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Senate creates 'super' group

By Corinne Bjorge

UBC senate voted last week to create a "super committee" with the power to make recommendations ranging from the formation of faculty chairs to the transfer of college credits, according to student senator Derek Pettingale.

"Under the Universities Act, senate is responsible for giving the university direction. But (currently) there is no framework, no guidelines, and no way to keep senate constantly informed," said Pettingale.

Engineering professor Richard Spencer, who forwarded the motion, said he hopes the committee will look into the increasingly popular process of private corporations tying money into specific research chairs.

"It's fairly clear there is more money with specific strings than there used to be," said Spencer.

While Spencer does not disagree with attaching strings to research dollars, he said senate should "look to see where this is taking us."

"One, five, ten chairs is fine, but fifty chairs?" said Spencer. "There are a significant number of faculties with graduate and undergraduate (research) who are no longer doing the unrestricted inquiry that the university is for," he said.

Spencer said other senate members were concerned about the overlapping of committee powers and redundancy in actions. "This looks like a very powerful committee," he said.

Political science professor Paul Tennant said while similar committees exist successfully at other universities, the pro-

posal does not acknowledge the strong position committees enjoy at UBC.

"(There is an) important role that committees do play at UBC," said Tennant.

Tennant also said senate would have to address questions of influence — access to information and allowing counter research to other committees — which affect the 'power' of the committee.

Pettingale said the broad mandate of the committee should not be confused with its powers.

"It cannot do anything itself. It does not establish policy," said Pettingale.

Tennant, chair of the nominating committee, said he anticipates the selection of members and the setting of the mandate to address some of the possible problems.

It will be "an open process" allowing input from all of senate, he said.

There is also speculation that formation of the committee would put a check on the powers of UBC president David Strangway.

"The president has set up task forces outside of (senate)," said Pettigale. But if some of the functions of presidential task forces come under the new senate committee, Strangway's influence would weaken. "He has more control over (the task forces), than he does over senate," said Pettingale.

"Administrators tend to look at obstructions," said Spencer. "At some point there may be some initiative senate advised (that conflicts with the administration)."

Tennant said he will suggest that a nominations' list be drawn up for the May senate meeting.

Peace approaches Nicaraguan fighters lay down weapons

By Irwin Nicolas Oostindie
(for CUP from Costa Rica)

Six hours of negotiations between the Sandanista government and contra rebels yesterday brought new hope for peace in Nicaragua. For the first time since the Sandinista's overthrew the Somoza dictatorship in a popular revolution in 1979, a chance for a settlement is in sight.

Negotiations between the two sides began yesterday in an air of pessimism. With the threat of the talks being cancelled as a result of the tensions that sprung up last week at the Honduran border, both sides were saying little about possible solutions to the conflict.

The Sandanistas, who have been facing increasing internal problems, were under pressure from Commandante Tomas Borge to not hold the talks with the contras inside the country.

But the Sandanista government appears to be easing their previous hard line approach to the U.S. war in Central America. In the past, the government had insisted talks take place directly with the U.S. in Washington. Last night Contra leader Adolfo Colero said that for the first time the Sandanistas recognized the Contras as both a military and more crucially, a political movement.

The Sandanistas acceptance has allowed the talks, presently into their second day, to continue with good spirits.

Both sides came out of Monday's talks extremely positive and satisfied with their accomplishments.

Arturo Cruz, speaking for the Contras said "it's the first opportunity for a frank,

open and direct discussion on our way of seeing things for our country and the way the (Sandanistas) see things for Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan government was represented by Commandante Humberto Ortega, minister of defence, and vice foreign minister Victor Hugo Tinoco. They met with the Contras, presided by directors' Adolfo Calero, Alfredo Cesar and Aristides Sanchez and chief negotiator Mr. Jaime Morales Carazo.

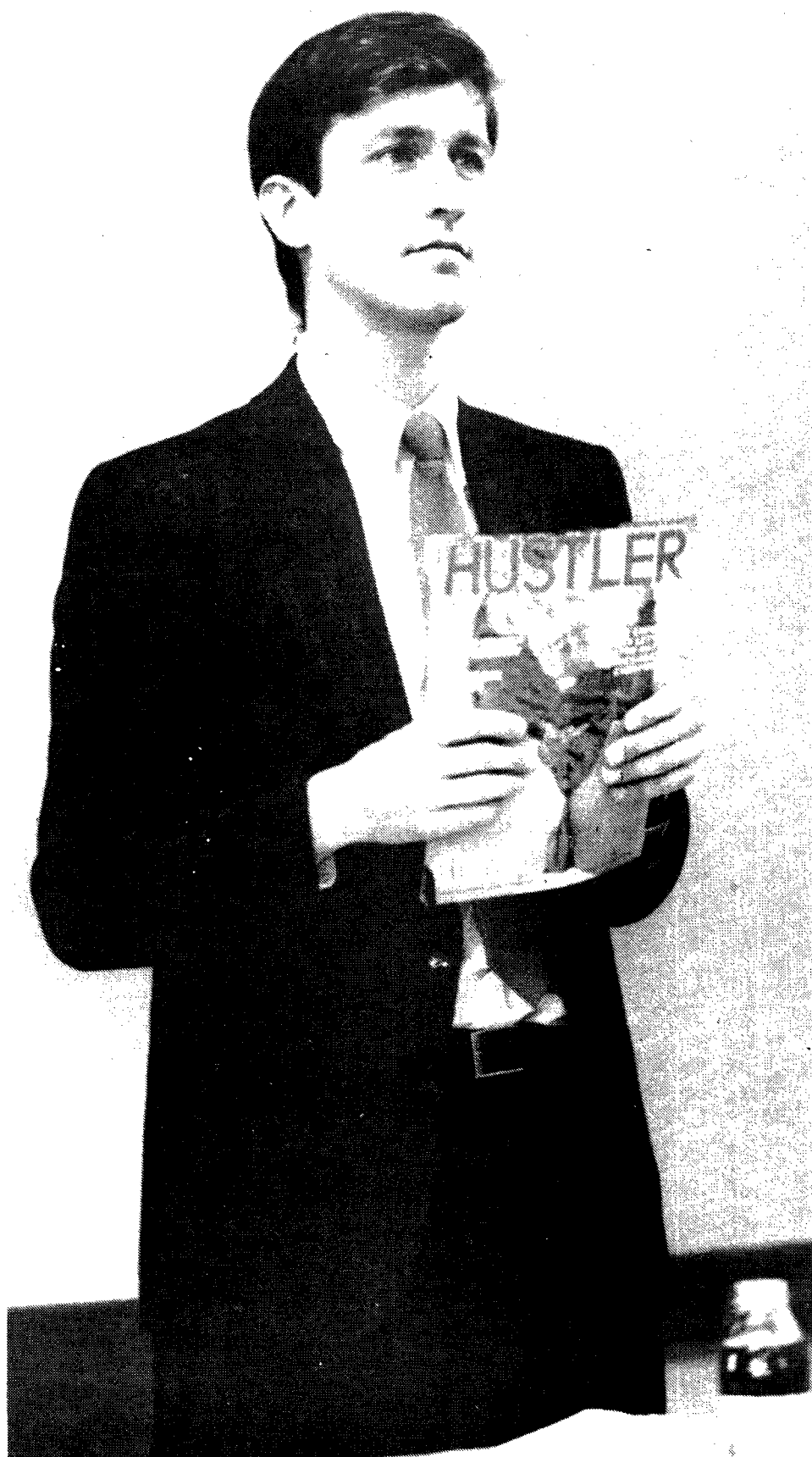
The open exchange of a variety of topics at such a high level creates a framework appropriate for continuing productive negotiations through this week.

The principle proposal to be discussed today includes various points earlier presented by the contras a month ago.

In exchange for a total amnesty, as foreseen by Esquipulus II (Guatemalan Peace Accord) and agreed to by the Sandanistas, in addition to the freedom of expression, the Contra forces (less than 15,000 in number) would lay down their arms for a 30 day truce.

On Sunday night the Sandanistas had already called to a halt their military actions against the pocket guerilla activities of the Contras, and at noon yesterday, the contras announced that they too would temporarily halt the violence which continues to destroy the countryside, kill innocent people, and aggravate the struggling Nicaraguan economy.

The promising fact that stood out from Monday's commencement of the new round of peace talks, is that neither side views a military victory as being in Nicaragua's best interests.



