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When a tree falls, does anybody hear?

Rainforests are being destroyed worldwide

by Kathryn Weiler

The destruction of the Amazon rainforest has attracted worldwide concern and attention but many issues related to the dilemma are being ignored.

The damage to the rainforests cited by world conservation groups is staggering.

According to the Sierra Club, 30 million acres of tropical forests are destroyed each year. The World Wildlife Fund claims that 11 to 15 million hectares per year are deforested and of that, tropical rainforests account for six million hectares. The World Resource Institute provides an even more generous estimate of 40 to 50 million acres per year.

Whether you measure the decimation in acres or hectares, the numbers are alarming and the predicament appears irreversible.

Tropical deforestation is constantly in the news. It is the subject of long, heart-wrenching CBC documentaries, artists have written songs about the devastation and people like David Suzuki continue to reiterate the gravity, urgency and hopelessness of the situation.

Who is being ignored?

But is the devastation confined to just those areas which have been receiving intensive media scrutiny?

Attention has been largely focussed on the mayhem in South America's Amazon river valley and, more recently, on the Borneo Rainforest in Sarawak, Malaysia. However, areas such as Africa and the Philipines are often overlooked.

Very little is known about the state of African rainforests. A recent newsletter by the Tropical Rainforest Action Society states that Africa contains over 18 per cent of the world's tropical rainforests and that the Central African rainforest in Zaire is the second largest expanse of rainforest in the world next to the Amazon.

However, issues such as famine, desertification and disease have eclipsed the African rainforest dilemma in terms of media attention. According to Paul George at the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, "Africa is truly the black continent" and, in light of its history of colonialism fraught with social problems and population explosions, it is the most threatened.

Sandra Henley at Canada Africa International Forestry Association disputes the claim that Africa is being ignored. Henley said the forestry and information sector of the Canadian International Development Agency is providing financial aid in the form of a non-governmental organization workshop on forestry and the environment on March 21-23. "The purpose of these workshops is to increase and enhance involvement of non-government organizations in this sector," she said.

She added that Africa "is not being ignored by development but (its rainforest problem) is being ignored by the media."

Another reason for the lack of media attention for Africa's rainforests is that the continent's tropical rainforests are not as extensive as those in other areas. Instead, the problem of desertification occupies the environmental forefront in Africa.

"Africa has been undergoing deforestation for much longer than Asia or Latin America, therefore the stage of degradation is much greater," Henley said. The fact that the Sahara Desert was once entirely forested provides a striking illustration of Africa's environmental status.

"People do not see the connection between deforestation, desertification, poverty and famine," she added.

According to Henley, the attitude of most Canadians is that the rainforests must be preserved but because the Africans are marginalized, that prospect "is a luxury."

In addition to Henley's organization, the plight of the African rainforest is also being addressed in Canada by an African Committee set up by Wilderness Is the Last Dream, a branch of WCWC.

What is already lost?

Primary rainforests in Haiti, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka have already been destroyed. The Philipines provide an example of an area which used to be a tropical rainforest but, under the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship, was almost entirely liquidated.

According to George, this type of eradication is a result of unstable dictatorships. Underdevelopment and environmental destruction appear to go hand and hand.

What's happening right under our noses?

How can we sit in our easy chairs inside our comfortable houses and throw stones at third world countries when large scale destruction is taking place right under our noses?

According to TRAS, Haiwaii's tropical rainforest is systematically being destroyed. Furthermore, the small belts stretching up the west coast of British Columbia, Washington State, Oregon State and Chile are known as temperate rainforests.

According to Mark Waring at WCWC, areas such as the Carmanah Valley, Clayquot Sound, and the Khutzeymateen Valley contain a high level of biodiversity. They are crucially important because they "are limited and are being logged quickly," Warring said.

In short, "forests in general are important in regulating the natural processes that make the planet inhabitable."

What is the most urgent area?

According to George, the Borneo Rainforest in Malaysia and the areas in Papua New Guinea are the most critical hotspots.

The Amazon has received the greatest media attention but South East Asian rainforests are undergoing a "giant onslaught," George said.

Unlike the Amazon region, which underwent a period of dryness, the South East Asian rainforests have remained wet for the last 180 million years. Because of this, the diversity of the flora and fauna in the South East Asian rainforests is greater than in the Amazon.

Why is the destruction of tropical rainforests accelerating?

With the increased concerns about global warming, the importance of rainforests seems to be on the edge of everyone's lips. The reason for this is that it affects the entire planet. The environmental problems in remote areas of third world nations are affecting our climate and the experts are predicting catastrophic outcomes.

According to David Suzuki, only a marginal increase in temperature will mean a significant upset in fragile global weather patterns. The environmental impacts will be disastrous. Unfortunately, the rate of eradication is accelerating at alarming rates.

Why? According to information compiled from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the principle reason is that the demand for tropical forest products is increasing in Northern countries. Products such as hardwood timber and other lumber products as well as beef, bananas and fruits are responsible because of the degree to which they are harvested for world markets.

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Ecologists fear environmental disaster sparked by the Gulf War

by Yggy King and Sharon Lindores

The potential for environmental disaster posed by the Gulf War is immense, according to local peace and environmental groups.

The Gulf war is dominating everyone's thoughts. So far, we are all concerned with the political and economic effects and, more importantly, the threat to human life. Perhaps even more far-reaching will be the potentially catastrophic effects on the environment.

What may or may not happen is impossible to assess at this early stage. The only thing that is certain is that the effects could be "disastrous," a Tools for Peace spokesperson said.

Short term effects will be mostly limited to the Middle East.

Greenpeace spokesperson Suzanne Rose said, "The Persian Gulf is a delicate ecology (that) was very much devastated by the Iran-Iraq conflict." The present dangers may be infinitely worse.

Perceived as the most sinister threat, chemical and biological weapons represent an unknown factor for environmental damage.

In his book Environmental Ecology, Bill Freedman wrote "there has been no scientific documentation of the ecological damage caused by the various chemical agents of warfare."

UBC physics student Aaron Drake said "mustard gas breaks down quickly and does not hang around," so perhaps the chemical dangers will at least be localized. There is certainly no doubt the effects of an uncontrolled explosion in a bombed chemical plant will be far worse than a rapidly controlled and contained chemical spill due to train crashes in Canada.

Biological weapons are even more of an insidious danger, as bacteria could reproduce and spread indefinitely.

On a seemingly more mundane level, yet equally capable of destruction, is the operation of heavy equipment and the movement of troops.

Peter Combs, coordinator for End the Arms Race, said "tanks are rolling across the desert burning huge amounts of oil; burning resources unnecessarily." The troop and tank movements involved in a ground war would wreak havoc on the delicate desert ecology and fragile attempts at desert reclamation.

As if the vast quantities of fuel being burned by war machines were not enough, Hussein's threat to set the oil fields alight is worse yet, Rose said.

"Oil burning could create a ceiling of soot causing an impact on global cooling like nuclear weaponry," Rose said.

Even if the effects were not significant on a global scale, the effects on the Middle East of polluted skies and acid rain would be disastrous.

Rose explained that yet another cataclysmic threat to the environment is posed by both nuclear weapons and reactors.

"There are over 1000 nuclear weapons in the US arsenal," she said. "We have the equivalent of many, many Chernobyls sitting in the Gulf."

Rose said that while Greenpeace supports a peacekeeping force, "a force with thousands of nuclear warheads is not a peacekeeping force."

We have all heard of "nuclear winter", but even if nuclear weapons are not actually detonated, destruction of warheads or reactors by conventional bombs will have dire consequences. Plutonium leakage would cause more background radiation leading to genetic damage and lower intelligence (in humans), Rose said.

According to a report by Drake on the effects of the Chernobyl disaster, "In Baden-Wurttenberg in West Germany ... the infant mortality rate increased 95% ... over the previous year."

This war highlights many of the problems that have led to the current sad state of the environment, and highlights the world's obsession with oil.

Tyhson Banighen, executive director of Turtle Island Earth Stewards, asked: "Why are we going to war when we are at the end of the oil-based economy? We are environmentally being held for ransom while the earth is dying."

We might think that destruction of the oil fields would point out the environmental foolishness of oil-dependence and lead to development of alternate energy sources, but this is an unrealistic hope, Banighen said.

"We can kiss the north slope of Alaska good-bye," he said. No doubt the east coast Hibernia developments will also reopen, brutalizing the ocean bed and creating potential for more disastrous oil spills.

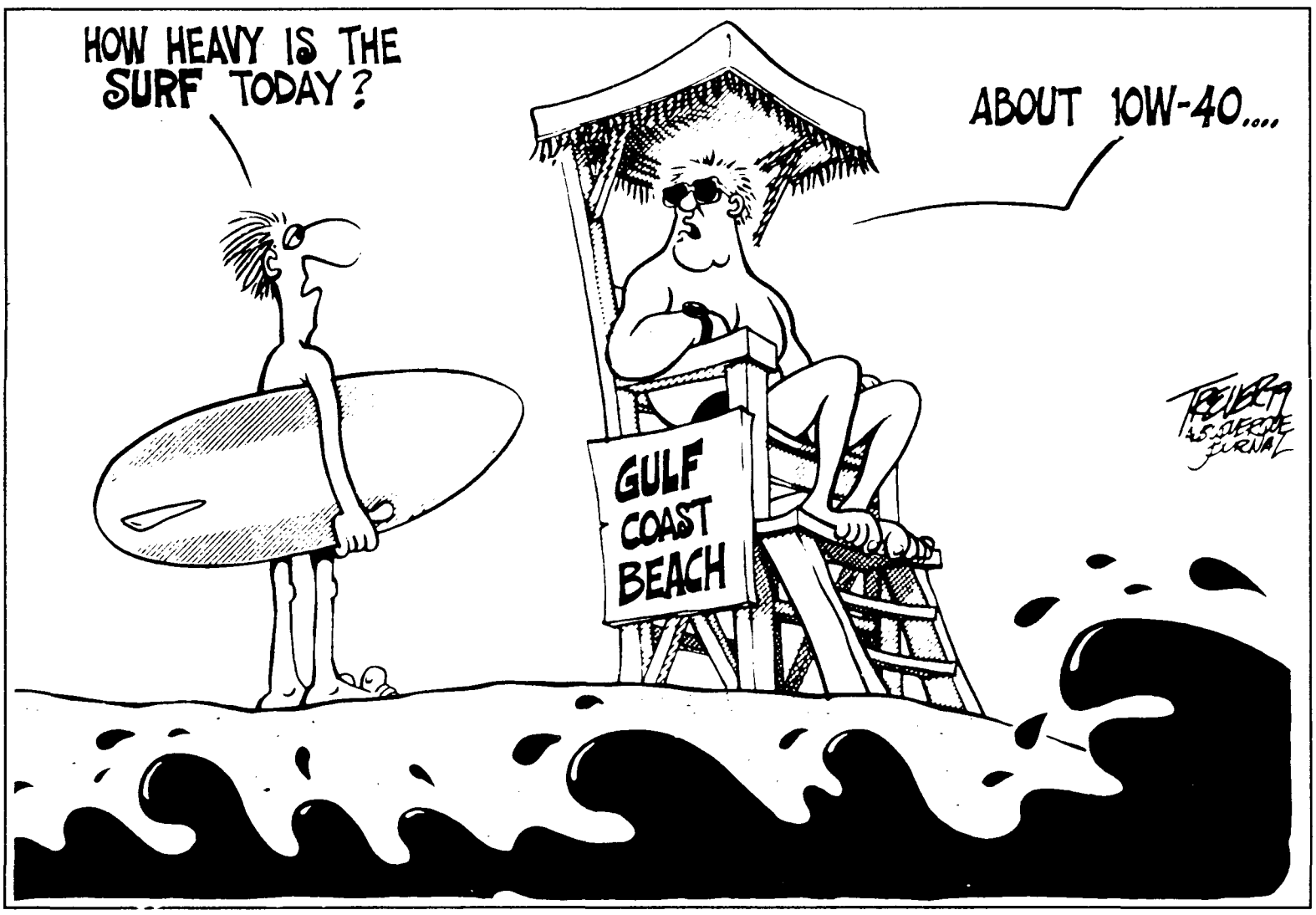
Another secondary impact of the war is its capability for distraction through the media inundation. Our society, desensitized by Hollywood's depiction of the glamours of war, is "dazzled by technical military brilliance," Banighen said.

If you doubt that the war is providing a smokescreen for other issues, ask yourself what you have heard about Soviet military action in Lithuania over the past few days.

Colin Stockton of Earthsave Canada said: "By going to war with this bully, we're diverting attention from the jobs that absolutely need to be done. World attention goes onto (the war) rather than on people starving in Ethiopia ...and all the disasters that are going on worldwide."

We can only hope that the war in the Persian Gulf will not last long enough to undo all that has been achieved in raising environmental consciousness of the past decade.

Sadly, as Banighen points out, "we are yet another three generations away from a generation that has not experienced a major war."



People pickled by postal problem plagues

Montreal leads nation in eliminating unwanted junk mail

by Jennifer Tysdal

While the rest of Canada continues to be plagued with junk mail, the city of Montreal has taken action to annihilate the scourge.

City councillors in Montreal passed a municipal by-law, January 1, 1991 to cut down on the amount of junk mail being distributed to people who don't want it.

By merely posting a sign in the yard indicating they do not want junk mail delivered to the house, a homeowner can be freed of unwanted throw-aways.

A distributor who disregards the sign can be fined up to $1000 for two or three violations in a twelve month period.

Moreover, a distributor must have a permit to distribute junk mail and carry it in a way so that a resident can see it. The advertising material must also contain the name and address of the distributor.

Although Robin Round of the Student Environment Centre at UBC said it is too early to make a judgement on the bylaw's effectiveness, she hopes Montreal's stand against junk mail will make it easier for other cities to follow this example.

The solution, according to Round, is to let us have the choice of opting out of receiving junk mail.

"Get the damn junk mail off our laps. It invades our homes, and clogs our garbage cans," Round said. "Junk mail is something we should have the choice to opt out of because most of us hate it; abhor it."

Only three per cent of junk mail recipients respond to their mail according to Nancy Yates of the Environmental Policy and Planning Institute. The rest of us, meanwhile, usually throw it away without even looking at it imposing a huge and a detrimental effect on the environment.

Junk mail occupies five per cent of landfills and, because it is often incinerated, it contributes to the greenhouse effect by releasing carbon dioxide.

What little of it that is recycled can only be made into low grade mixed paper which has a limited market making it unattractive to recycling companies.

Two levels of government—federal and municipal—control the delivery of junk mail. In turn, they are each responsible for about one third of all junk mail. Newspaper inserts account for the other third.

Most junk mail and flyers have no address or phone number and therefore it is difficult to write or phone a company or the distributor to tell them you do not want to receive it.

As well, the people who deliver flyers and pamphlets are paid according to the number of pieces they deliver, thus providing an incentive to deliver more than their "quota."

Junk mail can not be stopped completely and we do not have the choice to opt out of it Yates said. Still, she said some people have found ways to reduce the amount of junk mail they receive.

If junk mail has "return requested" written on it, return it to the sender. The sender must pay for the postage, and will soon realize that you are too costly a customer.

Governments view a personal letter as the opinion of 70 unspoken people. Try sending a letter, instead of a petition, to your local mayor's office asking for stricter flyer delivery bylaws. Round said the problem with municipal junk mail is that "you must deal with each mayor individually."

You can also write to your local Member of Parliament and request that the Canada Post Corporation Act be altered so that people have the choice to opt out of junk mail delivery.

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GREEN ISSUE

Commuting to campus: How about cycling?

by Devon Haag

The Bike Committee of the Student Environment Centre is encouraging people to "get their wheels out of the garage" and cycle to school, according to spokesperson Dale Fallon.

"It's now recognized that auto exhaust is the number one cause of air pollution in this city," Fallon said. Fortunately, the almost year-round mild climate in Vancouver makes cycling a genuine option as a mode of transportation.

As well as reducing harmful emissions, cycling is important for the effect it has upon city and campus planning. A good portion of both Vancouver and UBC consists of roads, concrete and parking lots. According to George McLaine of UBC Parking and Security, a single parking spot costs approximately $9000 to construct.

Fallon believes efforts should be made to lessen this expensive vehicle space and devote it to cycling routes, sports fields and parklands.

Cyclists have access to almost the entire UBC campus—either by pushing or by riding their bikes. An important element to this is the availability of parking racks, Fallon said. Quality bike racks require a covering as students are unwilling to leave their bikes in the rain.

Fallon said the university administration is attempting to improve cycling conditions on campus by purchasing new bike racks. The SEC's Bike Committee is proposing locations for these next racks, including the Grad Centre, Brock Hall, Hebb Theatre and the Arts 1 Building. The committee is also putting forth a plan for the UBC Physical Plant to rearrange existing racks for maximum usage.

While biking on campus poses few problems, biking to campus is an entirely different matter. Fallon said students can cycle to UBC by 16th avenue, 4th avenue, or via the bike path on the south side of University Boulevard. Unfortunately, this path is badly in need of repair due to potholes and overgrown tree roots.

"One reason these repairs don't happen is the jurisdictional disputes between the University Endowment Lands, the university campus and the City of Vancouver," Fallon said.

Students living in Vancouver and cycling to UBC use the route through the endowment lands. The people who live on the endowment lands do not generally ride the pathway and are reluctant to fund its upkeep. If conditions are to be bettered, UBC itself will have to pay, Fallon said.

"If the University Administration seriously wants to become more environmentally sensitive, it will have to improve the cycling facilities, even if it is not in the university's jurisdiction. We're willing to do some of the thinking and planning, but we need the university to act on it," he said.

Natives to address campus on enviromentalism

by Laurie Newell

A critique from a Native perspective will challenge the environmental movement in a panel discussion the Student Environment Centre has organized for next Wednesday evening.

SEC programme coordinator and organizer of the discussion, Anne Aram, said the environmental movement has problems and "if we can critique it, we can discover what's wrong and try to change it."

She said people who work in the environmental movement need to take a more holistic perspective, "to address the environment as part of a wider social justice jigsaw puzzle."

According to Aram, environmentalists must do more than preserve wilderness for those few who can afford to take advantage of it, and must address the predominantly white middle class bias of the movement.

Next Wednesday's discussion will be an attempt to begin this critique, and to build understanding between Natives and environmentalists, said Aram.

The three member panel will consist of Peter Scow of the Native Brotherhood of BC, Gary Merkel of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and Kate Zimmerman, an anthropologist.

According to Aram, Zimmerman will be addressing questionable assumptions about Native people some Euro-canadian members of the environmental movement have, such as the belief that Natives and environmentalists are necessarily aligned in their values and priorities.

Aram said this belief obscures clashes between Natives and environmentalists—such as that surrounding the fishing industry—and can lead to the assumption that settling Native land claims will automatically solve environmental problems.

Merkel, of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, will likely address issues related to economic growth and development of Native communities. In view of their wider interests, Merkel may also question the benefits to Natives in allying themselves with the environmental movement, Aram said.

Scow, of the Native Brotherhood of BC, is expected to discuss alternatives to clashes between Natives and environmentalists.

The discussion, entitled A Critique of the Environmental Movement: A Native Perspective, will take place next Wednesday, January 23 in the SUB Partyroom from 7 to 10pm.

Carpooling lots planned for UBC

Parking will be set aside for carpoolers commuting to UBC beginning next September.

According to David Miller, parking manager for UBC traffic and security, some 260 parking spaces will be set aside for carpoolers.

B-2 lot on Agronomy road will be reclassified as C-lot and used for car-pools. The parking classification for preferred students—currently in C-lot—will be phased out.

Miller said a tag to be hung on the rear view mirror will be issued to carpools of three or more people. Although the AMS car pool registry may be used to ensure the right people are using the tags, Miller said the net result will still be fewer cars going onto campus.

"At least three people register for one tag, and there will be one tag for one car, not three tags for three cars," he said.

The cost of a tag will be set at $96 per year—the present cost of preferred parking.

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B.C.'s Environmental Hot Spots

by Graham Cameron

Tatshenshini River

Running for over 320 km through glaciers and mountains which soar to over 15,000 ft., the Tatshenshini is considered the last remaining truly-wild river in North America. Those portions of the river which run through the Yukon and Alaska are protected as wilderness parks. However, BC's part of the river remains unprotected and open to "development".

Threat: A proposed copper ore mega-project called the Windy-Craggy mine to be operated by Geddes Resources.

Stikine River System

Situated in north-western BC, the Stikine River system is one of the longest intact watersheds in British Columbia. Passing through several vegetation zones it has a wide diversity of plant and animal life.

Threat: Continued logging and mining by the Tatlan Native group.

Kitlope River

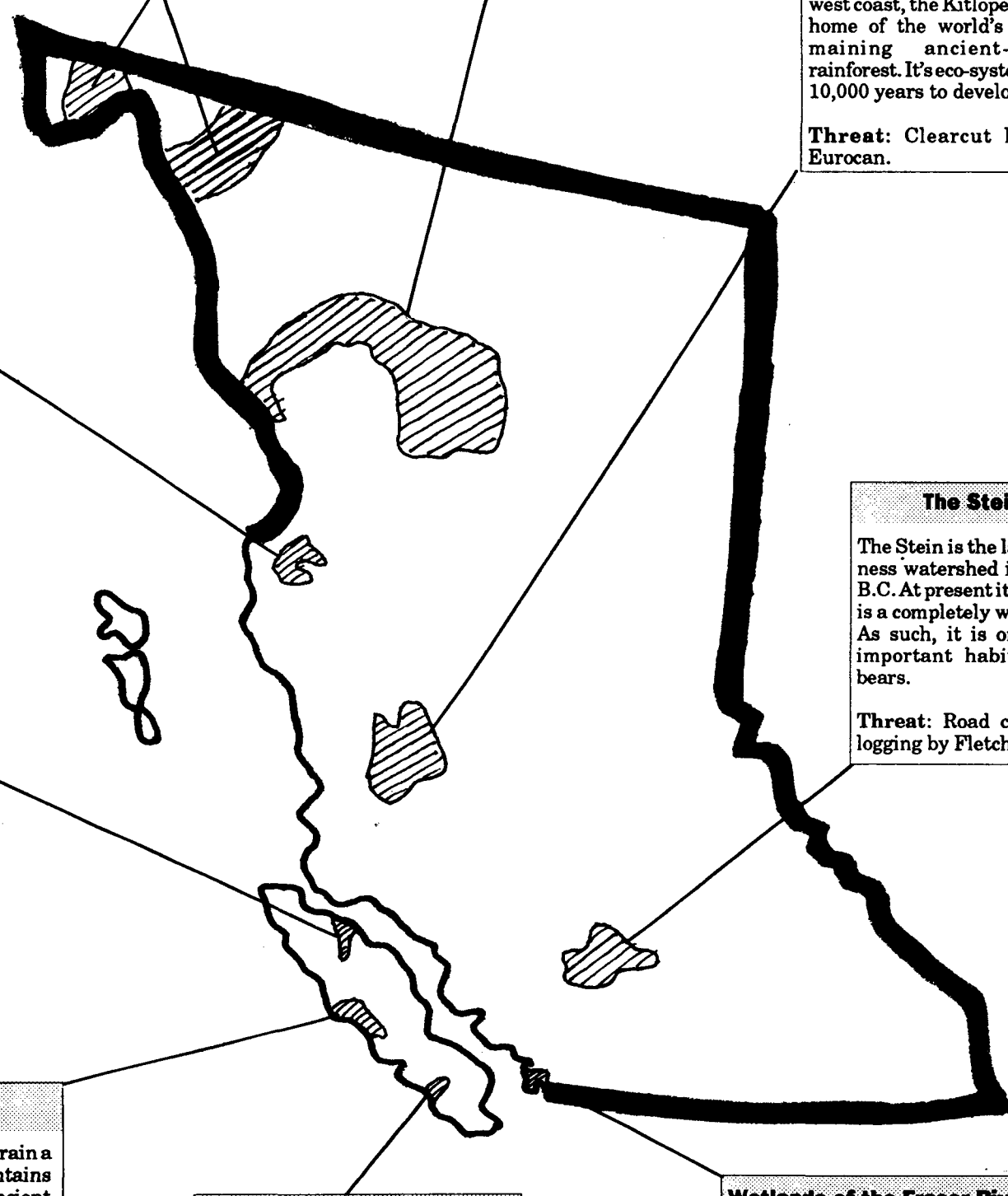
Draining into BC's rugged north-west coast, the Kitlope River is the home of the world's largest remaining ancient-temperate rainforest. It's eco-system took over 10,000 years to develop.

