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SFU ads get UBC sneers

Simon Fraser University is under fire for starting an engineering faculty which the Association of Professional Engineers isn't sure is needed.

Moreover, SFU is proudly advertising it's new four-year program — and that's not kosher, says UBC applied science dean Martin Wedepohl.

"It's a great shame for anybody establishing a professional school that subscribes to a high standard of professional ethics to have to resort to paid advertisements in the entertainment section of the newspaper," said Wedepohl.

"This sort of thing is for selling washing machines, not education."

A three page ad including promotion of the new program was run last Tuesday in the Vancouver Sun in a format which suggested it was an article except for the small print at the top of the page.

Wedepohl is also doubtful of the quality of the SFU program. He said the quality of an engineering program is determined by its faculty and a good faculty is attracted by good research facilities, which SFU lacks.

The program, which will start as early as fall 1982 and will include most engineering specialties, is also being investigated by the engineer's association.

Tom Calvert, director of the SFU program, has said there is a shortage of engineers in B.C. based on the evidence that the province has to import a large portion of its engineers.

But the engineers' association is not sure a shortage of newly-graduated engineers exists, and has established a task force to investigate the alleged shortage and other points raised by the program's creation.

Association managing director Dan Lambert said Monday he doesn't believe B.C. industry can absorb any more engineers than are currently graduating from UBC. A large percentage of UBC graduates

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—stuart davis photo

OBLONG SPHEROID is centre of attention for group of third division rugby players bent on self-destruction a full three months before end of Christmas exams. Oddball game involves strenuous efforts of grown men to move remains of dead pig somewhere beyond boundaries of local field. Neither players nor spheroid would comment whether dead pig remains were those of J.V. Clyne (see stroy below).

Socred move on colleges rebuked

KELOWNA, B.C. (CUP) — A provincial government move to make community college boards more accountable to the cabinet has come under fire from educators and students at Okanagan College.

The Social Credit government amended its Colleges and Provincial Institutes Act this summer so that government appointees will number one more than school district representatives.

Appointees will also now serve two year terms, while district representatives will continue to sit on boards for a year.

"These particular changes have the result of making the college boards less accountable to the communities they serve," said Okanagan College student association chair Nobu Ono.

The education ministry says the increase of government appointees, "reflects the change in 1979 to 100 per cent government funding of colleges."

The amendments have been harshly criticized by the B.C. School Trustees Association, the B.C. Teachers Federation and the B.C. Students' Federation.

BCSF rebuked education minister Brian Smith for introducing legislation which contradicts the philosophy of community colleges. They said the changes are destructive to the autonomy of the college boards and their ability to be responsive to the communities they serve.

Student association executive member Stewart Murray said the amendments are an attempt by the Socred government to centralize control of post-secondary education under the ministry and cabinet.

"They hope to consolidate their control of the colleges by giving their appointees the edge, while paying lip service to ideals behind the community college."

Says Ono, "Smith states that 100 per cent government funding of the colleges should give his ministry control over them while forgetting where the government gets 100 per cent of its funding from."

Res renovations rile residents

By MARK LEIREN-YOUNG

Students are complaining of filthy living conditions as construction continues at Totem Park's Dene House.

The Dene house residence, which is being renovated as a pilot project in student housing, "was designed to counter the alienation students feel when they have to move into such a large building, and promote a more community-like atmosphere," residence administrator Mary Flore said Monday. The renovations were due to be completed by September 1.

But delays such as slow delivery of building materials have forced students to live in conditions that some have described as "jail-like."

The students' most urgent complaints concern carpeting in the halls which isn't expected until Christmas according to the Residence Administrator, without the carpeting there is nothing to absorb the sound. As one resident of several interviewed Monday said of the halls, "these are just echo chambers at the moment."

The construction is also a problem for the students. "We get woken up at 7:30 every morning when the workmen arrive," one resident said.

Another resident commented, "It's hard to do homework with concrete drilling going on in the hall, or in your room."

The lack of telephones is another major worry. One concerned resident said, "They didn't disconnect the main line so that when someonecalls, it just rings and rings. People think we just aren't answering, but there are no phones."

One resident of Dene said, "The phones are the big thing, there's 200 people in this house and no phones."

Mail security is another problem. One resident said, "We get all our mail shoved together in little boxes by the letter of the alphabet. There's no security on our mail, so anyone can go through it."

One resident of Dene said, "I got my cheques, thank god."

Although the residents have received letters from director of student housing Mike Davis, they are unsure of what is actually happening.

Added another student, "We don't know what's going on, but that's not our fault, that's Davis. That's bad management."

Petulant Persky ponders 'pig's post'

By VERNE McDONALD

Stan Persky may have been defeated in his bid to be elected chancellor of UBC, but he is already preparing for his next attempt to wrest the position away from timber magnate Jack Valentine Clyne.

The former UBC student activist, now a visiting instructor in sociology at Malaspina College in Nanaimo, declared his intention to run again in 1981 Saturday, charging Clyne with not taking the position seriously and not using the position to investigate and improve the operation of the university.

Persky, who was in Vancouver to publicize his latest book, The House That Jack Built, took some time out from bashing Vancouver mayor Jack Volrich to throw some barbs at the university administration.

"As long as they're planning to run some bourgeois pig again and hang the robes of office on some giant timber baron or the guy who owns all the fish or whoever they pick this time after the next one dies off — as long as they have that going and they pretend there's a democratic election out there I will be around."

Persky said he would run for the chancellorship of UBC unless someone more qualified than himself would offer to represent the interests of education in the chancellor's position.

Persky said he did not think Clyne was suitable for the office. "He's done a lousy job," he said. "He's done horribly, doing nothing but living off the fat of the convocation's glory.

"He's lazy. A bum, in short. I intend to actually work at this thing and I think it's sinful."

The chancellor of UBC is chair of the convocation, a body which includes administration president Doug Kenny, the UBC senate, and all faculty and graduates of the university. He also is a member of the senate and the university board of governors.

The chancellor is chosen in triennial elections in which all members of the convocation have a vote. Nominations for the next election on Feb. 6 will close on Nov. 7.

Clyne and Persky were the two nominees for chancellor in 1978 when the last election was held for the position. The convocation elected Clyne while giving Persky 30 per cent of the vote.

Persky said he was not allowed to present his views or a statement of his principles to the voters in the 1978 election. He is confident he will eventually be recognized as being best qualified to be chancellor.

"It turns out I actually know something about education. It's one of the few things I do know something about. I actually work in that field and think about it a lot," he said.

"When I'm chancellor I'm going to ask for the right to teach, which is the only right worth having at the university. Usually chancellors have been rich people, it's just a game to them. They don't give a shit about the university except in some esoteric way.

"I actually care about universities and colleges. I think they're great places. They're better than pubs by and large because you can get some talking done that you can't get done in pubs."

The position of chancellor should be more visible and accessible to the students and the public as well as having a greater impact on the university itself, Persky said.

"I intend to investigate the administration of the university," he said. "The university pretends to be a place for social debate, for criticism, for the development

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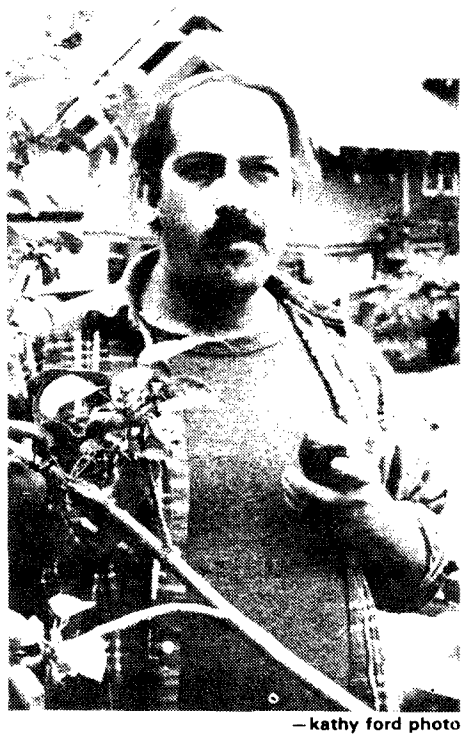

—kathy ford photo

PERSKY . . . taking a bite out of Clyne

In case against Discovery Parks Inc.

