue. He criticized the Clark government for its failure to involve the public.

"We want an honest and open inquiry and a moratorium on all future sales of the Canadian CANDU reactor to foreign nations," he said.

The protestors claimed the proposed parliamentary inquiry into nuclear energy will be brought down by bureaucrats and officials with interest in the survival of the Canadian nuclear industry.

The coalition has tried to meet with energy minister Canada's Ray Hynastshyn but has yet to receive an appointment.

Canadian geneticist and UBC professor David Suzuki criticized the nuclear establishment for ignoring the dangers of radioactive contamination and doubting the possibility of meltdowns.

Quebec students urge Me-oui vote

MONTREAL (CUP) — Post-secondary students in Quebec have mobilized a campus campaign to urge a yes vote in the upcoming Quebec referendum.

A committee, called Me-oui, was formed last week by both francophone and anglophone students.

"The committee is only a functional tool. Its sole goal is to inform students about the importance of voting yes in the Quebec referendum next spring," said Pierre Paquin, movement organizer and Montreal support staff team member.

"Our aim is to get things going before the committee for a no vote can undertake its campaign."

Although most of the students already involved in the movement are members of well-known independence groups, like the Parti Quebecois, Societe Saint Jean Baptiste and Mouvement Nationale des Quebecois, none of these organizations are formally linked to the committee.

"The movement is removing itself from any organized political unit," said Paquin.

Jean-Pierre Charbonneau, Camille Laurin and Louise Harel from the PQ acted as resource persons for the initial meeting of the committee. Charbonneau stressed that the PQ is not controlling Me-oui.

Paquin added that the movement also wants to "politicize" young people.

"This generation is going to build Quebec. We are sowing for the future."

NUS faces challenges

REGINA (CUP) — "It's time for students to stop reacting and start taking the initiative."

That was the rally cry as student delegates to the 14th semi-annual National Union of Students' conference met here to evaluate the progress of their accessibility to post-secondary education campaign and make plans for the rest of the year.

NUS central committee chairman Alex Daschko told about 100 delegates that the accessibility campaign, formulated at the NUS annual conference in Vancouver in May, is starting to gain momentum.

But he said NUS is facing a great challenge in making the accessibility campaign successful because it depends on grassroots organization and participation by students.

Help TAs!

UBC teaching assistants need us more than ever to gain the collective strength to shake the roots of this blind-and-blinkered administration.

UBC's TAs have a long way to go to battle increased teaching loads, class hours, salary disparities, foreign student TA discrimination and unstable job security. They need campus support.

And a union. With a union, administration president Doug Kenny will no longer call the Association of Teaching Assistants "only a society" with no power to deal with the administration. Unions mean legal negotiation and recognition and group support for much-needed demands.

A TA union is an essential lobbying vehicle to guarantee that minimum stipend levels are kept, the status and equality of foreign TAs is recognized and maintained and salary disparities disappear.

As people who in most cases do full-time graduate work while providing significant percentage of teaching at this campus, TAs contribute significantly to most students' education.

They should be able to look to each other and to students for support.

They're not academic second-class citizens. They're unappreciated university assets. So voice your support. And if you're a TA, find out your rights, talk to organizers. And above all, vote in favor of certification for unionization.

It will help us all.

Bugs have ears

Barn burning is one thing, but this time the Mounties' bugging has gone a bit too far. They've infiltrated Gage residence with hairy little beasties with big ears. Concerned residents like Ken Keobke see the danger: it's an RCMP plot.

The silverfish are taking over.

Protect your privacy. Lock your doors. Avoid loud conversations. And the next time you see a skinny insect scuttling across your floor, bend down and yell three times in its ear: "I love the Queen."

The RCMP will love you for it.

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"Step right this way," said Heather Conn and Tom Hawthorn to their visitors. The first stop at the staff zoo beatured Geof and Julie Wheelwright who, as they were in separate cages, were not fighting. Kevin Finnegan stretched up as tall as he could to see the visitors, but saw only Verne McDonald who was following to pick up any trash. The visitors watched in awe as Peter Menyasz effortlessly ripped copy into shreds. Joan Marklund ran and cowered in a corner as she watched Dave Francis and Paul von Matt splash water on the guests. Jim Steel and Matt King missed all the fun because they were sleeping. The next three cages featured Vic Bonderoff begging for food, Glen Sanford making faces and waving, and Gary Brookfield throwing empty peanut shells. Holly Nathan and Ingrid Matson were talking and didn't even notice the visitors. Steve Reilly, Alan Favell and Bill Romaine made the last stop the best by swinging from their rooftop. The visitors, Mike Bocking, Jan Nicol, Chris Gainor and Verne's unnamed friends from Cold Lake, Alberta never laughed so much in their entire lives.

Letters

'Cigarettes don't cause meltdowns'

By ARLE KRUCKEBERG

The patronizing tone of Monika Schmidt's letter (Oct. 11) enrages me. It manifests the attitude common to most people who support nuclear energy, to wit, that only they can "separate emotionalism from rationality, myth from fact," and save the "bleeding hearts and other myopic citizens" from "energy suicide."

I have striven to make myself an "informed, thinking (member of) the public" in order to "make the right choice." My conclusion: that nuclear energy is utterly wrong for our society. Some of the reasons will become clear as I address certain points in Monika's letter.

Karl Erdman asserts that "nuclear power is the safest and most economically feasible solution to the present energy question." The question: how can the societies of the world, in the face of increasing population and dwindling resources, create economies which will operate within the resource constraints of their world, in perpetuity? More immediately, how can Canada make sure its head will be above water, when its fossil fuels run low (they will, you know)?

The answer: we must as a society, commit ourselves now to using present resources as a bridge to this enduring economic order. We must not use nuclear energy to forestall the inevitable; for uranium, too, is a finite resource. Moreover, the resource investment of nuclear energy, to replace fossil fuels, would be enormous, would make us even more dependent on centralized generating sources (if the N-plant breaks down, your little electric cars won't go), and is a foolishly inefficient energy conversion besides.

As to its economic feasibility, the cost of the Sedro Wooley plants in Washington has more than tripled since construction started. The cost will go higher, to meet more stringent safety standards (what's the cost of a 100 per cent safe N-plant? Zero dollars). The cost of decommissioning an N-plant is estimated to be equal to the cost of building one (they last for 30-40 years). Problems such as Three Mile Island are fantastically expensive. So is radioactive waste disposal. And if the power companies in the U.S. had to pay insurance on the N-plants, there would be no N-plants in the U.S.