Threat: Clearcut logging by Eurocan.

Khutzeymateen Valley

Home for one of North America's last remaining large populations of grizzly bears.

Threat: The valley has already been slated by the Social Credit government for commercial clearcut logging.



Robson Bight

Known primarily for its world famous killer whale rubbing beaches, the area also contains the largest remaining tract of ancient forest on eastern Vancouver Island. Having taken nearly 15,000 years to develop, this unique eco-system has an incredible level of bio-diversity. In fact, many of the species living there have yet to be identified.

Threat: Logging by MacMillan Bloedel which endangers both the ancient forest and the rubbing beaches of the Robson Bight estuary.

The Stein Valley

The Stein is the last intact wilderness watershed in south western B.C. At present it has no roads and is a completely wild environment. As such, it is one of BC's most important habitats for grizzly bears.

Threat: Road construction and logging by Fletcher Challenge.

Clayquot Sound

Receiving over 140 inches of rain a year, the Clayquot Sound contains many of the last tracts of ancient rainforest on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Because of the amount of annual rainfall, this area is particularly sensitive to soil erosion caused by clearcut logging practices. Sensitive to this danger, local residents are currently producing a "sustainable land-use plan" that is both ecologically and economically sound.

Threat: Proposed logging by both MacMillan Bloedel and Fletcher Challenge. Both companies are against the land-use plan.

Carmanah

As one of the last remaining sites of first growth Sitka spruce, the Carmanah Valley is the home of North America's tallest tree: the Carmanah Giant which measures over 300 ft. At present 53 per cent of the valley's 9,700 hectares has been saved as a park area. The remaining 47 per cent (situated in the upper valley where the terrain is even more rugged and the rainfall even more intense) has been allotted to MacMillan Bloedel for logging.

Threat: Clear cut logging by MacMillan Bloedel. Environmental experts say that due to the steepness of the valley's mountain slopes and the amount of rainfall each year, logging will undoubtedly lead to massive soil erosion and irreparable ecological damage.

Wetlands of the Fraser River Delta

Boundary Bay is a critical bird habitat. It has the highest concentration of raptors (birds of prey that are on the top of the food chain) in North America.

Threat: The Delta Council has approved several golf courses on the wetlands.

Sources: Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Greenpeace

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NEWS

Anti-war protests sweep west coast

by Graham Cameron

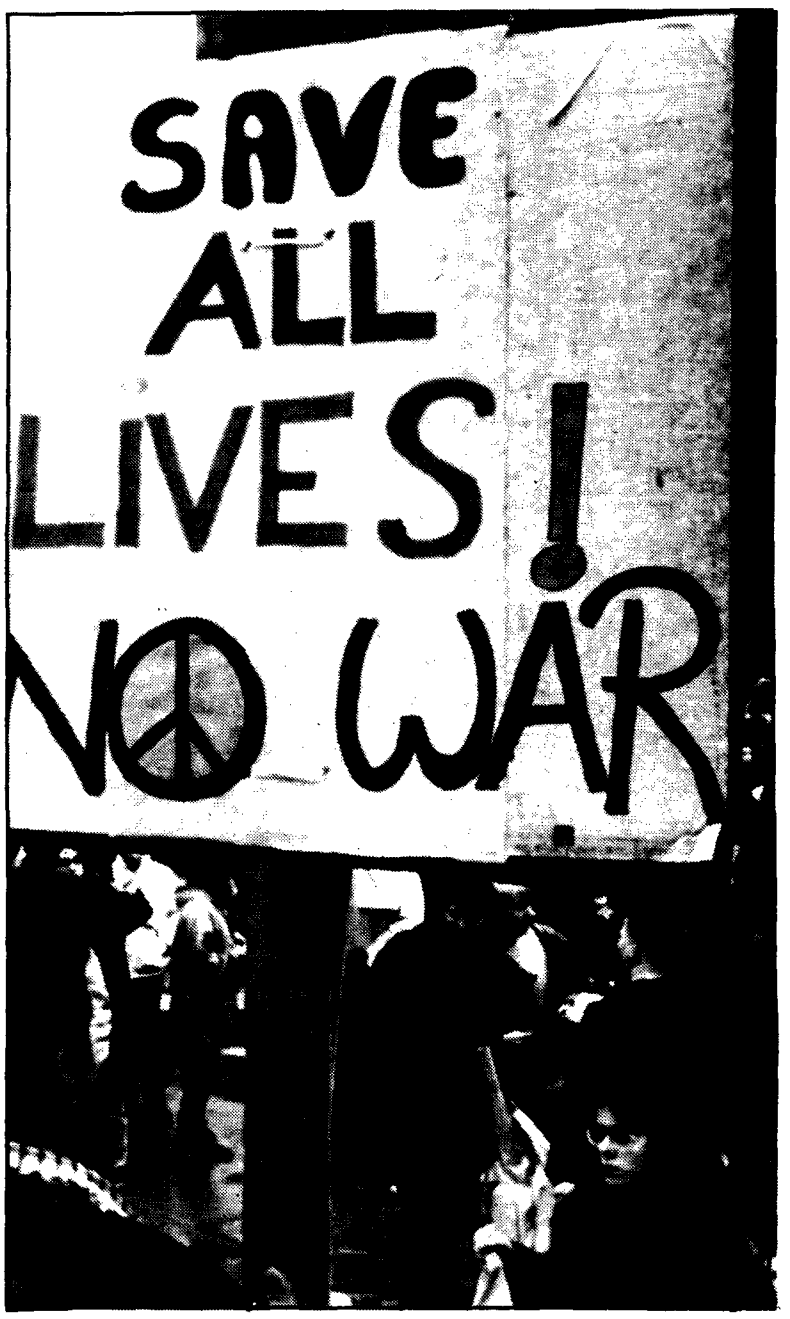
Within hours of the first air strikes against Iraq on Wednesday, thousands of outraged people clogged Vancouver streets in protest.

More than 2,000 angry, but peaceful people, closed the downtown core. Chanting "No blood for oil" and "Canada out of the Gulf," the protestors that gathered at the Vancouver Art Gallery ended in front of the US Consulate two hours later.

The protestors vowed to return every night with greater numbers until Canada leaves the Gulf.

Similar actions took place across the nation, the United States and around the world.

Following are accounts of the US reaction by student journalists at major West Coast American universities.



Thousands rally at Robson Square. DON MAH PHOTO

San Francisco:

An anti-war rally turned into a near riot.

At its height several thousand people moved through the streets of downtown San Francisco, "smashing windows and setting fire to every garbage can in sight," said one reporter from UCLA's student paper, the Bruin, who spoke with journalists in San Francisco.

"They blew up a California state police car in San Francisco," he said.

Later, news reports said several more cars were destroyed in the anti-war demonstration and at least two people were hurt.

On Tuesday, The Bruin reported that more than 6,000 protesters blocked the Oakland Bay bridge, a commuter link between San Fransisco and Oakland that is used by nearly two million people each day.

Seattle, University of Washington:

"The first reaction was one of shock. People were restless...a lot of people were just milling around (the campus)," student reporter Tony Schenk said after the initial attack was announced Wednesday.

Later that evening more than 20,000 people rallied around the Federal Building and Capital Hill in downtown Seattle, Schenk said.

In a spontaneous rally, more than 500 people blocked a section of Interstate-5, the vital north-south highway that runs from Vancouver to Mexico. Like all Interstates, it is designed for moving large missile transports and troops, Schenk said.

"The student peace movement is building," Schenk said. "The difference between now and Vietnam is that we're four to five years ahead. The ball is already rolling and is just picking up speed.

"The rallies are peaceful now, but if it drags on then things will get violent."

Olympia, Washington:

On Tuesday, the day of the United Nations's deadline, at least 500 demonstrators stormed the State Capital building, Schenk said. They held it for several hours before voluntarily leaving.

The University of Oregon, Eugene:

"Last night (Tuesday) about 500 people blocked Interstate-5. The police used tear gas against them," said Alice Wheeler, editor of the university's student newspaper.

Wednesday night, 2500 people rallied in downtown Eugene until well past midnight. "It is still growing," she said.

The student peace group on campus, the No Gulf War Coalition, is planning further rallies and is calling for a student walk-out, Wheeler said.

"Everyone assumes that the US will simply go in, kick butt, and get out fast."

If the war drags on and a draft is reinstated many more students will apply for conscientious objector status than did during the Vietnam War, Wheeler said.

"If that doesn't work, Canada is nice this time of year."

UCLA, Los Angeles:

"There have been demonstrations and violence all over town," said Maha Youness, city editor of the Bruin.

"Every Saturday there have been anti-war protests," she said. "The last protest was over 6000 at the Federal Building.

"Most importantly it included a wide spectrum of people. They were varied in age, race, gender, and social position. People don't want this war."

At the last demonstration students blocked Wilshire Boulevard, one of Los Angeles's major streets, by lying down on the road, she said.

According to Youness, the police purposely refrained from arresting protesters until the late night was over.

Unlike the Vietnam War era, the current anti-war sentiment has not been directed against the American troops, she said. "They are not protesting the troops there, they are protesting against the policy."

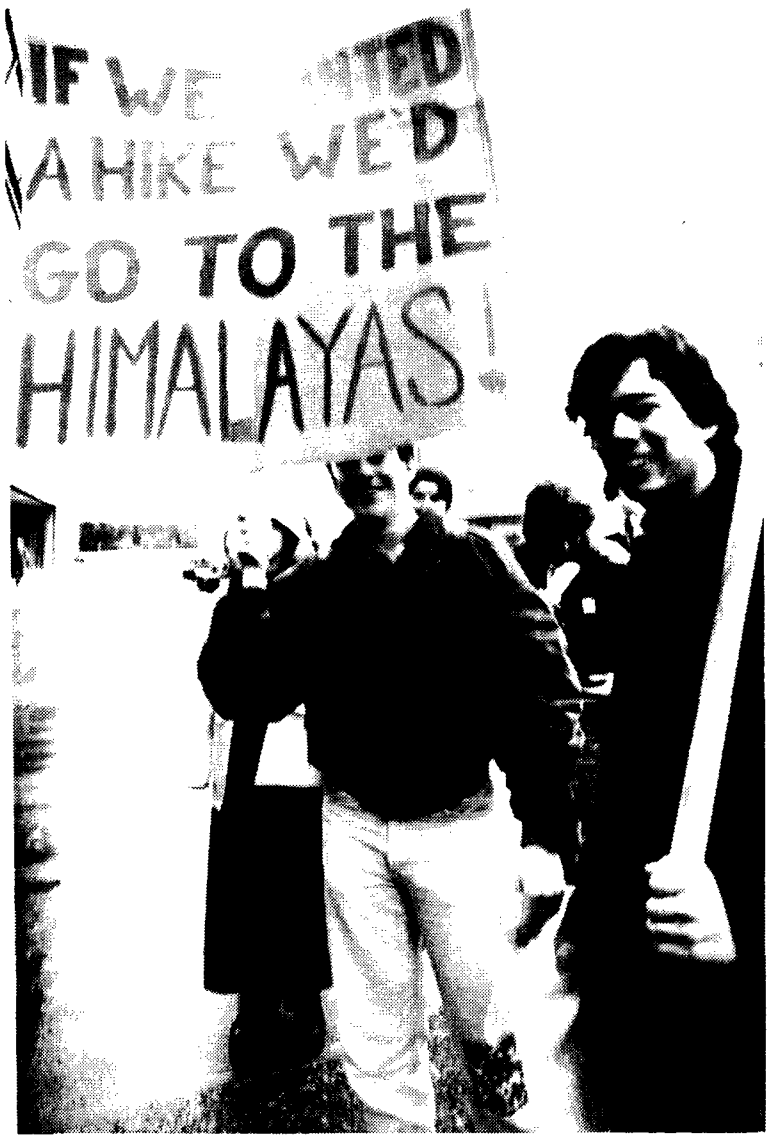
She added, however, "A lot of students are worried that if this war drags on there will be a draft." If that happens, the positive attitude toward the troops could easily change, she said.

UC Santa Cruz and University of Honolulu, Hawaii:

More than 2,000 students and other protesters blocked Highway 17, the main link to Santa Cruz, California, said reports from The Oregon Daily Emerald, the student paper at The University of Oregon.

Reporters from The Emerald also said they had been in contact with students in Honolulu, Hawaii (site of Pearl Harbour, the massive US Naval base) who reported rallies and over a dozen arrests.

Heidi Wills, president of the student body at the University of Washington said, "I think it's happening across the country. A lot of students are concerned. We've never seen as many students protesting since the early seventies."



UBC students protest outside SUB Wednesday against Strangway's proposed fee increases. DON MAH PHOTO

Students protest tuition hikes

by Franka Cordua von-Specht and Nadene Rehnby

A spirited crowd of students carrying signs bearing slogans such as "The rich can come to UBC, the poor can go to hell" rallied in opposition to the proposed tuition hikes Wednesday noon.

Approximately 300 students huddled together under umbrellas outside SUB to listen to speakers denounce the university administration's plan to increase the tuition fee every year for the next three years by approximately 10 per cent (4.5 per cent plus inflation).

Standing on a wooden platform, microphone in hand, student R.J. Moorehouse urged students to make the university administration sweat.

"Start by taking action into your own hands and disrupt activities on campus!" he yelled. "Make it uncomfortable for the administration, and keep it that way until they do something!

"Start by making some serious changes...starting by getting rid of this government and then getting the new government to get rid of (UBC president) Strangway."

Darlene Marzari, NDP MLA for Point Grey, also took a turn on the platform.

"High student fees are directly related to accessibility to post-secondary education," she said. "You don't need a PhD to understand that.

"Freeze the fees until a decent, rational policy can be determined and then eliminate the fees altogether if possible."

After the speeches, students sang a battle tune whose chorus began: "Glory, Glory what a terrible way to learn/When your fees are going up to almost double what you earn..."

With protest posters and umbrellas in hand, the students then moved to 10th and Wesbrook Mall, blocking traffic to hand out pamphlets.

Second year Arts student Brit Charlebois said in an interview that the tuition fee increase will hurt her chance at a UBC education.

"I won't make it through," she said. "I can't get a loan...I have to pay my own tuition which means $2,500 a year plus enough to live on for a year, plus the GST on books, and even 35 cents for hot water in the cafeteria."

Ben Duffield, a second year Theatre student, was also angered about the poor but expensive quality of education at UBC.

"Where does the $1,800 I spend now go to? The classes are overpopulated, there's little rapport with the teachers, there's little campus housing and in all my classes I have to pay $5 for photocopies," he said in an interview during the demonstration.

AMS music rep Jorj McWhinnie said: "The government should stop spending its money on war and concentrate on what's important. Students. Education. The future."

Tuition at UBC is now one of the highest in Canada, higher than such universities as McGill, Queen's, Dalhousie, The University of Toronto, and many others, said AMS External Affairs co-ordinator Jason Brett.

Brett, who chaired the Fight the Hikes committee which organized the protest, said the turnout was a bit disappointing, but added: "As the news trickles down to the students and they have more time to think about the future of UBC, they will show up in greater numbers."

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Ferron: Living as it happens

by Laurie Newell

FERRON is a familiar face to devoted Vancouver folkies and feminists.

Ferron's music is always highly poetic. It is complex and rich with images. She sings about pain, growth, fear, and hope in the face of the world's absurdity and succeeds in universalizing her own experience. Her unrelenting optimism is infectious. And timely.

INTERVIEW
Ferron

Ferron grew up in a working class family in Richmond, BC. She recorded her first two albums (Ferron, 1977 and Ferron Backed Up, 1978) in her basement on a very limited budget. They have since become collector's items.

The release of Ferron's third album Testimony in 1980 finally garnered her widespread recognition. Shadows on a Dime in 1984 got a four-star rating from Rolling Stone magazine.

Six years after Shadows on a Dime, Ferron's latest album, Phantom Centre, has been long anticipated and well received. It has a fuller sound. She is crossing musical boundaries and reaching out to new audiences with a more technically complex style.

U: How does it feel to be touring again, after an extended sabbatical?

F: There hasn't been an extended sabbatical. I've been touring all along. I don't know, this information has just been getting wilder and wilder. But I am excited to be touring. I'll be touring with the band that made the album, and we'll be starting in Victoria, and then in Vancouver, through Seattle, and Portland, Eugene, all the way down to Santa Cruz. And I'm excited to do the show.

U: How does it feel for Heart of Destruction from Phantom Centre to be getting commercial airplay that your other albums have not recieved in the past?

F: I think it feels good, and I think it feels right. And I understand that Harmless Love is now the second single. And I'm really excited about that as well, because these are songs that are about personal transformation, and they're gentle. I just wanted to see if that could happen, if a song like that was so attractive to the general public that it would end up on the radio. And I'm finding out that, in fact, we are all aligned in a certain kind of sentiment. And I feel very excited about that.

U: In an interview with Hot Wire magazine (an American journal of women's music and culture), you said you hoped your fans would know that you were excited with the new style on Phantom Centre. How have you found touring with a band, as opposed to solo playing you have done, and has audience reaction been what you have hoped?

F: Yeah, I think the audience has a certain way they carry me inside. They don't want that violated in any way. I'm trying to be respectful of that, and also to be respectful of the music and what each song has required. Most of the time, the audience is willing right off the top. In some cities where I have only ever played solo, they've waited a little longer to show their enthusiasm, but once it's started it is very contagious.

U: In an interview with CBC Radio, you talked about your last three albums as comprising a trilogy that parallels changes and outward growth in your own life. Do you have a vision of where that growth will lead you and your music in the future?

F: I don't have that yet. When the Phantom Centre album started being written, I didn't know that it was going to be an album, or that it was leading anywhere, or that the songs were linked together in any way. I'm again in that place of waiting to see what's going to come next.

U: Hmm. You sort of live it as it happens.

F: Yeah.

U: When you played at Gayla! (a women's music concert during the Gay Games) last summer, you said you hoped women's, and I assume lesbian, gathering places would one day be visible, street level, bright places to be. Do you see that happening?

F: I think it's happening more and more. I think we take up space in a more visual way. My idea is no black walls, no shame or darkness around anyone's life, whether you're a woman or a lesbian or a gay man or a black woman or Hispanic or Indian. We're just tired of it. There's something to be honoured.

U: Having seen you in concert periodically over the last nine years, I've seen a transformation in the way you present yourself on stage—a movement from self-consciousness to a greater state of ease. How has that change been for you?

F: I think that some of it just came around from being able to do so much touring that you just get better and better. The moments that normally would terrify you come and go, and you discover that you are, in fact, going to live until the end of the show. And when I was younger, I had a very logical insecurity—I was young. And I've just been learning more and more that it's something that I love to do, and it's something I do well, and people want to hear it. There's no point in shying away from what the moment demands. So, I'm having a wonderful time.

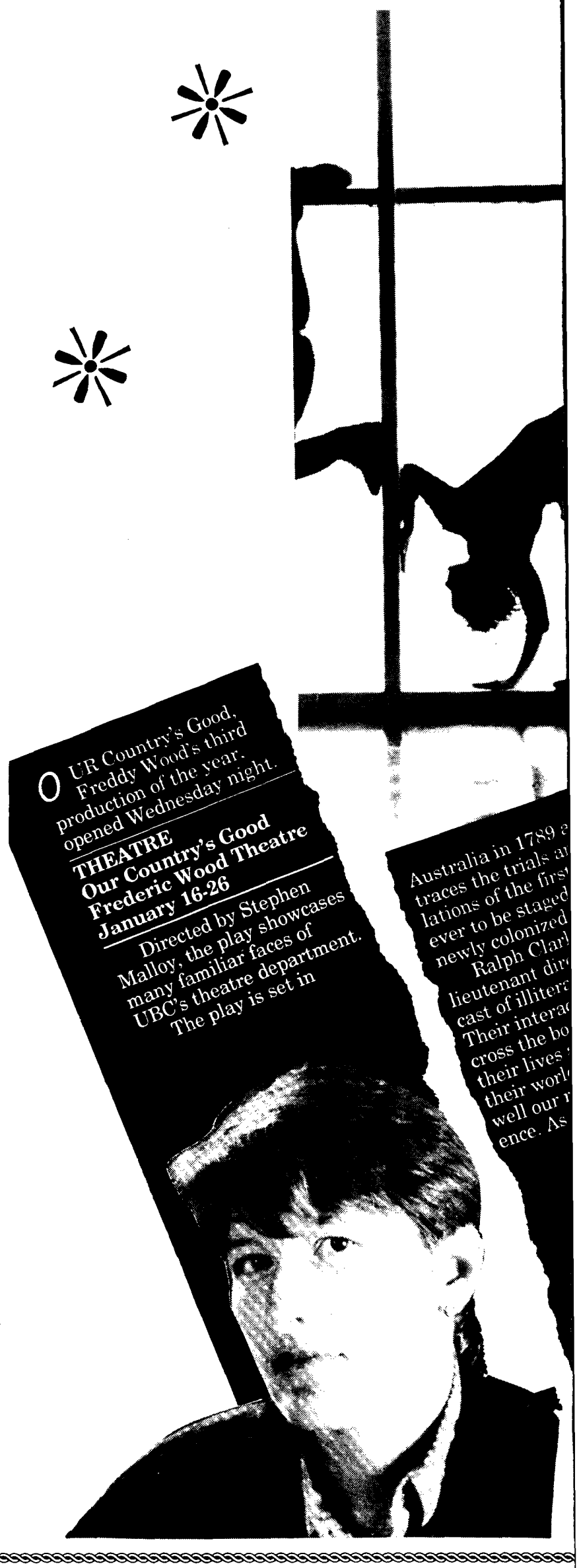
U: In speaking with Ellen Schwartz for the book Born a Woman, you said you thought the people of this earth had missed the moment when we were supposed to demand change, to stand up and say "No!". It's an ironic day to ask, but have there been any changes in the last few years that have given you more hope for the world?

F: Well, as we speak, I was at a demonstration (against military intervention in the Middle East) last night in Seattle that had thirty or fourty thousand people and when I came home and watched the news, it was happening everywhere. And for quite a while, I think under my breath I've been thinking, how come we're not on the street, how come we're not out yet? The wall came down, there were demonstrations everywhere—Poland. Everything was going on, and here we were still shopping. The last couple of days have let me see that it's going to start happening now. And there's no better moment for it to start happening.

U: The last thing I wanted to ask you is a question of your own: what will be your sacred beacon? Is there something you hold that carries you forward in the world?

F: Yeah, I think that as a civilization that we are in evolution, and that this whole thing right now about trying to make peaceful decisions instead of hostile decisions is all part of our growth. I think that it eventually will come to pass that we're all going to be on the same side.

Ferron's upcoming concert is sold out, but an afternoon performance has been added.



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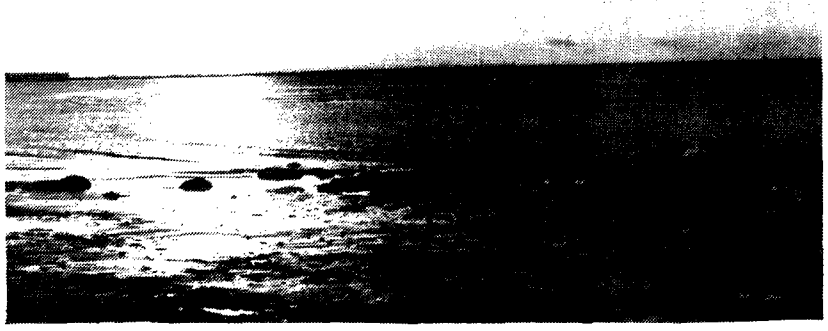

by Brenda Wong

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Sunshine Through Rain traces the young boy's discovery of the foxes' solemn yet lithe wedding march on a day of both rain and sunshine in the woods. Clearly humanity develops apprehension mingled with appreciation for beauty in nature.