Appeal given extension

An unlimited extension of time to appeal has been granted to a woman taking Discovery Parks Incorporated and Burnaby council to court over the establishment of research parks in the municipality.

But "stalling tactics" by the defence almost invalidated the appeal by attempting to delay hearings past the 60-day time limit according to April Page, the woman taking the legal action. The Supreme Court of B.C. granted the extension Sept. 4, three days before the time limit expired.

The Supreme Court acknowledged that the case could not be heard before Sept. 7 because of a huge amount of affidavits and reports submitted by the defendents shortly before the hearing. It subsequently granted the extension.

Page, a Burnaby resident who lives near the B.C. Institute of Technology campus, challenged a zoning bylaw change which permitted construction of research park facilities at BCIT with little or no control over safety and research guidelines.

Research parks are the brainchild of universities, science and technology minister Pat McGeer and are intended to provide space for corporations to carry out research on campus.

Explaining why she launched the appeal, Page said, "I'm concerned about the changing face of Burnaby."

With the help of a Vancouver Legal Aid lawyer Page is charging Burnaby municipality with violating its own bylaws concerning comprehensive development. She charged that no information about land use, buildings and hazards was filed in accordance with the bylaw.

The BCIT research park will occupy over 100 acres and 1.5 million square feet of building space — the same amount of building space as all of Simon Fraser University.

SFU's research park was stopped before construction began, on the same technicality, but at BCIT it is too late. Already five acres of trees have been levelled and "it looks like a moonscape," according to Bill Goodacre, president of the Simon Fraser student society.

"We're not going to talk about losing — the law is on our side," said Page. "But we'll be lucky if there is a public hearing before the site is completed."

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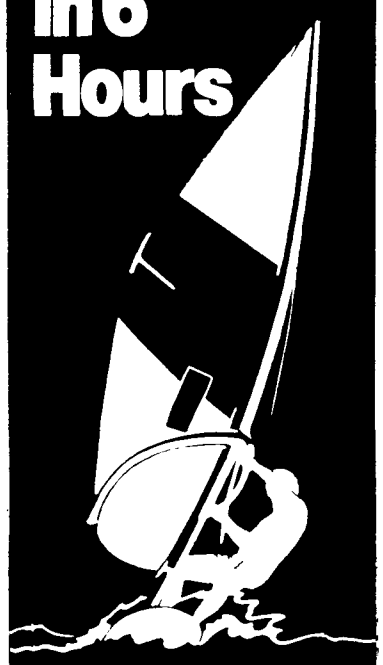
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Council shuts station, takes fees

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Students at the University of Manitoba are "pissed off" that the student council has closed down the campus radio station their student fees pay for.

CJUM went off the air May 29 when council refused to advance $13,000 needed to keep the station going and recommended to the CJUM board of directors that the station be closed.

Despite the closure students are still paying $4 each in student fees towards the station.

A survey conducted by the student newspaper, The Manitoban, discovered more than 60 per cent of the respondents disapproved of the station closure. At the same time 80 per cent said they wanted some service for the $4 they pay towards the station.

"I think it stinks," said one third year science student. "It's ludicrous. I want something for my money."

The survey also discovered that more than 80 per cent of the students disapproved of council's handling of the affair. They said they thought council's actions were high-handed and that a referendum should have been held to decide on the closure.

"I can't believe they just went ahead and closed the station without asking the students," said one student. "How can they claim to be in any way representative?"

If such a referendum had been held the radio station would still be operating, according to the Manitoban survey.

There are no plans to revive CJUM which operated as a community FM station, broadcasting across the Greater Winnipeg area.

The station was always in financial trouble, council said. Council also claimed students at the University of Manitoba did not listen to the station and thus it did not warrant council support.

But according to Manitoban Editor Andrew Coyne, council never conducted a poll to confirm this impression.

Negotiations are taking place between council and a Winnipeg group that wants to buy CJUM's equipment and start their own community radio station.

—eric eggertson photo

DAY AFTER DAY, alone on a hill . . . well, not quite alone, but these fools are obviously participating in the "standing perfectly still" competition. Otherwise known as survivial of the fittest all class distinctions are removed when winners receive a free lobotomy of their choice, or, better yet, a chance to stay at home all fall and watch tv. Who can tell the difference? Patient P. McCartney (comatose, foreground) obviously can't. "Why I remember down on Junior's Farm we used to spend all our time doing this, you know, just let it be," the former human being reminisced. Meanwhile everyone just wishes they were back in the USSR.

Action taken on asbestos fibre hazard

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Years after it was installed, and in some cases more than four months after confirmation was received that it was a potential health hazard, the University of Manitoba is only now replacing the asbestos ceiling insulation found in several locations on campus.

Asbestos fibres have been linked to causing lung cancer when inhaled in minute quantities.

While there are assurances from the university's administration that the asbestos merely presents a potential hazard, the maintenance workers' union alleges that the asbestos in some areas is already breaking down into free particles.

Asbestos insulation is found throughout the campus of the 18,000-student university, including the food service areas, university swimming pool and a number of major meeting halls. In one building asbestos particles have been found in air-handling rooms to be pumped through the entire building.

Asbestos is breaking down in the food service areas according to the Canadian Association of Industrial, Mechanical and Allied Workers union, which represents the maintenance workers.

Tests conducted earlier this year by the provincial government's workplace health and safety department indicated that the ceiling insulation in several locations contains easily crumbled asbestos. If dislodged, asbestos fibres would be released into the air.

The university received test results as early as May, along with orders from the provincial government to replace or cover the insulation.

It was not until Sept. 4 that work began to cover the asbestos. All but one of the test results were undated. However an administration source said the university received the positive test results between early May and late June.

Two of the locations will not receive attention until next month. The rest have work commencement dates ranging from Sept. 4 to Sept. 22.

Only those areas currently being treated have been closed off to the public. The other areas are still open and will remain so until work on them begins, said Ralph Robbins, the university safety officer.

Robbins said the delay in acting on the problem was necessary to properly assess the situation. He said the delay should not be misinterpreted.

"We really do have concern for safety as much as anyone else," he said. "You could argue that we could have accelerated a bit more," he added.

George Bruce of CAIMAW agrees the university could have acted sooner. He said the union has been pressing the university to clean up the situation since last May when a similar problem in the Winnipeg school division attracted a great deal of publicity.

The union is also disturbed by what it sees as the administration's lack of interest in making the hazards known to the university community.

"What really bothers me is their lack of publicity," Bruce said. The university is still in the process of conducting a survey of areas suspected of containing asbestos.

The Manitoba workplace health and safety department has given the university until Jan. 31, 1981 to complete repairs.

'B.C. needs SFU gears'

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have to seek work outside of the province, he said.

B.C. imports engineers because companies need professionals with at least five to 10 years experience to handle the jobs offered, he said.

Calvert also said that the UBC program has vacancies every year. He said this was because UBC has a five year program while most other Canadian universities have four year programs.

Wedepohl justified the five year program, saying B.C. grade 12 graduates do not have the background needed in math, chemistry, physics and English for engineering. He also pointed out that the other provinces have very different high schools systems and cannot be compared to B.C.

But Calvert said that B.C. students from grade 12 into engineering at the University of Alberta are doing at least as well as the Alberta students in their courses. He did not have statistics for other provinces.

UBC does have provision for a four year engineering program for studens who did well enough in high school to cope with the program, but even they must complete asummer school course in math.

Women's budget slashed to $808

After suffering more than a $7,000 budget slash by the Alma Mater Society, members of UBC's women's committee fear they will be unable to serve women on this campus.

"We can't function the way we have without this money," said committee member Elf Stainsby Monday. Such projects as women's week, self defense courses, workshops on women's issues and guest speakers would be eliminated she said.

According to AMS finance director Len Clarke, the budget was cut to $808 after committee members failed to attend a summer budget meeting.

But Stainsby said women's committee member Carmel Chambers was told of two meetings which were cancelled and she was not contacted by Clarke again.