Svend speaks to UBC students Friday

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Svend talks Tory turkey

By Deanne Fisher

Bill C-54, the federal government's proposed pornography legislation, will make Canada the most "culturally repressive nation in the world," said the Burnaby New Democrat MP at SUB last Friday.

Svend Robinson spoke to a large audience about the implications of what he calls a "profoundly dangerous piece of legislation".

Robinson said "the extreme right wing" Conservative back benchers are responsible for the existence of Bill C-54.

"The Tory definition of erotica is nudity," said Robinson.

"In my view, it's clear that the existing provisions in the criminal code are not satisfactory," said Robinson. "But the question is to what extent have (the Tories) gone overboard?"

Robinson accused the government of ignoring recommendations from commissions which contradict the proposed bill.

The Fraser commission, set-up to study

pornography and prostitution, suggested Canadians should be able to view images of erotica and explicit sexual activity. The commission said most Canadians would draw the line at child and violent pornography, and degrading material.

But Bill C-54 criminalizes "any imagery whatsoever about masturbation, ejaculation, vaginal, oral or anal intercourse," said Robinson. "That doesn't leave an awful lot of options."

The legislation would hamper the distribution of sex education literature in Canada, said Robinson. "Under this bill, any reference to a number of safe sex practices would be illegal," he said.

The art community will also suffer from Bill C-54, not only through prosecution, said Robinson, but possibly through "self censorship".

"Artists are simply not going to take the risk that their work might be challenged in court. It costs money to defend yourself in court," said Robinson.

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World leaders on trial

Canadian citizens to arrest seven state heads

When U.S. president Ronald Reagan arrives in Toronto this June, a group of Canadians will be there with a warrant for his arrest.

The same Canadians also plan to arrest the leaders of Canada, Great Britain, France, Japan, Germany and Italy for their crimes against humanity, as they gather in Toronto for the Group of Seven Nations summit.

Billed as the "Citizen's Arrest of the Official Terror Network," the activists will be taking part in a three-day tribunal inquiry into the international crimes of the seven nations.

Using Canadian law and United Nations conventions, the tribunal will indict the seven government leaders for crimes of poverty, war, torture, the arms race, pollution, homelessness and genocide from Northern Ireland to Micronesia.

"These seven nations are basically an economic group that are waging an ongoing war against everything - the environment, our children, and the planet as a whole," said Ken Hancock, tribunal organizer from the Alliance for Non-Violent Action.

Witnesses from around the world will testify at the tribunal from June 9-12. The tribunal is intended, in part, to ensure the seven nations adhere to international human rights standards, such as the Nuremberg laws, making preparation of crimes against humanity a criminal offence.

"We're not just looking at war as a conflict between nations, but as a condition of the economic and political system these men run," Hancock said.

"These seven nations are waging an ongoing war against everything - the environment, our children, and the planet as a whole."

Hancock sees the Hans Christian Andersen fable, the Emperor's Old Clothes, as a metaphor for the leaders' true nature. "Not only is the emperor naked with power," he said, "but the emperor is a terrorist."

Speakers ranging from Native Canadians to Central American refugees will testify against the seven nations before a jury. The embassies of each country have been invited to send a defense attorney to

represent them, but so far none have responded.

The citizen's arrest will be an act of non-violent obligation under international law. Organizers expect Canadian security officials to arrest them, possibly before they attempt to deliver the warrant.

"Any desire to squash this kind of resistance is going to be handled diplomatically through the court, but there will certainly be an overt use of force," says Hancock.

In a way, he says, the action is theatre, as well as a practical and political action.

"The whole point is that the summit they're having is theatre as well," he said. "It's an event put on to sell themselves to the public."

In the tribunal, witnesses and prosecuting attorneys will cite international agreements Canada has ratified, such as the U.N. Convention on Human Rights, and Against Torture, which decree no signing country will provide safe haven for torturers, and will deport suspects to their countries of origin.

The tribunal will also use Bill C-71, the War Criminals Act, which gives immigration officials power to bar from the country those known to engage in war crimes.

The Bill was passed in Sept. 1987 after the Deschenes Commission revealed evidence of former Nazi war criminals living in Canada. By the time the Bill passed, it was amended to

include any crimes against peoples at any point in history.

"So we say we agree - don't let the seven countries in," says Hancock.

The Bill also provides for prosecution of anyone involved in war crimes against Canadian citizens.

Hancock says the best result of the tribunal would be to show the War Criminals Act cannot be used fairly if the government applies it selectively to fit its political agenda.

"Canada is obviously not going to prosecute its allies," he said, adding, "Obviously, they never meant it to apply to themselves."

Witnesses will testify at the tribunal in several categories. Three sections will focus on human rights. Another will deal with damage to the environment and human health. One will concentrate on, "What we call 'undefensible nuclearism' - the whole chain of nuclear terror and the destruction to the environment," says Hancock. A final one will focus on economic crimes - crimes against the poor in the face of unchecked military spending.

Native testimony against the Canadian and U.S. government will be a strong element in the tribunal. With much international attention focused on South Africa's white-minority rule, and now the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, Canada's treatment of its Native people's is often ignored.

Few Canadians, for instance, know the South African government studied the Canadian reserve system as a model for the apartheid bantustans.

Jury members in the human rights section will include John McMurty, a University of Guelph professor; Chris Levan, from Queens Theological College; Art Solomon, a Native elder; and Charles Roach, a lawyer from the Toronto black community.

Other 'prosecuting attorneys' will include Philip Agee, ex-CIA agent and author; Mirna Anaya, from the El Salvador Human Rights Commission; and Philip Berrigan, an activist

who, as a member of the Ploughshares 8, has served time in prison for taking part in non-violent actions against U.S. militarism, including the hammering-in of nuclear warhead nose-cones.

The tribunal may also include testimony by children - possibly pre-filmed due to the intimidation of a public forum - and others on the psychological terror of growing up with nuclear weapons, the subject of a recent McMaster University study.

Another speaker will be Clair Culhane, Canada's most outspoken prison abolitionist and prisoner rights activist. Culhane sees the tribunal as an opportunity to raise issues often ignored within the social justice movement, such as the torture of Canadian prisoners, and the prison system as a \$6 billion profit industry.

If the tribunal is going to discuss international human rights abuses, she says, it must cast an eye to the Canadian prison system.

In 1982, Archimbault prison in Quebec was the scene of one of the worst prison riots in Canadian history. Three guards were killed, and three

prisoners committed suicide. "The prison was closed for 10 days, and the guards took out their fury on prisoners," including violent and humiliating physical and sexual abuse, she said.

The riot was so bad it sparked an investigation by Amnesty International, the International Federation of Human Rights (Paris), and the American Civil Liberties Union.

"If they talk about torture in other countries, it's about time they talked about it here," Culhane will also speak to Canada's international obligations and complicity in war crimes. "I will be linking up Canada's role in Vietnam, and its ongoing role - as a colony of the Americans, kowtowing to Pentagon policy, acting as what I call 'friends of the butcher' - with our role in Chile, Palestine, Nicaragua, South Africa."

Summit leaders will downplay the tribunal as having no authority. But then again, political and religious leaders have a long tradition of arrogance towards the public whom they claim to represent.

"The system is geared so decisions are left in the hands of an economic elite who profit from them," said Hancock, "There's not much responsibility at a popular level."

The tribunal uses language the organizers feel most accurately describes the roots of our system and its effects on the planet's population. "Terrorism is a word used in our society towards non-state actions - that's 'retail' terrorism, as opposed to 'wholesale' terrorism of governments," he said.

"The elite never refer to actions they do as terrorist. They say it's for democracy and freedom," said Hancock. "That's part of our responsibility in holding a popular event to show what is being done."

Clark recently referred to Israel's repression of Palestinian protests in occupied West Bank and Gaza as human rights violations under international standards - detention without charge, excessive force against civilian protests, torture.

"If that's a standard, it's one we could use against the many actions of the seven nations," said Hancock.