According to Kurosawa, our brief moment on Earth is to serve as stewards of the natural environment adapting to its needs. Ultimately, the 103 year old villager reveals that the key to fulfilling our stewardship is to trust the rhythms of nature, and appeal to the pure-hearted nature in ourselves.

In the final short story Village of the Watermill the villager

AMS executive: president

AJAY AGRAWAL

I feel awkward campaigning on the eve of the Persian Gulf crisis: it seems that my efforts are somewhat out of perspective. However, the following details my intentions.

Effective leadership, I believe is the single most important quality of a good president. The opinions of each candidate on today's issues will be of little significance to tomorrow's problems. Like every other candidate, I am opposed to tuition hikes, angry about the lack of affordable housing and concerned about campus safety. What makes each candidate different is the manner in which they tackle a problem. I am a firm believer that no task is too big, but only a compilation of many smaller tasks. Small tasks can be handled with persistence and creativity.,

It is crucial that we, as a university, work towards upgrading the image of UBC—both internally, within our own student community, and externally, in the cities in which we live and across the country. In fact, there are already many strong qualities of our university. We do have some excellent professors, a super intramurals program, a number of very successful clubs and are conducting some fascinating research. All these need to be constantly brought to the attention of the outside world—we really are a productive and creative student community!

Should I be elected as president of the AMS, I would look forward to developing a creative, dynamic and internationally respected university.

1. The AMS president brought UBC into the community spotlight and attention to activities on campus. Along with Roma, he worked on the walk home program which was an exceptional improvement to safety on campus. Public exposure by the president could have been geared more towards the academic performance of our students, the accomplishments of our athletes and the events on our campus such as the Canadian Engineering Competition. Perhaps the focus should be more on the creative and productive energies of our students.

2. I'd like to replace all of Robert's Rules.

3. The role of president is primarily administrative. At present the weaknesses of UBC lie in quality of education, and public opinion of UBC student activities. Improving the relations with the community in which we live and our relationship with other top universities would increase the weight of a degree from UBC and respect with which UBC students are treated in the private sector.

4. Obviously the decision lies in the needs of the students. A substantial report and list of recommendations of why an opposing decision should be made. It would have to be approved by the council and then resubmitted for approval by the students.

5. I feel that there can be something done to limit the increases. This is because the government could provide more substantial funding. However, I agree with several of the reasons for which fee increases have been proposed. For instance, the allocated increase for senior professors is reasonable, considering that they would be earning a substantially higher amount lecturing in the US or working in the private sector. After all, a high quality education is of the utmost importance.

6. Do you think that I would give away that kind of information half way through the campaign week? Maybe on Friday.

JASON BRETT

1. His most important accomplishment was the construction of the satellite conversation pit at the head of the stairs because students actually use it. What I would do differently is devote my self to improved communications. Students need to know what is going on to make the AMS work. That's my one big promise; communications, communications, communications.

2. Point of personal priviledge is where a member feels uncomfortable with room temperature, seating arrangement, etc. and interrupts the meeting to let that point be known.

3. This year it will be neither. It will be a communications role. We've had administrative presidents and we've had political presidents and the students had no idea what their council was doing. This year we will have a communications president.

4. I did address that situation this year. I felt it was a shame that the university had to enforce the fee. I believe in recfac and that it is needed but it should have come by referendum. It would've if we gave it a third chance.

5. I believe that if we come forward with a reasonable and well argued proposal we would be able to convince eight of the 15 board members that the current plan for tuition hikes is wrong. They won't listen to impossible ideas. What we need is something reasonable.

6. They are currently living in a squat in Akalivik.

ARI GILLIGSON

Leadership, integrity, honesty. An active voice to represent all students. A responsive force to motivate students and lend credibility to a unified dynamic university community.

What a load of crap. Student activities should be fun. University students already have enough serious and difficult things on their minds (or should have). Most students are interested in something to take their minds off their troubles such as a party or a pottery class or maybe someone else's troubles. Most students are interested in a government that could do fun things for them rather than tangling itself in bureaucratic knots and expending its funds and energy for internal strife.

We at the Radical Beer Faction believe that the present government needs a shake-up. We are the silly revolution. If you think we are malicious or stupid then you'd better see a proctologist about removing that giant cockroach. If, on the other hand, you want to send a clear message to the next student government (that you want to have fun) vote for the RBF. I'm perfectly willing to take office and turn the place sideways if not upside down.

1. I think the most important accomplishment that most people did not catch on to was that Kurt managed to put a plant into his office which he used to great advantage by interposing itself between him and a guest in his office. On the other hand, I would have used a large magnifying lens to make myself look bigger.

2. Well, a point of personal privilege refers to a point that a member raises relating to his own comfort such as the fact that he/she is sitting too close to the radiator or has a bright light shining in his/her face.

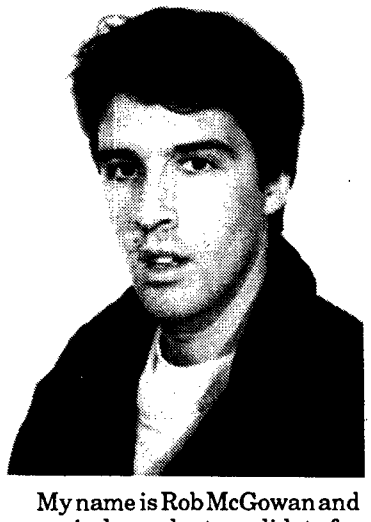
3. Yes.

4. In order to raise money for such projects, I would equip each member of council with a tin cup in order that they could solicit donations from the general membership.

5. Short of extortion, the attitude as it stands cannot be modified. Perhaps, in the future, we could try bribery. We could establish a committee to write up a referendum question, relating to the amounts of the bribes and the people to which they would be directed.

6. It used to be that the teeth would be used as ornamentation in art deco buildings. But these days, due to changes in customs procedures, the teeth are being stock- piled somewhere in Arizona.

ROB MCGOWAN



My name is Rob McGowan and I am an independent candidate for AMS president. For the last year I have sat on Senate as a senator at large. During this time I have assisted in the creation of committees to review the form and administration of teaching evaluation and to determine the level of student participation in tenure appointments.

Because of the importance of being kept informed of the decisions of Senate, Senate Students' Caucus is allotted two seats on Student's Council. I have sat in one of these seats since October, and I have seen how devoid of directed initiative the AMS is. An executive continually at odds with each other held council hostage for most of their term, enabling little by way of accomplishments.

To possibly prevent further bloodletting amongst the executive, certain individuals decided that slates/groups/teams would be the AMS's saving grace. Through a monopoly over the executive, this thinking goes, peace and harmony should reign in the northwest corner of SUB.

In actual fact this is a dangerous proposal. Five like-minded individuals controlling the reins of power will lead to only one viewpoint carrying the day. Worse, an executive split amongst the two slates will only heighten the conflicts arising from this year's executive.

I feel that I will be effective as AMS president because I am an independent and a moderate. If elected, my non-exposure to slate/party politics will leave me the open, equal and responsible adjudicator I must be if I am going to be either the lone voice in opposition to a slate or as the moderator between a slate-split executive.

1. I think Kurt's major accomplishment was the fact that, through it all, he managed to keep a tight reign over the administration of the AMS council meetings and its agenda. With all the controversies surrounding him this year, he still managed to keep a focused eye on the position and managed to keep the interests of students at the forefront. Granted, little was accomplished by this year's council, but that wasn't his fault. It was due more to the bickerings and whims of individuals with their own agendas. What was accomplished by the AMS this year was the result of the hard work put in by council members that actually cared about the whole rather than the self and that is where people such as Roma and Kurt made an impact upon the student society. How would I be different as AMS president? I would try to follow the example of my predecessors and be a fair and just administrator.

2. A Point of Personal Privilege is a point made with time taken out during the debate to ask a direct question about the matter at hand in order to clarify what has been discussed. It may also be used as a measure by which a person may take leave of a debate to attend matters outside the discussion. It is not called for members to go off on their own wild tangents and espouse off-topic beliefs.

3. I thing the role is both political and administrative. The job is administrative because the president is responsible for setting the agenda for students council and for ensuring it is followed. The job is also political because the president is also seen as the figure head for the student body, therefore the president must be careful not to take any one particular student's side. He/she must try to encompass all student beliefs. An effective president cannot be one or the other, he/she must be able to balance both.

4. I would like to make it clear that I wasn't sitting on council when that was passed. Right now, I would like to remind students that it is a

Questions for AMS president candidates

1. What do you think was the most important accomplishment of the AMS president this year? Why? What would you have done differently?

2. According to Robert's Rules of Order, what is a "point of personal privilege?"

3. Is the role of the president primarily political or administrative? Why?

4. This year, the AMS council endorsed a $40 increase in student fees to pay for a new recreation centre even though students had rejected a similar motion in a referendum last year. How would you address a similar situation if it arose during your term of office?

5. Given the past history of the university's attitude toward negotiating tuition fee increases, do you believe that anything can be done to limit those increases? Why?

6. What happens to the teeth that the tooth fairy collects?

president continued

voluntary $40 levy as the BoG puts it, so technically that means that day after classes start, students can apply to have that fee returned to them. I would immediately urge the students council—including myself in my role as a political figure head—to lobby the BoG to roll back a levy that students have so clearly indicated they do not want.

5. I believe something can be done. It's tragic, the apathy level on this campus, because if we were all truly concerned about tuition increases we could organize something really radical to get the administration's attention. However, the apathy level on this campus dictates that occurrences like a tuition strike will never take place. We can do something about the increase. Dr. Strangway's plan calls for and extra 4.5% above inflation and anyone who has read his plan can see that this is only a money grab and his attempts to mask it by using it to justify an 1.5 per cent increase in student loans should not go unnoticed. Until the next election we may not be able to get anything better than the cost of inflation.

6. The teeth that the tooth fairy collects actually go towards making the fake ivory keys for Hammond organs. There is no finer use for waste material in existence today.

SIGRID THOMPSON

As we all know, next week is election week. That makes this week campaign week and explains why I am writing this article. I'm Sigrid Thompson and I'm running for AMS president. I have been AUS president and Arts AMS representative for the past year (note: this technically makes me an AMS hanger-on,but actually means that I have shown interest and acquired experience in student affairs.) I am running for president because I strongly object to the mismanagement and just plain foolishness that has been demonstrated by previous AMS executives. I believe the AMS president's function is oxymoronic since it is divided between facilitation and obstruction. The facilitative portion of the job is student-oriented - chairing AMS Council and executive meetings, helping out with Alumni Association functions, and generally promoting student affairs and interests. The obstructive portion, predictably, involves the Administration. The president should not be swayed by pressure from the Administration: she/he should firmly defend student interests and desires, regardless of how unpopular that makes him/her. So voice your concerns - get out and vote!

1. I think his most important contribution was summarizing the administration's program of student's disempowerment. Rather than put it in a regular typewritten report to council, I would have attempted to get it out to a lot more students, students who wouldn't be aware that the administration was becoming rather grabby.

2. It is an interjection into the course of debate made by someone who is either personally offended by the nature of the debate or is aware that misinformation is being given. It can also be used to ask for clarification of the issue, although that would be better done by a point of information.

3. I'd have to say both. It's the most political of all the AMS positions simply because people outside the AMS tend to hold you responsible for AMS policy. You are also responsible for the interrelations of the AMS executive and council which is a political function. However, it is administrative as well because you're responsible for coordinating and encouraging everyone else's efforts.

4. I would inform council of the BoG decision to levy a $40 fee for a student recreation centre, but I don't believe it should have come to the AMS as a motion. It is out of order because it is specifically contrary to the voiced desires of students. I think the current AMS wanted this fee hike endorsed by the AMS so that we wouldn't antagonize the administration. That's wrong. We're here to defend student interests, not suck up to the administration.

5. Negotiating? I don't think the administration believes in negotiating with students. Nevertheless, I'm hoping that the tuition protest will have an effect because they were so well covered by the media and as such, the information is no longer limited to just this campus. By publicly harassing and embarrassing this administration, I believe we may get a concession. I don't believe this will be enough, but at least it will be a start.

6. They're sold to an association of small African countries who plan to market them as elephant ivory.

THE ACTIVE ABSTENTION EXPLAINED:

An active abstention is simple. You simply go through the whole process of voting, except you fail to mark the ballot.

This should send a message to the elections commissioners that either you think all the candidates should soak their heads, or that the entire system is a complete mess.

A spoiled ballot, on the other hand, can be a very effective way of sending special messages to the organizers of this election. Perchance, you may want to ask about the legitimacy of an election which is run by an individual who is chosen by SAC, and in which several recent ex-SACies are candidates.

There are, of course, other ways of expressing your displeasure, should you be displeased. But you must figure these out for yourself.

vice president

JORJ MCWHINNIE

My name is Jorj McWhinnie and I'm running for the position of vice-president on the Progressive team. For the past year, I have sat on AMS council as the music representative. I am the first music rep in 26 years; I decided to do this because a new voice was needed in the all too stagnant AMS, in order to help force change.

Unfortunately little was accomplished by this year's council. It seemed that the majority of council was working on their own little agendas, trying to improve their status while neglecting the concerns of students. If elected, I will ensure that UBC will have a students' council it can be proud of and one that works together.

Why vote for the progressive team. Because we will do all the things that every other person who has been elected didn't do. Why should you vote for me? Because I will perform to the upmost the duties of the vice-president as outlined in code and bylaws. Students WILL know what their AMS is doing and where their money's going. So come out and vote for someone who REALLY supports students. Remember JORJ MCWHINNIE.

1. The code and bylaws are a poorly written group of rules at this university. The vp is the chair of the code and bylaws committee and if I'm elected I will ensure, not make false promises, that the code and bylaws will be tidied up so any student can understand them. One of the many roles of the vp is to ensure that the code and bylaws is in perfect standing order.

2. The problem is that we're supposed to have an AMS general meeting at least once a year so we can get at leat 10 percent of the student body out. This is in the code and bylaws. This year we had a problem with students voting, 19 and over only and students not really being able to voice an opinion. A good alternative would be to increase voter turnout at elections. I see no reason why 10 per cent of the student body cannot be brought out to pass a referendum. They're able to at any other university, why not UBC. I went to the BBQ not even knowing it was a meeting and half the people were getting drunk anyway. That's not how you hold a referendum.

3. Very much an administrative posititon. I'm not running for AMS for political status. I'm running because I have sat on council as a music rep for five months and I feel that council is not doing enough for students or students are not even aware that there is an AMS. In the code and bylaws under duties of VP the most important duty is to be a liaison between the AMS and students and faculties. If elected, students will know about the AMS and have a student council they can be proud of.

4. Yes I do, and I think it a shame that not enough students came out to the referendum last time to vote for it. It was clear by the number of votes counted that students wanted the health plan, it just didn't have enough votes to reach quorum. A lot of students don't have a medical plan and I want to do anything within my power to help students and I feel that this is one of those ways that students can be helped directly by the AMS.

5. Yes I do. A majority of universities and colleges across Canada are members of the CFS. It would enable greater unity with other universities and colleges and when the CFS makes decisions against the Persian Gulf crisis or tuition fee increases we would be a part of it. But I would always respect the wishes of the the students if they chose not to join the CFS. What I respect most about the CFS is their consistent stand for an absolute tuition freeze.

6. The reason streams back to the early 1600s in lower Somolia. It was in fact so low that everything was black and they would draw on thses boards but not see anything because even the chalk was black but one day they left Lower Somolia for Upper Somolia and were able to see colours and in fact the chalk was white and the blackboards were green.

SHAWN TAGSETH

This is my twenty typewritten lines or less. I will probably opt for less so I don't lose your attention. I see the candidates this year making some interesting promises, but one problem with these promises are that they lack long-term effect. What I hope for with a Unity executive is that we will build a foundation that will allow the AMS to grow and make it a powerful student voice. Right now the AMS is divided and weak, but with a united, reasonable executive I know the student voice will finally be heard. I want to start a campaign to increase student activities in the AMS. Ideas I have include increasing programs for students such as concerts, guest lecturers and perhaps a spring picnic as well as the Welcome Back BBQ. I would also like to increase communication between the AMS and the Residence Associations. These two ideas will get more people familiar with the AMS and these students will realize the value of this organization. As far as the AMS Code and Bylaws goes, there are conflicting areas that need to be changed. That is a complex issue which I will not go into here.

Remember Shawn Tagseth for vice president with the Unity Group January 21 to 25.

1. Right now there are a lot of conflicting areas in the Code and By-laws. One specific area is quorum. A member of the society is dubbed as someone taking 12.5 units on or off the campus night or day. However, quorum is defined as ten per cent of the day members. Why aren't the other people included? Should they be?

2. The barbeque/referendum sounded like a good idea at the time but, reflecting upon it now, it was not in the best interests of the society. Even bars are closed during provincial and federal elections until 8 p.m. An alternate solution would be to hold it during registration on telereg and, from what I hear, the registrar is willing to do it.

3. The way it's defined in Code and By-laws, it's purely administrative as far as internal matters go although I don't think anyone can really separate themselves from their politics.

4. I do endorse the student health plan for students who aren't under the coverage of their parents. It is a great way to help them out. Health is essential to everyone and it shouldn't be denied from anyone.

5. It's a very good question. Right now UBC's voice in the province is very good but we seem to be lost in the federal spectrum. There have been some plans from other universities sent to us that propose an alternate national federation of students and the benefits of each would have to be worked out.

6. Its obvious. They were named in the dark.

Questions for AMS vice-president candidates

1. What do you think of the AMS code and by-laws?

2. Should referendum questions be brought forward to the student body during an AMS barbeque? Why or why not? What would be a good alternative?

3. Is vice-president primarily a political or administrative position?

4. Do you endorse the proposed student health plan? Why or why not?

5. Do you think UBC should be a prospective member of the Canadian Federation of Students? Why or why not?

6. Why are they called blackboards when most of them are green?

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co-ordinator of external affairs

Voting can be an external experience. It all depends upon your attitudes towards the process.

MARK HOENIG

According to my future predecessor, the job of the coordinator of external affairs is "to do as I damn well please..." I feel completely confident in my ability to fulfill this role. Besides, I can yell "raise your beer!" as well as anyone.

Some people have called into question the ability of slates to work well with each other. In the RBF's case this is entirely spurious: we would get along much better with members of the other slates than we would with each other. For instance, I, if elected, would be fully able to work with both Kelly Guggisberg and Jeff West.

You may not like all the policies of the RBF. If you don't, you'd better take these elections seriously - there are a few honest, hard-working, competent candidates (including some of ours) both on and off the slates. If you don't, we're going to win. Every democracy gets the government it deserves.

1. The AMS should not take any position on this issue since doing so would involve taking a position and while taking a position is often wise, in this issue, would involve repercussions which we would wish to distance ourselves from and would impact on our ability to take effective positions.

2. Our present external affairs coordinator managed to effectively rally council and organized an extremely well-attended beer garden. Unfortunately, the beer and cider were of wretched quality. As an RBF candidate, I will make sure that in any future event such as this, we will serve only premium beverages.

3. Herbert Hoover, Nardwuar the Human Serviette, Jean Chretien and Spuds McKenzie.

4. Based on the success of similar tactics in the international arena, I would mount a UBC invasion of the SFU campus. With their funds as well as our own, we should be able to maintain a decent standard of education and focus world attention on our plight.

5. Beats me.

6. It would take an infinite amount of time to reach the switch, so you'd never find out.

KELLY GUGGISBERG

Hi, my name is Kelly Guggisberg and I am running for the position of external affairs with the Unity Group. Tuition is an obvious concern for most students. With this in mind, I would like to continue the work that Jason Brett has started with the Fight the Hikes committee. Tuition increases above the rate of inflation are unacceptable. I think this is a realistic stand. I am committed to pressuring the UBC administration to listen to our concerns and ACT on them.

In the past few years, the AMS has been hit hard with budget cuts affecting all groups - external affairs has not been left out. I am proposing a new means of providing financial support for both national and international charities. Each year, external affairs would organize a fund-raising event for two charities in which ALL students could participate - much like the BCIT does with their fundraiser for cystic fibrosis. This would mean students would be informed about the charity and actively support it at the same time.

To sum this up, I know that I am a well-qualified person for this position. I am aware of how the AMS works and how it doesn't work.

Thanks a lot - and next week vote Unity!

Any questions call me at the Science Office - 228-4235.

1. Yes, I believe the AMS should take a stand with a matter so huge as this one. Because students and people in our age group represent a major portion of the population we should be entitle to have a say. As to whether or not the AMS should support or condemn Iraq's actions, this is a matter that the council as a whole should look after since one person cannot possibly represent the views of 27,000.

2. More recently, Jason Brett has led the Fight The Hikes Committee, which is obviously of necessary importance for students at this university. My interests will focus on repairing the image of UBC to both students and the public.

3. Advanced Education Minister: Bruce Strachan
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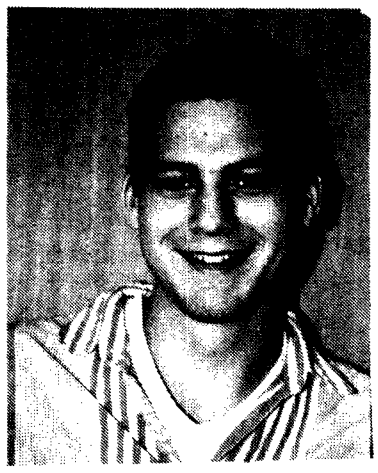
4. I think we've seen in the past just how quickly politicians react to public pressure. I believe that holding student rallies is an effective way to get attention and I believe that in order to keep that attention, students must be reasonable and committees should be struck to negotiate with the government.

5. Co-ordinator of external affairs is exactly as the name describes — a liason between the AMS and everything external to the AMS. The co-ordinator of external affairs must keep the students informed of municipal, provincial and global issues.

6. Oh, shit! I'm in science too, I should know this.

JEFF WEST



For too long, the AMS has been run by people with higher political aspirations. How can we expect real action from these "leaders" when in fact these people are simply bureaucrats with their futures at stake. I'm running on the Progressive Team because credibility and sincerity are more important than unity alone. You cannot challenge a decidedly right-wing government and administration with a like-minded AMS, one that "kowtows" to Strangway on the issue of tuition increase by pleading with him not to take more than he needs. Education in our society is a right, not a privilege, and nothing less than an immediate tuition freeze is acceptable. Lack of affordable accommodation (secondary suites) off campus is second only to the lack of on-campus student housing. The administration's priority MUST be the student, and our housing problems need to be rectified before Strangway's elitist housing projects can be addressed. The UEL is not simply a chunk of prime real estate for the administration to toy with, and no amount of money justifies its destruction. Transit issues must also be addressed. Something similar to highschool students' GoCards should be available to UBC students as well. Creating ties with municipal and provincial governments is the first step towards being taken seriously, and I intend to do this. This includes attendance at City Council meetings and opening up BoG meetings to the public.

1. As representatives of the student body, I think the AMS should gauge the opinions or attitudes of the student body and take a stand. I think university students and the AMS live in a political dream world in which really serious world problems don't affect them at all and that's simply not the case. As educated people in this society it's our responsibility to look at those kinds of issues.

2. When I look at what he's done and what I get out of what he's done, there are things not to do. The only budget in the AMS with any money left is external affairs and that's because he's done nothing. He destroyed the referenda questions at the barbecue and didn't speak out on tuition until his campaign for president was well underway. Issues important to me, that I intend to work on for the length of my term, are tuition, housing issues, transit and doing everything I can so that UBC administration, municipal and provincial governments take the student body seriously.