"I feel it's really unfair that they slashed our budget without representation at the budget meeting. I think these (women's committee activities) are necessary services," said Stainsby.

Clarke said he tried to phone Chambers to tell her the time and place of the budget committee meetings but her phone was out of service.

Now the women's committee members must attend a Student Council meeting this Wednesday to ask for the $808 that has been "earmarked" for the group said Clarke.

"(The money) is in a council contingency fund. So the women's committee will show up on Wednesday and the council will decide whether they get the $808," he said.

Then the committee's budget must go through the budget process by submitting a budget describing in detail the year's activitites and their costs, Clarke added.

Stainsby said it was difficult for the committee to submit such a budget to Clarke last year as members "try to be responsive to the needs of women on campus. If we're committed a year ahead to things changes can't be made."

Clarke said it is his job to see that the AMS and the committee "gets the best deal they can," by minimizing costs in the submitted budget. Then he will present the budget to the budget committee members and "they start making value judgements," he added.

"This tends to be rather difficult so they have different ways of determining whether the proposals are worth spending the society's money on."

Once the budget committee has made a decision the SC must debate the issue and the budget must be passed by a two-thirds majority. The earliest the women's committee could get their $8,000 would be October Clarke added.

Stainsby added that last year the committee had a budget of $5,000 and since there is now a budget deficit the money is badly needed.

Stuck in hell

Pity the poor residence student.

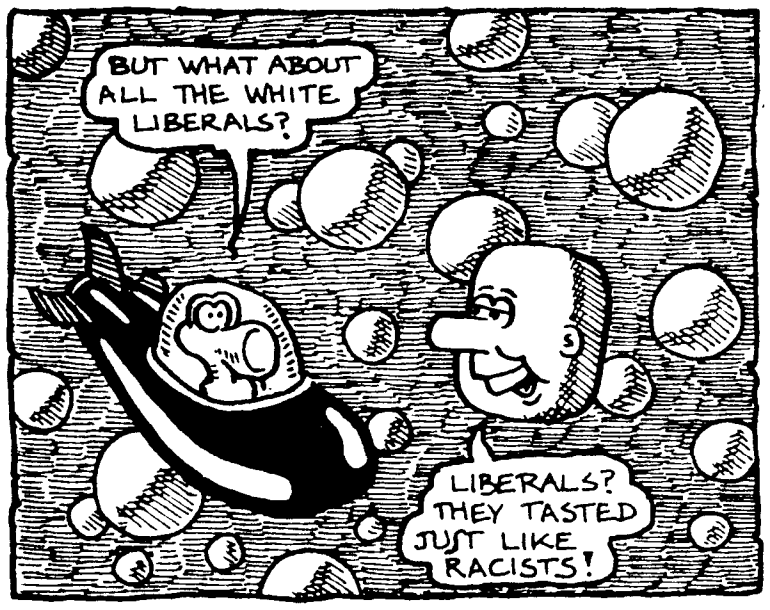
It isn't enough that the provincial government won't provide the funds to make residences large enough or livable enough, or that the campus housing director tends to look on students in much the same way an Oakalla screw looks on child molesters, or that it just isn't fun being lonely.

The administration has a tool available to it which can be used to avoid such things as the hell that residents of Dene House are going through now. It's called the end of winter session and it's even mentioned in the calendar.

It's the same time every year and can be planned for.

But we guess that most likely the administration and the housing office already know something about this magical time available to them.

After all, we have yet to hear about administration Doug Kenny having to work with the sound of jack-hammers or housing director Mike Davis putting up with being woken by someone pounding on his wall.



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Geezus, are we tired . . . so today's masthead will be brief. Bear with us. These worked: Verne McDonald (boy, did he work!) Nancy Campbell, Glen Sanford, Tom Hawthorne, Marueritte Leahy, Kathy Ford, Julie Wheelwright -- just bowling you over with yucks, right? -- Geor Wheelwright, Bill Tieleman, Stuart Davis, Ross Burnett, wonderful Jo-Anne Falkiner on sports desk, with Warren Kowbel (speaking of cow bells, what 's brown and sounds like a bell?), Mark Leiren-Young, Paul Yaskowich (Dung!) Want to hear that one again? No? Hmmmm. Well, howza about joining our revolutionary comrades in SUB 241K. We can all go to ou electrotherapy together. (Are we there yet?) Let's see what else . . . well, I'd like to say hi mom and dad. And my sister on W. 20th. And Rose in Montreal. But most of all Verne and I would like to thank soon-to-be-UBC's-most-(there yet?) guest, Tim Leary, without whom we probably would have gone insane long ago. Like we did (Now?) Christ, this is pitiful.

Letters

New group battles pollution problems

Widespread concern for the world's environment arose in the 1960s, in response to rapid and grave deterioration in quality caused by pollution, reckless land use, and irresponsible resource extraction. Much progress has been made, but, despite this progress, many problems have grown worse. Moreover, new environmental problems come to light continually. At the same time, public concern for environmental problems is waning, and arguments (economic and political) to relax environmental standards are gaining strength.

This university is an institute of higher learning, and as such is involved with these global problems on research and technological levels. Moreover, UBC is itself an environment for its students, faculty, staff and surrounding community. Yet, despite its academic involvement in global environment issues, UBC's environment is not healthy. Some local environmenal problems are:

- transportation to and from campus. Transit is inadequate (ask West Van residents!); bike access to campus is dangerously poor; carpooling is not at all encouraged. The resulting one-car/one-person traffic is a source of air pollution, energy waste, frayed nerves, unnecessary fuel costs, and enormous parking lots.
- the housing crisis. This makes the transportation problem worse, as people are forced to live far from campus. It also drives up the cost of a university education, causes frustration, and forces general hardship on affected students.
- the proposed industrial research park. If built, we would discover that Discovery Park UBC will make the above two problems much worse than they already are. The project raises many other environmental questions: what environmental effects will the research have for the campus (chemical and radioisotope pollution, traffic congestion, visual and noise aesthetics, encroachment on the Endowment Lands park and the Ecology Reserve, land use conflicts, etc.), and what are the general ramifications of the research? And why, oh why, has the project been kept so deeply secret?
- the litter on campus. Trash is not a necessary part of our campus landscape! Moreover, much of what is thrown out could be recycled.

These and other local environmental issues are of concern to us. We the undersigned, and other students, are forming an AMS club, the Environmental Interest Group, to examine such issues, to share our findings amongst the group and-with the students as a whole, and, where appropriate, to try to influence events and policy relating to these issues.

The environmental crisis is the outstanding threat and challenge for our society. If you share our concern over this crisis, join us! Your commitment **can** influence your world for the better.

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P.S. The Environmental Interest Group is having a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at noon in SUB 113.

CSM speaks out

Not wanting to seem to be upstaged by more spurious quasi-national movements, the Chilliwack Separatist Movement has collectively decided to announce its existence to the readers of your newspaper.

We feel that the essence of a budding nation is that its total land surface area not exceed the area which the average citizen's mind is capable of coping with. We note that many of our citizens do not feel at home in, for example, Abbotsford, and that a night spent in Spuzzum has all the titillating strangeness of a night spent in Labrador or in a space capsule bound for Burundi. We cannot take the reality of these feelings lightly.

Xenophobia is not our prime motivation. However, we often see Abbotsforders and the denizens of even further-flung regions poking around our home-and-native Safeway. Some of them are more liberal than we pragmatic Chilliwackers. Also, some have longer noses (even the women!) and deeper voices than the typical Chilliwack male.

These facts and the fact that Chilliwack is economically exploited by many of these areas (money comes in from distant areas like Victoria, but we seldom benefit from our association with Abbotsford, Harrison Lake, Agassiz, Hope, and Popkum) lead us to say to those long-nosed, hoarse people: Go home! Get out of our Safeway and do not eat half-dozens of eggs that would otherwise feed Chilliwackers.

Finally, remember that you all live in areas which get either more, less, or qualitatively different annual rainfall than Chilliwack, and hence you do not really comprehend our national outlook on life. The term 'political climate' is a realistic one, based on the subtle psychological effects of annual cloud over, solar illumination, and even soil type on the people of a distinct political region.