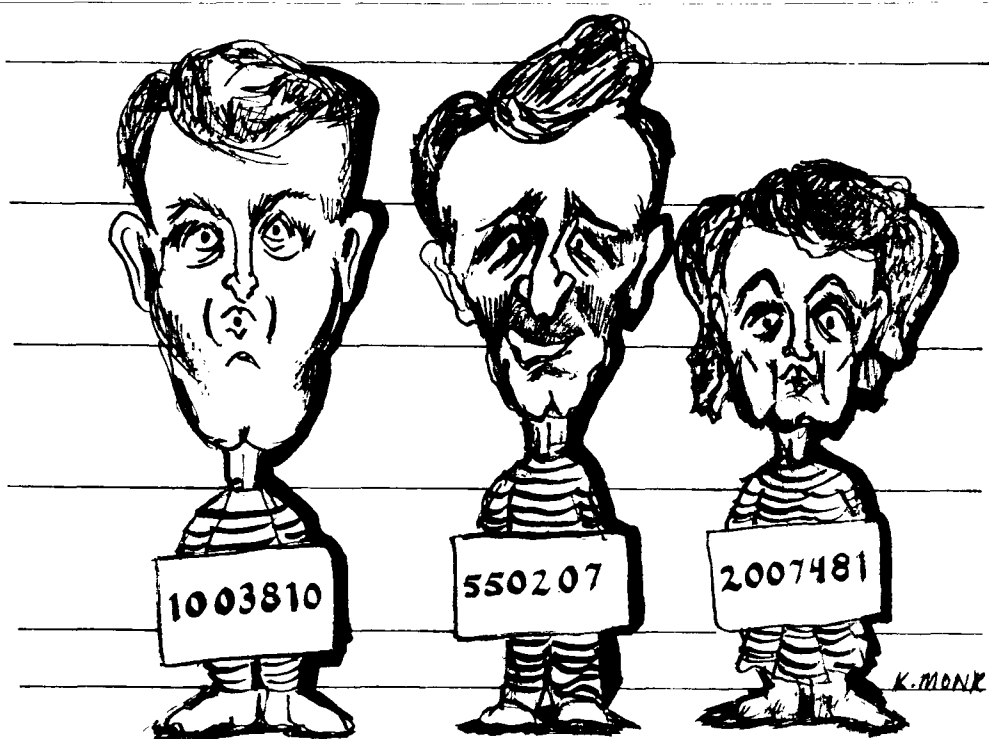
But while the tribunal will focus on U.N. charters and the War Criminals Act, he says he wants to avoid using a totally legal framework. "We don't want to forget that there's also a moral international consensus that it's wrong to slaughter millions of people, wrong to let people freeze to death in the streets of Canada while we talk about nuclear subs."

"I don't want to see us lose that, or give it less importance, just because it isn't written down. It isn't written in U.N. charters," said Hancock, "it exists in people's conscience."

International law also outlines the law of omission - refusal to act and resist committed war crimes. The point of the tribunal is not to merely condemn world leaders, but to question our role in letting these crimes continue.

"To know these policies, it's our responsibility to resist them," says Hancock. "We know if we do nothing, we enter the realm of criminality and violence too."

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By Mike Laanela

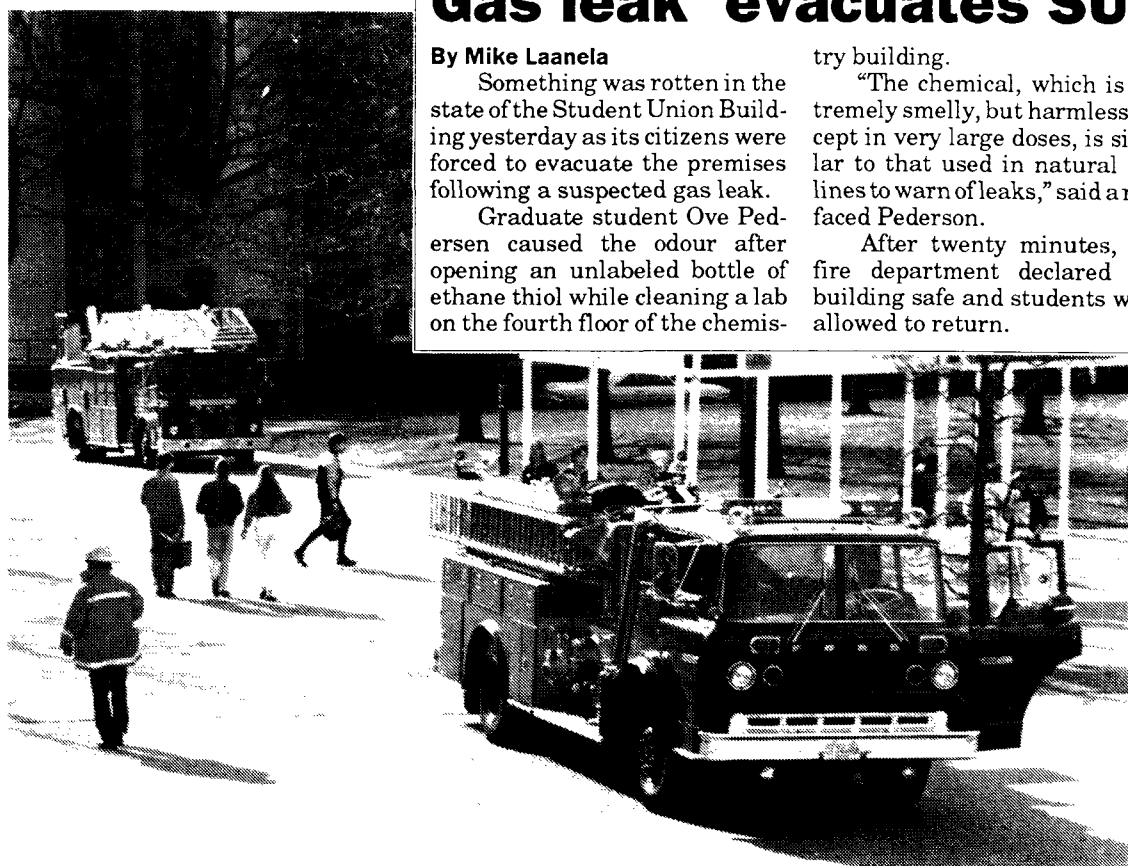
Something was rotten in the state of the Student Union Building yesterday as its citizens were forced to evacuate the premises following a suspected gas leak.

Graduate student Ove Pedersen caused the odour after opening an unlabeled bottle of ethane thiol while cleaning a lab on the fourth floor of the chemis-

try building.

"The chemical, which is extremely smelly, but harmless except in very large doses, is similar to that used in natural gas lines to warn of leaks," said a red-faced Pederson.

After twenty minutes, the fire department declared the building safe and students were allowed to return.



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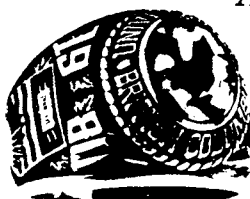
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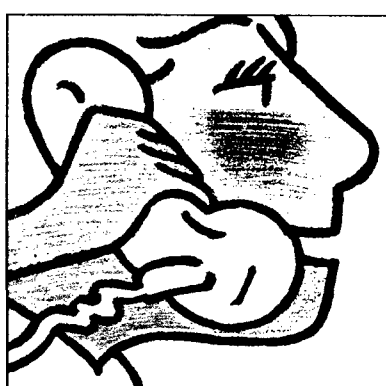
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Peace chair embroiled in conflict

By Kathleen Byrne

TORONTO (CUP)—Lack of money has made the establishment of Canada's first chair in peace studies anything but peaceful.

The chair for the program in peace and conflict studies at the University of Toronto has been unendowed since the program's inception in September 1986.

"The funding of the chair in peace studies is in my view, without exaggeration, the most important event in the history of the university," said Eric Fawcett, U of T physics professor and president of Science for Peace.

William Klassen, a visiting professor of peace and conflict studies, has been given five years to secure a \$1.3 million permanent endowment from sources outside the university.

Until enough money is raised, U of T's peace chair will survive on a year-to-year basis rather than as a permanent position.

Fawcett said the endowment is essential for both practical and symbolic reasons.

"It is significant because the greatest risk to humanity today is threat of war," he said. "We're more at risk now than perhaps we've ever been in historical times."

Fundraising for the project has seen its share of setbacks.

"We were told we could not approach any Canadian corporation, any Canadian foundation, or any individual known to be a donor to the university in the past," said Terry Gardner, the program's coordinator.

Peter Richardson, principal of U of T's University College, said so

far the university hasn't had any luck with trying to acquire government funds through a matching grant program.