Uranium is a finite resource. "But fast-breeder reactors. . ." says Monika. But fast-breeder reactors create more plutonium than they consume. Great, except for "the unfortunate association with the bomb." This stuff **can** become bombs; India has one. Who else? And given the question above, with things getting tighter all over the world, someone (a Third World country, "terrorists," etc.) may want to use one, in threat or in fact, to redistribute the wealth of the industrialized world.

The analogy of cigarette smoking to nuclear radiation is outrageous. Cigarettes introduce certain chemicals into certain tissues, creating a risk of cancer, but only at the choice of the smoker! Non-smokers have rights, but please understand: ionizing radiation from radioactive sources may cause cancer to any tissue of anyone exposed to it in sufficient doses; even very low doses of radiation are strongly suspected of causing cancer. I can ask a cigarette smoker to put out his cigarette, but can I ask a community to turn off its N-plant?

Moreover, ionizing radiation also has mutagenic effects. The mutations it causes in one's reproductive organs, for instance, can have ill effects on our offspring for many generations. Monika, would you condemn your progeny to two cigarettes a day forever?

I note in passing that the meters measuring the radiation leaked from Three Mile Island went off the scales for a while during the crisis. How many cigarettes was that, Monika?

I know nothing about a natural nuclear reactor in Gabon, Africa 100 million years ago (though I'm curious). I do know about nuclear waste stored near Hanford, Washington. It leaks. Into the Columbia River. Upstream of Portland. A big city. Bad scene.

Moreover, the waste must be processed and transported. And Murphy is right, you know. If something can go wrong, it will.

Nuclear energy generates enormous amounts of waste heat, which is one of its most immediate and serious environmental impacts. Not only can river ecologies be de-

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stroyed by small changes in their mean annual temperature, due to adjacent N-plants. If a vast program of nuclear energy development were undertaken, worldwide ecological death would be a likely result: "present emission of energy (from man's activities) is about 1/15,000 of the absorbed solar flux (on earth). But if the present rate of growth continued for 250 years emission would reach 100 per cent of the absorbed solar flux. The resulting increase in the earth's temperature would be about 50°C — a condition totally unsuitable for human habitation."

I submit that commitment to nuclear energy would hasten this timetable, as it is hotter per British thermal unit of electricity put out than other modes of generation. And long before this 50°C increase is reached, the climactic disasters mentioned by Monika would be realized, namely "a rise in ocean levels which would drown" the world's densely-inhabited and vitally productive coastal areas. This threat is as grave as that stemming from the "greenhouse effect" caused by CO_2, and both must be avoided.

I have attempted to be rational, presenting salient facts while steering away from in-depth statistics and analysis. But this must be a starting point only! For this is an emotional, subjective issue. The decision will ultimately be a value judgment, even an esthetic choice, between two very different alternatives. Either to frantically engineer ourselves stopgaps, to "buy time," and, in the end, consume ourselves to extinction; or to progress toward, and create, a society that can endure, and be a legacy of contemporary humankind.

Arle Kruckeberg is a UBC botany student. Perspectives is a column of opinion and analysis open to all members of the university community.

Letters

Evil spirits lurk in our little Point Grey paradise

Does it feel good? Did you sigh a sigh of relief as you slipped back into the student routine — away from summer employment, away from free time, away from registration week lineups, and the accompanying guilt for not studying (because you goofed off all weekend)? It's kind of nice, comfortable . . . familiar?

Slap yourself in the face and open up your eyes! Look what's going on (or isn't going on) in our little Point Grey Paradise. It's all too easy to allow ourselves to slip, to put our feet up on the table and just let things pass right on by. That's the time, when you're drifting off, that someone's going to sneak one by you. That's also the time when you're most likely to be shocked and/or outraged by what The Ubyssey tells you about the latest atrocity on campus.

You can't afford to let 'the system' take care of you during your years at UBC. You have to take the time and make the effort to learn, to become aware . . . that's education.

If any of this seems familiar or you're interested in putting words into action, take a step, a very small one. Begin by becoming aware, i.e. gather the information necessary to formulate an opinion. An opinion is a prerequisite to action. (And now the pitch!) Tuition fee increases! Student aid deficiencies! Eroding cutbacks! etc. What do they mean? It's easy not to understand (and it's not your fault, yet) these issues.

Take the time to find out — no, not a night course or more literature — at a meeting, a special general meeting as provided for under the Alma Mater Society bylaws. Tomorrow (Oct. 17) in SUB, a few people will try to make a lot of people just a little more aware, a little more educated. Don't come for the sake of listening to screaming hacks getting sore throats from verbal diarrhea, but for your own sakes.

Glenn Wong
Alma Mater Society
secretary-treasurer

'Shunned giant shows democratic heart'

Well, if you missed hearing Vladimir Bukovsky last week, you neglected more than a fine speaker — you've shunned a giant.

After the Tuesday address, Bogdan Czaykowski commented that it was simply astounding that a man raised in a totalitarian society, as Bukovsky was, could be so tolerant and democratic at heart. I agreed, for Bukovsky's generosity and rectitude was striking.

Still, an irony struck me, as if this man's visit provided a lens through which to more clearly view our society. It is as if a poor parody exists in the West, even on these pages — a totalitarian mentality in an environment of freedom.

Fraser Easton
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Wait'll the Cosmos see these whitecaps!

In the midst of plans for expropriation, relocation, and the causes of various 'isms' and 'ites' comes a fresh new concept in what to do about the Multiplex/stadium issue. Having thrown convention aside, and having brought foresight to where it belongs, the idea of a floating stadium blows brisk as a breeze from the sea. Think of it: a floating stadium!

Where should it be built? That's an easy one. Build it where space in drydock is available. As it nears completion, the structure could be towed to any of a number of predetermined sites in the Greater Vancouver area. Such mobility would satisfy those in competition for revenues generated by the presence of a large public facility, and also better serve the communities who have a right to easy access to the complex. It is, after all, a public complex, and not just an edifice for Vancouverites.