We of Chilliwack have earned our autonomy by virtue of the uniqueness of our situation. Please remember that as you shuffle by on that large road near our nation's capital. Those squat but serviceable buildings you see should remind you that there are people there whose destinies you will never share. If you decide to stop, make your stay as brief as possible.

R. C. Summerbell
grad studies 2
local representative
The Chilliwack Separatist Movement

United we stand . . .

Having lived for periods ranging from several months to several years in three Canadian provinces and three different countries (for example, in Switzerland, where speakers of three official and four national languages manage to coexist with relative ease) I cannot but express my utter disdain for the breed of unilingual, materialistic, uncompromising and egocentric provincialism expressed in the article entitled "Utopia comes with separation" appearing in the Sept. 12 issue of The Ubyssey.

Allen Learn
Germanic studies

Let's study with suds

In reading the Wednesday, Sept. 10, edition of The Ubyssey, I came upon two articles. The first concerned itself with the taking of the Brock Hall study space by the administration and included a grievance for the general lack of study space on campus. The second article was a defence by the AMS (Bruce Armstrong) of the 'south side centre,' which, when built, would include a pub and a lounge.

I say, why doesn't the AMS provide funding for a centre that would include a pub and a study area, provided that adequate sound-proofing is built between the two?

As for causing more alcoholic students by providing a second pub, what's the difference between becoming one in a pub, or in your own home? You see, that type of thing does not depend on the setting.

This pub/study area solution, I admit, does not solve the Brock Hall problem, but it does allow the AMS to provide for the hard-working student, and not just for the hard-drinking student.

Steve Baillie
zoology 4

The Ubyssey welcomes letters from all readers.

Letters should be signed and typed.

Pen names will be used when the writer's real name is also included for our information in the letter or when valid reasons for anonymity are given.

Although an effort is made to publish all letters received. The Ubyssey reserves the right to edit letters for reasons of brevity, legality, grammar or taste.

Letters

Nine minutes of education debate revealed

The other day while leafing through a summer's collection of Hansard, I found this debate over the estimates for Pat McGeer's ministry of universities, science and technology.

"MR. LAUK: Well, before this session fades away, I think we should have a word or two about Mr. Science. You know, Mr. Chairman, it's an unusual thing that a man of this minister's stature and intellectual capacity, in the year 1980, has such a blind faith in science.

We've had that debate since the 19th century, and the Minister of Tinker Toys continues to press forward with his blind faith in the scientific approach to all aspects of life.

It is also interesting to note that a lot of his hare-brained schemes are receiving . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. member, we must be parliamentary.

MR. BARBER: McGeer-brained schemes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Parliamentary language is a feature of the House.

MR. LAUK: I'll withdraw hair-brained . . . wonko schemes are receiving the consideration they deserve, at the hands of experts.

I would also like to add that this minister this year has offered a great service to education everywhere in the province by leaving his portfolio, and now is only threatening the universities. We hope that next spring we will be able to deal in great detail with how this minister, having left such legacy of disaster to the new Minister of Education, is presently underway concentrating wholly on the university system and will be able to deal with that chapter and verse early next year when the minister comes into this chamber.

I have here some notes that I want to refer in detail to the Stock Breeders Act, which I understand comes under the heading of communications. I feel that the minister should take a close look at the Stock Breeders Act in view of the use of the . . .(laughter)

MR. BARBER: I rise briefly to keep a promise to constituents in my riding, and to inform the minister that as far as I can tell, the vast majority of citizens of Victoria do not want, and are not prepared to pay for, a bridge or a tunnel, or any other form of fixed link. They give you clear message that I pass on now. They don't want it. They don't need it. And they don't want you to get away with it. Leave the Island well enough alone. Leave it as it is. It is a rare and special place. That special quality would be ruined forever were the bridge, tunnel or fixed link to be built.

Fortunately, the members of cabinet seem in majority to have taken the same position, and I'm glad to see the minister not standing up to announce a bridge, tunnel of fixed link to the Island.

MS. BROWN: Every year the engineering students at UBC have what they refer to as the Lady Godiva ride. I'm sure the minister is quite aware . . .

Interjection.

MS. BROWN: I'm sorry, I didn't hear that comment.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The comment would not be relevant because it wasn't addressed to the Chair.

MS. BROWN: It's not only not relevant; it's not funny either.

However, Mr. Chairman, what I'm saying is that I'm sure the minister is not going to be surprised when he understands that I, for one, find the concept of the Lady Godiva ride to be offensive.

In addition to the Lady Godiva ride, the engineering students publish a newspaper which is referred to as the "Red Rag" which is particularly offensive — not just to the women at UBC, but to women and men everywhere in terms of the way it refers to people.

I recognize that the minister is not in a position — and should not be in a position — to have to censor the kinds of publications that come out of the faculty of engineering at UBC, and I recognize also that the senate and the president of the university have stated quite clearly and categorically that they do not condone the kind of derogatory way in which the "Red Rag" portrays women, and the blatantly disgusting pictures which that magazine carries, and some of the comments it makes.

However, I think it would not be remiss for the minister to be on record as adding his voice to that of the university president and the senate in expressing his discontent with the fact that the students in engineering at UBC, for one reason or another, find it necessary to portray women in that particularly offensive manner.

MR. HOWARD: Like the first member for Victoria, regarding a specific request from constituents of mine that I want to represent . . . They asked me to tell the minister how very, very much they enjoy and appreciate the fact that he has left education — except for the higher levels. And beyond that they feeel that there is nothing more that needs to be said about the minister.

Vote 211 approved."

The entire debate took all of nine minutes. That's it.

Just thought I'd let you know to cheer up your day.

Tom Hawthorn
canadian university press

AquaSoc explains all . . .

Please allow us to respond to Gail West's "action line" letter from the Sept. 11 edition of The Ubyssey.

Dear Gail, thank you for at last contacting AquaSoc regarding your wetsuit. If we hadn't read the paper we still wouldn't know you were still around. We have been wondering what could have happened to you in the past year (yes, Gail, it has been a year) to prevent you from claiming it.

Our hours of business for the winter session have always been posted on the cage doors and haven't changed in years. They are Mondays and Fridays 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. During the summer these hours were temporarily changed to Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., which was convenient enough for most other club members.

Notification of this change was posted on the yellow door outside the cages for the entire summer, but now we have reverted back to our standard hours. You simply have to drop by when we are open in order to pick up your wetsuit, or phone a member of the existing AquaSoc executive to make a special arrangement.

Don't try to phone the club; we don't have a phone. If you want to write a letter try Box 8, SUB, UBC.

AquaSoc

. . . with a little help

Dear Gail, I am writing in response to your letter in the Sept. 11 issue of The Ubyssey. I'm afraid there has been an unfortunate misunderstanding between yourself and Aquasoc.

When you left your wetsuit for sale you forget to leave them a phone number or address where you could be reached. Consequently any action to purchase the suit required that the potential buyer was contacted by yourself.

In fact I wanted to buy your suit but you did not respond to any of the notes I left with the suit (in the cages) or on the notice board in the club lounge.

Essentially you "went missing" and therefore I feel you made an error in accusing AquaSoc of "stealing" your wetsuit. The responsibility was yours to contact them and they deserve an apology to that effect.

Dani Almond

P.S. — I am not a member of AquaSoc so this is an unbiased view of the situation.

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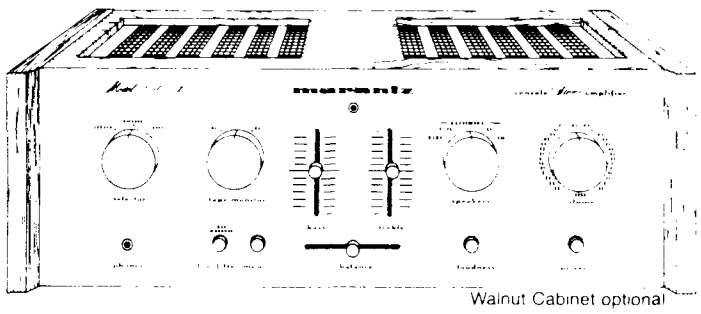

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Envoy condemns condemnation

By CHRIS FULKER

"We're being accused of everything and we're going to be accused of even more," says Nicaraguan Charge d'Affaires Pastor Valle-Garay.