"We've contacted almost everyone in Ottawa to try to get them to view the chair of peace studies as eligible for matching funding," said Richardson. "But they have all concluded that it isn't eligible. You get patted on the head and sent on your way."

"Peace studies remains an orphan in the academic world," said Davis. "It would be better if the university recognized it as a need and made a substantial contribution to the endowment from the university's funds. They have not offered to do that."

But Klassen's task was given a boost last February when the university agreed to add the program to its major fundraising

campaign.

"I'm very, very pleased it's a priority item for the campaign," said Klassen. "All of a sudden we're terribly respectable—in fact we're even popular."

And Klassen's efforts, which are largely directed at small Canadian foundations, have so far been successful—within seven months of his appointment, he secured a

"Peace studies remains an orphan in the academic world"

promise of \$600,000 from a Toronto couple.

"I think overall we've done very well and the support from people is very good," said Klassen.

The undergraduate program in peace and conflict studies at U of T is the second program in Canada. The first was established at the University of Waterloo. Toronto's program was established both to analyze issues of peace and conflict and to help legitimize peace studies as an academic discipline.

"We will attract national attention to the project and give students a teacher who is a master in that area," said Klassen.

Klassen said despite the funding problems, he is enthusiastic about the changing status of peace studies in the academic community.

"I think things have changed," he said. "Peace is more respectable now."

AMS sends valentine to Ethiopia

By Laura Busheikin

UBC's student council has pledged \$250 to Cheryl Verney's personal crusade to battle famine in northern Ethiopia, but some council members have questioned their decision.

"Her cause is excellent but her documentation is misleading. We still have to do more digging to find the facts but so far we've found that what she's telling us about herself is not entirely factual," said AMS president Tim Bird.

In response to doubts about Verney's legitimacy, council has decided to reconsider the decision at next week's meeting.

Verney, who calls her campaign 'Valentine for Ethiopia', spoke to council last Wednesday night. She told them Simon Fraser University's student council had pledged \$1000 and brought in a

letter from SFU president William Saywell endorsing her efforts.

Much of the confusion arose because Verney's project is not actually registered as a charity. She campaigns for funds as an individual, then gives the funds to one of eight charities.

John Graham of OXFAM, one of the charities Verney said she was working with, confirmed that Verney has made contributions to OXFAM.

"We've always found her to be above board and honest," he said. Verney has been contributing regularly since she began her campaign in December, said Graham.

Verney told council the money would cover personal administrative costs rather than go to one of the charities which would channel

it to Ethiopia.

"I see no problem with her asking for administration costs. She certainly has plenty of costs and seems dedicated to keeping them at a minimum," Graham said.

Lisa Eckman, AMS director of external affairs, said she made inquiries and is satisfied Verney is trustworthy.

"Some of the things she said are a bit iffy, but what she's doing is good," said Eckman. "I see no reason not to give her the money, and we will be sending a letter out to universities and colleges across Canada supporting donations to the cause."

Bird's skepticism centred around one sentence in the letter from SFU president Saywell, which said Verney was the cata-

lyst for the Mayor's Walk for Africa which will take place on May 7.

Mayor Gordon Campbell denies the Walk was organized at Verney's request, but Saywell said Verney told him the Walk was organized at her request.

"That letter lent her a lot of credibility in my mind and made donating to her very appealing," said Bird, "but the part that sold me is not true."

"I don't think she's a scam artist," said Bird, "she just feels so strongly about this that she's willing to cut corners on red tape to save time."

Verney's campaign began with a hunger strike in front of city hall last December.



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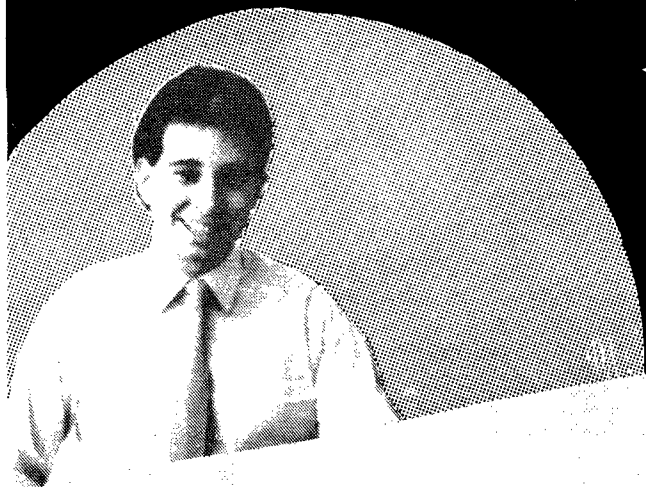
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Shawn Bordoff

1. Why are you running?(in 20 words or less)

Because I feel that I can represent the students of this school. I want to have more input as far as the students are concerned as to how to use their AMS fees.

2. People have accused the AMS typesetting shop of over charging students as compared to the commercial market. If these allegations prove true, would you run the shop at a deficit to provide a service for students?

If there is a large demand from the students, definitely. If the students are unhappy about the price, then it should be lowered.

3. Should SUB concourse space be used for outside businesses to make a profit? (ie. clothing store by photocopiers)

If the businesses are related to students in any way, and the students have a demand for it, I see no problem. However, if they take anything away from student business, there shouldn't be any of these shops.

4. The DoF is required to help negotiate AMS business contracts. Currently the Office and Technical Employees Union is being offered a 1.4% wage increase but the cost of living index is 3.9%. How do you feel about the negotiations?

If the employees are unhappy, then the AMS will not run properly, so the AMS should be fair in the amount of increase it gives to its non-student employees. If some employees were already earning a large salary and the increase will still be sufficient, then there's obviously no reason to raise their salary any more.

5. If students support a new athletic complex, where should funding come from? (ie. matching administrative funds, private sector funding)

I would hope to have funding from the government. This school doesn't get nearly as much government funding as it should. And if we could get from the private sector, then by all means we should.

6. Should the AMS serve as a political voice for the student population? Why or why not?

Most definitely. The AMS is a student organization. Each elected position, including the DoF, should represent the students as best they can. I think that the student population is too apathetic towards the AMS, and if a student is to consider the amount of money he/she invests in the AMS, then they might want to have their opinions heard.

7. What is your opinion of the AMS decision to oppose the video game Double Dragon? Why?

If there were several requests to have this game removed on the basis of sexism, then it should be removed. Personally, I would not play a game that degrades women. If there was a real large demand, which I doubt, to have this game brought back, then I would support the voice of the student population.



Dan Gomes

1. Why are you running?(in 20 words or less)

Because I believe I have the practical experience to take on the capacity of the job and to give the students the voice they need.

2. People have accused the AMS typesetting shop of over charging students as compared to the commercial market. If these allegations prove true, would you run the shop at a deficit to provide a service for students?

I would look at alternatives - ie. more efficient ways of running the typesetting service, in order that the service be available for the students.

3. Should SUB concourse space be used for outside businesses to make a profit? (ie. clothing store by photocopiers)

I think it's fine provided that some of that profit gets back to the students.

4. The DoF is required to help negotiate AMS business contracts. Currently the Office and Technical Employees Union is being offered a 1.4% wage increase but the cost of living index is 3.9%. How do you feel about the negotiations?

I feel that this is the first thing the DOF has to deal with since they've been without a contract for about a year. I think the employees' request to be on par with the cost of living is a fair proposition and until I have more information on it, I can't comment on the actual figures.

5. If students support a new athletic complex, where should funding come from? (ie. matching administrative funds, private sector funding)

I would look at all options (student levy, matching administrative funds, the private sector) and decide which ones of these would give the students the greatest amount of input into the construction and operation of the facility and which would cost the students the least. If it had to be directly from a student levy, I feel it should be on a long term basis rather hitting current students with the financial burden.

6. Should the AMS serve as a political voice for the student population? Why or why not?

I think if the AMS has a clear mandate by the students, it would be worth considering but I am opposed to any arbitrarily made decisions made by the executive. I feel that student input is very important into any political decisions made by the AMS.

7. What is your opinion of the AMS decision to oppose the video game Double Dragon? Why?

I personally have never played the game and I feel if the AMS is going to make any moral decisions they should have input from the students they represent.



Karl Kottmeier

1. Why are you running?(in 20 words or less)

Because I'm currently serving as assistant director finance, I know the job and I would like to continue working in student politics for the AMS.