When should it be built? After adopting the concept, and securing the capital, construction could begin immediately on component modules. In module form, the complex could contain separable stadium, exhibition, and convention buildings, to be deployed wherever and whenever needed. On occasion, all the parts might be assembled together; on others, they might be widely dispersed. The flexibility of this flotilla should guarantee satisfaction to all users, with fewer complaints of being upstaged by events with larger attendances.

Who should build it? Government money from the three levels is needed, and so is money from those who will benefit most frequently from the mobile facility. Namely, the members of the Greater Vancouver Regional District. The boost to local marine industries, as well as to towing contractors and sheet-metal fabricators will be enormous and ongoing. Anyone associated with the intelligence and futurity of the scheme will enjoy worldwide respect and admiration.

What should be built? The old arguments of whether to build a Multiplex, or simple stadium become obsolete under the module concept. Build whatever is affordable at the time, to be grouped whenever necessary, and wherever required.

The last question is the big one: Why a floating complex? The reasons are almost too big for slaves of conventional thinking.

Parking? To schedule the presence of a movable complex in the vicinity of mall parking areas, our prime bus routes will reduce vehicular congestion in the immediate area of the stadium. Personal water craft will also be banned within a fixed radius of the facility. A Sea Bus type craft could shuttle commuters over short or long distances.

Noise? The fuss will be well offshore. Tires won't squeal until all hours of the night.

The future? Since present plans for Light Rapid Transit propose to serve the suburbs (which all share water frontage), future traffic problems will decrease even further once land-bound commuter facilities become operable.

Will the clamor to construct a complex be so loud in a year when our hometown teams are losing? The fans themselves hold the ultimate weapon: they can threaten to pull the plug. And what's so different about that?

Eric Sommerfeld

'Socreds guilty in land give away'

Valuable farmland is being handed to developers! Why are the decisions of the B.C. land commission being overruled by the cabinet's Environmental and Land Use Committee?

Two recent moves causing concern are the 626 acres in Langley freed to Gloucester Properties Ltd. and the 129 acres near Sardis freed to Sardis Land and Development Ltd.

In both of these cases the land commission had turned down requests to remove these lands from the Agriculture Land Reserve, and, in both cases, ELUC had overruled the verdicts of the land commission.

ELUC is not required to give reasons to the public. In the case of the 129 acres near Sardis there was no reason given. Alex Fraser, B.C. minister of highways, was quoted as saying the 626 acres in Langley were allowed to be removed because the land had never been farmed "to any degree." Past agricultural record is not the most important criterion for land use decisions!

The purpose of the land commission is to preserve agriculture land for future use. It is not in the best interests of the future agriculture industry to pass out potentially prime agriculture land to developers based on past agricultural use.

If you have opinions regarding the allocation of land resources please write letters to your MLA and government representatives and let your thoughts be known.

Debbie Douglas

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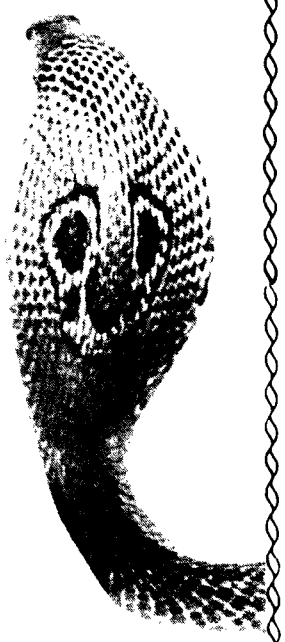

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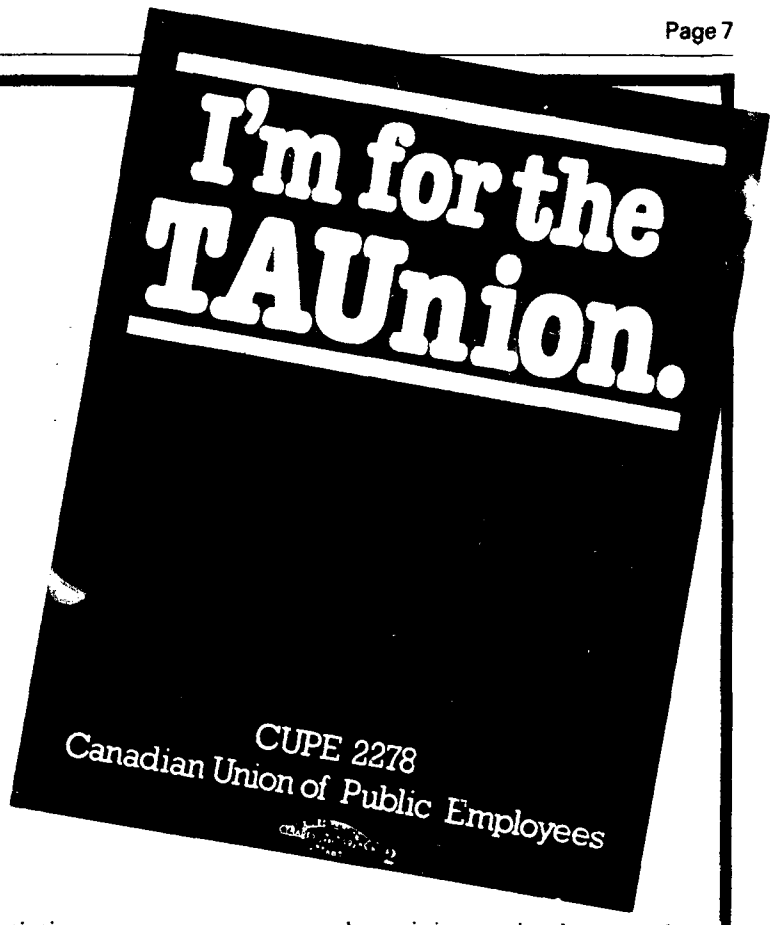


By TOM HAWTHORN

Vinny Mohr and Bruce Tiberiis have been knocking on office doors and handing out leaflets on campus at a feverish pace since September.

The effort has paid off - they now feel they are on the verge of a major breakthrough.

But it's not a political candidate they're supporting. Mohr and Tiberiis are just two of almost 50 UBC students signing up teaching assistants as part of a unionization drive.

"What we really want to do is get a voice for teaching assistants to speak to the administration collectively," Tiberiis says.

But there are other, more important, reasons behind the painstaking care the union organizers are taking.

They see the formation of the union as absolutely essential for survival in the dreaded days of government spending restrictions in the '80s.