Valle-Garay was commenting, during a speech at International House Monday, on U.S. condemnation of the left-wing Sandinista government which has been in power in Nicaragua for nearly two years.

He said the U.S. state department's campaign against the fledgling government is at best laughable.

"If the bombs and tanks don't politicize you, nothing will," he said, adding that the revolution took a great deal of effort by the Nicaraguan people.

During his speech, Valle-Garay returned constantly to the "campaign of vilification waged by the Voice of America on behalf of the U.S. state department."

(The Voice of America is an international radio network originating in the U.S.)

Valle-Garay said the network has made such claims as "the Nicaraguan government has forbidden and banned Christmas," but he explained that the civilian government had simply agreed to remove the commercial aspects of Christmas and treat it as a purely religious celebration.

He said the Nicaraguan people are solidly behind the new government, including the church. Nicaragua is a staunchly Catholic country.

"The Catholic church has seen the light, and the light is the Sandinista National Liberation Front," he said.

Partly because of the church's support, the revolution was a triumph of unity among the leftist political parties, labor organizations and religious denominations, he said.

Valle-Garay said the Americans indirectly helped in the overthrow of the right-wing dictator Anastasio Somoza because many of the rebel fighters had lived in California and had been trained in Vietnam.

Now that the government has had time to settle in, the Nicaraguan people are making great strides, especially in the area of literacy, according to Valle-Garay.

"Illiteracy is the most essential tool of repression in any country," he said.

There is still a great deal of work to be done, Valle-Garay said, but everyone is willing to do it.

"I think and I know . . . that we can put up with a lot of sacrifices," he said.

—stuart davis photo

LONE STUDENT browses through finest rag West of Blanca Street, oblivious to fact that large group of laughing, boisterous, good-natured friends have suddenly remembered various chores urgently needing doing such as feeding tropical fish, trimming cuticles on toenails and declawing cat. The love of literature leads to loneliness, alas, lest we love too long but not well. La-la-la, la-la . . .

Chemical waste facility sought

TORONTO (CUP) — A new radioactive storage facility might be built at the University of Toronto following the discovery of dangerous chemical and atomic waste storage conditions.

Sky Jones, secretary of the committee on accommodations and facilities, said the new facility could be completed as early as spring. The plan has been approved in principle and capital allocated by the business affairs committee of the university's governing council.

Bill Ridge, officer of the university's radiation protection authority, refused to comment on the new storage facility.

Controversy over the waste storage on campus developed when the Canadian Environmental Law Association complained of the dangerous proximity of flammable chemicals and radioactive waste.

Failing to get any action from the university, the association called in the radiation protection service of the labor ministry, which conducted an examination of the site in June, 1979.

Radiation levels of 180 microroentgens per hour, which is 18 times the normal background level, were found one foot from the storage access door.

Five feet away, it was 4½ times the normal level.

The association says that "five feet away" lays in the path of the rear exit to the building, used by dozens of employees twice a day.

The occupational health branch of the ministry said the presence of chemicals such as alcohol, acetone and organic solvents presented a fire hazard. Picric acid, hydrogen peroxide and phosphonates presented an explosion hazard, it added, while containers were not grounded to prevent accidental ignition by sparks.

Association spokesperson Toby Vigod said that "for a while they were even using budget rent-a-trucks to collect the radioactive waste."

Some of the chemicals stored there were considered so dangerous that the Toronto bomb squad was regularly called in to dispose of them.

The environmental law association occupied space at 1 Spadina Crescent from 1973 until Feb. 3, 1980, when the ministry disclosed its findings. Several employees had also become ill.

William Alexander, vice-president of campus and community affairs, wrote the association saying the university had moved to establish a health and safety committee at 1 Spadina, in accordance with the provincial health and safety act.

Computer 115 course overloads

The academic quality of first year computer science courses will be lowered this year — a direct result of overcrowded classes and a lack of qualified personnel, computing science department head Paul Gilmore said Friday.

Computer science 115 was so popular it caused an overflow in 101 and 118, he said.

After all computer science courses were re-opened for enrollment last week, 101 labs have become extremely large. "We try to keep labs at 30 students, but now some are into the forties with only one teaching assistant per class," said Gilmore.

Possible consequences of the crowded labs, added Gilmore, could be a "larger than normal drop-out rate," although it is still too soon to tell.

Sections were re-opened and crowding was allowed to occur because "it's been a tradition at UBC, particularly in beginning courses, that students be able to enrol into these courses no matter how full . . . but recently we've considered (the idea) that every student isn't going to be able to get into the courses of his or her choice," said science dean C. Finnegan.

The main problem the department has is an inability to fill teaching positions. Because of two resignations last year and no permission from the dean to hire two more professors, four positions are currently vacant.

"Unless we solve the problem (of a lack of people to teach classes), the situation will be worse next year when equally as many computer science students wish to enrol," said Finnegan.

Gilmore pointed out an article taken from "The Times Higher Education Supplement" which he believes outlines the problems currently facing university computer science programs.

The article said the industrial demand for PhD engineers has been increasing and corporations can offer far larger salaries than universities. It also reported that fewer universities can afford to buy up-to-date equipment to match industrial research facilities. It said universities also face the problem of the huge influx of students which has created teaching demands which impinge on staff research time.

"We need the equipment to attract certain kinds of people and our research equipment is lagging behind what is available elsewhere," said Finnegan.

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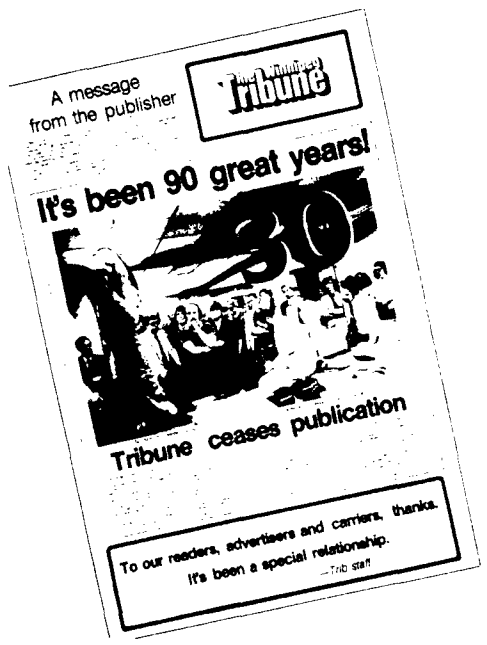
A message from the publisher

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THE OTTAWA Journal

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Statement from the publisher

Bearpaw the wonder horse

Taylor's caper becomes 'joint' effort

By MICHEAL McEVOY
of Canadian University Press

Business people preach the gospel of free enterprise and many members of the public swear by it.

The underlying theory supposes that the lifeblood of Canada's economic system is the fierce competition between businesses which gives the consumer the best possible product at the best possible price.

University text books call it the model of perfect competition.

But the recent arrangement between the Thomson and Southam newspaper chains, which saw two daily journals close, has cast doubt upon the creed of free enterprise.

Because of their deal, Thomson and Southam no longer compete in any Canadian city. It also means Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary are the only cities in which there exists rival daily newspapers.

The federal government has already established a commission to examine monopoly control of newspapers and media critics fear that democracy is imperilled by the growing monopolization of information sources.

In Winnipeg, readers of the ill-fated Tribune were asking whether the "Trib" really had to shut. The paper had increased circulation by 50 per cent over the past five years and had increased advertising revenue.

Southam publishers admit that if more money had been invested in the paper it may have been profitable in the future. But such an investment would have proved costly and reduced Southam's profit margins.

Rather than raise the ante in the competition with Thomson, the Tribune was closed; a move made more appetizing for Southam when Thomson, by coincidence, shut down the flagging Ottawa Journal. This left Southam with the only newspaper in Ottawa.