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4. I think the Social Credit government's agenda has to be exposed. Education is not a priority for them and I think we need serious assurances from the parties that education will become a priority and I simply don't believe the Social Credit government can do that. I think Darlene Marzari has made it very clear as the NDP MLA for this riding that education is her main concern.

5. The external affairs coordinator is a liaison between the AMS and external bodies such as the administration, the municipality, and the provincial government. The external affairs coordinator has to take advantage of the external affairs committee—which has not sat under Jason Brett's term of office—and also challenge the administration and the BoG in the interests of students.

6. How long do I have on this? Well, I'm a fuckin' artsie right? I seem to remember something from physics about there being no preferred frame of reference. I'd probably implode.

Questions for co-ordinator of external affairs candidates.

1. Should the AMS take a political stand either condemning or endorsing the fact that Canadian Forces are involved in the Gulf crisis? Why or why not?

2. What do you think was the biggest accomplishment of the ex-affairs co-ordinator this year? What would you do next year?

3. Name the advanced education minister, education critic and MLAs and MPs for the UBC area?

4. How would you make post-secondary education an issue in the upcoming provincial election?

5. What is the role of the external affairs co-ordinator in the AMS executive?

6. If you were in a vehicle travelling that the speed of light and you turned you headlights on, what would happen?

director of finance

RANJIT BHARAJ

Hi. I'm Ranjit Bharaj and I am running in the AMS elections with the Unity Group. The Unity Group is made up of individuals who come from different backgrounds and faculties and who have different experience and ideas, yet who work well as a group and best represent the interests of the students. I am running for director of finance (d of f) and I feel I am the best candidate for the position because as a 3rd year Commerce student I have the background essential for this job. I have been involved in the AMS since my first year and as such I am knowledgeable of its operation and complexities. An effective d of f is objective, unbiased, open-minded to new ideas and is nonpolitical. The most important job of the d of f is to prepare a budget to determine the spending of millions of dollars of your money. This is a very serious job and in order to produce an effective and fair budget, student input is crucial. The position of d of f should not be a vehicle to promote his or her own preconceived notions regarding the students' money. My experience and goals are specified on the bright yellow Unity posters. Remember, vote Unity during January 21 to 25 for an AMS ex-

director of finance continued

ecutive that listens and provides action for the concerns of students.

1. It caused the AMS to straighten out a few legal problems with the AMS. I also think it helped to make students aware that their input is really needed and why they should be aware of the goings on of the AMS.

2. I think that if AMS fees are increased it should not be for a rate that is higher than the rate of inflation. Because fees have increased for the past few years, I would like to see fees stabilized for the next few.

3. I think that responsible fiscal management is going to be needed for this. Proper allocations and efficient allocations are necessary and also, these ventures will produce revenue to help pay for themselves.

4. I'd really have to say it comes from being a commerce student. In the faculty of commerce you're required to take courses in finance, accounting, marketing and organizational behaviour and I feel that all of these give me the kind of background that's necessary. I've also been the treasurer of the first year students program and I organized the new students retreat of 1990 so I've prepared a budget, allocated funds, spent the funds — a similar job but on a much smaller scale.

5. It should be passed in consultation with the students since this budget directly affects them. I think it should be passed in late March, early April because the new executive comes in in early February. I think that at least a month to a month in a half is required to prepare a budget because you need time to get the student's input.

6. Well, I think we should form a committee to research the problem, analyze the question, produce a report and present the result to an open forum for all students.

1. I have an allegorical anecdote from my childhood. My father and I used to go fishing a lot and once we went to Edwards Lake and had a day out fishing on the lake in a boat. On the way home my dad said to me, "We sure caught a lot of fish." And I said "Yeah, lots" and he said, "Big ones" and I said, "Yeah, huge."

2. Well, I certainly support decreasing AMS fees, but more to the point I'm not sure everyone should pay them, so I think that people should just pay them if they like, and not pay them if they don't and that would be okay.

3. Well, I really like the idea of an expanded Pit and, based on the precedent set by a previous Director of Finance, I intend to make it a service organization.

4. Most people have seen my poster — "I have a cheque book and a credit card."

5. Oh, I guess about 9 or 10 o'clock at night, just after a bite of sandwich and after a little debate.

6. None, they get SAC to do it.

PHEN HUANG

The mandate of the AMS is to provide easily accessible services for its members. As members we expect to receive good service at minimum cost. This is not what we are getting. There are many AMS clubs and constituencies that are struggling to provide the best service they can, but they are underfunded. However, recently, the budget committee has always allocated large expenditures to buying things like furniture for the Council office or computers for the AMS executive.

I have already put together a tentative budget for the 91/92 school year. This along with previous years' actual expenditures are published in the Progressive Team's newsletter which is available around campus. My primary motive is to get input from students if every discipline and persuasion for the allocation of AMS revenue. You can reach me at 222-8616 or 228-3116. I want to meet with every service organization and committee by the end of February to find out how much money they need. Usually the Budget Committee only reaches this stage after most students have left for the summer. So the budget is prepared without much student participation.

I have been involved with both the Science Undergraduate Society and the Engineering Undergraduate Society. I organized Science Week in 1990 and I am currently in charge of the third session of the Rights and Freedoms Forum, "Freedom in Education," on Feb 28th. I think I have the ability and the motivation to do the job right and do it well.

1. The impact for the current council has been cut-backs in some situations so that there has been a wiser expenditure of the AMS revenue. For me, it has given me an understanding of where funds have been wasted and where they might be better used.

2. I don't believe the AMS fees should be increased, however, they may be increased by the administration to account for the GST. However, I believe that sufficient money has come in each year such that with redirecting the revenue, all services provided by the AMS can be well-funded.

3. It has been suggested that the CPAC reserve, by referendum, be given the jurisdiction to expand the north side of the SUB building, and at the moment, previous projects are being paid off and next year there will be funds to begin new projects. The CPAC reserve consists of fifteen dollars taken from every full time student's AMS fees.

4. By looking at the previous budgets and actual spendings of the AMS, it's obvious that the AMS revenue can be better spent and I feel that, because the AMS is there to provide a service, this is where it should be spent. The numbers from previous years show that this is not necessarily the priority for the AMS council yet.

5. I believe an AMS budget should be passed as soon as each service organization and constituency of the AMS has had input into the amount of money they are allocated. I have already put together a tentative budget and I would like to get the required input starting now.

6. Five. The Director of Finance can do the job, and the rest will fight about it.

Questions for director of finance candidates

1. What has been the impact of the financial audit done on AMS accounts last year?

2. Should AMS fees be increased? If so, by how much; if not why not?

3. How will the proposed expansions of the Pit Pub and SUB be paid for?

4. Where do you get your financial expertise?

5. When should an AMS budget be passed? Why and under what process?

6. How many AMS executives does it take to change a light bulb? Explain?

MIKE HAMILTON

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director of administration

Questions for the director of administration candidates

1. In what ways do you think SAC could be made more accessible to students?

2. Should the Pit expand and at what cost? Why or why not?

3. How can the SUB be made more wheelchair accessible?

4. What problems do you see with the SUB building?

5. Is your position primarily political or administrative?

6. At what point in our future will the geo-political alliances represented on Star Trek be formed?

MARTIN ERTL

Hi! My name is Martin Ertl and I'm a Unity Group candidate for AMS Director of Administration. I think the best thing that the Unity Group has to offer is a coherent executive that can act decisively and in unison, without the infighting we have seen over the last two years. We will do our best to work for students and represent students' interests.

Some of my goals are to protect the students' voice in the management and operation of the Aquatic Centre, the Intramurals program, and to ensure that the proposed recreation centre is constructed and managed with student input. I will also continue to run and possibly expand the AMS Walk Home program as demand for it grows.

As to my qualifications for the job, I have been Secretary of the Student Administrative Commission (SAC) since last May. Holding this position is invaluable experience for a future Director of Administration. I do not think that the position of Director of Administration is a very political one. The person holding the position should be hard-working, well-organized, reasonable, and objective. I think I am well-qualified and very capable of handling the job. Thank you for your support.

1. We could definitely work on our public relations especially with respect to clubs, undergrad societies and service organizations. We already do quite a bit to make ourselves known to the club executives; for example with the club wine and cheese. I really don't think that it's necessary for the average student to know all the intimate details of the workings of SAC simply because it's an administrative body whose work is not super exciting. However, I do encourage anyone who wants to get involved with SAC or wants to know more about it to come and talk to me.

2. To some extent that question comes a bit late, since expansion has already begun. I whole heartedly agree with it because at its current capacity it is not large enough to accommodate the very high demand. Hopefully with an expanded Pit Pub we can cater to more students. I don't think the cost of the expansion is worrisome because the extra revenues will more than pay for the expansion.

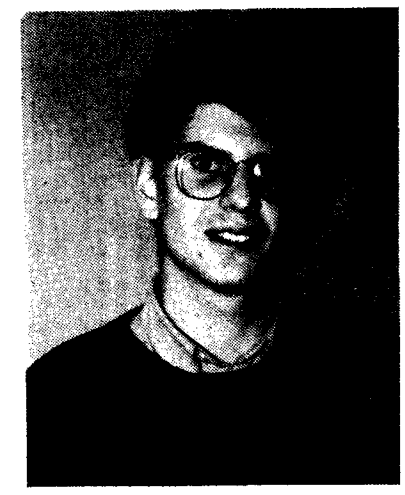
3. The biggest problem that we have and the one that needs to be most urgently dealt with is the lack of club office space. As it stands right now we have approximately 200 clubs and we simply don't have enough space to accommodate them all; the offices already currently hold two clubs each. A possible solution to this problem is to expand the SUB either on the north side expansion out from where the Bank of Montreal is currently located or through an underground extension to the proposed recreation facility. Looking at both of these options realistically cannot be realized in a one year time span but I would certainly like to lay the ground work for their construction.

4. The SUB can be made more wheelchair accessible by first of all, by expanding the second floor corridor leading away from the elevator. The AMS should also make sure that any future renovations or expansions are accessible for people in wheelchairs.

5. I think it's primarily administrative. Moreover, I think the position should be held by someone who is reasonable and objective. This is necessary because of the large number of clubs and organizations with different viewpoints that one must deal with; it's important to be fair and treat them all the same and not be influenced by personal biases.

6. As soon as Canada has a credible space program.

JENS HAEUSSER



As the Director of Administration, I feel that I could play a vital role in re-establishing the trust between the AMS executive and the student population. To further this end, I will make all

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Student Administrative Council (SAC) meetings public, as well as establishing an AMS computer bulletin board system, which all students could call to give opinions and advice on AMS and SAC policies.

One of the primary functions of the d of a is, through SAC, the running of the Student Union Building. I want to implement a full recycling program in SUB, which would include not only more recycling bins for paper and pop-cans, but also for glass, plastic, metal, cloth and other such materials. I will also do my best to improve the general safety around the SUB, a goal which includes an expanded Walk Home program, better lighting systems and more handicapped access.

In light of the drastic space problems in SUB, I will push for the North Side expansion, as well as allowing clubs to choose their own roommates.

. If you have any further questions or comments, please phone me at 222-8616, or pick up a copy of The Progressive.

1. I think that all SAC meetings should be public and that there should be some way of getting general student input on the subjects being discussed. As well, I would encourage all students to approach me or any other member of the AMS executive and raise any issues that they feel should be brought up during SAC meetings.

2. I'm in favour of limited Pit expansion because there is a definite need for expanded facilities. However, I feel there is a drastic lack of space in all of SUB, and for this reason I support the north side expansion of the SUB. In this way, both the Pit expansion and the need for extra club space could be addressed.

3. I think the major problem in the SUB is the lack of space which I have mentioned above. As well, I feel there should be a greatly expanded recycling program which would entail not only more recycling bins for established recyclables such as paper and pop cans but also the provision of bins for metal, cloth and plastic.

4. The SUB could be made more accessible by building more wheelchair ramps. As well, more handicapped parking near the SUB should be provided and the service elevator should be easily accessible by all handicapped students.

5. The position of director of adminstration, because it holds great administrative powers, can also be used as a political venue. However, I do not view my role as a primarily political one, but I would do my best to handle the administrative details in an efficient and effective manner.

6. When the world finally emerges from the ruin and destruction caused by the second inter-planetary war between Earth and the Solarian Federation, various geo-political alliances, highly resembling those of the Star Trek universe, will be formed.

Antonia Rozario

My name is Antonia Rozario and I am the director of administration candidate for the Radical Beer Faction. I am running in this election because of a dream I recently had. In my dream, my friend Beatrice leaned over to me during one of my oceanography classes and told me that I should be an AMS executive. This struck me as being very unusual because I am not taking any oceanography courses and I have never known anyone called Beatrice.

I feel, as always, that student government at the university level is far too overrated. Many student leaders take themselves too seriously and lose their sense of humour. This would not be a problem for me as I do not have a sense of humour.

If elected, I would pool all my humble lipo-saturated resources into simplifying the AMS. If defeated, though, I wish whoever wins the best of luck in his term of office. Both of my opponents are quality gentlemen and I am sure that they would do an excellent job.

Thank you for taking time to read this and don't forget to support Science Week 1991, January 21-25.

1. Perhaps by making it easier to get on, for example by making admittance not limited to those with good grades, talent and maturity. I also feel that the positions should be granted by election rather than appointment.

2. Yes, but at no more than $500,000, the amount of money we should get by selling the AMS art gallery collection.

3. Shortage of space, lack of an all-night convenience store, and Tortellinis.

4. More signs indicating where wheelchair routes are located and possibly an extra elevator.

5. Neither, it's based on the divine right of queens.

6. I have no idea but my favourite ice cream is spumoni.

AFTER ALL THIS WORK, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE IN SOME WAY, SOME TIME BETWEEN THE 21ST AND 25TH OF JANUARY, 1991

AMS BYLAW AMENDMENTS

BALLOT #1

A. GENERAL LANGUAGE IN THE BYLAWS.

I support a Bylaw amendment **deleting** the phrase:

"**and words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender**," in Bylaw 1(1);

AND

replacing the words him with **her/him**, himself with **herself/himself** and his with **her/his** throughout the Bylaws.

❑ Yes ❑ No

B. AFFECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND COUNCIL SENATORS.

I support Bylaw amendments changing the term of office as Board representatives on Council to be concurrent with their term of office as student representatives on the Board of Governors.

AND:

I support Bylaw amendments changing the term of Council Senators to begin at the 1st meeting of Council after being elected by Senate Caucus. I also support changing the first meeting of Senate Caucus to be within 14 days of the beginning of the term of office as student representatives on the Senate, **AND** allowing Senate Caucus to elect 2 members as Council Senators, eliminating the requirement that the Caucus Chair automatically be a Council Senator.

❑ Yes ❑ No

C. AFFECTING QUORUM AND MEMBERSHIP STANDING.

I support Bylaw amendments to **add** the following clause in Bylaw 2:

"4. **Standing**

A member shall be deemed to be in good standing until they cease to be a member of the Society pursuant to Bylaw 2."

AND to change the following Bylaws to **read**:

i) **Bylaw 3(4)**

"(a) A quorum at an annual general or special general meeting is achieved where the number of active members present at such meeting is equal to or greater than 10 percent (10%) of the **active members who are currently in good standing."**

ii) **Bylaw 4(4)**

"b. the number of votes cast supporting the referendum is equal to or greater than ten percent (10%) of the active members of the Society who are **currently in good standing. 'Supporting' shall be defined as voting in favour of the referendum question."**

iii) **Bylaw 19(1)**

"(a) a Special Resolution of the Society passed at an annual general meeting or special general meeting of the Society **in accordance with Bylaw 3(4)**, or

(b) a referendum held in accordance with Bylaw 4."

❑ Yes ❑ No

BALLOT #2

A. STUDENT UNION BUILDING EXPANSION

"**WHEREAS** students voted in a 1982 referendum to add a $15.00 fee levy for building projects to their AMS fee; and

WHEREAS an expansion of the Student Union Building is now necessary to alleviate a space shortage for such uses as club offices, service organizations, bookable rooms and business outlets:

I SUPPORT the inclusion of future S.U.B. expansions in the mandate of this existing $15.00 fee levy."

❑ Yes ❑ No

NOTE: THIS WILL NOT INCREASE ANY AMS FEES

B. AMS FEE INCREASE TIED TO INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

I **support** the proposition that the AMS Annual Membership Fee be adjusted annually by the cost of living so that, commencing with the 1991-92 Academic Year, the AMS Annual Membership Fee for each Academic Year shall be set as follows:

$$\text{Annual Membership Fee} = \$39.50 \times \frac{\text{Annual CPI}}{\text{October 1989 CPI}}$$

❑ Yes ❑ No

NOTE: **In this calculation:**

1) Annual CPI is the CPI Number for October of the Academic Year immediately preceding the Academic Year for which the Membership Fee is being calculated.

2) CPI Number for any particular month means:

(a) if Statistics Canada publishes an index number under the Consumer Price Index (All Items) for Vancouver, 1986 = 100 of the particular month of October, the CPI Number shall be the index number so published; or

(b) if Statistics Canada publishes a index number under an adjusted Consumer Price Index, All Items, for Vancouver, providing for a base other than 1986 = 100, **then** the CPI Number is the number arrived at by adjusting the index number under the index described in (a) above for the last month preceding the adjustment by the percentage increase or decrease of the adjusted index between the commencement of that adjusted index and the particular **October.**

NOTE: The current distribution of the Annual Membership Fee shall not change.

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TONY FOGARASSY

Experience:
Student Senator, 1987-1990 (UBC and UVic)
Past Chairperson, UBC Student Senate Caucus
UBC AMS Student Court Judge, 1990-1991
Education:
Currently second year Law; MSc (geology); BSc (Hons)

UBC tuition fees are among the highest in the country. In 1978, my first year as an undergrad, my fees were $536; today they stand at $2247 - an increase of 320%. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) during this time has increased by only about 100%. With Strangway's "proposal" to increase current fees by about 10% each year for a minimum of three years, pushing fees to the stratospheric level of $3000, one can only shake one's head in disbelief.

Enough is enough. Pressure must be exerted to halt these unsubstantiated increases. The BoG has continually rejected valid student objections. Two years ago, the majority of presently sitting BoG members stated that the 10% fee hike in 1989 was an exceptional circumstance and voted for the 1989 increase on the premise that over-inflated fee increases would not occur again. I stand for a fee increase based no higher than the CPI.

I have additional concerns involving campus security and affordable daycare; low profile issues which have never been reasonably dealt with by BoG and UBC. As a student BoG representative, I'll fight for more funding in these areas.

On January 21 to 25, please vote for Tony Fogarassy, Law 2.

1. It's a tripartite answer. I'm concerned with tuition fees, day care, and campus security. Please see my above statement.

2. On first blush, I'm against holding BoG meetings in camera. Students require direct and immediate access to decisions made by the board. It really is an affrontery to one's sensibilities to think that the university is run under a secret cloak.

3. The majority of BoG members should be elected. At present eight out of the 15 sitting members are government appointees. Thus any decision whether procedural or substantive is, by sheer numbers, dictated by the provincial government. In addition the chancellor and president are ex-officio members; thus of course endorsing the government line. At present, there are two elected faculty members, one staff member, and two student reps. I would like to see; student representation doubled to four and elected faculty doubled to four. This would, I believe, result in a more equitable distribution of voting power on the board.

4. I think I would have a lot of influence. Firstly, I'm experienced in university affairs. I have served a number of terms on Senate (UBC and UVic) and am currently serving as an AMS student court judge. I have an MSc degree from UBC and thus feel qualified to represent the views of graduate students. In addition, I have attended three universities (UofC, UVic, UBC), and feel confident with the issues presented at all these schools.

I am currently in the faculty of law and I believe that the administrative and legal technical knowledge base acquired will be useful if I'm elected to the board.

I also have four years of post-graduate work experience.

5. I will address the issue of the proposed student fee increase by pointing out to the board that in 1989 sitting BoG members state that the 10 per cent fee hike at that time was an exceptional circumstance and voted for the 1989 increase on the premise over inflated fee increases would not occur again. Simply the board's reasoning in 1991 is not logical or consistent.

6. Down the drain.

PAUL GILL

I'm running as part of the Progressive Team. I am in Arts 2 returning to school after eight years in the work force. I operate a successful small business as well as attending UBC full time.

I want to open up BoG. For too long BoG has been making decisions in private, making announcements just before or after they are implemented. Contracts for Hampton Place were already signed and sealed with the developers before the students or the public ever heard about this high-rise complex. The plan to raise tuition fees was known for months yet BoG chose to announce the increase during December exams, when few students were on campus. Previous reps to BoG have not been responsible to the students who elected them. Do you even know who your BoG reps are?

Next week vote for the Progressive Team and elect me to the Board of Governors. We will work to change the AMS. It should not be a private club for petty AMS bureaucrats. Let's return SUB and the AMS to the Students.

1. I think the BoG for too long has been a secretive group that nobody knows anything about. Our past student representatives over the last couple of years have not been responsible and instead have been co-opted by the administration.

2. I think that's a travesty. There are certain issues that necessitate in camera meetings but I find it hard to believe that eighty percent of every monthly meeting has to be in camera.

3. At least 75 percent of BoG should be elected from various constituencies. There is a case to be made for some appointed positions from the provincial government, but the present situation whereby more than 50 percent of the board is appointed ensures that BoG is not responsible to the University community but is only a rubber stamp for the politicians in Victoria.

4. I believe I have limited influence on BoG because 8 out of 15 BoG members are provincial appointees but I will be able to inform the students about BoG decisions that would previously have not been dealt with openly.

5. There should be no fee increase of any type at this time. the University is underfunded but to go to the students to pick up the slack is ridiculous.

6. South Africa?

WENDY KING

Potential student representatives to the Board of Governors must possess certain qualities for them to be successful. Most importantly they must be credible. In order to sway other members of the BoG, arguments must be rational, realistic and well-supported. Further, they must understand the motivations of the other BoG members and how to lobby them effectively. I have served on many committees with faculty, staff, government appointees and vice presidents, giving me ample opportunity to hone the skills necessary to win support from non-student members.

Given the president's commitment toward ever higher tuition fees, I want to ensure that monies for student aid and bursaries increase accordingly. Token increases will not assuage the burden caused by a substantial increase in the real cost of a UBC education. It is vitally important to hold Dr. Strangway to his word that "no otherwise admissible student will be turned away for financial reasons."

I am committed to making sure the university does not simply pay lip-service to the real issues of racism, sexism, and sexual harassment on campus. It is important to create and improve policies in such a way that substantive improvements are noticed, while at the same time preserving the rights of individuals.

1. I've been on Senate for two years, and I feel that student caucus has made a lot of positive changes in the academic curriculum at the university. I'd like to continue working towards positive changes for UBC. I'd also like to work towards keeping tuition down in order to keep UBC accessible to all students.

2. I'd prefer to see the board meetings not held in camera because in the past as a student not on the board it's very frustrating to be given these decisions when you don't know who is voting. I don't know what the individual board members think, or who is voting for or against such things as tuition increases.

3. Board members should definitely be elected. We need them to represent our views, not the views of people who are in the position to appoint them.

4. I think the student reps can be very effective, and they're not just a token member of the board. They have to be able to lobby and persuade other board members to see their point of view.

5. I definitely oppose the increases. It would be nice to see a freeze on the fees. If the board will not go for that, I would at least like to see a cap put on them at inflation. No matter what happens, we must hold Dr. Strangway to his word that no otherwise admissible student will be turned away because of financial reasons. The one percent component of the hike proposal that's supposed to go towards student aid certainly won't cover the increased demand or need for student aid.

6. There actually is no white colour, there's nothing physical to it anyway. It's just how we perceive it, so when the snow melts, it goes, just like the blue colour of the sky.