"If the university has the option of cutting us back, they'll have to even if they don't want to," Tiberiis says. "The number of TA jobs are declining rapidly. Enrolment is going up, but we feel the TA numbers are dropping.

"On campuses that don't unionize it'll be a disastrous situation."

The students signing with the union are aiming to avert that disaster — and are forming a union now before their positions have been slashed by university administrations facing massive decreases in provincial funding.

Tiberiis says that when UBC is told to cut back on its spending the university is forced to fire TAs because they have none of the job security afforded professors.

As Mohr says: "The sooner we can unionize the sooner we can stop the erosion."

But if the union drive is successful — and many of the indications midway through the campaign are that it will be — it will have a profound effect on the balance of power between students and the UBC administration.

"The union would give students generally a stronger voice on campus," Tiberiis says. "Right now, the admin says: 'We'll ignore you', and they do. With the union, by law they have to sit across the table with us and come to an agreement."

The pressures the TA union would be able to exert over the administration is going to be much larger than any student group is able to do now, he says.

"For too long students have viewed the university as the parent figure. For the first time students are saying 'We have legal rights, let's have some arrangement,' " Tiberiis says.

"Just the presence of a TA union would be beneficial. I don't think people would be so willing to accept that inferior status."

But one aspect of the drive the organizers are wary of discussing is the role they will play in university and student negotiations.

With the legal rights afforded a union, they would suddenly be thrust into a position as the strongest student voice on campus.

Considering the token representation students currently have on the board of governors and senate, combined with the disdain with which the administration treats the student representative assembly, the union would have little choice but to accept a position as the most effective group.

"We will be in essence the only students with real legal clout," Tiberiis says. "This union will make a big difference for the TAs, but I think it'll make a small difference to the university. I hope they're not juvenile enough to oppose us."

But the university is acting as the biggest block to the union's plans by refusing to release the names of all the teaching assistants they employ.

Without that list, the union organizers have no idea exactly how many members of the bargaining unit they need to sign up for certification. This was not a problem before the current Social Credit government changed the labor legislation requiring employers to provide a complete list of employees.

"We've been signing about five to 10 students a day, and now have more than 350 signed up," says Mohr. "Without that list we've had to assume that there are about 1,100 TAs, tutors and markers in the unit.

"We've been going around, trying to talk to all the teaching assistants, but haven't even talked to half of them yet."

The union drive is probably one of the best kept secrets on campus. And while the organizers won't admit it, they are running a low-key campaign to prevent the witch hunting by university administrations which is currently plaguing other union drives across Canada.

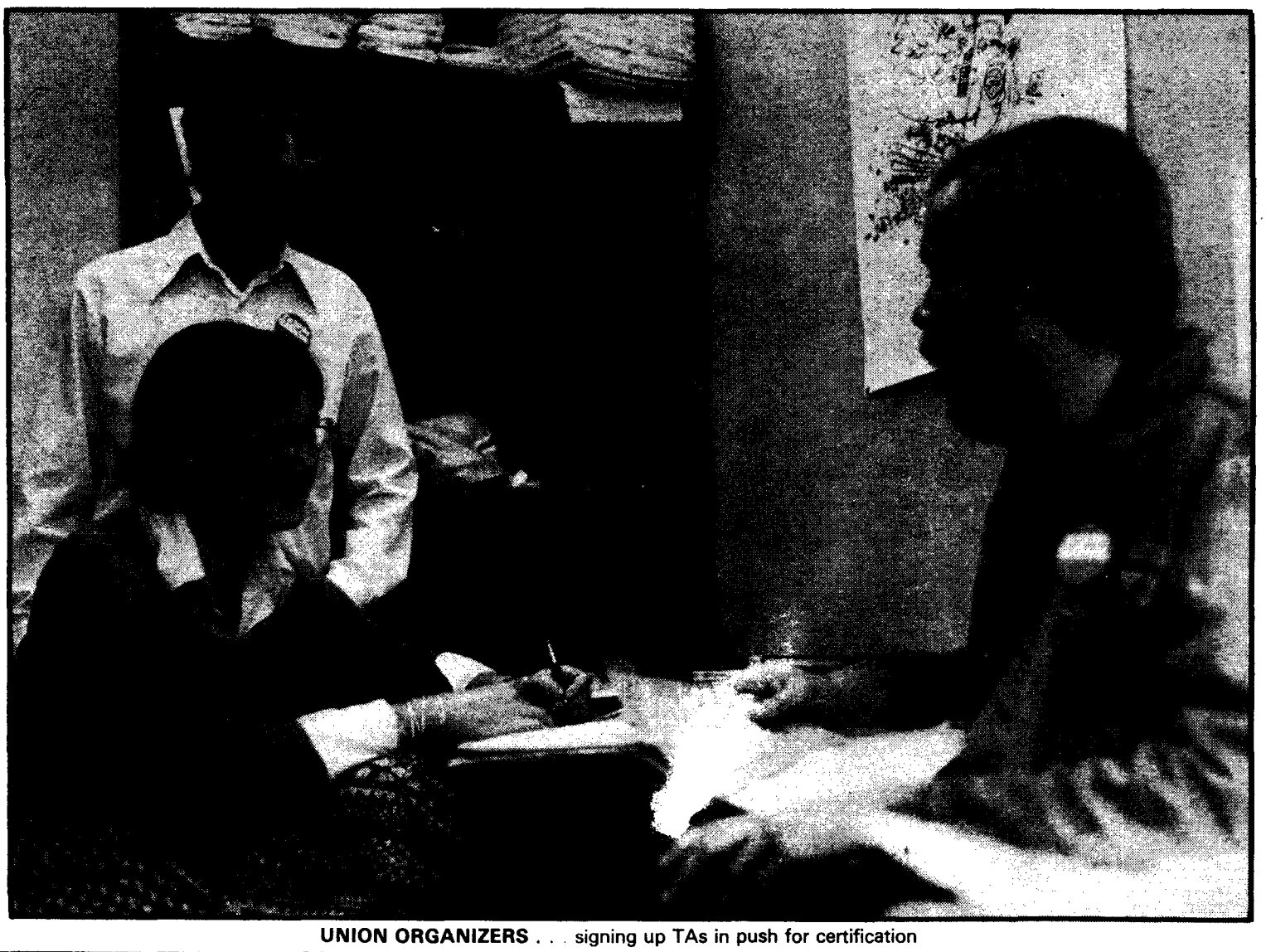
But the organizers are beginning to feel the crunch. They admit they now face the difficult task of signing teaching assistants who are not wholly in support of the move. The hiring of Mohr and Brian Lawson as organizers with funds from the Canadian Union of Public Employees has been highly beneficial, says Tiberiis.