Corporate cooperation is now more in style than competitive capitalism.

Thomson's (owned by Lord Kenneth Thomson) strategy in the newspaper business has always been to operate in towns which have just one paper. With no competition the paper is not forced to put resources into doing full news coverage. At the same time it can extract high advertising rates.

Thomson control methods of papers are fast becoming legend in the annals of the journalism trade. People who have been employed at one of Thomson's papers (he now controls more than 40 Canadian daily and weekly journals) call them clones. The papers are stripped of their individuality and made to look like the others in the Thomson fold.

"By 1971, one had to read the mast head banners to tell them apart," says James Lamb in his recent book, Press Gang: Post-War Life in the World of Canadian Newspapers.

He says comics and features were packaged in Toronto and sent to publishers. If the paper wanted to run a local feature they were bluntly asked: "How many readers will it add?"

Lamb spend more than 20 years at the Thomson-owned Orillia Packet and Times, and says most of the newspaper's energy was spent on meeting profit quotas established by the head office in Toronto. Reporters spent so much time writing "boilerplate" (stories which are complimentary to advertisers), they had little time left for doing news reporting.

Lamb finally left the Packet and Times when he was disgusted by a head office attempt to squeeze more profit of the paper by cutting the commissions of the carrier boys.

"Thomson groups were the greatest money-making organizations in the country outside of the Canadian mint," he says. "The idea of this newspaper colossus wrestling some grubby-faced kid for another half-cent of his meagre earnings struck me as enormously funny."

When it was clear management meant serious business, Lamb quit.

One story journalists often tell is that at one Thomson paper, women employees were told to use less toilet paper to cut costs.

When the newspaper magnate closed the Ottawa Journal, putting 375 people out of work, he simply said, "Each one has to find their own way in the world."

But if Thomson cares little about his news product and the workers he employs he does pay close attention to the bottom line of the balance sheet.

Thomson's newspaper profits last year totalled $65 million. This was up from $56.5 million in 1978. Profits for the first half of this year rose to $34 million from $29.3 million in the previous year.

Many analysts were surprised when Thomson bought FP publications for $130 million earlier in the year because of his lust for money. Several of FP's papers were ailing. The Calgary Albertan was faltering badly, the Ottawa Journal was in poor financial condition, and the two FP papers in Victoria were not exactly making money hand over fist.

But it was clear that Thomson had a very specific game plan when he took over FP. He quickly sold the Albertan to the Toronto Sun corporation. His next move was to merge the Colonist and the Times in Victoria and as a result more than 100 people were put out of work. Then, Thomson was able to do what Southam and FP were never able to do — an arrangement was made to simultaneously shut Southam's and Thomson's money losing operations in Winnipeg and Ottawa.

Thomson was following his corporate game plan to the tee. He owns only four of the original eight papers acquired from FP, all of which have a newspaper monopoly in their cities.

Bill McLeman, national director of the Newspaper Guild, said it was obvious the two companies "carved up the country into spheres of influence."

"There are one newspaper towns every place in Canada except Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary, and I don't think either of the chains really regards the Sun papers in these cities to be real competition," he said.

Other arrangements made between the two chains saw Thomson give Southam a newspaper monopoly in Vancouver by selling them the Vancouver Sun. This has led to speculation Southam might close the weaker Vancouver Province which they also own. Thomson also sold his 30 per cent interest in the Montreal Gazette to the majority owners, Southam.

Reacting to public concern, the federal government has called an inquiry, headed by former journalist Tom Kent, to examine the effect of monopoly ownership of newspapers.

Ten years ago the federal government spent many thousands of dollars to investigate that very thing. The Senate inquiry into the mass media, headed by Keith Davey, came down with many recommendations including one which said the federal government should set up an agency to monitor any mergers or takeovers in the communication industry. But the suggestion fell on deaf ears.

The Senate commission concluded that corporate concentration was having an extremely negative effect on the quality of news especially in towns where only one paper exists.

"Newspapers are pulling the maximum out of their communities and giving the minimum in return," the report states. "This is what, in contemporary parlance, is called a rip-off."

Ten years later Davey says press concentration in Canada has become a very critical issue "which must concern any thoughtful Canadian who cares about press freedom."

As newspapers become part of large corporations the chances become more doubtful that corporate decisions affecting people will be critically examined.

For example, is it possible a Thomson paper would critically examine the ecological effect of ocean oil drillings when Thomson has a large investment in North Sea projects?

(Ironically, his oil earnings helped to finance his newspaper purchases.)

Most corporate exposes recently written have come from publications which are not profit oriented and which do not depend on advertising dollars. Two good examples are the cases of the deadly Ford Pinto and the company whose distribution of defective contraceptive devices caused many deaths. Both companies were exposed by Mother Jones, which depends mainly on readership subscriptions for survival.

In Canada there are very few papers or journals of broad appeal to the public which are free from pressure of advertisers and corporations.

Rumors are circulating throughout Ottawa that the federal government may establish and fund a national newspaper. It is reported that such a newspaper might work autonomously, much the same as the CBC currently does.

It has become clear from the quality of Thomson's newspapers and the findings of the 1970 Davey Commission that the public cannot depend on profit oriented newspapers to report on all the events which affect their lives.

Mike McEvoy is Canadian University Press vice-president/features writer working from CUP's Ottawa offices.

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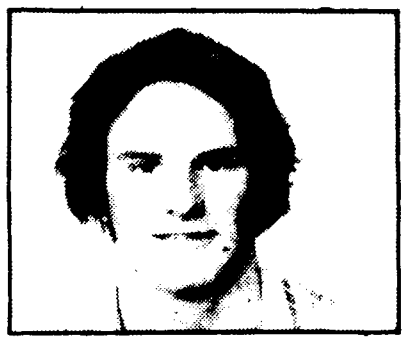

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SPORTS

By WARREN KOWBEL

A cross from UVic's left wing looked like a sure goal when it deflected off leaping goalkeeper Ben Becker's hands toward the UBC net, but left defenseman David Fales was there to kick it off the goal line. UBC went on to win the game 1-0.

Before the game, Thunderbird coach Joe Johnson predicted, "It will be a tough game . . . Victoria's always tough." And tough it was. Although few penalties were called, ankle-hacking, pushing and hot tempers characterized the low-scoring game played on the slippery Wolfson Field Saturday.

Coach Johnson told his team after a scoreless first half of fast-paced soccer, "I don't care if it doesn't look like good soccer. We've got to direct . . . we've got to score a goal."

The goal didn't come right away. Ben Becker had to make some sensational saves. But with Dave Fales backing him up by appearing out of nowhere to stop the ball from crossing the goal line, UVic couldn't have bought a goal.

Although the Vikings outshot UBC 9 to 3, the Birds had plenty of opportunities to put the ball across the UVic goal line. Eric Jones just missed a header from a cross on a UVic obstruction penalty. Murray Mitchell had his shot stopped and Randy Coutts put the ball over the top from 21 yards out.

The shot that counted came from a right wing cross by Coutts. A defensive mix-up on the part of UVic enabled first-year 'bird David Jones to boot the ball home with only twelve minutes remaining.

The condition of Wolfson Field was a major obstacle to any attempts to play the game with style. Neither team looked good on Saturday, but coach Johnson blames UBC's poor showing on a lack of practice. UVic players have been practicing together since early August. "I was glad to get out of it with a win, frankly," he said.

The 'Birds take on the University of Washington today at 4:30 in an unscheduled game. They hope this will prove adequate preparation for next weekend when they travel to the prairies.

Friday the 'Birds play the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

—ross burnett photo

FRENZIED FIELDHOCKEY FANATIC frantically swings club in wild effort to remove lawn chair, people's heads, people, and little white ball from defensive zone. UBC clobbered all opposition in the Early Bird Invitational tourney to capture first place. See story pg. 11.

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
General meeting, noon, Chem. 250.
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
General meeting, noon, SUB 205.