2. People have accused the AMS typesetting shop of over charging students as compared to the commercial market. If these allegations prove true, would you run the shop at a deficit to provide a service for students?

No director of finance should run any operation at a deficit. What I would do is find out why it's charging more than private company and see if anything can be done to bring it into line with the competition, and if not, I would consider some form of subsidy to provide the service for the students.

3. Should SUB concourse space be used for outside businesses to make a profit? (ie. clothing store by photocopiers)

If enough money is being provided to the AMS in terms of rent and if they're providing a valuable service to the student body, then I think it's okay to have a private company. If there's the possibility of a student run company then they should have preference over anyone else.

4. The DoF is required to help negotiate AMS business contracts. Currently the Office and Technical Employees Union is being offered a 1.4% wage increase but the cost of living index is 3.9%. How do you feel about the negotiations?

In terms of a cost of living allowance, it depends on how much we can afford to give them; not as a strict interpretation of percentages.

5. If students support a new athletic complex, where should funding come from? (ie. matching administrative funds, private sector funding)

Definitely, both of the above with an emphasis on the private sector. In terms of this university's using the private sector, we look more to the government where we could look to the big companies who I'm sure would be willing to provide sponsorship.

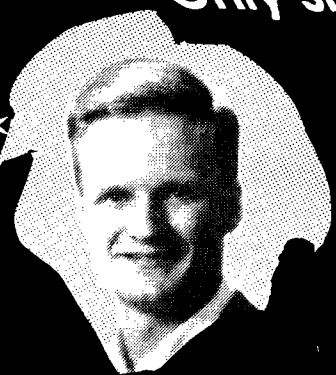
6. Should the AMS serve as a political voice for the student population? Why or why not?

It does in terms of Tim Bird's role or Carolyn Egan's role but I don't think that that's particularly relevant to the director of finance. It's their job to be a liaison between the university and the rest of society. Those two positions state university policy.

7. What is your opinion of the AMS decision to oppose the video game Double Dragon? Why?

It's overreacting to a situation that doesn't demand the press it's received. If we were going to get rid of a video game that was violent or in any way offensive to a group then we wouldn't have any video games left. I'm not sad that it's gone because I don't play video games.

A long time ago in a galaxy far far away, the AlmaMater System was in turmoil. The resignation of director of finance elect, Mike Fahy, had the System in a state of emergency. Who would balance the Imperial books? Who would spend Imperial money? With the quickness of a collapsing star the System's executive called a by-election. Want ads soliciting for a new DoF were sent out to every galaxy. Only six dared to apply...



Jonathan Mercer

1. Why are you running?(in 20 words or less)

I've had a great deal of experience with the AMS and because I have a number of ideas that I would like to bring to the AMS for the students.

2. People have accused the AMS typesetting shop of over charging students as compared to the commercial market. If these allegations prove true, would you run the shop at a deficit to provide a service for students?

The shop will virtually be paid off by the next fiscal year and after that time, should operate as a student service at comparable or below par rates. It doesn't need to run at a deficit once this is done.

3. Should SUB concourse space be used for outside businesses to make a profit? (ie. clothing store by photocopyers)

I have always been opposed to using the SUB as a year round market place. Rental revenue from these venues, of course, does go to the AMS, but year round I find it creates too much clutter and the difference in revenues to the AMS is not that great. If it bothers the majority of the students, then it should be discontinued.

4. The DoF is required to help negotiate AMS business contracts. Currently the Office and Technical Employees Union is being offered a 1.4% wage increase but the cost of living index is 3.9%. How do you feel about the negotiations?

I would enter the negotiations prepared, based on both management and union demands, to look for the best possible solution. My personal opinion is that it is too low compared to the cost of living index and I would definitely keep this in mind at the bargaining table.

5. If students support a new athletic complex, where should funding come from? (ie. matching administration funds, private sector funding)

In my opinion funding should come from three sources: the university, private funds, either through corporate sponsors or private donations, and also through CPAC, the AMS student building fund. The AMS and the university should also work together to tap all sources of provincial and federal monies that might be available.

6. Should the AMS serve as a political voice for the student population? Why or why not?

If the students feel it is our job to discuss problems at home and abroad, then it is up to them to let us know and we will act with their wishes because the AMS is a voice, a very powerful voice, if it wants to be.

7. What is your opinion of the AMS decision to oppose the video game Double Dragon? Why?

Double Dragon is a prime example of the AMS taking action on the concerns of students. This should happen more often. Profit from one machine is not worth the alienation of a group of AMS constituents and I support it 100 percent.

Todd Patola

1. Why are you running?(in 20 words or less)

I feel that a school career is more than just studying and director of finance is one way I can make a difference on campus.

2. People have accused the AMS typesetting shop of over charging students as compared to the commercial market. If these allegations prove true, would you run the shop at a deficit to provide a service for students?

If the shop isn't competitive with its rates then the competition of others will cause its natural death. The volume of business it does will determine its necessity for the student body and consequently its rates and amount of AMS subsidy.

3. Should SUB concourse space be used for outside businesses to make a profit? (ie. clothing store by photocopyers)

The clothing store is a different issue from the SUB concourse as it occupies a specific space, otherwise unused. Renting SUB concourse to merchants should hold a bottom priority behind student organizations.

4. The DoF is required to help negotiate AMS business contracts. Currently the Office and Technical Employees Union is being offered a 1.4% wage increase but the cost of living index is 3.9%. How do you feel about the negotiations?

I would need to know union demands, present contract packages and similar contracts in the marketplace before commenting on negotiations in which I'm not presently involved.

5. If students support a new athletic complex, where should funding come from? (ie. matching administration funds, private sector funding)

On the condition that the student body does support such a complex, the sources of funding are almost infinite. As director of finance I would exhaust the maximum number of these sources before assessing any student contribution.

6. Should the AMS serve as a political voice for the student population? Why or why not?

Within the educational system, the AMS is the students' political voice. As far as federal politics, the AMS should work to ensure that all students are freely able to exercise their vote and let the democratic system take over from there.

7. What is your opinion of the AMS decision to oppose the video game Double Dragon? Why?

The decision was not one of AMS council but of the full time staff employed by the AMS. Their decision did not hurt games room profits and, therefore, they were within their rights to make it.

Michael Roberts

1. Why are you running?(in 20 words or less)

I have extensive experience in budgeting, decision-making and negotiating for a student organization. I have a strong commitment to the members of the AMS and to the idea of a strong and active student society.

2. People have accused the AMS typesetting shop of over charging students as compared to the commercial market. If these allegations prove true, would you run the shop at a deficit to provide a service for students?

The question is whether the AMS will lose money by lowering costs or just net less. I'm not in favour of the AMS losing money on it but if we can break even or make less money, it's an important service to provide to students.

3. Should SUB concourse space be used for outside businesses to make a profit? (ie. clothing store by photocopyers)

Not unless there's no possibility that student organizations or clubs can utilize the space.

4. The DoF is required to help negotiate AMS business contracts. Currently the Office and Technical Employees Union is being offered a 1.4% wage increase but the cost of living index is 3.9%. How do you feel about the negotiations?

I believe our employees are one of our greatest assets and believe very strongly in the collective bargaining process. It would be dangerous to throw around exact numbers without precise knowledge of the current state of negotiations but the 3.9% cost of living allowance demand is certainly not out of line.

5. If students support a new athletic complex, where should funding come from? (ie. matching administration funds, private sector funding)

If students support a new athletic complex, it should be under the complete control of students. If we can solicit matching funds from external groups without strings attached, I would be in favour of it.

6. Should the AMS serve as a political voice for the student population? Why or why not?

Yes. The AMS has the ability and strength to present student concerns to all levels of government and should use that influence, especially in areas such as education funding.

7. What is your opinion of the AMS decision to oppose the video game Double Dragon? Why?

It was unquestionably the right decision. Any objectification or degradation of women in any form should not be supported by anyone, but especially by the AMS.

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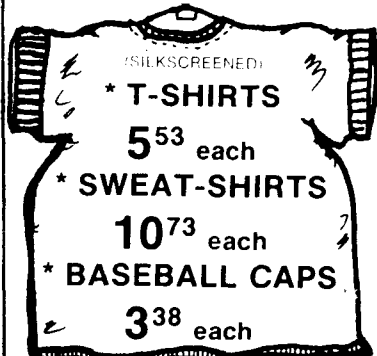
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Rugby lads home in on playoff

By Jody Woodland

The UBC rugby club solidified its hold on a first division playoff berth Saturday with a last minute 15-13 victory over the Capilanos of North Vancouver.

