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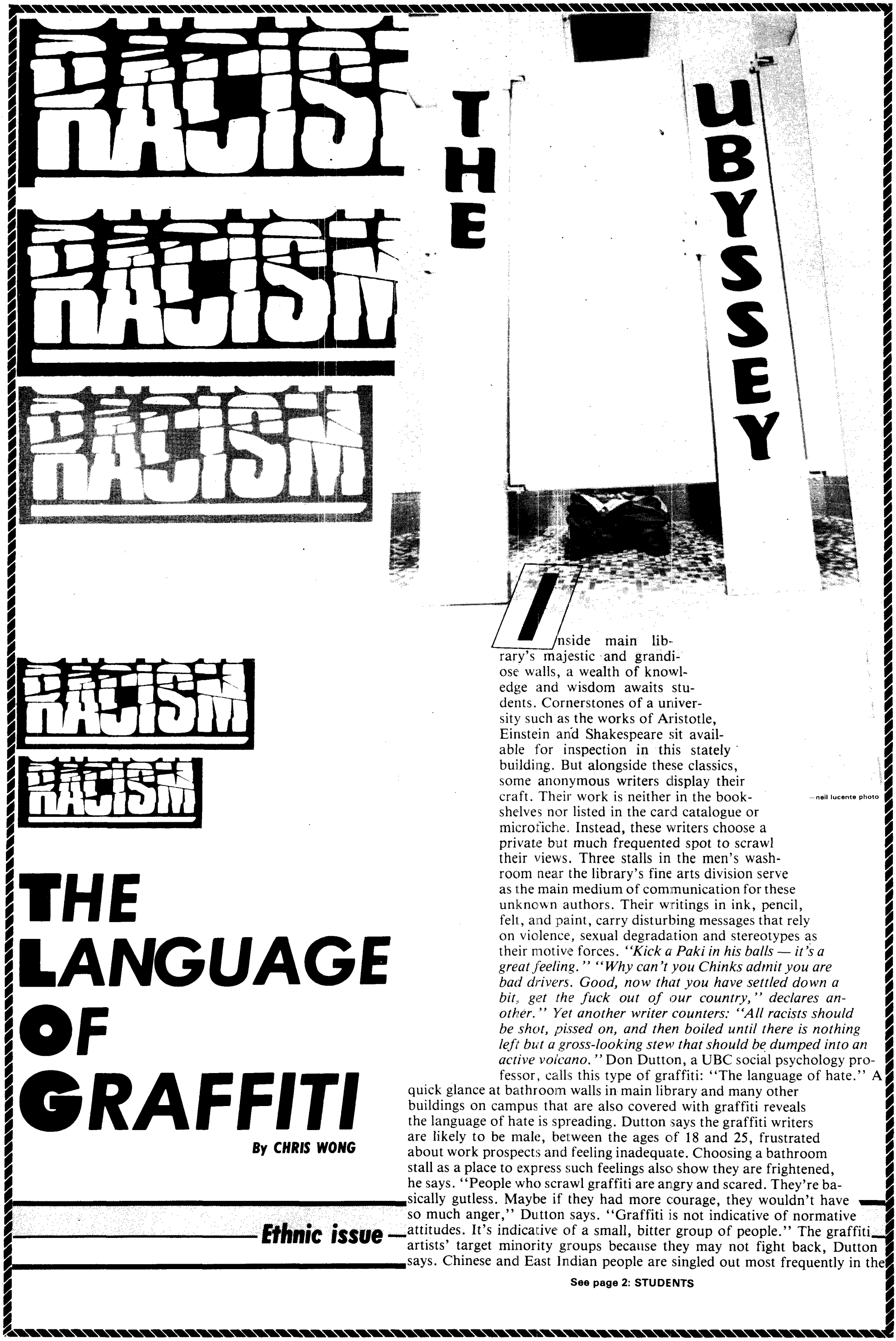

THE LANGUAGE OF GRAFFITI

By CHRIS WONG

Ethnic issue

Inside main library's majestic and grandiose walls, a wealth of knowledge and wisdom awaits students. Cornerstones of a university such as the works of Aristotle, Einstein and Shakespeare sit available for inspection in this stately building. But alongside these classics, some anonymous writers display their craft. Their work is neither in the bookshelves nor listed in the card catalogue or microfiche. Instead, these writers choose a private but much frequented spot to scrawl their views. Three stalls in the men's washroom near the library's fine arts division serve as the main medium of communication for these unknown authors. Their writings in ink, pencil, felt, and paint, carry disturbing messages that rely on violence, sexual degradation and stereotypes as their motive forces. *"Kick a Paki in his balls — it's a great feeling." "Why can't you Chinks admit you are bad drivers. Good, now that you have settled down a bit, get the fuck out of our country," declares another." Yet another writer counters: "All racists should be shot, pissed on, and then boiled until there is nothing left but a gross-looking stew that should be dumped into an active volcano."* Don Dutton, a UBC social psychology professor, calls this type of graffiti: "The language of hate." A quick glance at bathroom walls in main library and many other buildings on campus that are also covered with graffiti reveals the language of hate is spreading. Dutton says the graffiti writers are likely to be male, between the ages of 18 and 25, frustrated about work prospects and feeling inadequate. Choosing a bathroom stall as a place to express such feelings also show they are frightened, he says. "People who scrawl graffiti are angry and scared. They're basically gutless. Maybe if they had more courage, they wouldn't have so much anger," Dutton says. "Graffiti is not indicative of normative attitudes. It's indicative of a small, bitter group of people." The graffiti artists' target minority groups because they may not fight back, Dutton says. Chinese and East Indian people are singled out most frequently in the

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Students react to graffiti

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graffiti. These groups comprise the largest minority populations in B.C. and as a result they are perceived as a threat, he says.

"B.C. has an incredible climate of racism. Part of the problem is that it is a very provincial place. It doesn't have a very cosmopolitan world view so there's no tolerance for other cultures. There's definitely a kind of 'hic' mentality that runs through B.C."

International House director Rori McBlane agrees B.C.'s redneck attitudes lead to racism. And as administrator meeting foreign students on a daily basis, he has become well aware of the circumstances surrounding racism directed at UBC students.

McBlane says about five students a year come to him for advice after encountering some form of racism, adding many students fail to report some incidents. "I'm quite convinced the actual amount of racial tension (encountered by UBC foreign students) is much larger. No one hears about it."

Most students are unwilling to fight racism by seeking the help of an ombudsperson or a human rights organization, he says. Foreign students want to be accepted in Canada and will avoid trouble at all costs, McBlane says.

Similarly, Dutton says trends in the U.S. show an increasing reliance on assimilation — the blending of cultural groups — as an answer to racism. He cites the prime example of pop star Michael Jackson — "a black who had surgery on his face to make it look white."

Some UBC students have a name for Chinese people who undergo the assimilation phenomenon: bananas — "yellow on the outside and white on the inside."

Sitting in a tiny and cluttered room in SUB, four Chinese students talk freely about racism. Their reactions to racist graffiti range from mild surprise to shock.

"I wouldn't be surprised if some of this graffiti came from Canadian born Chinese," says Nancy, arts 4. Nancy, and the other students who requested anonymity, say "bananas" try to blend in with white society to lose stigmas attached with being Chinese.

They say some students fear Chinese are becoming the intellectual elite at UBC. This fear is expressed in graffiti saying UBC should be renamed the "University of a Billion Chinks" and pointing to the alleged presence of "Hong Kong money."

"When they see all these (Chinese) people getting extremely high marks and being in distinguished faculties, they feel left out. I think a lot of times they see it as a clandestine plot — it's so paranoid," says one of the students.

This type of graffiti can be dismissed he says, adding other more vicious attacks evokes violent images disturbing and angering him.

One of the other Chinese students says he does not react angrily to racist graffiti. "I don't even take it personally. I take it as part of human nature. Racism is a dark side of every individual.

"There's nothing tasteful about any of the graffiti. But it does reflect the attitudes of at least a minority on campus. All it shows is just the majority group trying to hold on as long as they can."

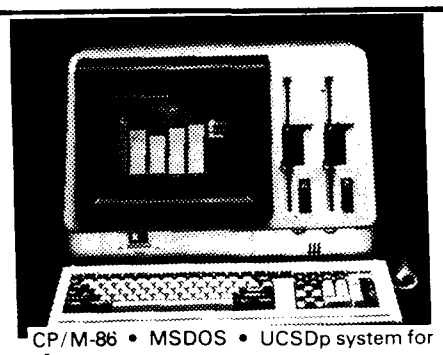
He grew up in Richmond where racism was a daily problem. While he remains indifferent to racism on campus, as a youth he would react violently to personal attacks. "On a personal level that was the only solution."

Nancy says youth must be educated to understand and appreciate all cultures. Dutton agrees, saying current education methods about racism are too intellectual and conceptual in nature. "We're not reaching people emotionally in the education system." High school workshops showing students the alienation and hurt resulting from racism could be one method of education, adds Dutton.

On the university level, Dutton says there is some truth to the graffiti that reads: "Ten years ago, this form of racist bigotry would have never appeared on any campus wall."

Dutton says students were more politically aware ten years ago. "UBC has always been conservative, but back then, there was more of a left Liberal stance."

If there is a connection between racism and political attitudes, then racist graffiti could be called a disturbing sign of the times.