Questions for Board of Governors candidates

1. Why do you want to run for BoG?

2. How do you feel about the fact that all BoG meetings are held in camera?

3. Should all BoG members be appointed or elected? Why?

4. How much influence do you think you have as a student rep on the BoG?

5. As a student rep, how will you address the proposed increases in tuition fees?

6. When snow melts, where does the white go?

DEREK K. MILLER

I'm not running for BoG so I can add another entry to my resume. I'm not claiming that I can single-handedly lower tuition fees. I am going to make sure that students know what the BoG is up to throughout the year. (I'll write letters to The Ubyssey if I have to). I also want to make sure that the BoG knows what students think of them (in whatever nasty terms that may be used). Since I'm supposed to be a student representative, I'll keep my office and phone open regularly so I know what opinions I'm representing. (By the way, if you have questions now, call me at 433-5214). I'm not forwarding my own political agenda; I just want to do the job.

1. Because I think that I'd do a good a job because I don't try to forward a particular political agenda. I've got reasonable experience with UBC bureaucracies and undergraduate facilities and I'm a reasonably nice guy.

2. I don't particularly like it because the board is the governing body of the university and people should be able to find out what the governing body is doing.

3. It would be nice if they could all be elected but I'm not quite sure who should be electing them since students, staff, and faculty are already represented by elected members. I'm not sure if the general public would be too interested in voting for board members because even now students don't know what the board does.

4. There's a lot of lobbying influence, but strictly in terms of numbers we're only two out of fifteen, so that's not a whole heck of a lot. We are primarily there to let the board know what students think.

5. The first thing I want to do is to find out what students think about tuition fee increases. Since it's likely that they won't want them, all I can do is try to convince the rest of the board not to increase them.

6. It goes away!

BEN PRINS

My name is Ben Prins. As a member of the Senate, AMS student council and a number of university committees, I feel I have acquired a clear understanding of how this university and student society work. I feel that if one has the background knowledge they can make the best decision on an issue. By doing this you can work with the decision makers and improve the conditions for students on campus rather than allow them to deteriorate.

If elected I will ensure student concerns are heard by the board and administration and that they are acted upon.

1. I feel that there's been a great lack of student input into the affairs of this university. Irresponsible tuition increases and environmental hazards have induced me to personally see what I can do to

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remedy the situation. Student concerns must be heard and voiced to the administration and president of this university.

2. I feel that closed board meetings act both in positive and negative ways for students. Positively in a way, for student board members can informally persuade other board members to their point of view. One to one, a student board member can have more effect on the decision makers rather than by mass discussion. And it acts in a negative way by creating confusion among the students at large, and keeping them misinformed.

3. Election of all board members would not be efficient and in the best interest of the students or the university. Perhaps election of members from the big business community would allow for more public input and thereby increase the awareness of the function of the board and the needs of students.

4. Student representatives have a great influence upon the university, Board of Governors, and students. Their influence upon the university is through their role as participators in the administrative level. As a Board of Governor rep, you are able to discuss and relate the views of students to other board members as well as actively vote in all decisions. Thirdly, as a member of the AMS students' council, you are a decision maker, and therefore affect students at large.

5. I will actively try to dissuade the proposed tuition increases. The members of the board must be aware that student tuition is not an unlimited resource from which they can draw whenever they wish. By relating these views to the board members, I will convince them that there are other areas from which money can be drawn.

6. Since the white colour of snow is due to the crystal structure of ice, through melting, water's natural colour is once again reflected.

MARTIN WILDER

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Tuition hikes are not inevitable!

On the proposed tuition hikes, Martin Wilder believes that by reworking the faculty tenure system and making UBC more responsive to industry's needs, we can avoid tuition increases and give you better value for your education dollar. This does work. For an example, one can look at SFU's downtown campus.

Wilder, although in second year, has had considerable experience working in responsible, team oriented environments. Wilder worked with the YMCA Youth Leadership Program for six years. He worked with handicapped adults and children, coached eight different teams, and participated in many different leadership conferences. His hard work and dedication has been shown in his two year's experience as a ski patroller, and as a member of a Rapattack forest fire fighting team.

Recently, Wilder worked for the Federal Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, as an industry liaison officer. He is comfortable communicating with both industry and government people and takes on these roles with enthusiasm and loyalty.

Martin Wilder will work hard to further the efforts of the Board of Governors to the best of his ability.

1. I'd like to run for BoG because I feel I can have a strong impact while working for the BoG. I will be here for two years and I'd like to put as much effort into the university as I can. I believe that the more you put into something the more you get back.

2. Basically, the board considers a wide range of very sensitive issues that must be carefully considered before going before the public to avoid misinterpretations.

3. There should be a balance of elected and appointed officials. Since one of the primary functions of the board is to assist gathering funds for the university, having the ear of the ruling party is very important.

4. My influence will be based on how I will be received by the board. If I can present well-reasoned, intelligent arguments, then I will gain their respect and the board and the members will listen. There is of course a limit to what a student can accomplish in the company of these executive members. I will however do as much as I can to further the interest of UBC.

5. I believe that tuition hikes are not inevitable. On proposed hikes I believe that too much of the undergraduate experience is being sacrificed in the name of research. By reworking the present faculty tenure system, and making the university more responsive to the needs of industry, we will attract greater private funding, have better quality teaching in the classrooms, and produce a higher standard of research at the graduate level and reduce the financial burden felt by the undergrads.

6. It disappears off the mountains and flows down into the oceans, so that those of us that carve it up on the steep and deep can shred when the wind blows.

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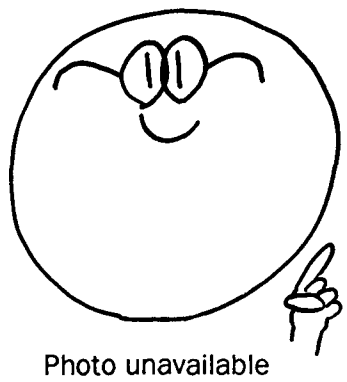
Senate: At-large

HAGAN AINSWORTH



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1. I feel that I have a lot to offer in any form of student government. I choose the Senate because I feel that academic issues are most important.

2. I think that students should have some say, however, it should not be unlimited. The present system needs reviewing and it is indeed something we should look at.

3. I think that student representation on senate is adequate. We have to be realistic in vying for the appropriate amount of power that students hold while maintaining its binding authority within the university community. We should instead strive to do the most with what we have.

4. I think that the amount of influence is dependent on the particular representative and how adequately he does his job. I think the administration and faculty members are willing to listen to student opinions when they are properly articulated.

5. It is an extremely popular idea to extend reading break into a week, as well as other rescheduling, but we have to be realistic with our expectations. If it is something the majority of the students want then we should try to accomplish it.

6. Hedonism went out with the 80s, just eat it raw.

KEN ARMSTRONG

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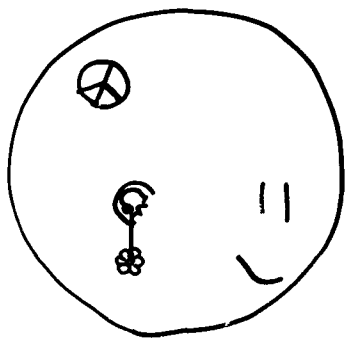


My name is Ken Armstrong, and I'm a fourth year arts student running for senator at large. I'm running as an independent. I believe that a university education is very important in today's world. That's why I'm running for Senate, as opposed to anything else. We, the students of UBC, need someone on Senate to ensure that the quality of undergraduate education remains reasonable. For this reason, I will work for fair course evaluation, student input in the teacher evaluation process and student input in the tenure process. Currently, UBC is too much of a research institution, and not enough of an educational institution. I want to reverse that order.

1: There's two reasons: first of all, the Senate controls the academic half of the university. I think most students come to the university to get a quatlity education. I think the best way to do that is through the Senate.
the esecond reason is I have to be involved in something, and the AMS is like ramming your head against a brick wall. All it does is give you a headache.

2: I can see that some student imput should be used , however, these decisions should ulitmately be up to the Senate, and hence the faculty. As a result, on the tenure committees, there should be one third student representation. In addition, in a more global perspective, tenure should be reviewed every so often, perhaps every fifteen years. I'm sure most students have had professors bordering on senile. These students should not be forced to suffer just because the professor was outstanding in his/her field.

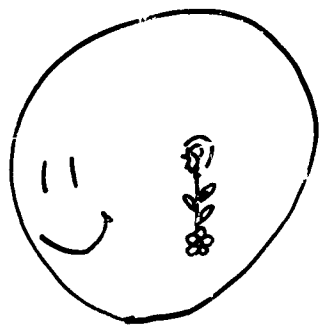
3: I think that some of the bigger faculties are underrepresented, in particular, arts and science. The larger faculties should have increased representation, proportional to enrollment. Aside from that, the reatio is fairly acceptable.

4: Individually, next to none. As a member of the Senate caucus, I can have a lot. The Senate caucus is the largest block ont the Senate. The use of that block can be very influential if we can convince enough of the faculty senators of the worthiness of your cause.

5: I think reading week right now is a joke. I feel we are given two days off solely to balance out the two terms. Two days is not enough time to go anywhere or do anything. Reading week should be a week at least. Even if that means extending classes into April. In addition, stat holidays for students should correspond to real-world stat holidays.

6: Personally, I enjoy my Shreddies with a little bit of sugar. However, I always feel guilty about this. After all, there's not too much "good good" in the "good good whole wheat Shreddies" if they're doused with sugar.

LISA DRUMMOND



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I'm running for Senate because I'm concerned that students do not have enough input into the crucial Senate decisions which affect our academic life. Student involvement is vital to the university's long-term planning and to issues such as curriculum development.

I have the experience of being both an undergrad and, now, grad student at UBC. I know what it will be like for both groups if president Strangway pushes through his plan of increasing the number of grad students by 50% by 1995. Without a commensurate increase in the number of faculty, grad students will become essentially unsupervised TA automatons, and undergrads will rarely get to speak to profs outside of class. Your Senate reps must ensure that the academic integrity of this university is upheld.

Because of my student experience here and elsewhere, because as a mature student I'm putting myself through school, because I've lived off campus and in residence, and because I'm currently a member of both the Grad Student's Council and the AMS, I'm aware of most of the issues facing UBC students, and I know which ones can be addressed by Senate.

Please vote the Progressive slate. As individuals, we're committed to the issues and responsibilities of the positions for which we're running. As a team, we'll be an efficient, cohesive unit which will represent your concerns in three of the major forces for student involvement at UBC.

1. I want to be involved in setting UBC's academic policy. I think it imperative that there be student input into the decisions which must directly affect students. Those decisions are decisions about courses of study, faculty organizations, evaluation, examination, etc.

2. I think it is time for a thorough review. I also believe student input is vital. It is clear that the Senate supports this position because they just passed a motion for a review concerning faculty review and tenure appointments.

3. Well, I have two answers to that. The first being that it is appropriate that we have one rep per faculty and five at large. We just need to be sure that we have 17 active participants on senate. My second answer is that if president Strangway wants us to contribute 30 percent of the operative budget we should have 30 percent of the seats on senate and BOG.

4. I think my influence depends on my commitment to participate and be actively involved and my personal credibility with the other senators. I think the student senate caucus potentially has a great deal of influence. The caucus has began to wield this influence but there is clearly a greater potential for caucus influence.

5. Yes, I'm very much in favour of having a reading week. The administration's position has always been that students would spend this time skiing or going to Hawaii but not studying. For one thing, I don't know how many students have the money to fly to Hawaii for a week or buy a week's ski pass for Whistler. But more importantly, I think the administration underestimates the commitment of students. We not only give up four wage earning years to attend UBC, but we also subject ourselves to more stress and tension then any other rational person would do. I know I, as an undergraduate, would have made constructive use of a reading week and I don't think I am atypical. I think there are other potential changes to the university calendar but this is perhaps one of the most important for students.

6. I personally don't eat my Shreddies with sugar, but far be it from me to dictate the breakfast habits of others.

ROB EMMERSON

1. I want to run for Senate because I want to play an active part in student government. I think that enough students working together can actually do something for a change.

2. I think that the review of faculty appointments and tenure is a good idea, and students should have some say in the evaluation of their teachers because students are the ones who actually see the professors at work, but I think there has to be a lot of

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discretion. Having students control professors' careers is a position of power and could be dangerous.

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3. No, students do not get enough representation in senate. There are five elected Senators at large and the faculty reps for a total of about 30, and they're not a unified force. The students should work together on Senate for student issues.

4. Not much. One voice can't change the Senate. Students do need to work together and have accurate representation.

5. The reading week question is one that a lot of UBC students feel that they're getting ripped off about, because other universities get a lot more time. I'd like to see more than a day or two, but not so much that we'd lose classroom time. Mistakes like the Remembrance Day one that happened this year wouldn't be as painful if they were well publicized. I'd just like Senate activities to be known.

6. I eat my Shreddies with honey, I've done it all my life. It may sound kind of funny, but it keeps them on my knife.

JULIE LAHEY

1. I think that students have a right to be heard and I have an interest in academic policies. I feel that students deserve a fair shake, and serving on the Senate would enhance my knowledge of the political system at UBC.

2. I think students deserve an input on tenure questions. I don't think it should be an administrative decision. I think that the committee set up now should further their investigations into it and design some sort of mechanism by which students can help select faculty for tenure.

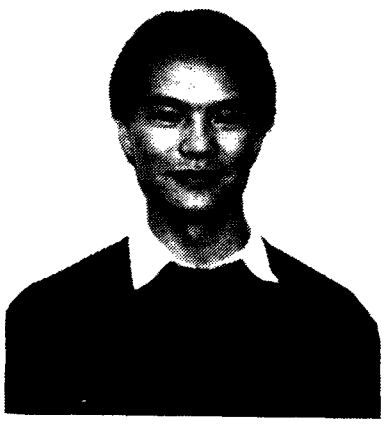
3. What I think you have to do is increase student knowledge about what Senate does and increase student input into it. Right now we have 17 students and about 60 faculty members. Sometimes student senators feel a little overwhelmed so we have to increase their knowledge about political systems as well as student population.

4. I think initially when I start out I won't have a great deal of influence in how the Senate operates, but once I work on the Senate and serve on some committees I think I can have some influence on it. Also due to my previous experience on council and committees I've learned about the political system and how to construct change.

5. Actually yes, I would like to see a reading week. I feel that students need a break and that this is a time that there is a high suicide rate. Many of the universities offer a complete week and I feel that UBC should also offer the same.

6. With: it adds to the sweetness of an already bland cereal.

ORVIN LAU



For the past year, I have served as the student senator for the Faculty of Science. During my term of office, I have taken a number of initiatives to increase the welfare of students, and I hope I am re-elected so I may continue working on them.

My primary concern is with the teaching quality at UBC. Many students feel that it is not a priority with the administration. In dealing withe the issue, I have had Senate establish a committee on teaching evaluation. I am currently co-chairing this committee, making me the first student to chair a Senate committee.

From my work on teaching evaluation, another Senate committee has been set up to investigate giving students input into the promotion and tenure of professors. As a member, I hope to change the rules so students can finally participate in these decisions.

I am also working on the establishment of a full-time staffed University Ombudsoffice. This office will be officially recognized by the administration, and will have real power in dealing with the university bureaucracy.

It is important that my name be spread around and that I get as many votes as possible, so that my work is given credibility. So vote for Orvin Lau, January 21-25.

1. First of all I'd like to improve the teaching quality at this university. A lot of students have complaints about the profs and the way they teach the courses. As well, I want to increase student awareness of the Senate at this university. I've stated a number of initiatives and I hope to be elected to Senate again so I can continue with my work.

2. I feel that students should have input into such decisions. Professors don't realize that the students have a much different point of view and have much to offer in the way of ideas and thoughts when it comes to considering who is promoted or tenured. Currently, I'm working towards this goal on the newly established Senate committee dealing with this matter.

3. Student representation on the Senate could be doubled from the current number of 17 students to 34. Right now, faculty outnumber students by a factor of 3 to 1 and increasing this factor to 3 to 2 would provide a more equitable representation. However, I'd like people to know that the authority to change the composition of the Senate lies solely with the provincial government.

4. I believe that I do have quite a bit of influence on Senate. The reason is that I keep an open mind and faculty respects me for that. Given that my initiative has gone so far, I feel that's proof alone of the influence I have.

5. I would like to see the reading break extended to one week as it is at other universities. However, I don't see a change in the near future, as the administration has refused to extend despite the lobbying of student senators.

6. I think they should be eaten with sugar, since I have a sweet tooth myself.

DEAN LEUNG

If I were to hold a seat on Senate, I would concentrate on several issues. One major one would be the implementation of a past Senate ruling (April 1978) that any teaching assistants without prior teaching experience would have to take a course, set up by the faculty for which they are teaching, to learn valuable teaching skills. It is important that the calibre of T.A.'s be maintained for all faculties. Tutorials are held to help students, not confuse them with unclear concepts. Another thing that I will work for is better planning of the exam schedule. This schedule would prevent the infamous three exams in one day and two the next. Exams should be spaced out to allow the students to study for an exam, not cram (yes there is a difference). This ties in with enrollment quotas. If enrollment is allowed to grow unchecked year after year, UBC's resources sill be stretched far beyond their capability. Senate should plan enrollment with the hiring of new professors and the construction of more class space so that class sizes do not become too big or crowded. This would help prevent the sudden quota restrictions set on some programs.

Remember, each faculty dean has a seat on Senate, I would be the thirteenth...Vote for the thirteenth "Dean".

1. Senate represents all the academic responsibilities of the university and that's what I am quite concerned about. Being on the Senate I will represent individual students, not just any specific faculty, undergrad society or club.

2. I think there should be student reps on the faculty tenureship committee so that they can be there to voice student concerns in our educational system. I don't want there to be too much student representation because in that sense it would make the process overly political and it will prevent the faculty or professors from maintaining the quality of education that UBC is supposed to offer.

3. Student representation on Senate can't be evaluated on the basis of the number of students who are senators. The amount of representation relies on the student senators. It is their responsibility to see that student concerns are voiced clearly.

4. My influence on the Senate will come in the form of logical and rational arguments towards the student issues. I believe this will be very influential.

5. I would like to see a form of reading week before our Christmas and April exams. I feel that currently in the last week of classes there is pressure among students to catch up on their assignments and their laboratory work and that they do not have adequate time to prepare for their exams. If given the extra time and the assistance of professors and teaching assistants, the grades that students would receive would be based on their understanding of the material and not ruined simply because of the lack of time to prepare.

6. With.

CATHERINE RANKEL

Do you understand your T.A.? Do you think that he/she could use a refresher course on effective teaching techniques? I recognize good T.A.'s. I even have one. However, many times I have heard the complaint that this T.A. cut the tutorial short (again). I'm referring to a motion passed by Senate 13 years ago. It refers to a "departmental training program" for the T.A. with no previous teaching experience. This program should be available because it is a service to both students and assistants. Think about it, the T.A. can get the message across. The student can feel good about being able to talk to someone competent. Or what about the Remembrance Day fiasco? We don't all read our Calendar cover to cover. We rely on our student senators to keep us informed but we also expect the university to run as most other businesses, keeping regular holidays, etc. I will report Senate decisions on a regular basis. Finally, tuition fees this term are due January 22nd, three weeks after the start of second term. So why were we subjected to a payment date on September 5th? Some of us haven't even received our loans by that date. Anyway, the point is not how much I can do for you during my term, but that I will do it well. Anyone can just be a senator, but I know that I can achieve something useful.

1. I think I have something to offer. I stand for three separate issues. One is the date of tuition payments. The second is the TA training programs that were implemented by Senate thirteen years ago. Finally, I feel strongly about what happened this year regarding the Remembrance Day holiday. I would like to keep students informed.

2. As students, we are taught by professors. We should have a vote regarding appointments to faculty. Students have a good idea of who are good professors and bad. As some faculties are promoting teaching excellence, I feel that students have a lot to offer.

3. I feel that students do get enough representation on Senate. There is a two to one ratio of faculty to students, and that's a fair ratio. The fact that students even get representation on Senate is not something that should be disregarded. If those elected are capable of representing students adequately, than increased representation should not be required.

4. In my capacity as student senator, I have the ability to influence other student senators through the student caucus. Collectively, we can act effectively to influence the decision-making capacity of the faculty.

5. Yes, I would like to see a reading week. In a sense, I believe that the university has overstepped its bounds in its capacity to adequately educate the over 28,000 students enrolled. Should the university consider implementing more realistic enrollment quotas so as to lessen the need for such stringent exam schedules, there would be time for a much needed reading week.

6. You should definitely eat your shreddies with unrefined (or is it partly refined?) brown sugar. And skim milk.

Questions for Senate candidates

1. Why do you want to run for Senate?

2. How far should we go with the review of faculty appointments and tenureship? Why?

3. Do you feel students get enough representation on Senate? How would you improve it?

4. How much influence do you think you have as a student rep on Senate? Why?

5. Would you like to see any changes to the UBC schedule (i.e. Reading Week)?

6. Should shreddies be eaten with or without sugar?

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STEPHANIE MOROZ

My name is Stephanie Moroz. I am an Applied Science student an I am running for senator at large. When I entered UBC last fall I had great expectations. However, these expectations have been tarnished by increasing education costs, inadequate student housing, and varying levels of teaching abilities. I have also encountered courses which have been poorly organized and which did not reflect the needs of the program (eg. Applied Science 120).

I am very involved in undergraduate activities and so I have a great deal of contact with the students. This contact gives me a good way of knowing what the students' opinions are. As senator I will consult with students to hear their concerns.

I have several years remaining at UBC and I am interested in its future. I see the Senate as the place where many of the important decisions are made, and therefore as the place where changes can be made. If elected, I will work hard to see that changes occur.

1. I feel it is a place where quite a few decisions is made. One of the things I would like to see changed is the way that the course curriculum is just rubber stamped by the Senate. The decisions are made by the department and faculties mainly and are not necessarily in the best interests of the students.

2. I think the professors should be reviewed on a regular basis and have quite a bit of input from the students and faculty and the professor as well.

3. I think there should be more student representation on senate. One way to improve that would be for the student senators that exist to actively seek out the student body's opinions on all issues that the senate is concerned with.
Also, faculties that don't submit any candidates to run for senate should be encouraged to get their students to run.

4. I don't think I have very much influence just with my own individual vote on issues, but I do have influence in how well I can express my opinions to the other members of senate and therefore convince them to see the students' point of view.

5. Yes I would like to see a longer reading break, especially in first term. Then we could add a couple days to the end of the term to make up for the classes missed.

6. Shreddies should not be eaten with sugar. The sugar causes an immediate burst of energy but then the burst is followed by a downswing which can drain a person's energy for the rest of the day.

HUGH LEUNG AND WENDY WONG

Hi! We are... Hugh Leung and Wendy Wong.

Sorry, there are no pictures of us you can draw moustaches on. Heck, we hardly ever see each other, let alone take a picture together. And since we're running for senators at large as a team, we ought to take a picture as a team, right? But, like we said, we hardly see each other.

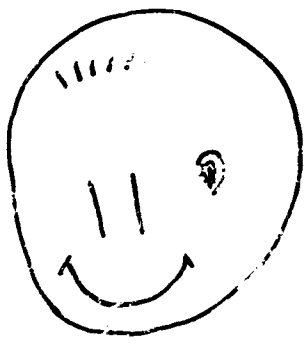
You know how they say that you can't be at two different places at any one time? We can. Remember, we hardly ever see each other. So naturally, we're at two different places at one time. Is there an echo in here?

Anyway, as you can see, this way, we cover lots of ground. Thoroughly and efficiently too, we might add. And the telephone is a great invention. Through it, top-secret info is exchanged. During our weekly conversations, we discuss the sciences, the arts, tuition hikes, campus life, tuition hikes, Mulroney, tuition hikes, the colour of the moon...anything worth praising or putting down.

Campaign promises? We offer only one. Together, we promise to find out all we can about any particular issue, to pass on the information to you, to gather all the feedback, and act accordingly. More than this, we dare not promise yet, for fear of being misinformed at this time, before our term beings.