The second division Braves, playing the Capilanos' first side, earned the win with their only try of the game, an injury time marker by Langston Raymond.

The try knotted the score at 13 and John 'Skin' Graf booted the winning convert just in front of the referee's final whistle.

The Capilanos led at the half, going up 7-0 early before the Braves came back with two Graf penalties to trail 7-6 at the interval.

Another Graf penalty goal gave UBC their first lead, a lead quickly erased by two Capilano penalty goals, the first of which went 48 yards, hit the top of the crossbar and bounced over. The Capilanos led 13-9.

The Capilanos nearly put it

away when their scrumhalf caught his own up-and-under kick, burst through the UBC defence, and dished off to the stand-off. Dave Dungate saved the Braves by coming across the field to drive the Cap player out of bounds just short of the goal line.

The Braves were lucky to get the win. Much of the game was

characterized by mental slackness and poor defence, particularly the tackling.

"We were drifting around and killing ourselves with penalties," said Braves coach Rod Holloway. "We only played 10 minutes of good rugby, at the end of the game. It was good to see them come back from their malaise and win the

game, though."

The end of the game did show a tremendous effort by the Braves. They turned their frustration and the questionable calls by the referee against the Capilanos and put tremendous pressure on the North Van side.

Two offensive thrusts were thwarted by rushed play until an up-and-under earned a UBC scrum 15 yards from the Capilano goal line. The Cap winger went off with an injury, setting the stage for the late heroics.

Terry Sedgewick picked up and dished the ball out to Graf on the blind side of the scrum. Graf then looped a perfect pass to Raymond who outlegged the Cap defenders into the end zone.

Graf's convert closed out the scoring and gave the Braves the win over the shattered Capilano side.

A Braves victory over the Rowing Club Wednesday night will clinch a playoff spot for UBC. If UBC does play this year, 20 of the 'Birds and Braves will be involved.



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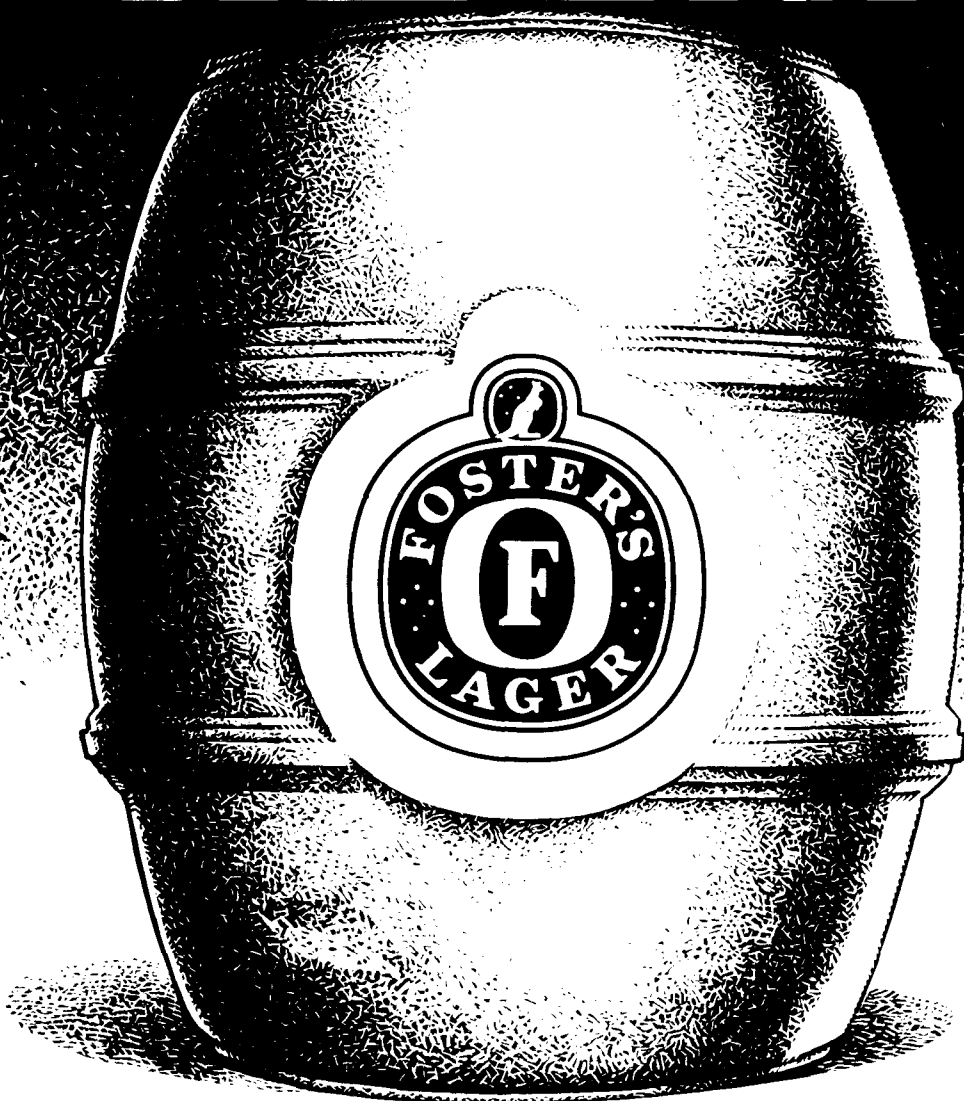
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Street (at 41st Ave). Suggested donation: Adults \$10, Children \$5. Reservations required by Friday March 25, @ 266-1313

Women's faces

The African film "Faces of Women" will be shown Sunday March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Pacific Cinematheque. This French film will be shown with English sub-titles and the director Desire Ecare will be attending. She says "the film is made up of three inter-connected stories with the women's songs and dances forming an internal narrative element."

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Windsor fails to divest

By Rob Croley
WINDSOR (CUP) Two years after voting to sell their pension shares in companies with South African links, divestment advocates on the faculty of the University of Windsor are angry with the university's plan to meet them only half way.

In February 1986, U of W faculty voted 60 per cent in favour of divesting their pension holdings from companies with ties to South Africa. The faculty association council gave the university two years to divest fully.

But administration officials say that two pension funds—a South Africa free fund and a regular pension fund—is the only legal way to respond to the vote, since the university is bound by law to maximize the profits for the fund.

"There has been a whole series of obstructions and this is just another at the last minute to be thrown into our path," said Dale Woodyard, a psychology professor and a member of the faculty

association's pro-divestment committee.

"Faculty voted to have a divestment of the fund—not a partial divestment, or something like that," he said.

But Professor William Libby said he would consider suing the university if they force divestment of his portfolio.

"If it turns out the Board of Governors divests the funds and as a result, my pension loses money, then I would consider legal action," said Libby, who is a member of the faculty association's now defunct anti-divestment committee.

Libby's threat, however, may lose its teeth if a provincial bill allowing pension fund trustees to divest from South Africa is passed by the provincial government.

Under Bill 9, a pension fund's trustees will be able to sell their investments in companies with ties to South Africa if they believe a majority of the plan's members is

in favour of divesting.

At present, pension fund trustees are prohibited from making investment decisions on moral or political grounds. Profit is the only consideration allowed by law.

"An Act permitting Trustees and Other Persons to Dispose of South African Investments" passed first reading in the Ontario legislature November 5, but will not receive second reading until at least April. Final passage of the bill is not expected before summer at the earliest.

Windsor faculty who want their money invested in the South Africa free fund will be charged extra administrative fees for the maintenance of the fund and must absolve the university from all liabilities incurred as a result of divesting.

The South Africa-free fund must retain a minimum of \$5 million to remain functional.



Law students engage in annual trike antics

pat nakamura photo

U of Regina ponders five year professional degrees

Regina (CUP) University of Regina students may have to plan for another year of education if their school adopts a recommendation from a Saskatchewan student lobby group.

"We might be looking at five year degrees," said John Tomkins, vice chair of the university of Regina academic review task force.

The task force is reviewing the proposal and may present it to the university's board of governors this summer for policy adoption.

Lyndon Surjik, chair of the Canadian federation of students

(Saskatchewan) told the task force the university should emphasize "a broad, well rounded education for individuals seeking employment in commerce, engineering and other professional areas."