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Ethnic issue

DENE NATION

Northern natives continue fight for political voice

By ROBBY ROBERTSON

Dene . . . discussing strategy for recognition of rights.

"We are saying that we have the right to determine our own lives. This right derives from the fact that we were here first. We are saying that we are a distinct people, a nation of people, and we must have a special right within Canada."

—Robert Andre, Dene Indian, Northwest Territories, 1976

When Robert Andre said this almost 10 years ago, few expected the dispirited and unorganized Dene Indians to realize their dreams of self-government.

But in the last decade, the Dene Indians and other Indian groups across Canada have gained more say in the political decisions that affect their lives.

Thomas Berger, the former B.C. supreme court chief justice and a current member of the UBC law faculty, chaired the 1977 Berger Inquiry into the impact of the proposed Mackenzie pipeline through the Territories. During his years of involvement with natives, Berger witnessed many of these changes first-hand.

"The native indians have gotten themselves on the national agenda; they've gotten the attention of the people, and they've gotten the attention of the first ministers. They must be doing something right," says Berger, referring to the second annual first ministers' conference on aboriginal rights held recently.

Berger maintains non-native Canadians have neglected the Dene Indians' lifestyles in their plans for NWT development.

"Many people believed that there was no future in hunting or fishing; that they should all become workers on the oil field, or clear brush on the pipeline. That was well-meaning, but it showed a basic blindness to the desire of the natives to continue to live off the land," says Berger.

This has led the Dene to seek their own local governing bodies, says Berger. Berger chooses his words carefully, reflecting on questions before answering, pausing often.

"How do you work out arrangements that are fair to all and still ensure that the Dene culture and language will be protected? That is why what the Dene are doing is so important. They're pioneering in what we call political science. Some people say the tenets of liberal democracy don't allow for variation from institutions like the provinces that we have in Canada. The Dene, on the other hand, say no, let's use our imagination, maybe we can come up with something that can work for all of us."

Berger has long been a supporter of aboriginal rights. In 1981, Berger publicly aired his opinions on including native rights in the constitution, breaking the traditional silence maintained by judges on political issues.

He believes government can be broadened to benefit all segments of society.

"I think that the mind of man is not so impoverished that we can't work out new political arrangements that will recognize the distinct place of the Dene as permanent residents of the Mackenzie valley, and provide full democratic rights for those who come to stay for only a few years; public servants, workers in the oil and gas industry, and so on," Berger says.

"The challenges of the North don't really consist in drilling offshore oil and gas. We lead the world in that area and it is a great accomplishment. But why shouldn't we be equally concerned with achieving fair accommodation with the native northern people and provide an example to the world in that area?"

Berger followed this ideal by consulting directly with the Mackenzie valley natives in his inquiry. Largely because of their testimony, the inquiry recommended a 10-year moratorium on the pipeline.

"We shouldn't be putting all of our eggs in the mega-project basket," says Berger. "We should be strengthening the local hunting, fishing and trapping economies; we should be concentrating on the renewable resource sector."

Rene Fumoleau, a Roman Catholic priest who has lived with the Dene for more than 30 years, says government development policy has added to the Dene's desire to make their own political decisions.

"We feel that our political system is best, and we impose it on them. We don't give them a chance to grow as they are. They were pushed down and pushed hard for 100 years. They are a very dispirited people," says Fumoleau, a small man with black slick hair.

Fumoleau says government attempts to restrict hunting have threatened the entire Dene culture, because it forms the mainstay of their livelihood.

When the Dene signed treaties with the Canadian government, they were ensured they would always have the right to hunt as they pleased, says Fumoleau, who wrote a book entitled As Long As This Land Shall Last about the NWT treaties.

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Past leaders . . . arriving by boat to sign a treaty with the Canadian government in 1899.

But since the establishment of the 1917 NWT game act, conflicts between the Dene and the government have ensued. One case involved a Dene Indian charged with shooting a duck out of season in 1964. He took the case to the supreme court, which has refrained from passing judgment on the case. Infringements such as this have led the Dene to conclude that establishing their own government is the only way to solve their problems.

Fumoleau says the Dene don't believe in private land ownership. "For them, the land is mother, it is provider. You cannot anymore sell the land than you can sell your arm or foot."

In addition, the Dene have a strong belief in group leadership. "When the chiefs make a decision, it has to go back to the communities for approval."

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Dene seek rights

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"These people have been ruling themselves for 30,000 years and they have survived for 30,000 years in their own system. So it means their system must have some value," says Fumoleau.

Since the '60s the Dene have organized themselves and demanded that the Canadian government settle land claims and establish self-rule. To the Dene, this means local control of game and resource management, education, health and social programs.

The Dene, together with the Inuit in the eastern Arctic, have acquired a majority in NWT legislature. "The Dene land claims proposals are well received by the territorial government, and discussions about new forms of political institutions are improving," says Berger, adding that the federal government has agreed in principle to the division of the NWT into a Dene western portion and an Inuit eastern portion.

Negotiations are progressing well in the NWT because the provinces are not involved, as they are with other native people.

Other Indian groups have begun pushing for self-rule, and have gained a voice in the first minister's conferences. But they still have no vote.

The Indian groups were frustrated at the March 8 conference in their attempts to amend the constitution. Most provinces are wary of changing the language in the constitution, because it could mean the loss of their public lands.

"From any governmental point of view, a foolish thing to do is put words in the constitution when you don't know where they will lead you," said premier Bill Bennett, expressing a common feeling among the provinces.

New Brunswick premier Richard Hatfield, one of three who support a move to clarify aboriginal rights, said, "When we talk about rights, we don't talk about costs."

Fumoleau stresses the Dene are not interested in cutting themselves off from Canada.

"The Dene don't want to separate from Canada. They know that they live in the political structure that is Canada. What they want is to get into Canada. At the beginning of confederation, the English and French were invited to the negotiations and the Indians were left out.

"They want to have a chance to use their intelligence and make decisions for themselves like any other Canadian," says Fumoleau.

While Berger doesn't think self-rule is essential to avoid assimilation, he believes it is the best direction for the Dene.

"I think that their struggle to remain distinct peoples will be made easier if they attain self-rule, and their lives will be improved under self-rule," says Berger.

"Maybe the way to make native people stand on their own two feet is to listen to them, and to say, if you want self-government, then let's do it. Let's get on with it. And then work out the specifics," says Berger, offering a solution to today's burgeoning social problems.

Berger believes Indian groups like the Dene have a better chance now than ever before to achieve political self-sufficiency.

"I think that there have been important developments in the way we think about native people, their claims, and their place in the political firmament," said Berger.

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Ethnic issue

A case against racism:

EXCUSES

for cheap labor in B.C. • By Ian Weniger

"Racism is everywhere and affects everything — don't pretend it's not part of your life."

Radha Jhappan, a political science graduate student whose master's thesis describes farmworkers' fight for better working conditions, says racism only veils employers' exploitation of East Indian labor in the Fraser Valley.

"Racism is not an accident — it's the mask of the problem. It's only an excuse."

Farmwork is the third most dangerous occupation in Canada as a result of defective farm machinery, impure drinking water and exposure to pesticides. Jhappan says. Poor sanitation, overcrowding and the lack of childcare contributes to appalling living and working conditions.

"Sure, you could say we have a 'Grapes of Wrath' scenario in our own backyard, but I was analyzing the conditions, not dredging for melodrama," she says.

While she briefly analyzes reports documenting health and safety hazards on the farms, her thesis primarily deals with the farmworkers' campaign against the system of contractors and piece-rate pay in the Fraser Valley.

Several contractors, personnel managers who are responsible for supplying farmers with workers for the harvest, have withheld workers' pay, deducted unemployment insurance payments and pension contributions from salaries, and provided unsafe transportation for workers living in Vancouver and outside areas, she says.

"They're not all evil . . . They're just trying to make a living but some aren't as good as others." She says contracting is a lucrative business, not adequately covered by labor laws.

Although most contractors are East Indian, they still deny basic rights to farmworkers, she added. "For many workers the contractor is their only link to the world. Not everyone speaks English well, and not everyone knows the laws very well either.

"If you don't speak English and you're new to Canada, what real choice do you have except to trust your employer."

Jhappan says women are especially strapped by the system of contracting. About 65 per cent of farmworkers are female, and the "paternalistic nature" of Indian society means women workers' activity is restricted, she says. As a result, most of the workers are under the protection and supervision of predominantly male contractors.

The Canadian Farmworkers Union fought against the system of contracting by organizing its own labor pool. And instead of piece rate pay, the union demanded minimum wage for all its members.

Growers argue that the piece rate system, which is the method of pay based on the number of "flats" (plastic trays with an average capacity of 16 pounds), encourages workers to gather the harvest more quickly. But the union says minimum wage means every workers gets a reasonable amount of money in all working conditions throughout the season.

"Firstly, how many auto workers get paid by the number of parts they assemble? And secondly, the union never suggested that growers be restricted from offering bonuses for faster work during the day."

Minimum wage and overtime pay are demands justified by the B.C. Human Rights Code, she contends.

Jhappan also analyzes the farmworkers campaign to unionize and expand the membership. She concisely describes the fight for credibility among workers and owners at a variety of farms in the Fraser Valley. The budding union had to persuade, embarrass, bargain with, and finally coerce owners, contractors and the provincial government to realize its goals, she says.