Transcripts available in January as well as in May? A,B,C+ instead of 1st Class, 2nd Class, Pass? These are issues that are supposed to be happening in the Senate now. We will keep you posted as we learn more, okay?

So here we are, asking for your help. Beseeching, in fact. Only you can see to it that we become senators at large. We guarantee you that we make a winning combination. That's us: Wendy Wong and Hugh Leung. Thank you graciously.



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Hugh Leung

1. I'm running for senate because I have some good ideas that I would like to introduce to senate. I have been keeping up with past and present senate issues plus I have repeatedly talked to many students about senate issues. I believe I am more than prepared to take on the position of senator at large as I will dedicate as much time as necessary to fulfill my mandate.

2. I strongly believe that student input should contribute a great deal to teaching tenure. Teaching evaluations from students is an excellent way to decide whether a professor has relayed his ideas clearly. I believe the current system must be modified. It is not permissible to grant teachers tenure based solely on the recommendations of faculty and senate.

3. I believe that there is enough student representation on senate to adequately voice student issues. I believe the problem is communication between the student senators and the student body as a whole. I believe regular newsletters from student senators should go out to all major clubs and constituencies. This would set up a good network for feedback between student senators and the student body. From talking to previous senators, I believe the problem is that the senate is not hearing the voice of the students because of this lack of communication.

4. One senator acting alone does not have very much influence. But I intend to work together with all student senators and all other interested senators to work together as a group to affect the decisions being made on senate.

5. I would definitely try to change the reading break to a reading week. This change would not be a first but would follow the example of other universities. I believe that a reading week is necessary and would give students valuable time to catch up on course work as well as study for mid-terms. I would try to implement a reading week without the addition of extra school days to the term.

6. I think shreddies should be eaten with sugar because most people need the sugar rush to get them kick started in the morning.

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Wendy Wong

1. Because I want to represent the student body fairly. So far I have not done much for my fellow students and I feel this way I could put my share into the university.

2. I think students should have some say in it. But to give them all the power, that wouldn't be realistic. To not give the students any say wouldn't be realistic either—they're the ones who see the profs, they're who really know whether the profs are teaching properly.

3. I think if each student senator did their job properly, we would be represented fairly. Maybe to improve it, we could have two representatives for each faculty so that they can cooperate.

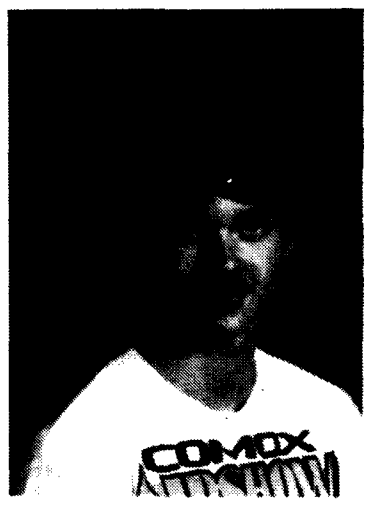
4. I think at least our voices will be heard. It is definitely better than not having any representatives.

5. I think it would be an excellent idea to have maybe a week before Christmas and final exams to end the terms properly and begin studying. This way, the student would be more academically and psychologically prepared.

6. Shreddies taste better with sugar. But remember to brush your teeth afterwards to avoid tooth decay!

Senate: Applied Science

DAVID LaLONDE



Hello, I'm David Lalonde, and I'm running for the position of Applied Science senator. I'm also running for the bus every morning and running to my classes all day long. Vote for me and see what a great Senator I can be. I have no platform of any notable worth, but I am a reliable, outspoken, responsible, go-getter kind of guy. Oh, I have been known to be a little obnoxious, but don't let that worry you.

1. When I decided to run for Senate, it was because it was brought up at the Engineering Undergraduates meeting, and I thought it would be interesting to have a first year perspective on some of the courses that engineers have to take, such as the Applied Science 120, which is basically an ethics and morals course brought about by the nEUSlettre.

2. When I filled out teacher evaluation forms, and then asked the professors what significance this had on their jobs, he said that basically it wasn't a large factor in deciding their employment unless there was a large outcry from more than just his students. I would like to have student opinions thought of as more than just paperwork and would like to see some of our decisions on teacher evaluations come true.

3. Yes.

4. I feel that although there are not a large proportion of students on the Senate compared to Deans and other appointed members, we can make the issues that are important to Engineers and other students known and possibly bring about improvements.

5. Yes, because then, I could go home and visit my friends from UVic who have a reading break.

6. No, because I prefer chocolate syrup.

STEPHEN MAK

Senate: Arts

KARI BENTSEN

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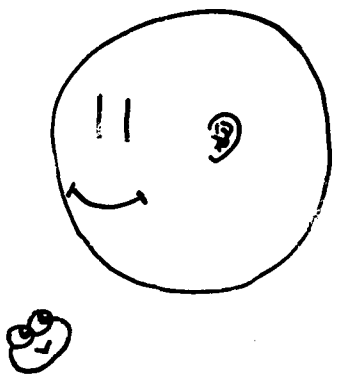

Hello. My name is Kari Bentsen. I am a third year arts student, majoring in English. I have attended most of the Senate meetings this year and have followed the issues that have come before Senate and are due to come before Senate. I am very interested in the concerns of the newly formed ad-hoc committee evaluating teacher evaluations. I would like to see the committee address the problems of quality of the evaluation forms and standard procedures of administering them. I am also interested in the changes that will affect all students next September regarding the change to letter grade marks (as passed in the Senate in May, 1987). It has long been the common perception that UBC's marks were lower because of the first, second, pass system. I would like Senate to address the problem of what the aggregate average mark should be in order to ensure UBC graduates can compete on a level playing field in applying to graduate schools. Further, I think Senate needs to consider curriculum changes (outside of just the Faculty of Engineering) to address the problems of racism, sexism and homophobia. These are not problems unique or exclusive to the Faculty of Engineering. I look forward to representing the students of the Faculty of Arts in Senate.

MARY HERMANT

I am running for Arts senator because I believe students should have more input into the education they receive at UBC. Very few students are aware they have representatives on the Senate at all. This is especially apparent in the Arts faculty where apathy has become the status quo.

There are over 7,000 people in the Arts faculty. A vote from Arts on the Senate is not ignored. Arts is in danger of becoming the forgotten faculty. It is time that Arts students show that they care about the education they are receiving. I believe I can be a strong representative of the new spirited voice of Arts.

1. Because I think that students need to know that they have a say in how they're educated and by

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whom they're educated and the senate is often ignored when it is in fact an important part of the student's life because it affects them directly.

2. The one concern I have with that is a possible mob mentality starting in the student body. I think anybody deciding on tenureships should be a mixed committee of students and professors, but definitely students should have a say in this, because I think a lot of students feel that they are stuck with professors who are not adequate.

3. This is something that I would have to decide once I'm on Senate. It does seem odd to me that large faculties have only one representative on the Senate. I realize that there are Senate at large positions but I think an expansion should be within the faculty representatives. So yes, there should be more student representatives on Senate.

4. Last year this Arts senator got in with just over 60 votes. So therefore that representative doesn't carry that much weight. It's very difficult to say you represent an entire faculty when that small percentage has voted for you. But from what I understand, the Senate is a very effective body, it's very efficient. So I feel that especially in committee a strong representative can be very effective on behalf of the students.

5. Yes, I would like to see a reading week. This may mean adding a week onto the end of April exams, but I can't help but feeling that in the middle of February it is time for a break and that students' performance would only get better.

6. Shreddies already have too much sugar in them, and besides they go much too mushy in the milk.

Pharmaceutical Sciences

EMILE WOO

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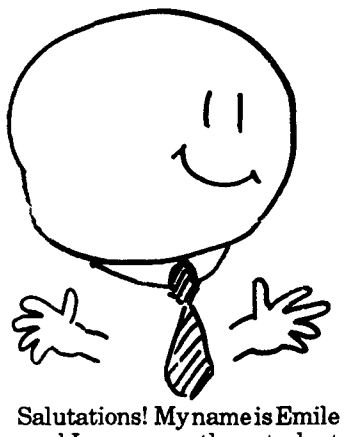


Salutations! My name is Emile Woo and I am currently a student in my second year in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Last year, I served on the Student Liaison Committee.

"Why run for senator," you ask? Why not? Is it not a great way to become involved in the actual decision making process of the university? Is it not a way to voice concerns over university policy? Is it not a way to gain experience in dealing with people? Yes, of course it is!

So, you inquire, what is my stance; my proverbial platform? I believe that UBC is an excellent institution for learning and research. Unfortunately, research is being stressed more than learning. As the academic governing body, it is important for the Senate and senators to maintain a high quality of education. Another point is the accessibility to this education. Increases in tuition must always be followed by increases in scholarships and bursaries. What good is quality if it is inaccessible?

That is my position: Accessibility and Quality!

1. Why not? Honestly, the reason why I want to run is to gain some experience in university politics. Also, it's a personal challenge to myself to try and make a difference.

2. I believe that a full review is in order. Of late, it appears that the faculties have been stressing research more than learning. As a result the quality of teaching has gone down somewhat. Education should have as much of an impact as research. A full review will help to refocus that need for excellence in teaching.

3. Because of the fact that I am not on Senate currently, it would be premature for me to make a judgement. I believe it is necessary to be on Senate to make a proper judgement.

4. As it is evident, I have one vote on senate. This is the same as anyone else on senate and in that sense, I have as much voting power as anyone else. In terms of influence, I would have as much influence as anyone new to the Senate would. Influence can only be gained by showing that one is competent in one's judgement.

5. If the reading week is to be taken as an example, it shows that UBC is currently not on par with other universities. I would like to see a move for the university calendar to have three full semesters. This will allow more flexibility for students to take courses. Thus students will not be forced to take a full course load only in the winter session and allow courses to be distributed over the entire year. And yes, I believe reading week should be one week.

6. I'm not sure about that point, I've never had Shreddies in my life. I'll tell you after I find out.

EDWARD A. CHIN

JULIE FAUN

JOE JACOB

NIKI PATEL

ROSY SULEMAN

Senate: Commerce & Business Admin.

MANFRED HANIK

As a mature student, I came to UBC with experience and skills developed in the working world. This background would make me an effective Senate representative for the Commerce faculty. The most important aspect of serving as a student rep on the Senate, is to ensure that all valid student concerns regarding academic issues are brought to the attention of the people who control this university, so that problems can be resolved with fair and equitable solutions. Another important function of this job is communication. To listen to the students and let them know what's going on in the Senate. The two major initiatives brought forward by the Student Caucus in Senate last year—student involvement in both the review of the administration of teaching evaluation and the evaluation of professors being considered for appointment, promotion and tenure—must be carried forward so that the level of teaching at UBC is improved. Another issue to look at is the scheduling of final exams. There is no reason why core courses in Commerce or any other faculty should be scheduled on consecutive days. Given the opportunity, I would be pleased to speak on your behalf.

1. I feel that I can fairly represent the students regarding academic issues. I've had a lot of experience in the working world dealing with people getting my views across to them. I also think that I have the ability to listen to students to find out what their views and concerns are and to bring these views to the people who control the university. One of the things that bothers me in Commerce is the different teaching ability between professors in the same course. If you have a bad professor, your final grade may not be representative of your true ability. This is an issue that I think could be addressed through the Senate.

2. I think it's important that students get involved in this because they deal with the professors on a day to day basis. If a teacher is being kept at UBC because of their research ability and not their teaching skills, the students are the ones who suffer. So how far would I go with this? I would say a teacher's ability must be assessed over a period of time and, if there is consistent negative feedback from students, the professor should be replaced.

3. No I don't. With only 17 student senators out of over 80 senators, we are greatly underrepresented. To bring more equity into the system the number of student senators should be increased. One way to start is to have two senators elected from every faculty and an increase in the number of senators at large. I think currently the administration gives us these positions as a token display of their concern for our issues, This is not to say that I think the student senators are token senators because if you have an effective voice you can make yourself be heard.

4. I think the most important thing to get people to listen to you is to develop their respect and confidence. Without this, no matter how valid your arguments are, others will not listen to you and you won't accomplish much. Going back to my previous work and volunteer experience I think that I am able to develop this respect and confidence so that I will have and effective voice on the Senate.

5. If it means cramming the course load into fewer weeks, no. If the term were to be extended, then I think a reading break would be very valuable. One thing I would like to see changed is, as I mentioned in the position paper I gave The Ubyssey, I would like to see a change in the final exam schedule so that core courses in any faculty do not fall on consecutive days.

6. I never eat Shreddies so I'm afraid I'm in no position to comment on this question.

MARK KIMBERLEY

A graduate of Steveston High School in Richmond, I have spent the last three years in UBC. I am in the Faculty of Commerce and in the finance option. My highest qualification for the position of Senate representative is that I am an active and aware student and have over the years been able to learn what is wrong and right on campus. The issue of most importance to me on the Senate is to make sure that the calibre of teaching improves as our tuition increases. Professors should have to answer to their students and teach them at a suitable level first and foremost and then they should devote their time to research. Another item I feel strongly about is the inequities in marking between different sections of the same course. In the highly competitive faculties the students should not be punished for their hard work, while others are able to get equivalent credit for a much easier workload. I know I will be a good representative for my faculty and will press for these issues and others that effect the student population, so elect me for Commerce representative.

1. Basically because after spending three years at this university, I found the teaching methods and the level of teaching at times is inconsistent between classes. And due to the highly competitive environment of the university, this is unfair for some students.

2. To maintain a suitable level of education, the review of teachers and appointments is the most important job of the Senate and the hardest measures should be employed against the appointments made to faculty. The reason why is due to ever-increasing tuition, more and more students are paying the way of faulty faculty decisions.

3. Yes I feel that students' representation on Senate is adequate so long as the students who are elected do their job effectively. I would improve it by making the students elected more in the public eye and judged for what they do on Senate.

4. I have as much representation as I choose to have because if you want to make yourself noticed and heard, you can. By speaking out at meetings and stating the opinions of yourself and the students, then you will be heard. Due to a forceful personality, I will be able to make myself heard and a fair representative for the commerce faculty.

5. I would like to see more time for exams at the end of the term and not have the classes pushed until the very latest, I think it's April 7th this year. And then cram the exams in the space of two and a half weeks. As for reading break, I feel that it is a nice break but does not need to be extended.

6. With sugar because where will you get the energy?

DUPMOCRACY IN ACTION

Senate: Graduate Studies

BRIAN GOEHRING

My name is Brian Goehring. I am a PhD student in the department of Geography. I am a candidate for the position of student representative from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the UBC Senate.

I have been at UBC for the past three years completing my MA. During this time I was active in the Graduate Students Society, serving in the positions of Academic Affairs Coordinator and Vice President. I am currently the President of the Graduate Students Society. I have been the Senate graduate student representative for the past three years, and am now the senior student senate caucus advisor.

Senate is the body that is charged under the University Act with the academic governance of the University. The Senate is composed of members who are representative of the many diverse elements of the university community, and whose role it is to voice the concerns of their constituencies while at the same time seeking to enhance the academic standards of the university as a whole. There are presently 87 members of the Senate of the University of British Columbia, of whom 17 are elected student representatives.

The effectiveness of the elected student representation is proportional to both its solidarity as a caucus, and to the accumulated experience of its members in learning to deal with the system as it has evolved. As in any large and inherently unwieldy body of divergent interests, much of the actual work of Senate occurs in the various committees and subcommittees, and is, for the most part, the result of long and arduous debate over extended periods of time. Nothing happens very quickly. I have served over the past several years on the Library Committee, the Liaison with Post-Secondary Institutions Committee, and the Senate Budget Committee. I have been involved in the formulation of several of the student initiatives presently before the various Senate committees, such as the review of student involvement in promotion, tenure, and appointment, as well as the review of teaching evaluations, and would like to see them to fruition. I have found my involvement to be a somewhat time-consuming, but not altogether uninteresting learning experience. I believe that I can use the experience and insights that I have accumulated to provide an effective voice and representation for your interests. I would ask for your vote during the week of January 21 to

1. I have been a graduate student senator for three terms, have grown to enjoy it, and would like to continue in that role.

2. There is an historic role within the universities of collegiality in which those members who are senior to a candidate decide upon tenure and promotion. As well, both tenure and promotion are items that are covered in the faculty association contract. They are therefore not entirely within the realm of senate per se. Students may have some input in parts of promotion and tenure but it is unlikely that we will have the final say in either. Appointments, on the other hand, as they affect the teaching environment of students, are something that we should be more concerned with. I believe that the situation that prevails in some departments, in which there is a student voice in appointments, should be examined by the present committee of senate, and if possible be extended to other departments. At the moment there is no standardization of student involvement in faculty appointments, a situation which is being presently addressed by a committee of senate.

3. Students do have a voice on senate at the moment. It can be relatively intimidating for a new student senator to stand up and address the members of senate. I feel that any student elected to senate should be prepared to stand up and voice his or her opinions to the senate. Many students in the past have spent their tenure without even making a maiden speech. Also, much of the business of senate is done in committees. It is the responsibility of each student senator to sit on and play an active role in at least two committees . Our voice is heard only if student senators are present and vocal at such committee meetings. It is up to the student senate caucus to meet together, plan strategy, and implement the wishes of the student body. Students do form one of the caucuses of senate and by using this caucus power effectively, we can and do have a voice.

4. As in any game, it helps to know the players. Many student senators have come and gone without having the time or opportunity to get to know the players. Senate, as any elected body does, works in subtle ways. I feel that it is worthwhile for student senators to stay around for a number of terms to begin to understand not only how senate should work as a body, but to begin to understand how it works in actuality. One's effectiveness in senate depends on a great extent on how one understands the nature of how the body actually does work. A student senator's effectiveness is proportional to his or her knowledge of the Machiavellian workings of Senate.

5. There are historical reasons for not having a reading week at UBC. One of the reasons is that by not having a reading week, students can get out and into the summer workforce sooner than at other institutions. I believe that until there is a strongly voiced student mandate, supported by reasons for implementing it, there will or

ROSS PENNER

Prodding the University into positive action through attitudinal and activity change should be the goal of graduate students. Money may be limited, but not everything requires it.

First, the concept of "service" needs to be made a byword. Students are not the enemy, but rather the rationale for the university's existence. Programs to encourage service and make UBC a friendlier place need to be designed.

Second, the Senate must encourage long-term academic planning and make the results available to the students for their own personal planning. What are the effects of poor or unpublished planning on you? Are consistent guidelines available in your department? Perhaps this is not a problem for you now, but it may become so.

Third, problematic and bureaucratic thinking is evident over much of campus. We need to ensure that the Senate does not drift towards this. Let me cite two UBC examples: student fees - collected first, refunded later (calculate or opt in first!); well-used GSS photocopier cancelled (use new charging system).

Fourth, we should use our non-UBC experience, to work for the adaptation of the best systems from other schools.

Personal experience: several years of federal government program administration. Involved in university government in Ontario. Studied and/or Alberta, BC, China and Taiwan. History student representative to the Faculty of Arts and student member of the Urban Studies Committee.

1. The senate is the academic body that controls the university and I think it's important that graduate students be adequately represented on that body.

2. It is important for students to be involved with reviews of tenure and appointments, but I don't think we can ask for a general, widespread re-review. That would be contrary to principles of academic freedom.

3. The most important thing is not the number of representatives but the quality and effectiveness of representation. Senators must communicate back to their constituents.

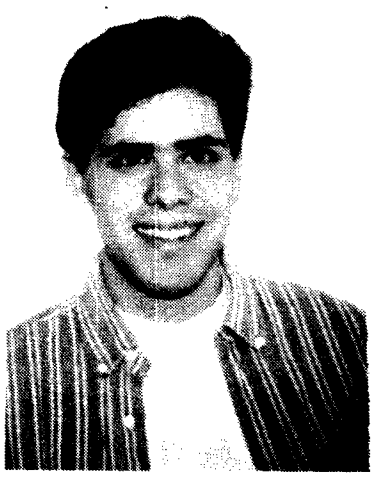
4. Student representation is only as effective as the credibility that can be gained by the particular representative. It is important to strike a balance between cooperation and confrontation. As well, it is important for student senators to get to know other senators. Relationships are like bank accounts: you have to put something in before you can take

5. I haven't heard any concerns from graduate students about reading week. However, I have heard concerns from numerous quarters about the exam schedule. Many universities operate on the system where the student is aware of the exam schedule during the registration process. In other words, the class time determines a specific date and time for the exam. A system like this would allow students and faculty to plan ahead. As well, many students would be able to make advance purchases of tickets to return home for Christmas or plan to start summer jobs in a cost-effective manner.

6. It's a matter of personal preference that can only be decided after great consideration for health implications has been given.

Senate: Science

JASON FORD



Student government at UBC is bullshit. Why? Because we have a lot of (perhaps well-intended) people who are forced to contend with an apathetic student body and an unresponsive administration, and who end up bickering and fighting amongst themselves about issues that don't really matter and will never see resolution anyway. I don't doubt that (if we leave aside those who are only hoping to pad their resumes in a vain attempt to please prospective employers) most student politicians here are trying to do a good job and actually do their best to represent the UBC population. But, as I said above, their best intentions often fall by the wayside. The solution is not better student politicians—the solution is less student government. This of course means more direct student involvement.

Where should students be more involved? The most important area which, to be honest, needs all the student involvement it can get, is teaching evaluation and student input into course content and requirements. After all, we're not really here to discuss Kurt Preinsperg's sexuality; we're here to learn. The only way that will happen is if we have good professors who aren't scared by the publish-or-perish boogeyman. And the only way that will happen is by direct student involvement, not more student representation but straight hands-on student input, into the evaluation of profs and courses. That is what I want for the Senate, and what I hope to work for in the months ahead.

1. I want to run for Senate, as I explained in my position paper, because I think that what this university really needs is more hands-on student involvement. What I hope to see in the Senate is more student involvement in teaching evaluation and course content, which are, I think, the most important things about a university.

2. I think that the student body at UBC should have as much say as the administration in those areas. The reason, obviously, is that students are the ones affected by the teaching and need the quality ate, but I don't think that student representation is the answer. Students don't need to be represented as much as they need to be involved.

4. Frankly, not a lot. If the administration doesn't want something to happen, then nothing will happen. That is why things like the fee rally, although well intended, are unlikely to have a positive effect. However, I hope, if elected to the Senate, to be able to at least try.

5. As far as I know, UBC is the only university in the country that has a long-weekend instead of a reading week. I would like to see the university institute a reading week, but after all, they would just stick another week onto the end of the term anyway.

6. Definitely without. If you eat Shreddies with sugar, then after all the cereal is gone, there is a sugary scum on the bottom of the bowl—which is disgusting.

PHILIP LEDWITH

1. A friend of mine who is already in senate suggested that I might like to run. And I just thought that I might as well do so. I thought it would be a good place to start looking at some of the problems that there are for science students. For example, I would like to look at the way in which teaching assistants are asked to do so much work, sometimes having to do things that are really the prof's job.

2. That shouldn't be, in my opinion, of too much concern to students since no student could really claim to know enough about a subject to decide what makes a good prof. Students should have an avenue of complaint however, when particular profs don't even seem to teach the subject.

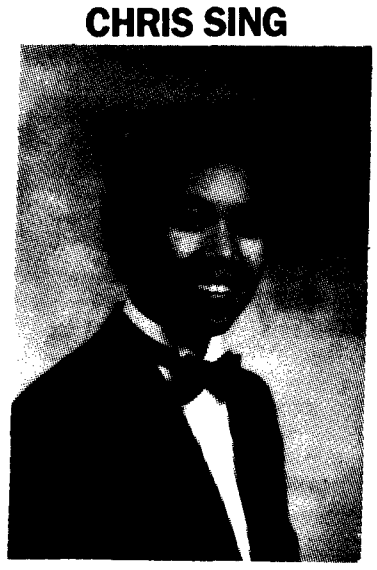
3. I don't think they do. I would be in favour of two students per faculty instead of one. It might also be an idea to change the number of student senators at large.