Five year degrees would allow the profession oriented faculties "to include a broad liberal arts education in their mandate," said Surjik. Many of these faculties now stress career specific education and downplay the broader arts classes.

But student reaction to the proposal is mixed.

"Five years would just cost us more money and lengthen the

amount of courses we would have to take," said Susan Neiles, a fourth year education student.

Others wanted more time to take courses outside of their programmes.

Surjik was also critical of several recently instituted university policies, including moves by the university to limit enrollment through the use of entrance exams.

"We don't necessarily believe those entrance exams would determine the success or failure of students at university," said Surjik.



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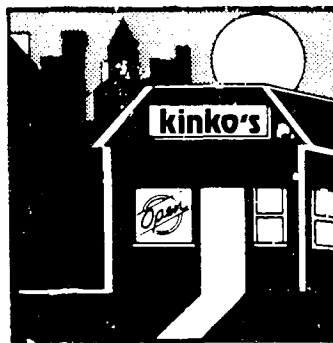
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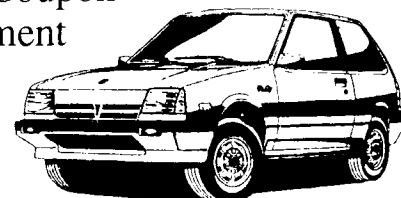
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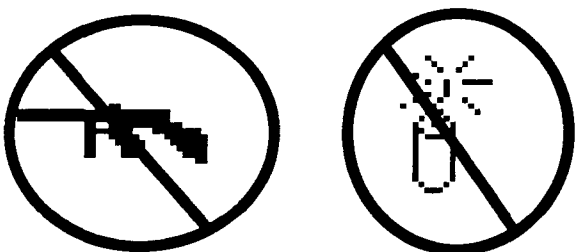
Socreds surprise

In the midst of multitudes of misguided morality, the provincial government has surprised British Columbia with something resembling positive productivity.

Health Minister Peter Dueck has announced a program designed to discourage AIDS paranoia in the workplace, espousing "an enlightened and reasoned approach in dealing with AIDS in the workplace." The words and enlightened and reasoned are words not easily associated with socreds but, in this case, one of few, they deserve some credit.

Yanks still wrong

American troops are still in Honduras. Their presence there is not only unwarranted but dangerous. Canadians can choose to condemn Reagan's most recent attempt to interfere in a war where American participation is not justified. Protest U.S. intervention in Central America tomorrow, (Wednesday) at Robson Square, at noon. Tell Canadian and American politicians that Canada will not condone a second Vietnam.



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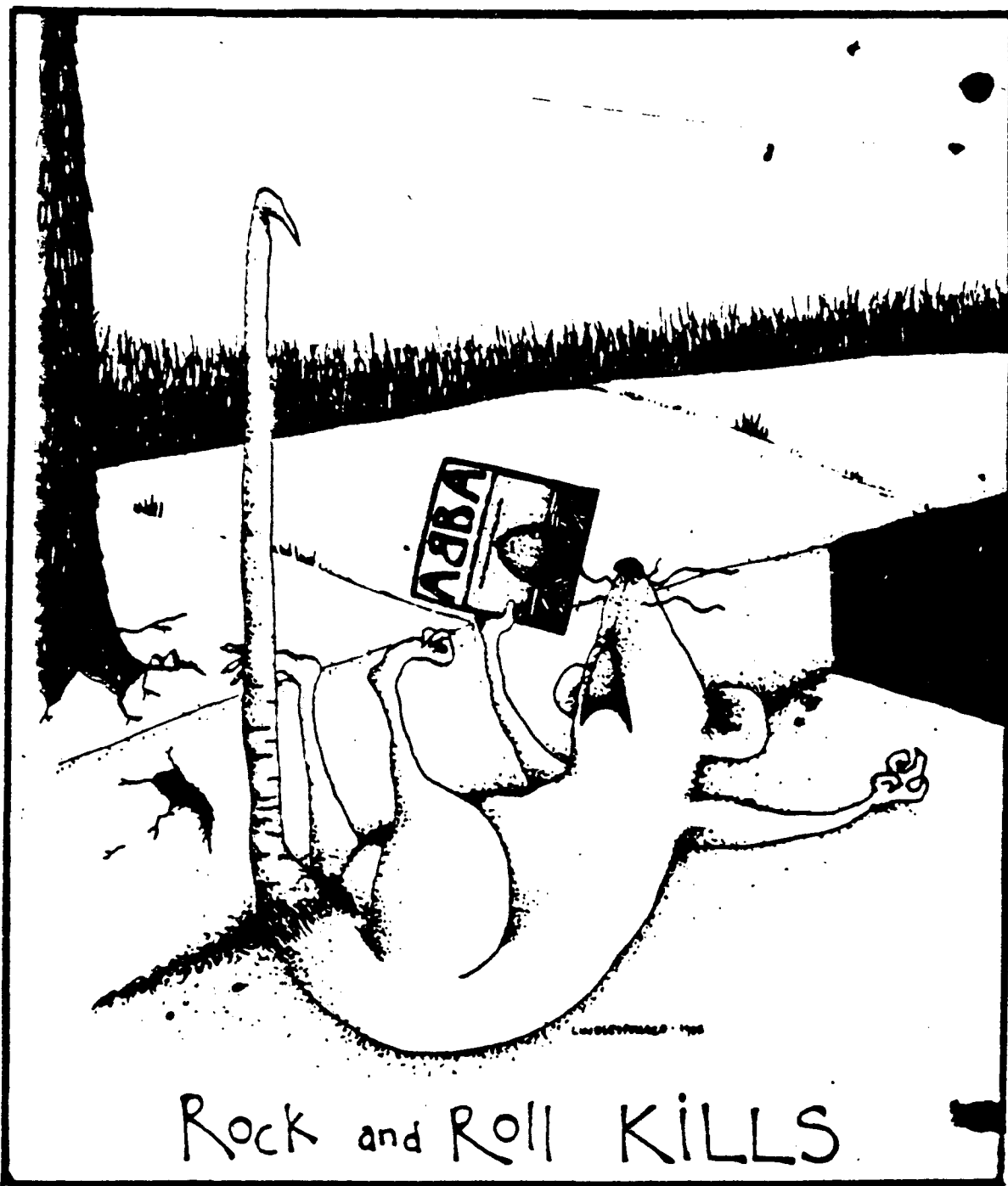
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Deanne had brought a selection of appropriate fruit & vegetables into the office, and arranged them artfully on top of the rubble that was Corinne Bjorge's desk. Laura Bushelkin lunged for the banana and, with a wide smile, strapped it firmly to her groin. Katherine fondled a Chinese eggplant, nodding in approval. Deanne Fisher contemplatively held up both an english cucumber and a zucchini. She squinted at first one, then the other, and frowned with indecision. Then she spotted a hot dog, smooth and shiny with ketchup. She grinned. A few minutes later it was strapped to her pelvis. Pat Nakomura humbly chose a carrot. Alex Johnson, always a fan of the exotic, chose a spaghetti squash. "Jesus Christ," exclaimed Mandel Ngan in horror, "What are you women doing?" The women just laughed and danced around the news chamber, their prosthetic phalluses bouncing wildly. "Hmmpf," snorted Jody Woodland, "Freud was right. It's penis envy." Randy Shore, claiming to be of indeterminate sex, joined the dancing. Mike Gordon, king sheepish but eager, strapped on a long, thick zucchini. "I wanted to try it on," he explained rather lamely. Steve Chan, named never again to be confused in a masthead, was, nonetheless, confused. Mike Laanela and Peter Francis decided to get her a hand to accompany the dancing. "Do you play an instrument?" they asked Derek Craig, who misunderstood them on the context, he interpreted their question differently) and nodded indignantly. Roger Kanno and Dan Andrews, always fatal, began making salad of the remaining vegetables. Chris Singer, smiling purposefully but enigmatically, shook a bottle of dressing. Victor Chew Wong just shook his head, again and again.