"Some people had the idea that it was an arts plot to unionize, but we've had quite a lot of support in the sciences," says Mohr. "There's not as much support in some faculties like engineering, and that's where we'll be focusing now."

Tiberiis says a campus vote to accept the union could take place as early as late January. Negotiations with the administration for a contract could start as soon as 10 days after a successful vote.

"It would relieve a lot of pressures on TAs if this all could get through and we were able to establish some sort of grievance procedure, alleviate salary differences between faculties, get some sort of job security and reduce the number of students each TA has to handle," Tiberiis says.

"Generally the approach is not confrontation. The TAs, markers and tutors have to deal with a large bureaucracy and dealing with it individually is just not practical."



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PAGE TUESDAY

Birds eye view of art flies high in gallery

By HOLLY NATHAN

Music as food for the eye.

That is the idea behind artist Bernice Bird's debut display in the SUB Art Gallery this week.

Her source of inspiration, a ponderous and dignified bass viola reclines in the middle of the room, flanked by its structural echo the "rebec", and several other baroque instruments. Unaccompanied by the human touch, they are silent works of art in their own right; in this case the studies of musicians are intended to sound the chords.

Sketched during a series of campus noon-hour concerts, each work was conducted by the mood of the music playing at the time and together are Bird's attempts to make music a visual experience.

As the artist's love for music has been integrated with her talent for drawing, so artwork has become an integral part of her life. During a long illness, Bird found herself becoming completely disconnected from the rest of the world until the gift of a paint set helped her regain her self-respect.

"I realized this was something I really wanted to do" Bird says. "The illness showed me I shouldn't have left art, that I may not have become so detached from the world if I hadn't."

Her experience inspired her to work at Lions Gate Hospital with senior wheelchair patients, many of whom has suffered motor control damage through strokes. She found that, as with herself, patients close to complete retirement from life began to participate in activities and make efforts to talk with others as their own interest in artwork spiralled.

Bird describes the process as "psychology through the medium of art expression." And her success has directed her toward becoming a certified art therapist. She is presently working on a masters degree in fine arts at UBC with that end in mind.

Delicate and small Bird feels that since she's "not a very big person" she can relate better to young children and old people. She hopes to work through the school board to help diagnose children's motor problems and to give them a healthy way to work out emotional problems through artwork.

"It helps to be six feet two and 180 pounds to teach students" she sighs, and suggests that end of term blues can be combatted by their keeping in touch with something they enjoy, by continuing a communication with their surroundings.

From haunting the art galleries and museums of her native Toronto, to participating in art on a community level and formulating her present goals, has been for Bernice Bird a gradual development. She has always loved music, colour and painting, but it was the catalyst of her illness that inspired her to express all three, and to teach that medium of expression to others.

Her works are appearing with those of artist Unity Bainbridge, whose work is the result of 15 years of life on the Indian reservations of B.C. Their show ends Oct. 18 and interested students are invited to attend the closing night, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the SUB gallery.

Stranger proves punk Perfect

By VERNE McDONALD

The wave rolls on. At Simon Fraser University last Friday I went to hear the Subhumans and the K-Tels.

Instead I was again convinced of the depth that Vancouver has to offer in the realm of new bands.

Perfect Stranger proved that I was an asshole in not including them in my roundup last week of Vancouver's new wave bands. Contagious simply blew me over. The wave has hardly begun to roll.

Perfect Stranger is two women and a man. They play rock and roll. They do it well. I can't say more, except that I made a fool of myself dancing while SFU's mellow granola-freaks were playing it cool sitting around the edge of the dance floor pretending that nothing was happening.

Contagious is five women. I would feel odd saying that I'm in love with them all if I didn't know that any woman could fall in love with them as well.

The lead singer sounds like Phoebe Snow and the rest of them sound like they were born when rock and roll was all there was to life. Maybe they were.

All I know is that they touched me when by all measurement I was too numb and blasted to be touched. Contagious is good. Good, did you hear me?

It's folk rock, not punk rock, though they do that too. But mostly it's music and music they do well.

Yet these two groups took nothing away from the headliners.

The K-Tels, after at least an hour of somnambulence, brought everyone to life.

It wasn't until the K-Tels came on that the dance floor was filled and there were enough pogo freaks to provide the necessary amount of spit for a real good concert.

I left soon after that, confident the Subhumans would be spit on until they were sick of it. Having become one of the most well-known bands in Vancouver, they would certainly get their plaudits from a predominantly punk audience.

There was no violence. There was no screaming preference for one band over another. Those that were aware of the fact that Vancouver is producing some of the best bands in the world felt no need to make preferences among the bands that played to them.

They drank and made love on the lawn outside SFU's south court lounge and waited patiently for door tickets that were long in coming.

The concert was for the benefit of those who feel themselves threatened by nuclear war and radiation.

I don't think anyone paid attention to the cause. Worthy as it was, most people were there for the bands rather than the cause. The music was just too fuckin' good.

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Insurance not fair

By INGRID MATSON

ICBC squeezes the privates and Royal goes off the road

The largest private insurance company in B.C. is withdrawing from the automobile insurance market in the province.

Royal Insurance of Canada will accept no new automobile insurance business and all renewal business is to be put on hold until further notice says Royal's Vancouver branch manager Fred King. He informed the company's 300 independent agents of the decision in a recent bulletin.

He says Royal is pulling out because of the "almost impossible" conditions of competition with the government-run Insurance Corporation of B.C.

"It has become obvious that free enterprise insurance companies like the Royal face a no-win situation in the province of British Columbia," says King. "ICBC shows every intention of forcing out any competition."

Spokesman for Royal charge that ICBC's new Fundamental Auto Insurance Rating program, created in response to the government's anti-discrimination legislation, is discriminatory and unfair.

"It is discriminatory in that it means 85 per cent of motorists will subsidize the other 15 per cent of the driving population," said King.