But she also notes the controversy surrounding the union and its actions. Although the union was certified and staged several successful strikes against owners and contractors, the B.C. government pre-empt the movement by amending the Employment Standards Act in 1982. The government effectively created the impression among workers that it was making moves to protect their needs, she says.

The union membership as a result has never numbered more than 1,600 since it was certified, she says. And the same government that proposed the amendments "in such a hurry" dropped them just as swiftly when it was re-elected in 1983, as part of its economic recovery program.

Political expediency seems to be the major motivation behind the government's moves, she says. In her thesis, Jhappan continues her argument by examining the legal likelihood of beneficial amendments becoming enforceable laws. Most of her analysis centres on the possibility of entrenching workers' rights in the B.C. Human Rights Code and the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms. But she sees little precedent for the statutes to change through the government's own prompting.

Jhappan's thesis, called Resistance to Exploitation, states that racism is not a remnant of slavery. The development of B.C. required cheap labor guaranteed by law, she says. Discriminatory legislation gainst immigrant workers was subsequently entrenched.

"B.C. was virtually an apartheid state in practise and in law right up until 1946," she added.

It is more important to understand the economic forces keeping minorities in a second class position than to dwell upon the idea of "racial purity" that encourages society to accept immigrants as workers without rights, she says.

"Stop fooling yourself. Cheap labor is the end, racism is the means."

English students to pay more in Quebec

MONTREAL (CUP) — Tuition fees in Quebec are going up for foreign students, and that includes English-speaking students from othr provinces.

For now Canadian students pay an average of $450 in tuition, but by 1985 anyone from outside Quebec may be charged $1,000.

Currently, no university in Canada makes students from other provinces pay more. Deputy education minister Michele Fortin says Quebec wants "reciprocity" from English out-of-province students.

Quebec, where tuition fees have not been increased for 10 years, has the cheapest university education in Canada.

"The students should pay what they pay in their own province," said Fortin.

"Discrimination is not a factor. It would mean that an Ontario student who came here would pay what he pays in Ontario. It's not a big difference."

Tuition will cost international students 33 per cent more for a Quebec university education next fall. Students already enrolled will continue to pay $4,350 while all others pay $5,800.

University administrators, teachers and students, already angry over differential fees for international students, are furious.

Edward Stansbury, a vice-principal of McGill University, said "it strikes me . . . an agreement of that kind would be discriminatory.

"It would be a complicated thing to administer and work out."

Stansbury doubted other provinces would want to be involved in such a reciprocal agreement.

Victor Sim, an official for the Canadian Association of University Teachers, said his organization would not likely support such differential fees.

He said limiting differential tuition fees to English students "is more reprehensible" than the fee itself.

Students, already upset over charging international students 80 per cent more for university education than Canadians, say this particular proposal is just another step towards raising tuition fees for all

'Small fish' to protest Socreds' law

FREDERICTON, B.C. (CUP) — St. Thomas university faculty plan to join the nationwide academic protest against the B.C. government's legislation jeopardizing tenure for professors.

Faculty spokesperson Howard Kody says the motion being proposed to the university's senate urges the B.C. government to reconsider its moves restricting academic freedom.

"Universities do not wish to have their traditional autonomy and practices of tenure, academic freedom and the like tampered with by provincial governments," he says.

The motion is similar to one passed by the University of Manitoba senate, but it may encounter opposition from some St. Thomas senators.

Another faculty member, Roger Moore, is optimistic that the motion will pass, but says St. Thomas has little clout in the academic world.

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The Canadian Association of University Teachers has asked members to pressure university senates to condemn the Social Credit government's "restraint" program.

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Ethnic issue

Canada a beacon of hope for endangered refugees

By ROSS PINK

First of two parts

To many world refugees, Canada serves as a beacon of hope in an otherwise dark and discordant world. Each year, thousands of refugees pour into Canada seeking asylum and safety. Yet for each refugee who flees his or her homeland there are thousands more with no chance of escape, those who remain in homelands where persecution and death are inevitable.

Canada is signatory to the U.N. Convention on refugees and so is theoretically committed to provide a sanctuary for these people. But the Canadian government insists these people undergo a lengthy legal process to determine their status.

Although thousands of refugees request asylum in Canada each year, all are not accepted by the Canadian government. In 1979 Canada accepted 27,740 refugees. In 1980, 40,144; 1981, 17,891; 1982, 16,821 and in 1983, 13,566.

Despite risking their lives and journeying hundreds of miles to reach Canada, the majority of inland refugees are deported. A spokesperson for the immigration department says about 20 per cent of inland refugees are allowed to stay in Canada.

Of the three refugee status categories, the most complicated procedures are reserved for inland refugees — those who apply for landed immigrant status after they get to Canada. Inland refugees are people who have left their homeland and travelled independently to Canada.

The review process for inland refugees begins when the refugee presents his or her case to a senior immigration officer. "You must prove your life is threatened before you will be allowed to stay," says Nancy Miller, chairperson of the Inland Refugee Society in Vancouver. "Otherwise, Canada will not look at the application."

Canadian government policy essentially leaves the inland refugees to support themselves until they receive landed immigrant status. This is granted about one year after their claim is accepted and about three years after they first arrived in Canada.

The problems facing inland refugees are immense. Tom Clark, co-ordinator of the Inter-Church Committee on Refugees, says: "There is no government support for inland refugees while they await a decision on their status. Support is left up to the public which is virtually unaware of the situation."

There are approximately 300 inland refugees in Vancouver and three groups have become involved with their concerns: Multi-lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities, The Inland Refugee Society of B.C. and the Vancouver Coalition with World Refugees.

These groups provide basic needs to the refugees such as food, clothing, shelter and cultural orientation. However, their resources are limited and many refugees are forced to seek further assistance in the community. Many of the refugees obtain their groceries from food banks.

Miller says: "Basically our purpose is to look after the immediate basic needs of the inland refugees. We try to find shelter, food, clothing and basic needs for those who are indigent."

Despite efforts to help the refugees, Miller conceeds that "food and shelter are major problems and many of the refugees are undernourished."

The Vancouver Coalition with World Refugees and MOSAIC both play key roles in refugee relief. The VCWR offers counselling, cultural orientation and housing to refugees. Coalition member Dr. John Conway says "one of our objectives is to find resources in the community through churches." Its general meeting on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month at 1410 W. 12th provides an opportunity for the general public to learn from refugees and refugee workers.

MOSAIC provides an array of services to the refugee population, including interpretation in seventy different languages.

THE FACES OF DESPAIR . . . Cambodian refugee family clings together in monsoon rains at Thailand village after fleeing Vietnamese and Cambodian crossfire.

Since inland refugees arrive in Canada without following proper immigration procedures or obtaining a visa, they are considered illegal aliens.

There are many complaints against the review process for inland refugees. The refugee status advisory committee never meets with the claimant. Also, the committee reaches its decision on the claim solely on the basis of the transcript. The transcript is often translated from another language and thus loses much of its emotional impact.

Another criticism of this process has been the long delay in waiting for a decision — usually 18 to 24 months.

There have also been complaints against the committee for its narrow definition of the term refugee, which resulted in fewer claims being accepted. However, new guidelines

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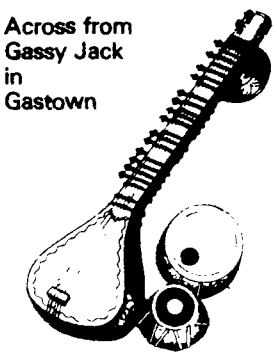

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Refugees

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established by former manpower and immigration minister Lloyd Axworthy in 1982 have broadened the definition of the term refugee, thus allowing greater numbers to remain in Canada.

After amendments and additions to the statement by the refugee, a transcript is sent to the refugee status advisory committee in Ottawa. The commitee reviews the transcript, then recommends if the refugee should be accepted. The final decision is made by the Minister of Immigration.

If the claim is considered valid, the individual becomes a landed immigrant. If it is decided that the claim is invalid, the claimant may appeal the decision. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the claimant is deported.

During the review process inland refugees are in a state of limbo. Section 13.11(2) of the Immigration Manual states; "We must make it possible for claimants to refugee status to await the outcome of their claim without undue physical or economic hardship."

But the reality is far different. Inland refugees receive no support or assistance from the government. They do not qualify for medical or dental care and find it difficult to obtain work permits.

Another obstacle facing refugees is the absence of English training. Only refugees sponsored by the government or private groups receive federal English language assitance.

Many of these refugees settle in British Columbia. In 1979, 2,848 refugees settled in B.C. In 1980 -5,111; 1981 - 1,704; 1982 - 1,687; and in 1983 - 1,623. Approximately 75 per cent of refugees in B.C. reside in the lower mainland.

The majority of the inland refugee population in Vancouver come from Central America. In the report of a special team sent to Central America in 1982 by Axworthy, it was estimated that the "refugee situation in Central America involves upwards of half a million people. More than 10 per cent of the entire population of El Salvador is either in internal or external exile." Thousands of people have fled Guatemala, where repression and torture is rampant.

Vancouver also receives many refugee claims from Iranians, Sri Lankans and Afghans. The growing refugee population of Vancouver reflects the dangerous state of the world today.

Canada has a legacy of generous refugee relief. But the turbulent state of affairs today may force Canada to reassess its policies. Refugees seeking asylum in Canada are assessed against factors designed to determine their general ability to adapt to Canadian life and on the amount of settlement assistance available to them in Canada.