FRIDAY

SKYDIVING CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 213.
STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXC. CHILDREN
Wine and cheese, noon, Scarfe lounge.
VANCOUVER SCHOOL THEOLOGY, CCM, COALITION FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT
Jonathan King, biology prof at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, speaks on the social responsibility of science and students in the struggle for peace noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.
Jonathan King speaks on the medical, biological and social consequences of nuclear war, 8 p.m., Vancouver Unitarian church, 949 West 49th Ave.
CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS
News writing seminar with Bill Tieleman, 4 p.m., Ubyssey office, SUB 241K.
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Corn roast, 6 p.m., International House.

SATURDAY

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Next week's is still going ahead, though. In the meantime, the AMS royal commission on the media will be meeting in the Pit at 5:30 p.m. to discuss what the best way is to give students access to The Ubyssey and CITR and vice versa.

If you are a member of a club, organization or undergrad society, or just a student who has ideas on how the proposed media board should work and who should be on it, drop by.

Look for the guy in the long blond hair wearing the black 'Gonzo' t-shirt.

Sky crunch

Does the thought of leaping out of a plane and plunging towards Earth at incredible speeds bother you? Do you enjoy the prospect of trusting life and limb to a pile of canvas you pack on your back? Would you like to think that a wind change could place you in the library pond?

We thought not. But if you wish to witness fellow students put themselves into such a situation, show up at MacInnis field in front of SUB at 1 p.m. Friday, when six members of the UBC skydiving club will drop into UBC.

Ah, multi-colored silks against the porcelain blue sky, what a sight! And bones snapping and crunching in instant impact against the too, too solid earth, what a mess.

Find it, laddie

One can just picture this glorious name thundering triumphantly through the halls of time, echoing eternally for all to hear. But what does it mean?

Better yet, who are the Friends of Findhorn and why? And who is this Peter Caddy, the Findhorn's founder who has trekked from Northern Scotland to appear at UBC to explain the functionings of planetary transformation and the network of light?

For answers to these burning questions, and many more, attend Caddy's lecture tonight, 7:30 in the Woodward Building, lecture room two. If you miss that, he'll speak Wednesday night in the Grad Centre's garden room.

Now the news

Have you ever wanted to become a compulsive chain-smoker with a short life expectancy? Do you wish to develop a talent for chewing pens and pencils beyond recognition? Do you want permanent coffee stains on your chin? Does alcoholism appeal to you?

In other words, have you ever considered taking up journalism?

The chance to take that first big step into the stressful, sleepless world or reporting is now yours. All you have to do is step into the Ubyssey office (SUB 241K) Friday at 4 p.m. when Bill Tieleman, former Ubyssey news editor and former National Bureau Chief for Canadian University Press, will hold a newswriting seminar discussing how to write good.

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99 — Miscellaneous

SPORTS

UBC delivers with a Lomas goose egg

By JO-ANNE FALKINER

In women's field hockey, UBC Gold, the soon-to-be varsity team, captured the Early Bird Invitational held here this weekend. The final showdown between UBC and the Lomas of the Vancouver League had UBC the decisive winners with a score of 5-0.

Coach Gail Wilson, reluctant as yet to single out any stars calls her team "a promising and talented group." Most of the players have had B.C. Rep experience. Wilson feels her job now is to mold these women into a team.

Other contenders in the tournament were UBC Blue, UVic, SFU and the four top teams in the Vancouver League. These were the Ramblers, the Doves, the Tigers, and the Lomas. UBC Blue was a result of the 37-player turnout at tryouts earlier this month.

UVic, which should have been UBC's major competition, was defeated by both SFU and the Lomas early in the tournament. Wilson says UVic is stacked with talent and expects them to be a real threat to her team this season. Their poor showing this weekend was probably a result of lack of practice time.

UBC's next competition comes Friday and Saturday when Western Washington University visits here.

Persky pouts for presidency

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critical minds. I intend to conduct some kind of public investigation into whether the university is succeeding or failing in doing that."

Persky said he is not concerned that the chancellorship is currently less a position of administrative power than one of ceremony.

"Given that it's ceremonial and one gets to make grand gestures, I intend to make as grand a gesture I can," he said. "It's one way of working toward the presidencey of UBC."

Persky said there are probably many ways of using the chancellorship to raise funds, such as endorsing educational board games.

"Maybe I can make millions of dollars in endorsements, enough to buy out the University of B.C. and establish a democratic institution in its place," he said.

PANGO-PANGO (UNS)—Early primeval returns indicate that Doggerel Raygun will sweep to power on the coattails of the A.F.L./C.I.O. M.O.U.S.E.

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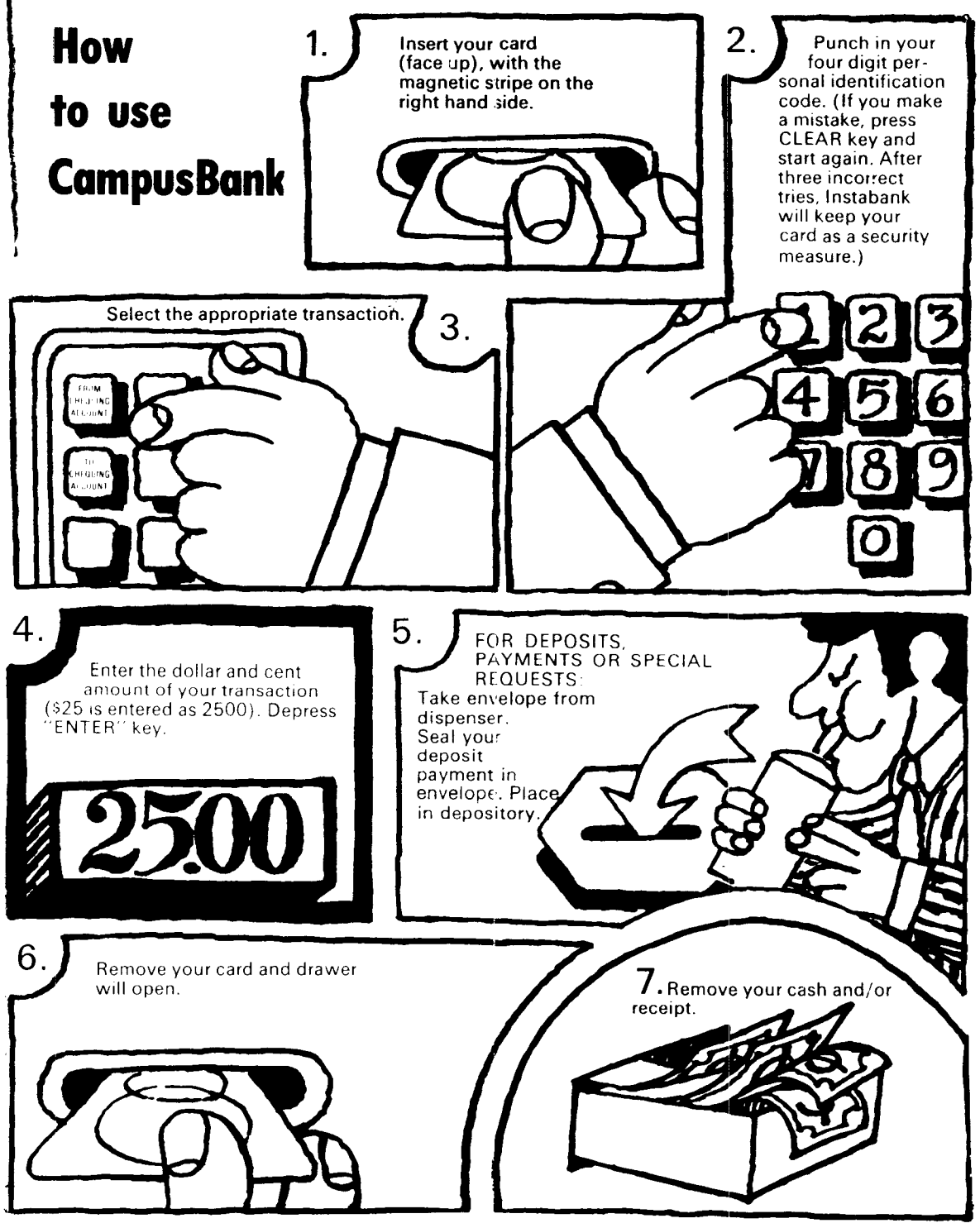

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ABORTION

Showdown occurs at abortion corral

By NANCY CAMPBELL

It was High Noon at the Canyon. Over 60 people turned up for the showdown on a dry and dusty Sunday, arguments, emotional pleas and statistics at the ready to shoot down the opposition. It was war in suburbia. It was about abortion.