"F.A.I.R. creates a one-territory, one-rate system for automobile insurance in B.C., which means that drivers of high risk potential in high risk areas will pay the same as drivers at the other end of the scale. This will simply result in a new form of discrimination.

"It is quite evident that this new F.A.I.R. program of equalizing rates between different groups of drivers will mean inevitable premium increases for some groups of drivers. ICBC intends to subsidize these increases from its $60 million rate stabilization fund," King says.

King also says ICBC publishes few meaningful statistics and "manipulates its funds in such a way as to give it an overwhelming advantage over free enterprise companies attempting to compete."

Spokesmen for Royal further charge that F.A.I.R. is political pricing of a commodity over which the government has virtual monopoly control.

King says Royal has written premier Bill Bennett outlining the company's position and protesting the government's control of the automobile insurance market in B.C.

"We have written to the premier. Right now we are waiting for the government to reply to us."

Royal's sharp criticism of ICBC has largely been in response to Bill 33, the provincial government's new anti-discrimination legislation that made it possible for ICBC to introduce F.A.I.R.

In an open letter to B.C. human resources minister Grace McCarthy Royal Insurance president Jean Robitaille likens the government's statements about B.C. automobile insurance rates to "newspeak" and "newthink," George Orwell's descriptive terms for subtle bending of the truth.

"Here we have a piece of legislation which purports to prohibit discrimination," the letter states. Not, you will observe, unfair discrimination but discrimination period while in fact it discriminates against the majority of British Columbia motorists.

"A large group of mature drivers and others living in certain areas who have statistically demonstrated lower accident rates and lower per-accident costs will now be forced to pay higher premiums to subsidize other drivers in the interests of so-called non-discrimination."

The letter says countless statistics available show that young drivers have more accidents than older drivers and that younger driver's accidents are more severe.

It also says existing statistical evidence shows that certain geographic areas have lower-than-average accident rates due to climate, road conditions, traffic density and the driving patterns of residents.

"This will have to be ignored when Bill 33 goes through, along with safe driver discounts," Robitaille says in the letter. Robitaille concludes saying that while premium costs could be distributed more fairly, Bill 33 is not the answer.

"I agree that the insurance industry can do more work to make sure that premium costs are distributed equitably. However, Bill 33 simply throws out the baby with the bath water. It is nothing more than a reflection of the faceless mass of universalism typical of so many legislated programs, and of Orwell's 1984," Robitaille states in the letter.

McCarthy has said ICBC's new F.A.I.R. program, based on Bill 33, is one of a kind.

"ICBC has come up with the first plan of its kind in the world. Other political parties may try to take credit, but it was the present government that laid the challenge before the Insurance Corporation," says McCarthy.

Other private insurance companies in B.C. express concerns similar to Royal's but have not yet taken strong action.

"We have it under consideration," said a spokesman for Commercial Union Insurance. "We've asked our agents to hold any new auto business. But we wouldn't take as strong action as they (Royal) have, we're just considering it now."

A spokesman for Travellers Insurance says his company is concerned about F.A.I.R., but has not asked their agents to refuse new business.

"We don't really consider it (F.A.I.R.) insurance," he said. And he said the company is considering the issue but is waiting for the Insurance Bureau of Canada to release its position paper later this month before making a decision.

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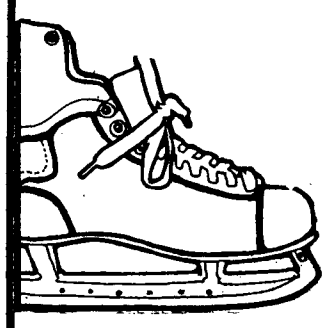

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SLAVONIC STUDIES AND FINE ARTS DEPARTMENTS
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Not quite the real thing

NEW YORK (ZNS) — In the wake of the success of groups such as "Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Pot-Smokers Anonymous," a New York drug counselor has launched (what else but?) "cocaine anonymous."

John Burrell says he has organized a special treatment group for coke users after finding that thousands of people fear they are abusing the drug, yet have nowhere to turn.

Burrell says he does not believe that the use of cocaine is addictive, but adds that — in his words — "psycologically it can be habit-forming and cause people a lot of trouble."

According to Burrell, the problems that arise from the excessive use of cocaine can be as simple as burning nostrils or as complex as complete psychological dependence.

Boogie down 'til you're calmed

A South African firm has announced plans to market a special anti-riot vehicle which broadcasts disco music through powerful loudspeakers in order to soothe the emotions of demonstrators.