In Sudan there is a refugee population of 400,000, yet the country continues to support an open door refugee policy. In Northern Pakistan there are over three million Afghan refugees. Thailand and Hong Kong both support large refugee populations. The generous refugee policies of these nations have not been matched by the Western World.

Tom Clark points out "there are 10 million refugees in camps around the world now. The less developed countries carry the brunt of the problem." Yet the western world, including Canada, still maintain conservative refugee policies.

Clark also believes Canadians sometimes remain indifferent toward refugees. "There are three million Afghanis in Northern Pakistan, yet we in Vancouver worry about providing welfare to the few who are here."

Next week: Vancouver refugees speak.

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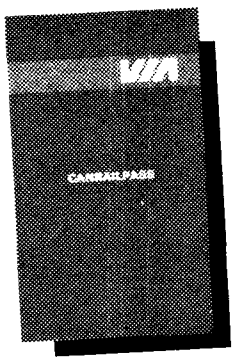

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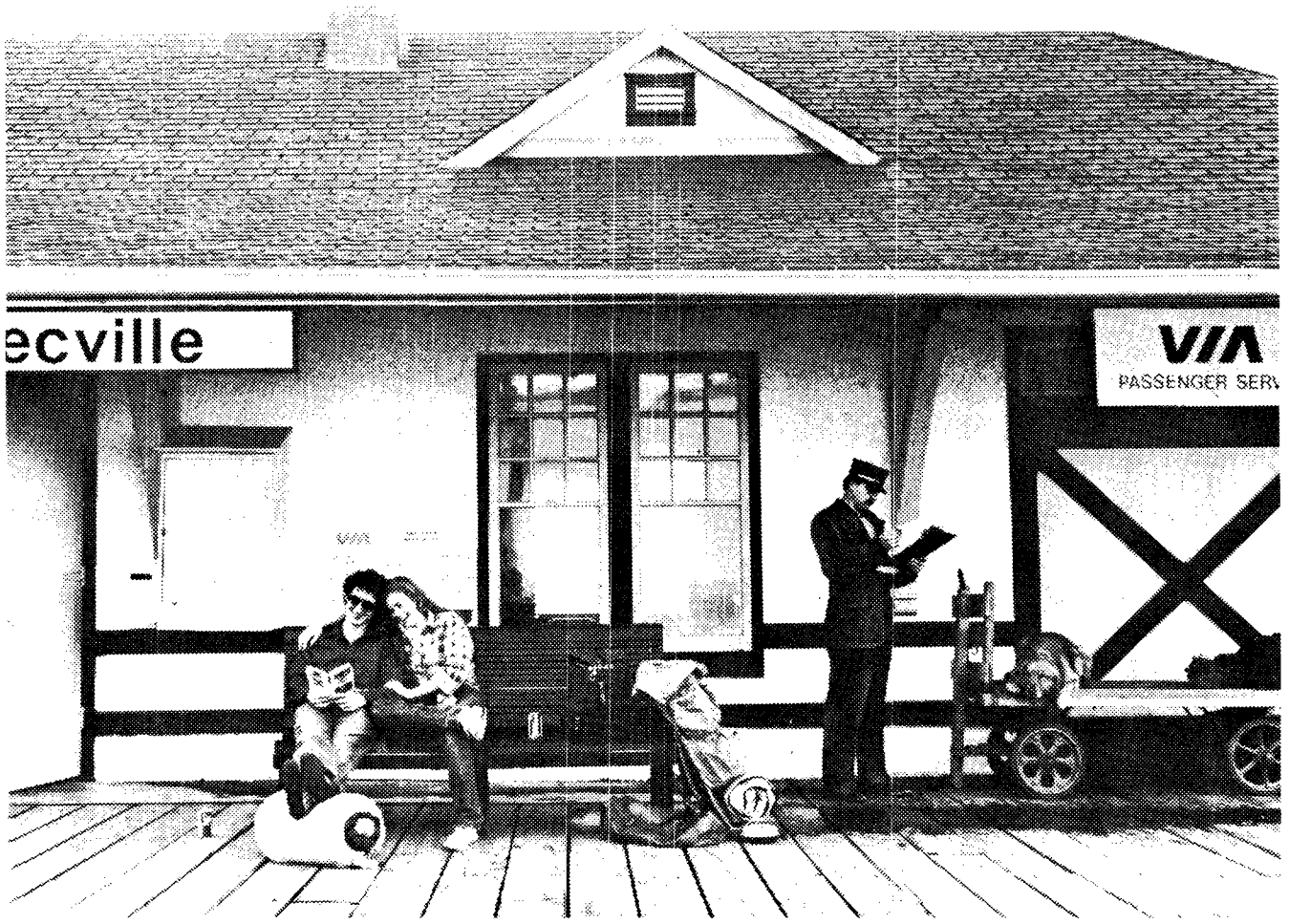
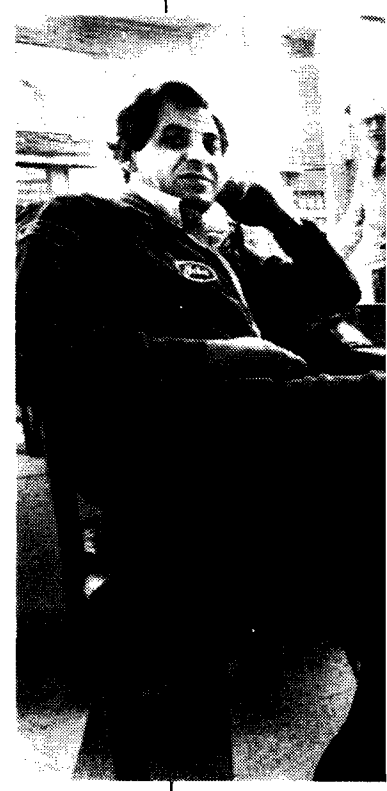




TEXT BY ROBERT BEYNON

THE CHINESE INITIALLY lived by the docks. Their community developed in the 1880s behind the business frontage on Burrard Inlet, by the new Canadian Pacific railway terminal.

Vancouver was just beginning then and Gassy Jack who established Gastown still lived.

Despite persecution the Chinese stayed and formed a community, an integral part of Vancouver's present population. Later, the Japanese and the Italians too came and established communities at the narrow base of the peninsula that squeezes between False Creek and Burrard Inlet, today's east end.

These east side communities are older than British Properties or Point Grey. But today most people view this area as a curiosity, a tourist attraction ("the second largest Chinatown in North America!"). Many still speak of all Chinese as foreigners, strangers in their own land, although their ancestors may date back to the 19th century.

In fact these groups are the builders of Vancouver, our parents. Chinatown, Japantown and Little Italy are a part of our heritage, dimensions of a colourful, heterogeneous, expanding city.

They are also a mark of our infamy. The Japanese remained when mobs broke their store window's at the turn of the century. The Chinese and Japanese stayed although neither received the vote until just before the Second World War.

But they are proud of the place they have established here. When Harvey Wong poses before his fish shop's red snappers on ice, an arm around a friend, he's proud.

These communities are like aged trees in our midst, staid and gnarled. Both the young clerk in Japantown, dressed in his grocer's apron, and the women seeking green beans there continue their tasks with a routine decorum.

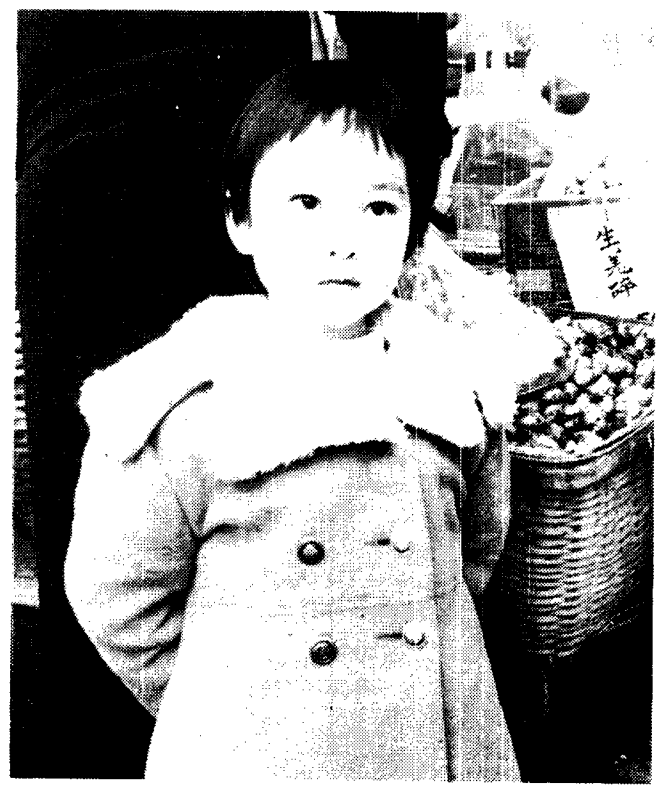
The Italian community on Commercial Avenue also remains like a cornerstone in our city's social structure. Tony and Bruna show off the goods of their shop proudly; the men sit resolutely in a barber's shop; at the Continental Cafe-Bar a patron ponders life at a table.

These people have found a place. The place where they live, grew up, where their children grow, where their future is.