4. Most of the influence that I would have on Senate as a student would be in the committees since students don't really get to change much in the actual monthly meetings. But the committees do make a difference and that is where

Senate: Science continued

6. Shreddies should definitely be eaten with sugar. It takes the taste of the fish away.

CHRIS SING



Being a science student, I realize that a lot of students are struggling to do well at UBC. It's true that some excel without much effort, but for the most the road to graduation is a hard one. I'm running for Senate in order to make sure that everybody has the opportunity to attain their dreams without running into any problems with the administration. I promise to give all science students, no matter what their year or department, the best representation possible.

I will defend you in your appeals, voice what worries you have over calendar changes, and warn you of any upcoming changes to university policies.

As a representative on the Science Undergraduate Society and its academic sub-council, I have heard the problems that people have had and will do my best to protect your interests.

Remember, do the right thing and vote for Sing.

1. I want to run for the senate because I've had experience in the SUS and I've seen some of the problems people have had with the administration. One of the people I met found out soon after that he didn't have the requisites for the completion of a degree after he finished his final year. They phoned him and told him that he missed a course in third year.

2. I think that senior students should have a say in tenureship. Some profs don't teach as well as others and they should have an incentive to teach better.

3. No, I don't think students get enough representation on senate. For each faculty, there is one student senator versus two profs and the dean. There should be at least two student senators per faculty. I'll do my best to represent the science students.

4. I think I have a lot of influence as a student rep. Simply because I've been elected by the students and represent what they have to say.

5. Yes, I would like to see changes in the UBC schedule, perhaps a reading week between midterms and finals in the second term.

6. Shreddies should be eaten without sugar because you can eat more shreddies without gaining weight and find the prize at the bottom of the box.

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Senate: elected by acclamation

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LORNE WALDMAN

Forestry
SUZANNA PRPIC

Medicine
HELENA SWINKELS

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Please form an orderly line. Do not mark in the box. Indicate a single choice with an "O". State your opinions on the ballot. In no circumstances should you refrain from voting. It is your democratic right. Do not panic. president Strangway has everything under control. If you do not have a valid student ID, forge one. If you are dead, arise from the grave. Screaming loudly is encouraged. Use coloured pens or pencils. Create art. Do not panic. We repeat, president Strangway has EVERYTHING under control. Sit back, and enjoy another year of the wonderful thing called the AMS.

Executive Vice President: continued from page 10:

ERIK JENSEN

Yes! It's true! I am honest to God running for Vice President in the upcoming AMS executive elections. What, do you ask, is the little, unbeknown Science Dweeb doing running for such an important position on Council? The way I see it, the Radical Beer Faction is uniquely qualified to take over the executive positions of the AMS and continue in executing these offices as they have been in the past.

In terms of administrative skills, I am uniquely qualified and experienced in consuming the vast quantities of beer and pizza required of AMS executives with signing authority over the Victoria Invasion Fund!

The Radical Beer Faction is indeed treating the entire AMS as a farce, but this is only in response to the way past administrations have handled your student fees. In running for the office of Vice President, I hope to offer a refreshing change in student politics. Promising you an openly run administration, free of hidden scandal and unexpected travesties of management, I offer a return to honest student politics at UBC.

Finally, I support the politically correct position on any issues I have neglected to mention and categorically deny any knowledge of the defacing of the Unity's election posters currently in the Physics Society lounge.

Jensen

1. As far as the code and bylaws are concerned, I believe we should make it clear to all students. They should also be made readily available as well as being clearly understood by all the exec members on council. They should be flexible enough so they can be useful when new situations arise.

2. I think the referendum questions should be brought up during a BBQ because as a student at UBC this year I found that the health referendum was poorly advertised and explained to students in general whereas at a large AMS function we can reach a lot of students at one time and inform them of when the voting of the elections will take place and what is required to make quorum. As for alternatives, maybe a few more visits by the AMS execs or reps to the classrooms to explain the policies to be voted on and give the students a better idea of what the issues are and when the voting will take place.

3. It is both positions. It is political in that I have to make sure that the president is executing his office in the best interests of students on campus at all times, but also the vice-president has a lot of contacts with undergraduate societies. As for administration, the vice president does supervise the budget committee and should be a good manager to see to its running.

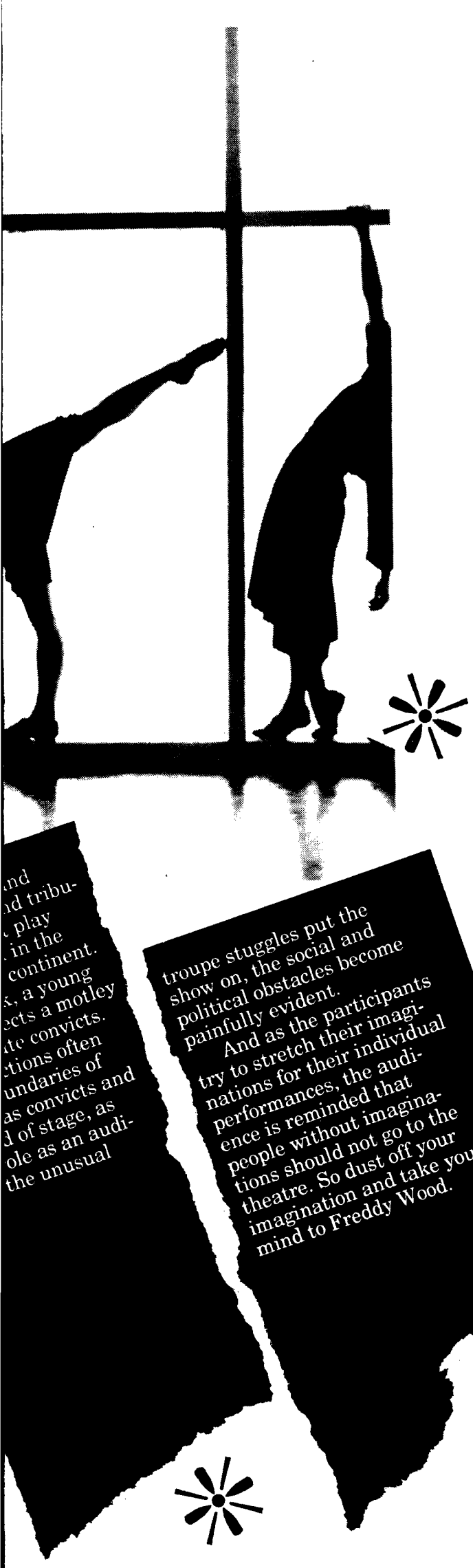
4. I endorse the proposed student health plan in that a lot of students have access to a lot of medical accessories that they otherwise wouldn't have had. For example, eyeglasses and contact lenses.

5. Yes, because by coordinating with other students at CFS we can have our education at a higher level throughout the country and better create connections through which students can further their education.

6. In most of the lectures I get so bored I fall asleep and see nothing but black.

Erik Jensen was not forgotten. Alas, he was a late interview and had to be placed late. Sorry Erik!

You have just read 12 pages of twaddle on the AMS elections provided as free advertising for the AMS by the unhappy to help volunteers at The Ubyssey. We did not do this voluntarily, we were forced to by Code and By-laws.



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troupe stuggles put the show on, the social and political obstacles become painfully evident.

And as the participants try to stretch their imagi-nations for their individual performances, the audi-ence is reminded that people without imagina-tions should not go to the theatre. So dust off your imagination and take your mind to Freddy Wood.

ECHOES AFTER THE STORM

by Effie Pow

WHEN a storm is violent, the landscape is scarred forever. Echoes After the Storm, the current exhibit at the Asian Centre, records the anger and courage of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations. The blood stains at Tiananmen are permanent and the screams still reverberate.

ART
Echoes After the Storm
Asian Centre
January 12-26

Through photography, poetry, sculpture, calligraphy, and painting, the artists speak of the indelible mark left by the events on June 4th 1989.

The exhibit is a mixture of materials and tone.
Some of the canvases are mournful and others are livid with the memory of fresh wounds. Other works satirize the Communist ideology personified by Mao Zedong.

Hongtu Zhang's collage of 12 panels depict Chairman Mao's various faces of sour ideals and disguises of leadership. Mao's stately, ubiquitous face is symbolically disfigured. In one panel, Mao wears pigtails and the words: "The masses are the real heros (sic), while we our-selves are often childish and ignorant."

Diana Li's Relationships is a mixed media piece. Li juxtaposes a complacent Mao Zedong with a tormented young face frozen in phases of a scream and deterio-ration. The text in the piece is ironically acerbic: "IDEOLOGY is the fourth of the cornerstones. Education and social reform are not aimed exclusively at raising people's living standards, but are also created 'the new socialist man (sic).' The cornerstone of that new man's thinking is the ideology of Chairman Mao." That ideology has wasted China's youth.

Other works in the exhibit commemorate student and political leaders in the movement and represent oppression with symbols of chains, stone walls, and bicycles piled high in resistance. In most pieces, however, there are inherent expressions of hope.

Echoes After the Storm is an exhibit that engages the eye with a variety of forms despite the heaviness of the theme.

Artists from Hong Kong, New York as well as Vancouver participate in the exhibit which is jointly sponsored by the Vancouver Society in Support of Democratic Movement and Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars in Canada. Local artists include Henry Tsang and Ken Lum who also teaches fine arts at UBC.

The exhibit will tour internationally. And within three or four years, the organizers expect to establish a permanent memorial museum in Vancouver.

ECHOES AFTER THE STORM

PAGE FRIDAY

discusses how radically altered the western-industrial philosophy must become as a condition for saving the environment from the destructive modernization process.

The film's narrative technique is not an easy one to follow, as the protagonist ages rapidly and undergoes such a broad range of experiences and emotions. Yet a certain pattern of tangents develops as he runs the gamut of emotions from pleasure, horror, pain, and suffering are mutually exclusive to each of the eight short stories.

The dark side to Kurosawa's reflections include nightmarish visions of pain and anguish as the outcomes of conventional war and nuclear annihilation.

For example, The Tunnel is chilling and jolts us out of our detached views about the effects of complete brutality of war for both the dead platoon members, and surviving commander.

The suffering of post nuclear holocaust beings is equally disturbing in The Weeping Demons. In this horrifying circumstances, life is not a gift, but punishment for those doomed to endure slow and extended pain.

Some cynics may scoff at the simplistic world view espoused in Dreams. Yet undeniably Akira Kurosawa has crafted visually compelling imagery to accompany his eloquent and timeless themes--heightening the intensity of his vision.

War teach-ins at Carleton:

Students learn from past war experiences

by Romeo St. Martin

Ottawa (CUP) About 100 people packed the Arts Faculty Lounge Wednesday to take part in Carleton's first teach-in against the imminent war in the Persian Gulf.

Jacques Roy, a member of the Carleton Anti-War Coalition, said he was surprised by the turnout.

"This is better than I expected," said Roy who added, based on the teach-in and recent protests, he thinks there will be larger turnouts at the coalition meetings.

Coalition member Denise Lachance was also pleased with the number of people who showed up.

"This shows a real concern and a need for real and honest information about the war in the Gulf," said Lachance.

The afternoon event consisted of speakers speaking on anti-war platforms. One of those speakers, Professor John Sigler, said the anti-war movement of today is unique.

"The peace movement of the 90s is not the movement of the 60s," said Sigler. "Lawyers, physicians, churches, much of the establishment have taken anti-war stands."

Ish Theilheimer, a Vietnam war resistor, told those in attendance the causes of the Vietnam war and the imminent Persian Gulf war are similar.

Theilheimer said Vietnam was to protect American interests in maintaining the privileged lifestyle of the 50s and 60s. He added that with the "consumer and greed mentality" of the 80s, the interest in a Gulf war is greater than in Vietnam.

Stuart Ryan of the Central America Solidarity Committee spoke about the hypocrisy of the American and Canadian governments.

Ryan said the American government has suddenly become an advocate of international law after ignoring it for the last 20 years in places such as Panama and Nicaragua.

"Now we have to do everything to stop a war," Ryan told the supportive crowd, "because its the working people who are going to get killed and not George Bush."

Toronto students tell us what to think

by Nima Naghibi

Toronto (CUP) Students at the University of Toronto are split over the question of Canadian military participation in the Gulf.

In a recent poll done by The Varsity, students were asked to what extent the Canadian government should be involved in the Gulf crisis.

23.1 per cent of 360 students polled said the Canadian government should limit their involvement in the Persian Gulf to peace talks and economic sanctions.

"These two things (peace talks and economic sanctions) should be exhausted in an environment where negotiation is not literally and figuratively 'under the gun'. Force became an option too soon in the Gulf," said Llewellyn Martin, a U of T alumnus.

Jenny Richards, a graduate student in the faculty of law agreed.

"I don't think going to war in the Gulf will solve problems in the Middle East. It will expose Israel and will not solve Kuwait's problems."

However, an almost equally high percentage of students approve of Canadian military action in the Gulf. 29 per cent of those polled voted for peace talks, economic sanctions and military intervention in the Gulf.

"As a teacher of mine used to say, 'Freedom only belongs to those who defend it'," said Sal Mirandola, a first-year law student. "If peace talks don't work and you want to defend your principles, then if necessary, go to war."

However, other students said they were concerned about the concept of war itself and its consequences.

"I'm opposed to war in any form. It breaks down humanity," said Frank Douglas, a second-year St. Michael's College student.

Many students said Canadian foreign policy is weak and relies on the United States.

"We're being dragged into war by the States," said Peter Sahlas, a second-year International Relations student at Trinity College. "We have no autonomy in our foreign policy and it's tragic that we're not taking a leadership role in the crisis, in other words, we're selling out. We're supporting the U.S. blindly, thinking that their objectives are parallel to ours when they're not."

Students were also asked if they thought Canada would impose a draft.

90 per cent of the students polled were confident that Canada would not impose a draft in the event of a war and 64 per cent said they would refuse to go even if they were drafted.

Only 4.7 per cent felt that Canada had no right to intervene in the crisis. A widespread view was that Canada must follow the guidelines set by the United Nations.

"I think it's necessary that Canada get involved because if they don't everyone is going to think Canada is a hypocrite," said Ali Ehsassi, a second-year student at Erindale College. "We've been active at the U.N. for so long that it's necessary that we go."

But Vinay Saldanha, a second-year Victoria College student did not agree.

"There's been a lot of talk about a new international order but any new international order that's built on the blood of innocent soldiers who are pawns for international politicians is simply not the type of new international order Canada should be participating in."

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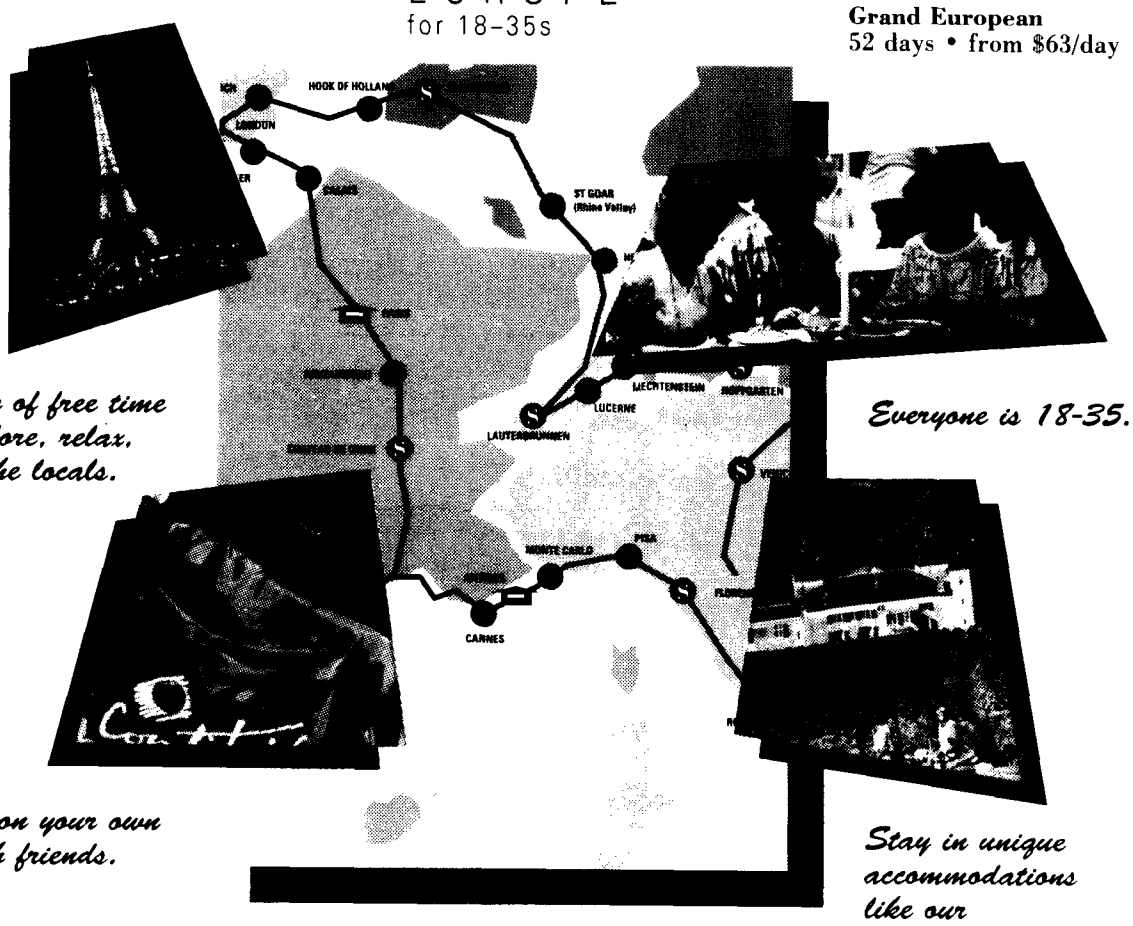

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Conscientious objectors tell their tales of protesting war

by Jacques Poitras

Ottawa (CUP) For Carl Furlow, two letters—"C.O."—defined the years between 1965 and 1970.

"C.O." stands for conscientious objector, and for Furlow, now a 44-year-old Ottawa social worker, those two letters stood between him and the Vietnam war.

He spent five years of his life fighting a draft notice that ordered him to report for duty. While he waited, he counselled others on how to avoid the draft.

Not surprisingly, the Persian Gulf crisis—and the possible reinstatement of the draft—is like an ominous echo to him. "I think there's a certain parallel in that there are a lot of people who don't want to know what's happening," he said.

Similarities abound. Furlow fears the multinational Gulf force will be another "army of the poor," made up of soldiers who believed the military offered them an economic way out.

In Vietnam, he said, 40 to 45 per cent of the dead were non-Caucasian.

"Certainly the casualty rate was way out of proportion to the general population," he said.

That inequity affected Furlow directly. Because he was black, he knew that if drafted, he had a higher than normal chance of being sent to the battle fields. By 1965, he had friends in Vietnam and casualties were starting to mount.

"I had a pretty broad understanding of what was going on," he said. "It was very real to me."

When the draft notice came in September, 1965, he was a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"Most people (who were drafted) were looking at conscientious objector status, or leaving the country, or going underground in the country," he said.

Furlow decided to appeal for C.O. status, knowing he could not be inducted while the appeal process was going on.

"Appealing" meant proving to the U.S. military that you had legitimate objections to serving. The judgement was frighteningly arbitrary. "It wasn't a fair process at all."

Beyond that, Furlow discovered other inequities built into the system.

If you wanted to appeal for C.O. status, you had to submit lengthy written reasons just to get a hearing. Though Furlow was lucky, he knew there were others from his hometown of Detroit who had never finished high school and weren't able to read or write.

They never got a chance to even state their case.

As a result, Furlow got involved with the National Black Draft Counsellors Association. The counsellors assisted draftees with written submissions and helped prepare them for the excruciating hearings. Many blacks felt white draft counsellors from outside black communities were not responsive to their different needs.

Meanwhile, Furlow's own case plodded on.

"It was stressful because I wasn't sure at any point if my reviews had been cut off." Every time he was told he had been denied C.O. status, he applied for another review.

"Before I knew it, five years elapsed."

Finally, a letter came from "out of the blue" that said he would not be subject to induction.

Six years later, Furlow came to Canada in 1976. Though his move was not a result of the draft, part of his motivation was the friends he'd made in the Toronto Anti-Draft Program. The program helped settle resisters and deserters who had fled to Canada.

Furlow is optimistic today's anti-war movement will gather strength with greater speed than the Vietnam protests, which took several years to have an effect. This movement is broader-based, and the media seems to be noticing.

"It seems that now, you're reading more and more about the possible fall-out," he said, something that was missing with Vietnam. The media are discussing things like the ecological consequences of a nuclear-powered ship taking a direct hit, he said.

Furlow has not yet become involved with the current movement, but he said he is surprised to hear that some students feel they don't have a role to play.

"This is really the time for debate and the place for debate," he said. "If I were a student, I'd consider it a part of my education to get involved with that dialogue."

Professor Jim Wilcox bent international law to help draftees avoid military service in Vietnam. But he wouldn't do it again today.

Wilcox, who teaches English in Carleton's Department of English, was part of an elaborate network that helped draft dodgers and deserters settle in Canada in the 1960s.

> "In a small way, helping to provide an alternative to military service was undermining the American military effort...and it was something that we felt should be undermined."

"It was not because of pacifism. I'm not a pacifist," he said. "It was out of the political and moral conviction that that war was a bad war.

"I really felt that anyone who refused to fight in the war deserved a chance to do something other than go to jail." Wilcox and his wife emigrated to Canada in the mid-1960s after being involved with the peace movement in the U.S.

They got to know people involved in the movement here, including people in the Toronto Anti-Draft Program. The program was finding that, by late 1967, they were processing 100 to 200 resisters or deserters per week, helping them find a home and a job.

The young men usually arrived with nothing, and often weren't able to rely on their families back home for support. "They were pariahs as far as their families were concerned."

The Wilcoxes and another couple formed the nucleus of an Ottawa "branch" of the organization. It quickly grew, with several other Carleton instructors taking part as counsellors.

One of the key requirements for a potential immigrant was a job.

If someone was applying to immigrate at the border—as opposed to after arriving in Canada—they would have a better chance with a job waiting for them.

The network would arrange a job for the resister or deserter and then take him back over the border to the U.S. He would then cross back into Canada and apply to immigrate, citing the job waiting for him.

About 80 per cent immigrated this way. The "risky" cases—those who had been politically active in the U.S.—applied from within Canada, which took longer but was safer.

The network only ever lost two, and both made it into Canada later.

Wilcox has no regrets.

"In a small way, helping to provide an alternative to military service was undermining the American military effort...and it was something that we felt should be undermined."

But, he adds, "my moral heart would be less in tune helping draft dodgers and deserters this time."

He has no doubt there will be a similar network to help resisters. "There are lots of people ready to help."

In fact, some of them have already asked him for suggestions about how they might prepare.

But Wilcox won't get involved because this time he feels the United States is justified in intervening abroad.

"I don't feel the moral or political commitment to protest the war," he said, noting last weekend's rally on Parliament Hill. "I stayed away because I had no part there.

The map of the United States on George Roseme's office wall is different from most maps of the U.S.

Rather than the traditional 50 states, the coloured borders outline the various chunks of land the U.S. annexed, purchased or conquered on its way to its current size.

"It's the same kind of crap," he said, comparing the conquests to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. "Wars were fought over these." Roseme, a professor in Carleton's political science department, says a bit of historical perspective reveals the hypocrisy of the American government. "They don't have a moral basis to preach to anyone."

Roseme has personal experience with American intervention abroad.

When he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1952, the Central Intelligence Agency tried to recruit him to help in a "third force" in Vietnam.

At the time, Vietnam was still under French control. The United States wasn't "officially" involved yet.

Roseme turned down the offer. "I'm not an anti-war person. Some wars make sense. But stupid wars are to be avoided, if at all possible."

The recruitment attempt contributed to his politicization, which had begun when one of his professors was fired. The professor, a critic of U.S. foreign policy, had been called before the famous McCarthy Senate committee that was finding communists under everyone's bed.