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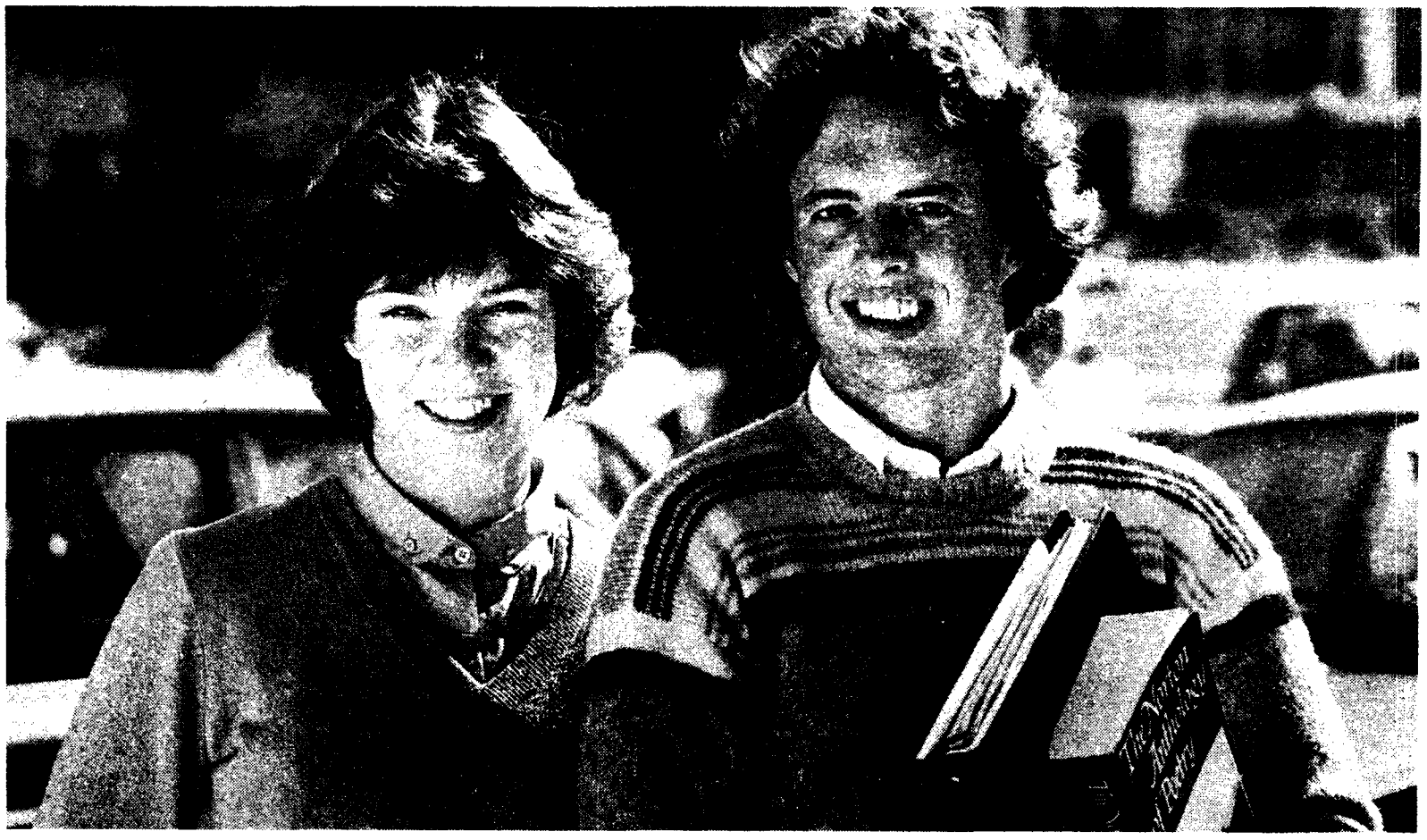

No one knows better than the young people of this province that the traditional methods of auto insurance rating – using statistical probabilities – discriminate against the safe, responsible young driver.

That's going to change.

The Provincial Government has challenged the auto insurance industry in B.C. to come up with a rating system that does not discriminate by reason of age, sex, marital status or geographic location. ICBC's answer to that challenge is a totally new program called Fundamental Auto Insurance Rating. We call it F.A.I.R. Because it *is* fair. It is based on abilities, not probabilities.

The program starts on March 1, 1980 and will be phased in over five years. In the first year, sex and marital status will be eliminated as rating factors. Over 215,000 male vehicle owners or principal operators under 30 will enjoy substantial reductions in the premiums they pay. In the second year, age will be removed as a rating factor. An additional 55,000 vehicle owners under 25 will pay lower premiums.

This program doesn't mean that older drivers and owners will be subsidizing younger drivers and owners. Equality of rating also means equality of responsibility. That's why the F.A.I.R. program will introduce new Accident Premiums for both drivers and owners who are responsible for accident claims. And the more accidents they cause, the more frequently they cause them, the higher their premiums can go.

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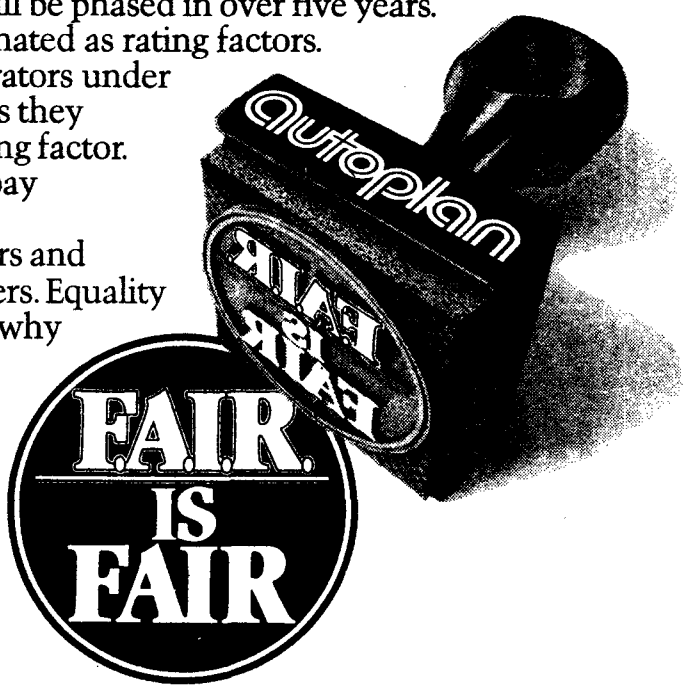

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Revived and revised, race big hit

By KEVIN FINNEGAN

Don't be alarmed if you see 720 UBC students running down the street Thursday with the Vancouver city police in hot pursuit. If you look closely you'll notice the cops are escorting them, not chasing them.

The runners will all be members of the 90 teams entered in the Diamond Jubilee Arts '20 race, and the police escort is a compromise reached between UBC intramurals and city hall after last year's race turned noon-hour traffic into chaos.

The race, an eight-person relay between Vancouver General Hospital and the cairn on Main Mall, originally started in 1920 in protest over delays in building the Point Grey campus for UBC. The university was situated in shacks on the hospital grounds at the time.

The race was abandoned in 1940 but revived in 1969 by intramural director Nestor Korchinsky. Its increasing popularity ever since has created logistical problems. After last year's 63 teams seriously disrupted traffic, intramurals and the city entered negotiations to permit the race to continue.

"Up until a few months ago it didn't look promising," said Korchinsky. "But the police have been really cooperative."

Intramurals had to alter the traditional route and post a $700 performance bond with the city, but the police escort will be provided at no cost.

The new route takes runners up Willow Street to keep them away from major fire and ambulance routes, and then straight out 16th Avenue to Blanca, before returning to University Boulevard.