While her mother looks over ginger in a reed basket, the young Chinese girl at far right stares out at Chinatown's milling Sunday market crowd. She will bring something to Vancouver, even if only by living in Chinatown and offering a different lifestyle.

In future years she will change the character and diversity of Vancouver.

Ethnic issue



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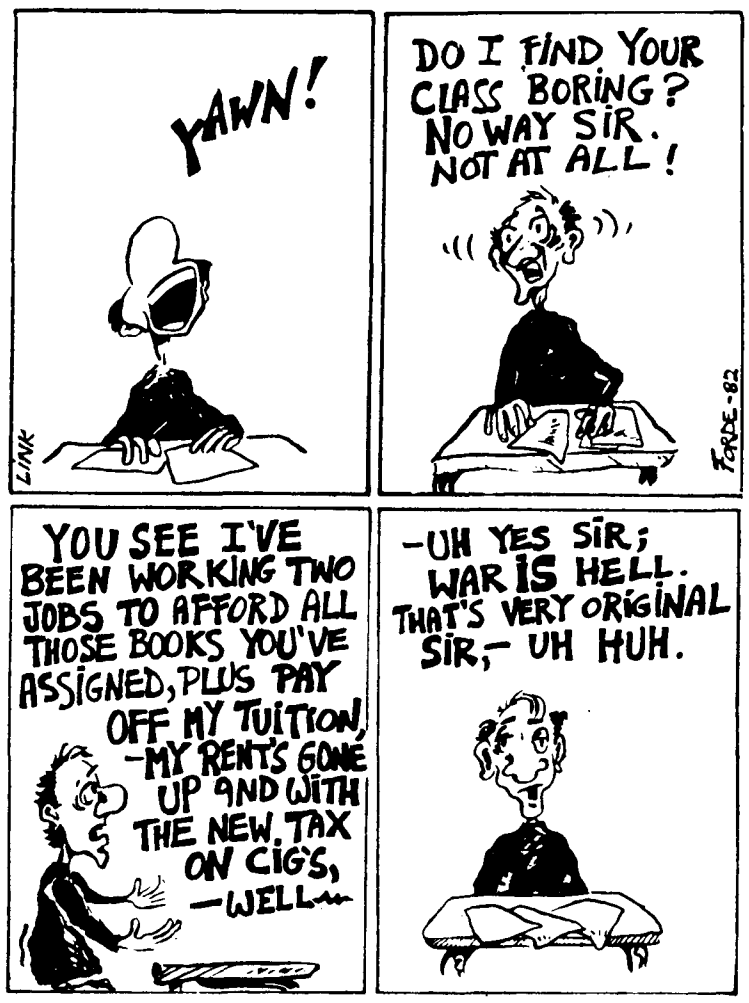

Seats of inspiration

You're sitting on the can, your elbows propped on your knees and your head in your hands. Finals are coming up and you're beginning to worry about getting passable grades.

Twirling a pen in your hands you're tempted to scratch a little message on the steel walls. Nobody will probably read it anyway, so you decide to write a nasty note.

As you begin to scrawl painstakingly onto the wall, you are reminded of the Chinese student who always sits in front of the class. He works hard. His self discipline will eventually earn him a better job than you, or so you think.

Your anger builds and you start to write faster. Maybe the person in the next stall can hear you writing on the wall. You become a little nervous and quickly finish the note.

Leaning back on the rickety toilet seat, you admire your work. It's not too nasty, you think — it only pokes a little fun at those Chinese keeners. Your nasty description fits all Chinese students, they are all alike, you rationalize to yourself.

You clean up after yourself, leaving the stall door swinging shut as you rush to your next class. You don't think about the feelings of other students who may come across your scrawled message. After all, few will bother to read it even if they use the same bathroom, you say.

But shortly after you leave, another student discreetly walks into the bathroom. Sitting down, he begins to think of his exams looming at the beginning of next month.

To push thoughts of studying long nights out of his mind, he looks at the newly decorated walls surrounding him. The words emanate hate, and loathing.

He is Chinese, and to him, the word means a family and relatives all belonging to a unique and valuable culture. But the word is perverted by the messages screaming at him from the walls.

He has not done anything to insult the writers of the anonymous notes. He has not taunted them with the same angry words or mocked their culture. His only sin is the color of his skin.

He wants to erase the words of hate, to scrub the walls until the last letter is rubbed out. But that would not remove the feelings of hurt.

If you met the person you have angered and insulted, you probably wouldn't recognize him. Like yourself, he too is anonymous — just another prick in the stall.

But your words have provoked him. After reading your slurs, he will feel a little less comfortable at UBC, knowing that students he passes in the halls every day dislike him for no other reason than that he is Chinese. And he comes to UBC every day.

UBC is supposed to be a gathering place for budding minds to think about the social problems plaguing our society. But our own writing on the wall is no more enlightened than graffiti lining downtown streets.

Our feelings of fear and hatred toward other races should be flushed from our bathrooms, erased from the walls of our minds. The language of hate serves no purpose — it only illustrates that we are all racist. Whether or not we scrawl on the walls, we all contribute by failing to remove the bitter notes littering our lives.

Letters

'Gears have crossed bridge to sexual equality'

The article (Putting the pressure on offensive professors, March 27) by Cathy McDonald, once again mentions the opinion that engineers are sexist to the core. One remark in question was comparing a bridge to a woman's body — "well built." After looking at the Cambie Street bridge, I must conclude that the unidentified professor in question has a strange idea of what looks good. Wrong bridge you say? Well, if I cannot be general, like with McDonald, then all engineers are not sexist.

But, this seems to be going against the grain, as anybody who has read the editorial in the March 16 Ubyssey (Ringing truth) will think.

The Ubyssey's coverage of the UBC engineers is, even in the best of times, slanted. They never seem to say anything about people who like to paint structures or a monument in a different color than they were originally. Nor do they ever see the graffiti, written for all to see, none of it polite.

And they never said anything about the Engineers' ball, good or bad. But you always find two pages for some rock band.

Also, the news coverage from other universities always seems to put engineers in a bad light, I recall a stink about wet T-shirts. With all this good coverage of us, it does not surprise me that people outside of engineering have a twisted view of us.

It is heard that women who enter engineering are confronted with a wall of resistance to their being there. Engineering is said to be a non-traditional job for women. This thought may have come from engineering or from society's perspective. Whatever the opinion, both sides were to blame. Now, it is possible to enter engineering on the basis of academic achievement alone. So, the only wall is the view from the outside looking in. This is nothing new — how many male nurses have your seen?

I do not know why people insist that sexism is alive and flourishing in engineering. Far as I know, most of us went through the same education system, where females and males were treated equally. Then, all of a sudden, when one enters engineering at university, sexism rears its ugly head. It sure took its time.

Engineering cannot afford the luxury of mistreating a growing segment of itself. The foundation of engineering is the team. Each member pulls her or his own weight, no more, no less.

From what I have seen this past year, whatever sexism there was in engineering has been buried. And if it ever crawls out of its grave, it would not survive a general engineering meeting.

A parting note, the March 16 editorial of The Ubyssey mentioned the following: "Hundreds of engineers, dressed in business suits and a few in dresses." A few? Not from where I sit. I think it is time to look at the trend in engineering. Try the general information pages in the UBC calendar: the numbers are changing, in favor of the women. If this is sexism, it is apathetic.

Jim Davies
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The occasionally forgotten Peter Berlin was remembered tonight for his new wave haircut, even though he didn't come with the crew on our second last journey through chocolate decadence to the printing reggata. Stephen Wisenthal was last seen heading off to see strange faraway lands as he did not accompany the motley ensemble either. The New York times reviewer Shaffin Shariff would not give his commands in the normal code and caused the code receiver to howl his "Can you believe this Canada" commercial snicker. Patti Flather saved the entire crew from drowning of jerring, loud comments on Lions. Our favorite Leo, Neil Lucente roared over theories on the penis mentality mentality. The weekend jock, Gordon Clark relaxed after searching in vain for a captain's chair. Muriel Draaisma's wandering hands were stifled as the eight staffer crew crammed into the yellow unturbo canoe of Chris Wong. Robby Robertson was proud of his true black and white scorpian another ethnic tie in. Robert Beynon was equally happy to have been quoted by a higher source. Debbie Lo was looking to the sunset curiously fuschia. Ross Pink was commended for his good work saving the drowning refugees as we sailed on, and Ian Weniger changed into a bright snazzy new outfit as it would not look appropriate to greet a Liberal candidate in unshakable attire

Feminists rebuked for pettiness

I believe I've finally had it! I suppose it's this prevalent notion of the world being a pradise of male perrogative that gets me. Anyone should be able to look at their own father for five minutes to figure that one out.

Anyway, what I really need to say shouldn't be news to anyone with half a brain. It is simply this: Women are many things to men; they are mothers, daughters, wives, sisters, lovers, colleagues, strangers, and sometimes, with luck, friends.

Not in spite of this, or despite of this, not along with this, because of this, or apart from this; but interwoven with this, and by the very nature of things, women ARE sex objects to men. It's simply the way it is!

And believe it or not, it has been in my experience to understand that some women have a reciprocal nature! Is this peculiar? Of course not. It is only by virtue of this interesting evolutionary happenstance that twits like Cathy McDonald are around to write asinine articles (Putting the pressure on offensive professors, March 27) in the first place!