Euphemistically advertised as a "talk on Health Care and Single Interest Groups" the Canyon Heights restaurant brunch was no more and no less than an opportunity for the general public to listen to four speakers and then put in their own two cents worth in on what is the North Shore's hottest controversy — abortion.

Elections for the Lion's Gate Hospital Board of Directors are taking place on Wednesday. But this year is a crucial year for the LGH board: if all four "independent" candidates are elected the pro-life candidates will have majority control and are in a position to abolish all abortions at the hospital.

And it is war. The battle lines have been drawn. Both pro-life and pro-choice groups have been hustling LG hospital society memberships to a record-breaking 6,000 members. Ads have been appearing in the local community newspaper — one showing "tiny human feet 20 weeks abortion" and "large human feet 20 years after conception."

Emotions boiled over at the forum, with normally sedate burghers booing, clapping, shouting down and heckling the speakers, questioners and rowdy members of the audience.

But despite the chaos, most of the speakers felt the forum had been useful. Useful in allowing the public at large to speak out, useful in letting the public see the true colours of the speakers.

The meeting was typical in that it got off on highly emotional issues, confrontation instead of debate," said Marlene Hunter, a doctor who has served four and a half years on the LGH therepeutic abortion committee. "But it's important that people have an opportunity to publicly state their stand."

Publicly stating their positions was the purpose in inviting the four speakers. In their opening remarks the battle lines were drawn.

"Is it in line with our principles to have members of the board advocate the murder of innocent human beings?" asked Declan Lawlor, a dentist and incumbent board member. He further went to say that abortion leads to euthanasia of people "in the autumn years of life."

"We must examine the risks of single interest groups overwhelming a community resource with pressure politicking," said Hunter. "This year the issue is abortion but who is to say next year it won't be blood transfusions?"

"There are three times as many abortions at LGH than the Canadian average," said George Carruthers, another board incumbent. "The number of abortions in the U.S. exceeds the number of war deaths for WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War."

"Last election I found myself at the top of the Pro-Life 'Hit List'," said Svend Robinson, Burnaby MP and NDP justice critic, "rather strange words for a group which advocates life." Robinson, a former student member of UBC's board of governors, went on to criticize the playing on emotions by linking abortion with euthanasia.

Robinson was a big favourite with the mob, cheerfully articulating his answers and helping to clarify those of the allegedly independent candidates. But he was also angry at the anti-fetus portrait of him by the Pro-Life Society.

"I reject categorically the linking of persons like myself who are pro-choice with Nazis and 'the silent holocaust'," he said. "Words are very important — I advocate the right of women to choose. It is wrong of society to tell women that if they have abortions they are criminals. I support life as any other individual who calls him or herself pro-life."

Robinson was concerned about the effect on women — especially poor women — if the Pro-Life Society policies were brought to fruition. "The thrust of these organizations is beyond all doubt: no abortions and a repeal of the legislative changes of 1969. Did you know 2,000 women in Portugal, where there are no legal abortions, die each year of self-induced or back-street abortions?"

"The Pro-Life Society is silent when it comes to the question of sex education or contraception," charged Robinson. "The only reference to family planning in their literature is cutting off funds to the Planned Parenthood Association of Canada."

Hunter ran a close second with a sharp tongue and wry observations as she brought the bewildering amount of statistics thrown about by the other speaker into perspective and order.

Hunter was also concerned with morality. "Who can decide if morals are right?" she asked the audience. "I don't think any single person has the right to judge another person's morals. If legislation does that, it is punitive legislation."

Hunter's main concern was with single interest groups. She said single interest groups play on emotions and "how can you argue with emotions? You can only argue to direct emotions."

Carruthers desperately tried to maintain an objective position by concentrating his comments on the legality of the abortion legislation passed in 1969 and bringing the LGH abortion committee recommendations into line with the criminal code. Yet he betrayed himself later on by coaching Lawlor during a CBC interview on the lines and tactics he should use in defending pro-life policy.

Lawlor undoubtedly came off worst of all. He deliberately avoided answering questions like "What is the ultimate goal of the Pro-Life Society?", "What have the pro-lifers done to prevent the need for abortion with promotion of sex and contraceptive education and family planning?", and "What's the definition of a 'convenient' abortion if you claim that 95 per cent of all abortions at LGH are for convenience?"

Lawlor flatly denied making the statements after two reporters and one TV camera had recorded him saying "contraception and rape are just red herrings."

A favourite ploy of his was to throw a barrage of all too often meaningless statistics at the audience, without reaching a conclusion of any kind.

But what really drew the catcalls from the audience, even from some of the pro-life supporters, was his statement that "abortion is man-instigated." According to Lawlor, abortions are caused by men pressuring the women involved to have one in order to ease his burden.

Lawlor was almost frantic during the CBC interview as he tried to maintain his "independent" status by first denying that he was pro-life, then maintaining he was not a member of the Pro-Life Society, and then contradicting himself saying he was pro-life and endorsed by the society but not pro-life. Everybody, not to mention Lawlor, was confused by the end of the "explanation".

A poll was taken of the audience which was found to be evenly split between pro-lifers and pro-choicers, plus three neutrals. One of the most emotionally charged moments of the forum occured as Janice Andrews, a declared neutral, came out in favour of pro-choice.

"I came as a neutral because I'm sterilized," said Andrews. "I think safety from pregnancy influences your decision.

"My basic instinct is that abortion is wrong. Yet I don't know what I would do if I was pregnant and my husband abandoned me.

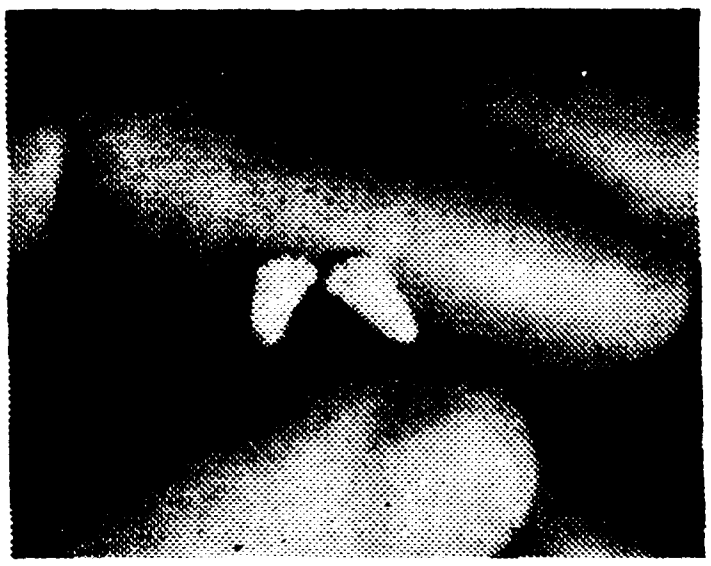
"But I'm no longer a neutral because I feel that women who have been raped or are victims of incest are put in an evil position and no matter how evil you think abortion is, her position is more evil."

Andrew's decision came after an answer to the question of whether the pro-life society advocated abortion in cases of incest or rape was forced out of Lawlor. The answer was no.

"I'm reluctantly if favour of pro-choice because of pro-life's rigidity and lack of support for victims of rape and incest," said Andrews. "If pro-life had said they would allow abortion in case of incest or rape then I would be pro-life. There's only two camps and both are extreme."

The LGH conflict is one that will be repeated throughout the lower mainland as hospital boards for Surrey, Richmond and Burnaby come up for election. The only reason VGH is calm this year is because a government decree disbanded its board, which is now appointed by the provincial government.

Hunter is optimistic about the possibility of hospital board elections run at the municipal level like school boardd elections. "It would give a truer representation of the wishes of the community than the present system."



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