Roseme left the United States in 1964. He could have gone to many countries, but he chose Canada because he felt this country had an independent foreign policy.

"I liked not living in a superpower, not being a part of that awful scene," he said. Ironically, the crisis in the Gulf has destroyed his faith that Canada could be different.

Nor does he have much faith that people will mobilize enough to change government policy.

"It seems to be endemic...I think it's too bad," he laments. There's just this tremendous disposition to stand by the sides and do nothing."

ELECTION

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FREESTYLE

You are watching Big Brother.

George Bush, Canada, Kuwait, Saddam Hussein, The Soviet Union, Jordan, Israel... these are all combatants in the current gulf crisis. As in most games of chance there can be only one winner. No matter who wins the war or who kills the most people, or who controls the world's oil supplies, CNN will emerge victorious. And everybody knows, to the victor go the spoils.

In times of crisis the world holds its breath and turns to CNN for details.

Big Brother was a creation of George Orwell. In his novel 1984, people conformed to the central planning of the police-state because they lived under constant surveillance by the government. In 1991, people conform to the central planning of the police state because they are slaves of an information-age whose unchallenged ruler is the Cable News Network. CNN was the creation of Ted Turner.

In his briefing of the Washington press corp, American secretary of defense Dick Cheney told reporters that the most accurate reports of damage done to Baghdad by the U.S. Aerial bombardment were coming from CNN.

On the CBC radio show Morningside, Chris Waddel, the national editor of the Globe and Mail, explained the unexpected upswing in the world's stock markets as coming on the heels of a positive news broadcast on CNN. One would assume that if CNN were to run several items suggesting that war could drag on indefinitely stock prices around the world would tumble.

Make no mistake, in times of crisis CNN controls the world economy.

It also controls you and me.

Sure, you don't think so. You think you're on top of the situation - watch the news on TV, listen to the radio, read the papers - assimilate all available information and understand the issues. Right? Wrong.

Ideology creeps into everything, but most of all, into purportedly unbiased news coverage. Have you ever heard that newspapers tell the news? Don't believe it.

Every source of information, every mode of communication has its own agenda and seeks to bend you to its will. Not forcefully, not with the hard sell - CNN would never beat you into submission - but by covering certain events instead of others, by presenting them in specific ways, the media subtly shifts the way you think about an issue.

In the months leading up to the war, Saddam and Bush would exchange threats and rattle sabres on CNN. Both men knew the other was watching. By filtering their words through the TV screen, each helped to further his own agenda. By watching them, you helped too.

Who knows, if there wasn't an arena for those two to square off in and whip each other into a frenzy through taunts and threats maybe we wouldn't be at war right now.

All this is not to suggest that being informed any way you can is a bad idea. No one is arguing that CNN is not providing top-flight coverage of this situation. It would be foolish to say that it wasn't thrilling, scary and just a little bit exhilarating to hear CNN anchor Bernard Shaw broadcasting live from under the bed of his Baghdad hotel room where Iraqi soldiers were searching for him.

The only lesson you should take away from this newspaper is that you can believe the news you hear but you should never trust it. Learn this little bit of information and you can fight back against a system that pushes everyone toward homogeneity. After all, information is power.

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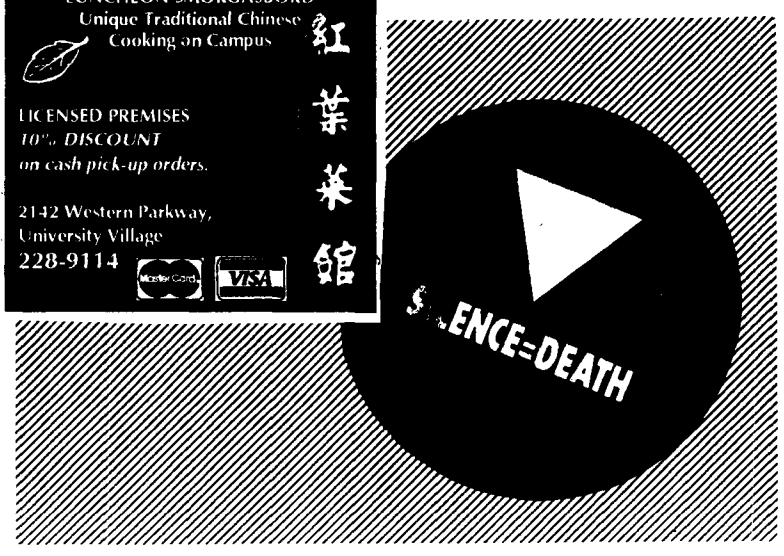

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One brilliant winter day, Paul Dayson decided to go fishing with his trusty pet cocker spaniel Tigger Johnson. Maybe it was a tiger. The hell with it. Laurie Newell brought several Albacore sandwiches, with Olivia Zanger providing the ever fruitful hops-flavored Kool-Aid. When no fish were captured, Martin Chester furiously realized he had neglected to purchase any worms. He and Jenny Tysdale were sent to the Great Canadian Superstore. Unfortunately, they only had slugs in storage. But fantastic slimy slugs they were. Hao Li salted the slugs ever so delicately, then pitched them into the turbulent waters. Suddenly, out of the seething masses, a monstrous reptile arose, with Raul Peschiera astride. Clasped to his manly chest was a green accounting book. "Accounts overdue!" he screamed, a mad glint in his eyes. "PFP! Pay for pizza!" Colin Maycock ran in terror from the Intruder, and began a Flight to a screening of Dr. Zhivago 2. He was wearing a Value Village jacket. "HoHoHo," said Devon Haag "That's a pleasant coat, but get it out of my way. I have squid to fry." Lucho Von Isschot began a melodic rendition of Sonic Youth's "peeeuuuu" to charm the fish from the sea. Graham Cameron crossed off milk carton cows, and Micheal Booth simply plucked at the stuffed bird atop his head. "Oh well," said Mark Neilsen "if the fish don't wish to splish, we shall be forced to consume Pit Burgers." Andrew Epstein turned a cantankerous green. Through the swarming happy hacks, Effie Pow came a-slinking, concealing the elusive sizing wheel. It was a specific movement. Don Mah began to dance about the fire built to roast the fish, and Rebecca Bishop joined him. They formed a poignant image of a Ubyssey production night. "It is funny," exclaimed Ernie Stelzer "how Victor Chew Wong and Imtiaz Popat can be so content with only an herb-butter baked salmon." Brenda Wong sat on a tuffet and wondered why it was 2:00 AM and the typesetting was not done. "My life for a Mac," said she. Eons later, as the sun rose over Ubysseyland, a discordant huddle of folks remained. Franka Cordua Von-Specht was teaching a cod how to pronounce her name. Nadene Rehnby was still ardently collecting pizza money, and Kathryn Wider flew off to the Amazon to save a tree. Yggy King was attempting to befriend a cold can of Kokanee. He gave it, instead, to an overtired, grumpy raccoon. Paul Abbott had collapsed, his Die Yuppie Scum T-shirt besotted with fish scales. Unfortunately vegetarianism had been declared absolute. (Beck didnt mind though) Suddenly, Yukie Kurahashi, trailing letters, rode in on a white stallion and collected Chris Francis and Sharon Lindores. Together, they all strode forth into the sunrise, determined to clean up our city streets and rid the country of a toad named M u l r o n e y .

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Rebecca Bishop • Michael Booth
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Editorials

Dead is dead. No winners today.

War is death and destruction and unimaginable sorrow.

War is killing innocent people including our mothers, our fathers, our sisters, our brothers, our children, our friends and our 'enemies.'

War is impersonal, inhumane and indiscriminate in who will suffer and who will die.

War is happening today.

But the war today is not war. It is an "operation" or a "liberation." When bombs hit, the targets are "suppressed" or "neutralized."

Today's war has no horror; it is a game of bravado, it is entertainment. This war is "exciting." This war is "going very well." The first massive strike against Iraq brought "euphoria" to the United Nations coalition.

What is wrong with us? Have these past forty years of peace for Canada made us forget what war is like? People are dying, are dead, and will continue to die because of this "operation." When will the numbers shock us? We can exercise our addition, we can let the numbers be the casualties, but will we remember that as these numbers accumulate there is another human life lost, another person that families and friends will mourn, another human being that will never be seen, heard, or felt again?

Human life must be worth something; we cannot discard it so easily. One human life lost is one too many. Now, more than ever, must we hold human life dear. These "efficient" weapons of war make it all too easy to rationalize "acceptable losses." We kill without seeing the devastation. We kill without seeing the people die. We kill without conscience.

We must not let the terms of war cloud the horror of war. If we want war so badly, then we must face the horror, the suffering, the agony of the dead and the living. Only then will we see, yet again, that war is fundamentally wrong, that it has to be preventable, and that it must not happen again.

This war may go on for some time. The only thing that we can be sure of is that in the next few days, more people will be maimed, more people will die. We must accept that we too are responsible for their deaths. We will hear the statistics coming in, accumulating every day, and they will tell us that the "casualties were light." But no matter how they tell us, we must not forget that for every death, there will be one less life that was full of ideas, memories, loves, sorrows, family, and friends. And most of all, we must not forget that there will be one less person who was just like us.

Politics of the ecology: When do we take responsibility?

Faced with the current deluge of violence and death in the Middle-East, writing an editorial on the environment seems irrelevant. But we cannot forget that environmental degradation has long been a life-threatening issue.

Admittedly, in the light of the world-wide extent of the ecological crisis, personal action often appears insignificant and ineffective.

But, the "It's too big for me, I can't do anything," mentality is unacceptable because it disempowers the individual. Any degree of power that we possess as people rests in our ability to make choices.

This capacity is articulated at every level of action that we take in our lives. It empowers us to determine who we will be as individuals, how we will interact with others, and what type of society we choose to participate in.

Daily environmental choices are the most profound personal, political, and social statements that a person can make. By flexing one's consumer muscle, each of us can control what we buy, where we buy it, from whom we buy it, and ultimately what is produced.

In this power of an action lies the seed of environmental solution. This is the force that will take us from our present focus on recycling to the very question of waste. Recycling, reducing, and reusing are necessary, but not sufficient. As individuals we must choose to rethink and ultimately reject our present consumer society.

This is the ultimate choice. If we are to save our living environment we must choose to sacrifice the convenience and the luxury of our rampant consumerism. That's the unpleasant reality that faces all of us, the choice is ours to make.

To slate or not to slate...

PERSPECTIVE

For the first time since the seventies slates will have a huge impact on the results of the AMS elections. Not since 1974, when an NDP-ish slate calling itself Human Government won control of the executive, has the possibility of a slate controlling the AMS executive arisen.

Slates were a real popular idea back then- five people getting together to try and enact the social change the seventies was all about. Certain slate ideas were popular, resulting in some, but not all, slate members being elected to office. Most people realized the danger of electing what was in fact a political party to AMS office. It, party politics, was seen as a fine thing for the outside world, but the impression was that it had little place within the realm of student concerns.

It is now 1991, and a lot has changed since then. The 1980's saw a measure of stability return to the AMS. The councils of the seventies, marked by slate rivalry, gave way to a period of individualism. The 1980's gave us candidates for AMS office not aligned with any party. Elections were marked by an emphasis more on issues than on rhetoric.

The individual candidates wasted no time arguing against candidates for the other executive positions because they didn't know who they would have to work with. Anybody who felt that they could do a good job with the AMS did not feel threatened by slate politics and thus made themselves available for office.

This is not to say there wasn't conflict on the AMS during the 1980's; there was, but these conflicts were individual problems and not instances of people actually in political conflict with each other.

Last year was the first re-emergence of the type of conflict the seventies experienced. The petition to have the Director of Finance removed was one example. It arose because of personal conflicts between other members of the executive and himself over how he chose to run his office. It was this debate, over his competency for office, that helped hold council back from accomplishing anything of substance this year.

Next year has the potential to be far worse. There are two slates running for all five executive positions. (Three, if you count the Radical Beer Faction, a tasty yet impractical alternative.)

It wouldn't be so bad if they would call themselves slates. Instead they have chosen less threatening ways of describing themselves-- 'friendly' terms such as "group" and "team".

Each slate is running a massive public relations campaign to try and get their message across. The mass postering of campus with annoyingly coloured posters apparently wasn't enough. Each side has resorted to the mass publication of newsletters to try and spread their word. Each slate hopes that by using this forum to espouse their slate/party views this will be the final statement that will ensure their victory.

Why is this so bad?

Because they have removed the I student from student politics. A slate has a financial base far larger in size to draw upon than does an individual candidate. Where each candidate for an executive position is supposed to spend a maximum of one hunderd fifty dollars, slates can combine this into a pool equalling seven hundred fifty dollars. This enables them to create slick (biased) advertising gimmicks like newspapers and photo-enhanced pamphlets.

This year could be the harbinger of a frightening trend in student politics-- that of slates once again becoming a force in campus politics. They discourage the concerned individual from running for AMS office because they won't be able to match the political and economic organization of a slate.

No matter how concerned a candidate is about is about changing the AMS, nor how appropriate they could be for the job, the intimidation of being an independent running against a slate is too overwhelming for the individual to ignore.

This is particularily evident in this year's election campaign for the AMS executive. Discounting the Racical Beers', there are only two independents, myself and Ajay Agrawal, running for AMS executive positions.

This should not be so. AMS Council should be a tool for students, not one for party machines looking to enact their own 'special' form of change through a monopoly over the executive. Worse still, the (far-greater) possibility of a split executive hangs over this election. In the 1980's people were nice to each other before their election because they didn't know who they would be working with. Once elected, they made great attempts to get along with those elected to serve with them.

Any conflicts that arose were amongst individuals, usually arising well into their terms, and were settled as such, not tying up the time of the AMS and the Ubyssey.

This year the battlelines were drawn from the outset of the election campaign. Neither side sees eye to eye on most topics, instead spending their time trying to outdo each other. The Progressives spent their time denouncing the Unity Group as a collection of "hacks" and "SAC-rats", while Unity has not overlooked that 'Progressive' is just a nice way of saying the student NDP.

(If you don't believe this, call the Progressive hotline and ask if they're in the NDP office. Its room number is 249f.)

A university is no place for party politics such as this. Instead, where was the actual debate on election-type issues such as tuition, creating a harassment-free student environment, Rec-Fac III and how the candidates would work with council to enact positive change? Did you know that there are five referendum questions on the election ballot? Only if you were told by myself or your faculty's AMS reps.

Why has this been so? Because the issues surrounding this election have been lost in the acrimony surrounding the campaign. Style has apparently won out over substance; effective party machines have kept their candidates from being exposed over any one particular issue.

The mask has to come off. The student must be put back into Students' Council. When voting in the elections next week, keep in mind all the independent candidates running for AMS, Senate and BoG. Send a message to the slates telling them that party politics does not belong on this campus. And please, take the time to read and vote on the referendum questions; it will make a difference.

Let the voice of the individual remain in campus politics.

Rob McGowan
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Independent candidate-
for AMS President

Milli Vanilli not the first

by Huang Chen Chung

If Milli Vanilli is a fraud then they are just a period at the end of a long statement the music industry has delivered insistently to every musician.

You have to sell a lot of records. And to do that, you have to look good and sound good—No matter what the cost. Live recordings in which your real voice and—if videotaped—your true physical talent are revealed will not sell records.

You need an editor. You need a producer. You need make-up. You need a costume. You can't look the way you really do.

You also need dubbing. You can't sound the way you truly do. And you need lip-synching on video—no one can sing and dance their best at the same time.

To put it bluntly, you need to be unreal to do unreal things—This will sell your records.

This will earn recognition; this will win you Grammies.

And this is not news to the music industry. Grammy judges are certainly quite aware of this. They award techno-puppets every year.

That they feel indignified about Milli Vanilli only mirrors in irony what musicians with integrity feel everyday.

Yes, Milli Vanilli is a fraud. But they're not the first—the music industry creates several every year—and they certainly won't be the last. This "fraud" is what the officials in the music industry think people want. And they have sales to back them up.

FREESTYLES

Cynicism, democracy and the Gulf War

by Paul Abbott

Contrary to much of what has been said by the anti-war protesters, the war in the Gulf is not a betrayal of liberal democratic principles, rather, it is perhaps the ultimate affirmation of them. A quick victory in the Gulf war will ensure George Bush of re-election. Taking the most cynical viewpoint that everything Bush does is to get re-elected, the war is a calculated gamble at winning a sure majority.

George Bush, the republican party, and indeed the majority of the population of the U.S., (and Canada), are interested in keeping things the way they are. We are very well off, as nations, and we intend to keep it that way. From a larger perspective, the members of the United Nations security council who control policy are the dominant nations of the world, and they intend to keep it that way.

The Gulf war is about economics, but not in the way most of us tend to think. George Bush, Mulrony, and the rest of the western leaders are not fighting for Texeco per se, they are fighting for your standard of living; reasonable oil prices, which effects everything from food prices to unemployment rates to universally accessible post secondary education.

How is it possible that a student can protest vigourously against tuition hikes, then paint a new message on the placard and rush down to the anti-war demonstration? Will you vote for Bill Vander Zalm in the coming election if he runs on a humanist platform to cut all spending on relative frills such as post-secondary education and use the money to buy food and shelter for the people in the ghettoes of New Delhi.

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Give us some buses

Given the great emphasis put on reducing traffic caused pollution and congestion, the lack of action on this issue by politicians and other officials is appalling. Not only is BC Transit to fault for not ordering buses in time to meet demand, but officials in Vancouver and here at UBC have not acted in ways to increase the attractiveness of transit.

The city of Vancouver has failed to provide bus lanes to speed service even though these have been reccommended many times. Here at UBC traffic planning has not helped service and has in fact hindered it. As examples one only needs to remember that the section of University Boulevard from Wesbrook to East Mall used to be four lanes, we could sure use one of the lanes they took away for a bus lane to by-pass the line-up to another of their mistakes, the new parking lot between the bookstore and Chemistry/Physics building. This nasty little lot has dramatically increased traffic using the road to the bus loop and thus caused delays. The lot has also added visual pollution, replacing an attractive boulevard. To add insult to injury, the meters in the lot are very rarely paid.

I once encouraged people to take transit but now BC Transit lacks the capacity to handle any more. The #85 UBC Express bus that I take to UBC from downtown is always packed and, at only two trips a day, service is less than adequate. We must see more commitment to transit if politicians want people to leave their cars, reducing pollution and congestion.

Ian Fisher
Science 3

Prosecutor resigns

The chief prosecutor of Student Court has resigned, effective Nov. 18. It was over the John Lipscomb conflict of interest affair—it seems that the chief justice and the ombudsperson were pressuring her to hurry up and prosecute. According to the chief prosecutor's letter to AMS council, John's counsel's "position is that it is impossible to prepare a proper defence to the charges on three days notice. As well, the fact that we are approaching the Christmas examination period, make it impractical and unfair to proceed this term." Also, "it would be a denial of natural justice to force a hearing at this time." Nice to know that "natural justice" applies to John, but not to the Engineers. I am referring of course to last March, when Student Court went ahead and prosecuted the EUS despite the fact that we didn't have counsel at the time. Three days notice and the spring exam period was good enough for us, I guess.

Evie Wehrhahn
EUS first vice-president

The Ubyssey
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1990/91 AMS Budget

	Budget 1989/90	Actual 1989/90	Budget 1990/91
AMS Fees ($32.50 per student)	755,000	814,298	827,535
Basic Breakdown			
Art Purchasing Fund	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Bursary Fund	(36,500)	(36,500)	(15,900)
Capital Projects Fund	(357,800)	(375,844)	(381,939)
(CPAC) ($15 per student)			
Emergency Student Loan Fund	n.a.	n.a.	(10,000)
Intramurals ($4.50 per student)	(107,400)	(112,753)	(114,582)
University Athletic Council provides Intramurals with a further $188,800 for a total of $303,382			
WUSC Refugee Student Fund	(11,900)	(12,497)	(17,731)
($.50 per student + $5,000)			
SUB Management Fund	(12,500)	(12,528)	(12,731)
($.50 per student)			
SUB Repairs & Replacement Fund	(15,000)	(45,189)	(46,000)
Registration Photos	(6,000)	(5,413)	(5,600)
Amount remaining for (other) expenses	(206,400)	(212,074)	(221,551)
Net Revenues			
Investment	150,000	181,889	190,000
1990/91 Budget includes financing costs for Intramurals' short-term loan of approx. $70,000 and for EUS & EUS Red Sports' long-term loans of approx. $20,000			
Building Operations	330,350	333,337	327,450
Used Bookstore	(100)	5,146	0
Rental of auditorium by Film Soc	5,500	5,500	5,500
75th Anniversary Committee	0	242	n.a.
Total available for expenses	692,150	738,188	744,501
Contingency (5%)	(37,093)	n.a.	(37,225)
Expenses			
(Possibly) Subsidized Businesses			
Whistler Lodge	(15,000)	(14,022)	100
Word Processing Service	6,000	(5,526)	(7,800)
Student Government Administration	(140,520)	(141,842)	(142,957)
Student Council	(124,880)	(147,719)	(125,840)
Summer hiring of executive costs $46,523			
Executive honoraria costs $11,800			
Summer projects cost $31,346			
Approx. $5,540 of 1989/90 Actual is attributable to 1990/91			
Student Administrative Commission (SAC)	(62,995)	(60,179)	(61,495)
Student Court	n.a.	n.a.	(1,390)
previously in Ombudsoffice			

	Budget 1989/90	Actual 1989/90	Budget 1990/91
Expenses (cont.)			
Anti-Discrimination Program	n.a.	n.a.	(3,622)
Ask Me Program	n.a.	n.a.	(662)
previously in Student Council; 1989/90 Budget $200; 1989/90 Actual $1090.04			
Art Gallery Committee	(2,370)	(3,182)	(3,825)
Copies of the Code	0	(1,619)	(1,619)
Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee	n.a.	n.a.	(2,775)
External Affairs	(12,075)	(7,236)	(8,042)
Homecoming Committee	(7,000)	(4,572)	(5,310)
Inside UBC	125	(224)	1,366
Job Link	(15,625)	(18,355)	(16,019)
$2,457.27 of 1989/90 Actual is attributable to 1990/91			
Leadership Conference	0	(1,832)	(420)
Mussoc bailout	0	(44,617)	n.a.
Programs office	(24,300)	(22,160)	(42,210)
Summer Film Series	2,900	(1,958)	(8,372)
$3,060 of 1990/91 Budget is attributable to prior two years			
Survey	n.a.	n.a.	(3,530)
Summer Information Officer	0	(558)	n.a.
now in Summer Projects			
Tuition & Student Aid Task Force	0	(1,364)	0
Walk Home Program	n.a.	n.a.	(8,110)
Service organizations:			
CITR Radio 101.9 fm & Discorder	(97,350)	(93,751)	(97,000)
(net of Disco revenue)			
Disabled Students' Association	(3,525)	(3,343)	(3,405)
First Year Student Program	(6,820)	(14,192)	(8,240)
Gays & Lesbians of UBC	(1,150)	(1,260)	(1,178)
Global Development Centre	n.a.	n.a.	0
Ombudsoffice	(2,300)	(2,914)	(2,877)
1989/90 Actual includes Student Court			
Speakeasy	(4,995)	(5,518)	(5,105)
Student Environment Centre	(107)	0	(831)
Ubyssey, Sept. thru April	(29,935)	(28,375)	(33,493)
Ubyssey, Summer	(14,080)	(12,231)	(11,490)
Volunteer Connections	(2,565)	(2,178)	(2,883)
Women's Centre	(2,030)	(2,408)	(2,372)
Club & Constituency Account Administration	(93,680)	(94,562)	(95,304)
Operating Surplus	780	491	567

Numbers in parentheses, e.g. (1,500), are either net expenses or allocations to reserve funds.

Numbers not in parentheses are net revenues.
n.a. (not applicable) usually refers to programs not in existence or programs operating under a different name or account.