Now let's get reasonable. Terrible injustices have been, and are now being done by men in power to women in subordinate positions. Men who use their positions of authority to exploit women in need of their assistance, compassion, and good will are clearly despicable characters. When caught, I believe their punishment should bring them personal anguish at least equal to the anguish these betrayed women must feel. Dismissal and worse is certainly appropriate.

However, what gets me is that some women have latched on to a real, substantive, and important issue, and embroidered it with their own neuroses to the extent that reality doesn't matter. Rape, harassment, and brutal exploitation are real. But I'm not going to stop looking at nice breasts, nice legs, and nice asses because it upsets Phyllis Leonardi (Status of women coordinator at Carleton University.)

In a very real sense, your body belongs to you, but your appearance is public. Men have every right to look at your body! If you want to call this harassment, then you're just a thin-skinned, unrealistic twit.

Essentially, there are an awful lot of healthy, natural and utterly harmless interactions taking place which, with a properly bent frame of mind, could be construed as harassment. Hopefully, men and women with good sense can see through this so that genuinely destructive behavior can be dealt with effectively.

Scott Mendelson
grad studies psychology

Frenzy II

Concerning the letter Marxist-Leninist defends 'anti-imperialist tactics' (Mar. 22), I doubt if Rene Goldman's letter was as frenzied ("anti-communist frenzy") as the response from Allen Soroka, with its mindless jargon and confusion of results with motives. May I commend to your readers the review by Paul Wilson of H. S. Ferns' autobiography — "Reading from Left to Right: One Man's Political History" in the February edition of Books in Canada. It should help to equip them to deal with such bombast.

Ann Ferries

Letters

Inflated costs make centres for the rich kids

With reference to the ongoing daycare debates, I have had my child enrolled in an under-three unit as well as operating my own in-home daycare on campus. Consequently I did considerable research on the issue and I hope to clarify some facts.

Unit II now charges $445.00 per month for full-time day care. This contract requires four hours per week of parent duty time — specifically janitorial duty. Substitutes are available for about $7 per hour. In addition the parent must attend a monthly meeting and further, must clean the entire daycare about every 10 weeks on a rotating basis. The other choice is half-time, mornings only, and the fees and duty times are halved. Just imagine if you had twins!

In addition to the exorbitant monthly dues, a $222.50 deposit is required which, for most students, means they cannot afford to choose alternate child care because their money is tied up. Unit II requires an entire month's notice to free the funds. They are unbending in this policy as Mr. Lueck found out when they swallowed his deposit for giving only 29 days notice in writing, although he did give verbal notice within the 30-day limit. (Daycares, Dec. 10/83.)

While it is unlikely that many students could meet these criterion of unbending schedules, exorbitant dues and excessive hours of duty time, the centres are operating at full capacity. In fact, there is usually a waiting list to get in. This is because a great majority of the children are enrolled by working parents from local professions, UBC staff and faculty and civil servants. In my experience, less than 10 per cent of the parents using the daycares are UBC students. One can conclude that the centres are filling a vital need by servicing the higher income parents in the area — everyone but students.

Unfortunately this seems to have resulted in artificially inflated costs for parents. Just a few miles away in Kerrisdale is the Shannon Daycare. They charge $385.00 per month for a union-run, under-three daycare centre and they require no duty time. Are UBC units extracting too much money for child care? They had me over a barrel. How could I morally set a price on what my child's care is worth?

How did this huge cost-plus-duties discrepancy come about? The perceptive economics student would immediately suggest lack of competition.

A monopoly? Here are the facts. The immigration department recently approached students on student visas and crushed a growing body of in-home care givers. As the federal departments are a slow-moving machine, I assume someone was responsible for stirring up the trouble. As a victim, I reluctantly took my child out of a home where loving care had nurtured him for over a year. Who had vested interests in eliminating the competition? Enrolment at the units shot up immediately.

I took a partner and set up a small, family-oriented daycare service. We made the hours and price flexible and staffed it with local parents, thus insuring that wages returned to students' pockets.

We contacted the UBC daycare coordinator for information on getting a provincial government license. In spite of the fact that her wages are paid by the Alma Mater Society, she was unresponsive to the endeavor and wanted to charge us $20 for a daycare pamphlet that is available at no charge from the ministry of health.

Further, she refused our request to purchase craft supplies from a central store that services the camp units. She hinted that we would be unable to get our daycare licensed by Victoria. She wasn't too sure which provincial employee we should contact about a license application.

The AMS council voted us a generous grant pending approval of our license. We met the ad nauseam standards and regulations of the fire department, the ministries of health and human resources, at no small cost. We sent in a budget, a blueprint, references, facilities, past experience, etc., and bought smoke alarms and a fire extinguisher. Four months went by without a word. The coordinator was right and the UBC units, which she administers, have a monopoly on licenses. We closed our centre.

In all fairness, the AMS executive changes every year so it is not surprising that they were uninformed about the monopoly. The ministries lacked coordinated information which, for some of us, is also not surprising.which, for some of us, is also not surprising. The only person who has been in the system long enough to coordinate, or stonewall, information is the reluctant daycare coordinator, Mab Oleman.

This woman now makes over $30,000 a year from the AMS. She doesn't help in bookkeeping for the units. She hasn't brought in any community or business money to subsidize the faltering units. She isn't a resource contact for the province, nor informative about their procedures. She hasn't provided daycare services appropriate for a student's budget or timetable and she is all but obstructive towards efforts to diversify the present system. She does, however, throw a lot of tea parties. If the AMS can continue to pay this ceremonial dignitary, who lacks a job description, I have a suggestion. Why don't we double food prices in SUB, tack on 15 per cent for textbooks and build this woman a castle for her ceremonies! As for the children of UBC students — let them eat cake.

Patricia O'Brien

Just why is 12:30 p.m. called noon at UBC?

One of the questions about UBC (and The Ubyssey) which has always puzzled me is why does noon occur at 12:30? There are many possible explanations for this but I am completely mystified as to which is the correct one. Perhaps we're trying to mimic Newfoundland by being a half hour off the rest of the country. That explanation would be okay if it weren't for the fact that nobody would want to copy anything from Newfoundland.

Maybe it was invented by someone highly interested in lunches and eating. That way, he or she could meet for two seperate lunches, both at "noon," one on campus and one off. Could it be that we wish to show how fashionable we are by forcing even Father Time to arrive fashionably late for lunch at 12:30? If so why not make noon to be 2:00? That would be even better.

A more likely explanation is that someone deliberately set out to confuse as many first years as possible. Or possibly someone was suffering from a greater psychosis. A fear of 1's, 2's,:'s, 3's, and O's perhaps? Being deranged is certainly nothing new on this campus. While on the topic of deranged, maybe the Liberals did it to show that they could be something new and original.

Doug Dosdall
Pre-Commerce/Computer Science

DAYCARE . . . still not cheap at half the price —jen eric photo

Croc rock

Crocodile hunting and cowboys are not what the average Canadian usually associates with Australia, but Australian recording star Ted Egan uses them to give a new meaning to the term "country folk music" — that is, Australian folk music.

Egan's personal experience with the aboriginal peoples of Australia's Northern Territory, and his life as a reserve superintendent and crocodile hunter in the Outback are reflected in his many 'bush' ballads and songs. Egan's music is a blend of country and folk which is deeply influenced by its Irish roots.

His many gold albums have won him numerous honors at the Australian Country Music Awards at Tamworth (Aussie's Nashville), and he has officially represented Aussie at many international country-folk music festivals.

Egan also makes regular appearances on Australian radio and television, including the Rolf Harris Show.

Ted Egan will be performing in the SUB auditorium this Monday, March 26 at noon, as part of his North American Tour to promote "Aussie — The Land Down Under. Under.

This concert is presented by the Vancouver Adventure and Travel Club (UBC), in conjunction with Westcan Treks-Adventure Travel and C.P. Air. **Susan E. Burns**
biology 2

Protest to rejuvenate Coalition

It is no secret that the Solidarity Coalition has become a shadow of its former self. While the reasons for this are many, it was really no surprise after the high hopes of the hundreds of thousands of people were dashed by the bureaucratic actions of Operation Solidarity's leadership, when it entered into the rotten agreement with the premier on Nov. 13.

But the question of the Coalition's rejuvenation remains, at this point, an open one. A preliminary answer to this question — at least with respect to the immediate period ahead — may be gained on Saturday, March 31. On that day, the Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition and the Vancouver and District Labour Council have called for a demonstration at Oppenheimer Park (400 E. Cordova) at 1:00 p.m. in response to the government's latest budget.

It is also no secret that the Social Credit government and its allies emerged shaken but victorious from last November's strike. Indeed, they are still reaping its spoils, as the most recent provincial budget graphically shows. Once again poor people, the young, students, women, seniors, tenants, workers, disabled people, minorities, taxpayers and the unemployed have been made the targets of the government's offensive.

For instance, while those forced onto welfare have had their monthly stipends further reduced, while the unemployed were told to remain unemployed, while teachers and other public sector workers are being thrown out of work, while human rights programmes are being axed by 50 per cent, while protective services for women are being cut, and while students have been told to pay and borrow more or get out of the post-secondary system (and join the ranks of the underpaid or unemployed), $470 million was kicked into the bloated pockets of B.C. Rail (i.e. the banks, forest companies and coal companies).