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Letters

Joke story heckled, blasted, crushed & slammed

The March 15th edition of The Ubyyssey showed the true spirit of our glorious paper. I refer of course, to the front page story that student activity fees would increase \$90 next year as the result of a Board of Governors meeting. The story went so far as to have quotes from President Strangway and AMS president Tim Bird. In the March 18th edition of The Ubyyssey, we were informed that this story was "incorrect" and a "joke". Somewhere between wondering how students were going to pay the extra money, why the athletic department (who just finished getting more money due to a \$5 increase this year in activity fees) deserved new buildings, and questioning the right of administration to impose new fees on their own choice, I missed the "joke". I realize that I may not have the sophisticated sense of humor that the writers of The Ubyyssey possess, but I failed to find this to be responsible journalism, or good quality humor. I couldn't help but wonder why we paid \$86,000 last year to subsidize this "news" paper. There will be those who say I am taking this all too seriously, but I believe that it is reduced to a question of taste. For

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ELISA curious about administration's negotiations

I would like you to correct a serious error in your article "UBC foils union bid", printed on March 11. The story states: "(The English Language) Institute instructors' contracts last for, at the most, about eight months." We wish this was true! In fact, no seasonal contract is for more than twelve weeks.

As for President Strangway's remarks that the ESL program is "by its very nature a transient activity," this is undoubtedly true as far as the students are concerned, since they attend our courses for 6 months on average. However, the teaching staff

is far from transient, 5 having been here for 8-10 years and as least as many for over 5 years. The program itself has been increasingly successful with the number of staff and students growing steadily year after year.

Finally, I was intrigued to read that Dr. Strangway claims that UBC is in negotiations and that therefore he doesn't wish to speak to the press. I wonder just who he is in negotiations with, as for the past year our invitation to open negotiations with the English Language instructors has been declined.

Peter Miller
President, ELISA

\$86,000 a year, do we expect some tupe of mature, responsible, news reporting, with a mixture of tasteful humor, or do we expect a cheap, low-quality paper, featuring poor high school level humor?

The editors of The Ubyyssey are left with two choices. The first is to print a retraction, and an apology to the students for the story. The small note on the front page of the March 18th edition might qualify as a retraction, but the students, as well as the people for whom quotes were slanderously made up, are still awaiting an apology. Failing this, The Ubyyssey should be disbanded immediately, since it fails to qual-

ify as a responsible newspaper, more resembling a poorly written piece of socialist propaganda. I for one can easily think of better ways the AMS could spend \$86,000.

Brent Kennedy
Science 3

editor's note: The Ubyyssey does not receive \$86,000 from the AMS. Our actual deficit (subsidy) this year is projected to be approx. \$20,000; we aim to break even next year.

Special issue on women blasted as 'insulting'

Thank you for the truly hilarious Women's Issue of

The Ubyyssey especially the two lead articles on prostitutes and lesbian mothers. Focusing on these apparent victims of society as representative of the condition of all women might be considered extremely insulting, but I suppose that articles on successful women such as Kim Campbell, Margaret Thatcher and Margaret Atwood might take away from the Left's carefully cultivated image of women as victim (and wouldn't be as funny either).

The image of the poor man masturbating into a teacup to give the prospective lesbian mother the material to inseminate herself is worthy of the National Lampoon. The image is gross and pathetic, but you kind of laugh in a sadistic way at this poor fool's folly.

The article about prostitutes is so cliched I couldn't stop chuckling—a truly original prostitution article might be done on a student at UBC who had to sell his or her body to make enough money to get a degree. The woman in that article is simply pathetic, masochistic and hateful. Nothing is her fault, everyone else is to blame for her victimization (police, middle class and white women, etc.).

Next time, articles on successful women, please, to balance out all these losers. Losers don't do anything for the self images of women.

Kim Harrison
Continuing Education

Fundamental virtue threatened with extinction

I am writing this letter, my very first to The Ubysey, not to express my views on subjects that usually grace the letters page, but comment on a fundamental virtue that most people wouldn't care to write about: trust.

You see, one day I left my knapsack on one of the shelves (warning, readers?) provided by the UBC Bookstore prior to entering the store. Of course, it was gone when I returned fifteen minutes later; otherwise, I wouldn't be writing this. I might add, my knapsack's new owner was kind enough to leave my umbrella.

It is lamentable that one can no longer put just a bit of trust in others not to pilfer one's personal belongings, however worthless,

even on a university campus. This also applies to libraries (second warning, readers?). It's a damn nuisance having to pack up everything each time one wants to look for a book, go to the washroom, go for a walk, or get something to eat. But not as big a nuisance as copying a term's notes for more than one course or studying for the next day's mid-term by memory.

Centenie Soon
Pharmacy 1

UBC's ugly new 'radicalism'

Indifference, fear of the future fuel the spirit of the 80s

UBC became a radical university. But nobody discusses it. Toilet stall writers fail to advertise it.

Everybody missed radicalism quietly slipping in the back door, finding a seat, making itself at home.

We're still too happy, reacting to the pathetic, lingering death of hippies and the acid age 15 years ago—but remain vaguely jealous it did end.

Perspective

Somehow free love, Woodstock and strong emotions remain more attractive than a \$60,000 a year accounting position downtown.

But within the last 15 years at UBC, the most radical event in UBC student history occurred. The student community quietly folded up, sighed, and demised. Nobody noticed.

This university had maintained a proud history of students actively guiding their future...until sometime recently.

There was the great Trek in the early 1920s that resulted in this campus. Even in the dull 1950s, thousands sent a petition

to Victoria for increased funding. A few radicals occupied the faculty club in the late 1960s.

Somewhere that spirit died. Today student activity remains only at the beauracrat level. Student organization do things—talk to presidents, choose new beers for The Pit.

Even Intramurals, a largely student run activity, remains a branch of UBC's athletics department.

The recent destruction of the Engineering cairn truly marked the passing of an age. Even six years ago, the Engineers promptly repainted the cairn the next morning if anyone defaced it.

Then they began repainting it within a week of defacement. Now the cairn has been destroyed, and has not been replaced.

"But within the last 15 years the student community folded up, sighed, and demised. Nobody noticed."

After the 1970s we threw everything in the tub out intentionally, including the baby. We retained the cynicism of the 1960s, but threw out our traditional be-

lief in personal and communal responsibility.

Political action itself became radical, something to disdain.

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I can't say I'm surprised. This is the new radicalism—indifference, fear of the future, greed, pettiness, irresponsibility. I'll take free love, nudists and a little weed over these anti-society symptoms anyday.

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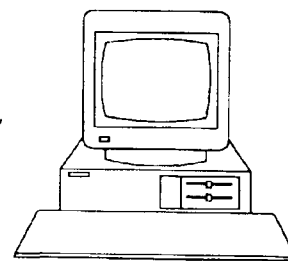
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Election candidates split on issues

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Contract negotiations between Simon Fraser University's student society and their employee union have polarized candidates in the student council election race.

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 2396 and their student society employers have been locked in contract negotiations since last December. Documents leaked to SFU's student newspaper, the Peak, in February, suggest the student society is demanding 93 concessions from the union to secure what they call 'management rights'.

The concessions include removal of clauses protecting employees against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, political and personal opinion, union activity, and against sexual harassment.

The Unity team, headed by presidential candidate and incumbent, Nelson Quiroga, is arguing

the CUPE workers have too much bargaining power, and the positions have fallen out of students' hands. The slate claims it is a coalition of the campus Liberal, NDP and Social Credit clubs.

Quiroga called an impromptu press conference last week to air the Unity slate's charges that CUPE members were influencing the election by supporting the Grassroots party, in an attempt to secure a better contract.

Quiroga's complaints stem from a letter by CUPE regional director, Ray Arsenault, encouraging "CUPE members, their family and friends who are taking courses at SFU" to vote for Grassroots candidates in the student elections last week. "Please help our brothers and sisters achieve a fair contract," wrote Arsenault.

Quiroga said he was "outraged and appalled" by what he called "blatant third party intervention" by CUPE. "One of the largest unions in the country is at-

tempting to undermine the elections held here at SFU," he said.

"The union is circulating this letter only because they are promoting the narrow interests of the 14 (full-time) union employees who work for us, the students."

But the meeting soon erupted into a yelling match, when Grassroots candidates accused Unity of violating pre-election campaigning rules by speaking on the issue during polling.

Union representatives counter that their actions are justified given the Unity slate's openly hostile stance towards the 30 members of CUPE local employed on campus.

"In running for re-election as part of the Unity slate, (Quiroga and his slate) have based their campaign almost entirely on staff-bashing, anti-union sentiments, misinformation about contract negotiations, and personal attacks on staff members," said Nick Witheford, CUPE shop steward.

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