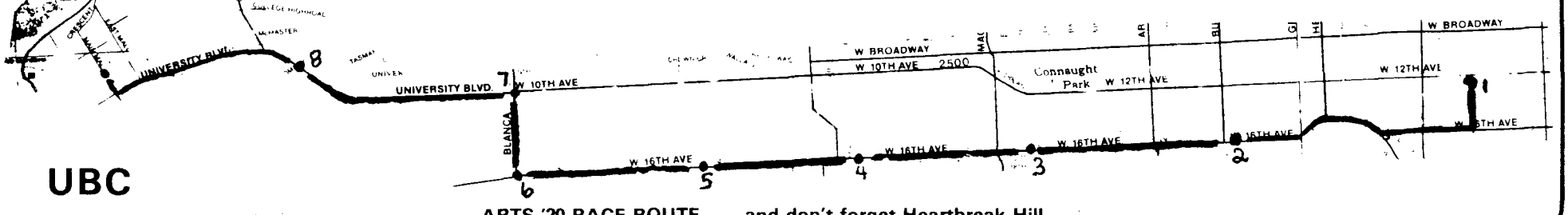
Each team's third runner will have the dubious honor of attacking "Heartbreak Hill," which on the new route will be 16th Avenue between Blenheim and Collingwood. The fourth runner will also face a tough run between Collingwood and Camosun.

The police will be controlling traffic at major intersections and diverting it away from the race route, Korchinsky said. No support or pick-up vehicles will be allowed on the route.

The race starts at VGH at 1 p.m., and the first team should finish about 35 minutes later. There will be a prize-giving social in the SUB conversation pit at 2 p.m.

Last year's race was won by the engineers, with the men's rowing team finishing first three consecutive years before. The women's field hockey team won the women's section last year.

UBC amateur radio society Hamsoc will report results at each exchange point during the race and they will be broadcast at the finish point on Main Mall.



ARTS '20 RACE ROUTE . . . and don't forget Heartbreak Hill

SPORTS

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SOCCER BALL CROSSES event threshold of black hole on McInnes field during junior varsity game against Occasionals last week, reducing portions to zero mass and causing sphere to travel through space but not time. Event fascinated physicists but merely served to frustrate local soccer fans, to whom intricacies of quantum mechanics are irritants, serving only to screw up corner kicks.

Playoffs near but not here

How close is the race in the Western Intercollegiate Football League?

With one game remaining, the UBC Thunderbirds are in first place. By season's end, they might not make the playoffs.

WESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Standings

	W	L	Pts.
UBC 'Birds	**5**	**2**	**10**
Alberta 'Bears	4	2	8
Manitoba Bisons	3	3	6
Calgary D'saurs	3	4	6
Sask. Huskies	1	5	2

The Thunderbirds moved into first place Friday with a 29-12 win over the University of Calgary Dinosaurs and retained sole possession when the University of Manitoba Bisons downed the University of Alberta Golden Bears 47-31 Saturday in Winnipeg.

In Calgary Friday UBC took control of the game in the second quarter, scoring two touchdowns and a touchback to lead 19-6 at the half. Quarterback Greg Clarkson threw touchdown passes to Evan Jones and Barry Muis and linebacker Mike Emery sacked the Calgary quarterback in the end zone for two points in the scoring spree. Clarkson threw another touchdown pass to Jones in the third quarter to cap an 83 yard march.

Ken Munroe kicked three converts and two field goals to round out the scoring.

The weekend action leaves the 'Birds in first place with ten points, two more than Alberta and four up on Manitoba. Both prairie teams have a game in hand over UBC, and both have one game remaining against the cellar-dwelling Saskatchewan Huskies. The Huskies were pre-season favorites to finish first but have managed only one win, at home against UBC.

If the 'Birds win their last league game Oct. 27 against Alberta at Thunderbird Stadium, they will finish first and have the home field advantage for the playoffs. If they lose and Manitoba loses one of their remaining games, UBC will finish second and the playoff game will be in Edmonton. If UBC loses and Manitoba wins both their games, the 'Birds will be out.

But before then, the Thunderbirds face the Simon Fraser University Clansmen Friday at Empire Stadium at 8 p.m. for the Shrum Bowl. UBC won last year's game 22-14.

'Birds clean up on southern tour

The UBC men's soccer team returned victorious from a U.S. college tour with five wins and no losses.

The impressive rout began October 7 with a 4-1 win against Denver's Metro State University. The 'Birds then embarked on a three-game shut-out drive downing Denver University 1-0, Utah State University 9-0 and Brigham Young University 3-0.

On Thursday, UBC crowned their record with a final 3-2 decision against Denver's Mission Trujillo club.

"UBC has improved significantly since the season opening," said coach Joe Johnson. "Their tour play was excellent despite their 4-2 loss to the University of Alberta just prior to the trip."

Johnson cited changes in the lineup resulting in improved forward passing and tighter ball control.

The entire defensive backfield has been revamped with former defenders now playing midfield positions, said Johnson. "Defender Mark Rizzardo displayed good speed and control, especially against Brigham Young and midfielder Will Sluis was a key in setting up several scoring plays."

Scoring leaders during the tour were midfielder Tom Wilkinson with six goals and forward Gord Johnson with five, including a hat-trick against Metro State.

The 'Birds take to the road this week, playing the University of Calgary Thursday and the University of Saskatchewan Friday in Canada West University Athletic Association league play.

'Bird droppings

The fog played havoc with travel schedules on the weekend, and as a result some teams didn't play at all. The Canada West women's field hockey tournament scheduled for Saskatoon on the weekend was cancelled after the UBC and University of Victoria teams were stranded on the ground at B.C. airports. Barring a repeat or an early snowstorm on the praries, the tourney will be held next weekend.

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UBC's new women's volleyball coach Sandy Silver got her first look at the team in action on the weekend at the Portland State tournament in Oregon. The team posted a 7-5 win-loss record in the tourney, which was won by the University of Washington.

The next tournament in Nov. 2 and 3 in Victoria.

The men's and women's teams will host the annual B.C. High School tourney Friday and Saturday at UBC. Preliminaries will be held Friday evening and Saturday in both War Memorial Gym and the Osborne centre, with the finals Saturday evening in the Mem. Gym.

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The Thunderbird ice hockey team opened its home season with a 5-4 win over the alumni Friday night at the winter sports centre. Rob Jones and Bill Trenaman had two goals each and Dino Sita scored the other for the 'Birds, while Bob MacAneely, Jim Lawrence, Rich Longpre and Keith Tindle scored for the alumni.

The 'Birds meet the Delta Hurry Kings tonight in Delta, then host Brandon University Friday and University of Regina Saturday. The weekend games are part of a reduced schedule with Great Plains Athletic Union teams.