However, if there is one thing that burns bright in the overall picture of the last nine months it is that for the first time in recent history, huge numbers of people, from varying backgrounds and regions, came together within the framework of the Solidarity Coalition to fight against the government's offensive. This was a step forward. It should not be simply forgotten.

It is true that students and faculty members generally kept to themselves during the events of last fall. But it should have become clearer that, as government measures rip apart the education system of this province, those of us who study or work within it have much in common with those other sectors of the population under attack.

The rejuvenation of Solidarity and its internal change go together. The leadership will remain the same unless thousands of people act to change it. This can only happen if those who left after last November's sell-out return with a new resolve, and bring with them thousands of new faces. And if the massive opposition which developed in response to last July's budget was built through marches and demonstrations, then these continue to be basic ways in which opposition can redevelop.

In the face of a government which is deadly serious, and which has much more planned for the future, we can not afford to sit on our hands for three years until the next scheduled election. If the offensive is to be stopped, then it is incumbent on all of us to take part in the demonstration this Saturday.

Bill Coller
students against the budget law

73,000 irresponsible reasons

The tactless way in which the issue of student society general manager Charles Redden's recent salary increase was handled (AMS manager to get $73,000, March 27) exemplifies both the irresponsible behavior of many UBC student politicians and the sensationalistic policy of The Ubyssey.

In disclosing Redden's annual salary to The Ubyssey, Alma Mater Society vice president Doug Low chose to make public what should have remained privileged information.

There is no defensible reason for The Ubyssey's publication of anything more than Redden's percentage salary increase. The decision to do so further violated the confidentiality of the information and the trust placed in our student press.

Jim Tucker
arts 1

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Rental act coming soon

A new residential tenancy act that will eliminate the current rental review board and result in massive layoffs at the Rentalsman's office may be introduced in the B.C. legislature Monday.

Wayne Maceachern, coordinator for the B.C. Tenant's Rights Association, said he expects a new tenancy act in the current session of the legislature because the government wants to continue the process it started last June with the elimination of rent controls.

Although the government has promised to keep some form of review board, Maceachern said it probably will not include present board members. "There will be a new board of Socred appointees," he said.

Maceachern charged the government is attempting to reduce public reaction and media attention by introducing the act when there are labor unrests in the province.

"It makes sense for them to do it now with everything happening in the province," he said.

Rentalsman Jim Patterson indicated in a recent meeting that he is writing a new act for consumer and Corporate affairs minister Jim Hewitt, Maceachern added.

The present rental review board is a body within the Rentalsman's office which reviews the cases of tenants who have had their rents increased by more than 15 per cent. The elimination of the board will seriously reduce tenant's rights in the province, Maceachern said.

Chris Eve, a New Democratic party researcher, said the recent provincial budget showed dramatic reductions in the salary costs of the Rentalsman's office next year. In 1983-84 the total expenditure for salaries was $2,226,647, while only $503,678 has been set aside for next year. Total costs for the office have been reduced by over 75 per cent.

Hewitt's executive assistant Micky Perrett said he had not heard about a new act being released Monday, although he knew it would be introduced in the near future.

Perret said the Rentalsman's staff will be reduced when the new act comes out. Although the current review board will be terminated by next June, some of the employees will be reinstated after the changes have been made, he added.

"It is reasonable to assume that some of those people will be retained because they have experience," Perret said.

Perret said the current review board was struck after the removal of rent controls last June, adding it was an interim measure for the one-year transition period between rent control and a "marketplace that will dictate the value of rents."

"Rent review is part of a phase-down period. It buffers the shock of the period between," said Perret.

Maceachern said the "bottom line" of the government's plan is to introduce a freemarket at the expense of tenant rights.

"As it is there is not enough protection. And it just seems to be getting worse," he said.

AMS criticized Redden's for salary increase

The student council executive's decision to increase the Alma Mater Society general manager's salary by 10 per cent violates the AMS by-laws.

The code says the general manager's contract must be renegotiated by the outgoing president and approved by a council vote.

AMS vice-president Doug Low said council was not consulted. "I'm concerned about the process by which this whole thing was handled," Low said.

AMS president Margaret Copping said while the process contravened the code, past executives directed the outgoing president and the finance director to negotiate the general manager's contract without council input.

Low said general manager Charles Redden's current salary of $66,000 is fair without an increase to $73,000, even though he thinks Redden is doing a good job.

Low said the timing of the increase is inapropriate considering fee increases, bursary and grant reductions, bus fare increases and student housing rent hikes.

"I think we should bring in a private consulting firm and evaluate our goals and how much we should be paying," he said.

Copping said Redden is very well qualified and was hired in 1982 to expand, diversify and improve AMS services.

"We make a lot of money; revenue areas have increased, diversified and improved," she said.

She said the expansion of revenue — generating ventures under Redden has been an important "phase" in the society's growth.

"When the expansion is complete we will not be able to afford him, nor will we need him, nor will he be interested in staying." She added that next year will be the last of the three year expansion phase and Redden will stay to see SUB renovations finished.

Copping said the salary increase was required to persuade Redden to stay. She claimed the salary was the going rate for a manager of Redden's calibre.

Members of the Office and Technical Employees Union who last fall negotiated 11.5 per cent salary increase over two years, declined comment on the increase.

Davy Fatechand, arts 2, said the increase was "damned disgusting. I don't think anyone's worth that much."

David Burgess, law 2, agreed with the increase. He said it was great if Redden was making money for the AMS, but he added the whole council should probably have voted on it.

Low and Copping both agreed the AMS place too much emphasis on financial matters and not enough on serving the student community.

Copping implied this service would be a greater concern after the "expansion phase" is over.

Arts council representative Duncan Stewart said the increase should have been brought before council on Wednesday.

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TRY LOOKING AT IT FROM different angle, says Liberal cabinet member to students. In fact, Secretary of State Serge Joyal, who is not candidate for leadership of Grit party, and is not here for extra dose of charisma, spoke on campus and at regional office. Joyal, who seemed committed to student concerns, especially when informed of possible job opening for AMS general manager, would not comment any further except to smile slyly and mumble "That's damn good money." See story opposite and page 19.

Joyal gives DTUC a boost of hope

By SHAFFIN SHARIFF

Secretary of State Serge Joyal gave supporters of Nelson's David Thompson University Centre a much-needed boost Thursday by agreeing to fund an action committee dedicated to fighting the centre's impending closure.

"I share your concern. We should find ways to deal with your problem," he told a Nelson delegation in the Secretary of State's Vancouver office."

But during the hour-long meeting, Joyal made no firm commitments on behalf of Ottawa to keep the centre open by direct federal funding.

Joyal said he was concerned federal government moves to help DTUC might send a signal to other provinces that they flaunt previous federal-provincial agreements.

Charging that B.C. was attempting to re-write the "rules of the game" with its use of federally-allocated education funding, and its decision to close DTUC May 1, Joyal said he is willing to push for parliamentary action — including withholding funds from provinces, if they do not use funding for intended purposes.

Joyal used the analogy of a bathtub without a federal plug to retrain abuse by provinces. He said the federal government has long been concerned about such provincial abuse, adding: "If they change the rules, we will change too. We'll be in the same bathtub, and they (the provinces) might not like the water."

Joyal said provincial attack on education funding is not restricted to B.C., but he said Socred cuts are tantamount to a return to the "dark ages" and an assault on commitments Canadians had previously assumed were inviolable.

Asked when he might direct his ministry to help the DTUC action committee, Joyal said: Tomorrow."

Prior to making the commitment to help fund attempts to stave off closure, Joyal heard from the Nelson delegation, including mayor Louis Maglio.

"We don't think total closure is warranted," Maglio said. "We have an education centre and that's what we want it for," he said, adding they will not use DTUC buildings for any other purpose if the provincial government gives them control.

Earlier this week, B.C. education minister Jack Heinrich rejected Nelson's bid to buy DTUC for $1 because the provincial government would still have to contribute funds to keep it running.

Faculty and admin in row over deficit

The university may implement a controversial proposal abolishing academic tenure even if professors oppose the procedures, says UBC's administration president. George Pedersen rejected assertions made by some angry professors that a "No" vote April 4 will result in new negotiations between the faculty association and the administration.

"There were long, serious and genuinely thorough negotiations for the agreement," Pedersen said. "The agreement recognizes the value of the faculty but it also recognizes that the university faces serious financial problems."

Last month, the faculty association executive and the administration negotiated conditions, which abolish tenure and will result in some professors being fired.

The proposals are under attack from faculty, such as economics professor Gideon Rosenbluth, an outspoken critic of the agreement.

"If there is a 'no' vote, then the faculty association can call upon the administration to resume negotiations for a new agreement," Rosenbluth said. "Under the collective bargaining agreement the university has to bargain in good faith."

But Pedersen said UBC cannot afford to wait for new negotiations because the university faces a $10 million deficit. "The fiscal year starts April 1 and we cannot afford to enter it not knowing where we are going to come up with dollars."

Pedersen also rejected proposals, including those put forth by UBC's committee of concerned academics and the Canadian Association of University Teachers, which believe salary cuts and closing the university for short intervals comprise a viable alternative to abolishing tenure.

"CAUT provisions would not resolve our budget crisis in the next year or the next five years. And pay cuts will cause the best academics to leave UBC," Pedersen said.

He said the administration is also trying to raise money in the community: "We're in the process of trying to identify someone to lead a fund raising campaign."

One third of UBC's debt will be offset by a 33 per cent increase in tuition fees. The remaining debt will be reduced if professors are fired by procedures outlined in the agreement, if it is approved by faculty members April 4.

Photos shock busriders

A man flashing grotesque pictures of aborted fetuses in metro buses may be a UBC physics professor.

"I think we have tracked him down. He's harmless but he does have quirks," UBC traffic and security spokesman Terry O'Brenan said.

The man rides Vancouver buses carrying graphic and disturbing pictures of aborted fetuses. He deliberately displays the pictures to other bus passengers.

Commuter Valerie Wagar said she is angry the man imposes his anti-choice views on people in this manner.

"It infuriates me this man can get on a bus and attempt to further his cause this way," Wagar said. "The pictures are intended to gross out the average person and are used for pure shock value."

The metro transit bus company and various UBC departments have received numerous complaints about the incidents which began last September.

Metro transit security tried to persuade him to stop carrying the offensive pictures, but they cannot lay any charges or bar him from riding the buses because he has not committed a crime, a metro transit spokesperson said.

"There is nothing we can do legally about it," he added.

But Jack Pearson, administrative secretary to the physics department, said the department is looking into the matter and it may be brought to the dean.

A spokesperson for the women's student office said women angry about the incidents have also complained to her office.

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$1.2M SUB proposal gets nod

A design for SUB expansion received unanimous approval from student council after a brief debate Wednesday.

The contracted architects can now begin drawing working plans for the construction, which will cost $1.2 million, student board of governors member Dave Frank said.

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Construction should start in May and the proposed finishing date is Sept. 15, Frank said. "We're not going to rush it," he added, warning that construction may be delayed.

But Arts representative Barbara Waldern said she feels students have not had any input into the design.

However, Frank said, most students refused to criticize the proposal.

When completed, the expansion between SUB's south mall and the swimming pool will contain a restaurant, typing services and club space.

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Council also approved a $4,200 grant to produce a summer Ubyssey, provided federal or provincial grants are given and the paper realizes its projected ad revenues.

Graduate student representative Francisco Cabanas said summer students pay AMS fees as well as winter students and they should be entitled to the same services winter students receive, such as The Ubyssey.

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Vice-president Doug Low told council the men's athletic committee may transfer the UBC football team from the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletics Union (CIAU) to the American Evergreen Conference. The SFU football team now plays for the Evergreen conference.

"We're having a lot of problems trying to cope with the CIAU's stringent rules," Low said. He invited students and council members to comment to him on the proposal.

In other business, council approved several other motions, including:

- a motion to place a $200 advertisement in The Ubyssey publicizing this spring's Walk for Peace, provided other organizations match their contribution;
- a motion in principle supporting the Job Link program recommended by external affairs coordinator Nancy Bradshaw. Job Link is a listings service for students seeking summer employment. Bradshaw said the program will hire two students and help make work for other students;
- the hiring committee's proposals, which make Debra Bellamy next year's ombudsperson and Chris Wong the editor of next years Inside UBC, the information handbook the AMS publishes. Wong is an editorial collective member on this year's Ubyssey.

—arnold hedstrom photo

HOT NEW UK BAND THE FLYING PICKETS come to Vancouver for photo session at Pacific Press picket lines, signalling new trend in contemporary labour scene. Band shown here visiting trio staffing union information picket. All six convinced Ubyssey reporter to write story on strike in time for Friday edition.

Sun and Province strike out

No talks are scheduled to end a two day old strike at Pacific Press, the publisher of the Sun and Province newspapers said Thursday.

Late Wednesday, just before the Province newspaper was about to go to press, the joint council of unions withdrew services.

Joint council co-chair Alf Wheeler said Thursday the union wants to negotiate several items which affect all or some of the unions represented by the joint council, but the company refuses.

The company will only discuss its own issues, he said.

Company negotiator George Townsend was unavailable for comment.

Wheeler said the unions want a wage increase over a two year contract comparable to other settlements in the Southam chain, which owns Pacific Press.

Earlier in the talks, the Newspaper guild which represents clerical and editorial staff left the joint council and now are negotiating with a government appointed mediator.

The two sides served lockout and strike notice respectively March 16, and have been without a contract since the end of February.

In response to the strike, the Globe and Mail has increased its local press run by 3,000 to 28,000.

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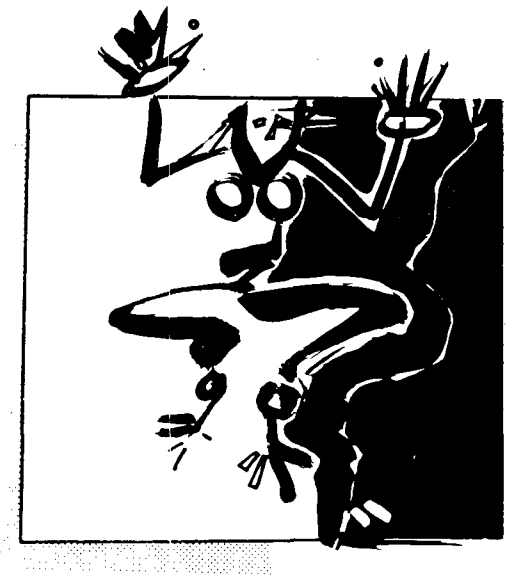
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Student reading, 8 p.m., Home Ec 60, free admission.

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
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BAHAI CLUB OF UBC
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BALLET UBC JAZZ
Registration for spring classes which will be held in the music room of the Asian Center. 11:30-2:30 at SUB Foyer, main concourse.

HISTORY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
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Registration for spring classes, 12:30-1:30 p.m., main concourse, SUB foyer.

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Pulp mills, Expo to be open

Premier Bill Bennett ordered the province's idled pulp industry back to work and told British Columbians Expo 86 will be open to both union and non-union companies in a televised speech Thursday.

Bennett said the labor climate in B.C. threatens the world's fair and that the head of Expo, Jim Pattison, would tell the cabinet in 10 days if the province will go ahead with the fair or bail out early to minimize cost and "embarassment."

Bennett said Expo 86 had frozen $114 million worth of contracts affecting 500 jobs until assurances can be given that there won't be cost overruns or delays. But Bennett stressed the site will be open to all workers — union nd non-union.

In the first eight minutes of his speech the premier described the province's labor situation which has put "worker against worker" and crippled the province's recovery.

He said while the province has tried to create a climate for international investment B.C. will have to become more competitive to achieve the goal.

But in the last 12 minutes Bennett turned to two specific labor disputes which have dominated, and have given the province national and international notoriety.

In the industry lockout of the Pulp and Paper and Woodworker's of Canada Bennett said a government mediator would be appointed to resolve the dispute.

He gave the industry 72 hours to reopen the mills.

B.C. policy wrong — feds

By PATTI FLATHER

"The government of B.C. as well as others is making serious errors with its post-secondary education policies," Secretary of State Serge Joyal charged Thursday.

In a speech to 150 enthusiastic UBC faculty in Math 100, Joyal attacked the provincial government's higher education policy. He said the B.C. government is reducing accessibility with its cutbacks in higher education funding and promised a new education task force will seek more secure financing arrangements.

Joyal challenged all provinces to pass on federal increases according to the Established Programs Financing agreement. He also called on the B.C. government to honor its commitment to student aid.

The federal government will respect provincial jurisdiction for education according to the Canadian constitution, but will refuse to see higher education suffer in their provincial boundaries, Joyal said. "Universities are national institutions," he said to considerable applause.

But faculty questioned Joyal after his speech. One faculty member charged the rate of increase in federal contributions to education is decreasing. But Joyal disagreed: "We have maintained a fair level of growth in EPF payments."

Joyal said the education task force will consider bypassing provincial governments and directly find needy students. But radical reforms in federal-provincial education funding arrangements must be preceeded by public debate and eventual consensus among the provinces, he said.

Later Thursday, Joyal met with 10 Lower Mainland student politicians and representatives in his regional office. He urged students to propose concrete ideas on how the federal government can pressure the provincial government to reverse harmful post-secondary education policies.

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Gears decline sexism debate

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The leaders of engineering students often love to flaunt sexist attitudes in front of each other and the rest of the education community, but they aren't willing to face public debate on the issue.

A report in the Winnipeg Free Press said the University of Manitoba engineering council has flatly refused to meet with a group called Men Against Sexism or participate in a public forum, according to group spokesperson Bruce Wood.

Engineering council president Jeff Mitchell said they have better things to do than listen to the group.

"If they want to make a stand, let them have their fun," he said.

Mitchell also denied they had been asked to take part in a forum.

Men Against Sexism and another group, Men Against Pornography, started campaigning against sexism in the engineering council after last fall's annual strip show held on campus.

Men Against Pornography bought an ad in the student newspaper and littered the campus with posters condemning the strip shows.

U of M student union vice president Tina Hellmuth liked the idea of a debate, adding the engineers might learn something from listening to men with different perspectives.

Wood said his group decided to ask the engineer's council to meet with them after a demonstration by the campus women's centre was disrupted by the engineers.

Women's centre member Kate Harrington said support from the men's groups is important because the engineers "can't dismiss us as radical feminists out to destroy the world."

She said pornographic magazines and strip shows encourage men to see women as objects and to treat them violently.

There were several cases of sexual assault reported on campus last year.

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