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Kenny rejects park fantasies

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

UBC student senators spoke out against the proposed 58 acre research park Wednesday night, but administration president Doug Kenny told them their fears were only fantasies.

Kenny fielded questions from student senators and said charges that the public had not been notified about the park and that it would lure qualified professors away from the university were unwarranted.

He said the park proposal was announced almost two years ago and although there were no public hearings, "the park has been no state secret."

Kenny said the people of the university endowment lands knew what was being planned the whole time.

Student senator Doug Watts questioned whether the park would lure professors away from the university.

But Kenny said, "this is a fear that doesn't have a root in reality. The fear that suddenly the university will just have research profs is totally unwarranted. The central mission of the university isn't going to change."

If students came up with a plan for more efficient use of the university land it would be considered, said Kenny.

"If students came up with a scheme rooted in reality we'd certainly look at it. We might not buy it, but we'd look at it," he said.

Student senator Peter Fry asked Kenny if the park's proposed board of management would have student representatives.

Kenny said the merits of student representation "would be looked at."

Student senator Chris Niwinski said if the research park were sucessful it would be inevitable that it would be expanded onto land next to the current site, which is part of the endowment lands.

But Kenny said there has been no discussion on the part of the university about expanding into the endowment lands.

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— yvan fortin photo

SPLIT PERSONALITY STUDENT finds novel technique for disposing of unwanted headache. Student discovered small "black hole" on concourse above Sedgewick library and quickly took advantage of instant pain relief. But solution had several drawbacks. When itch developed behind left ear, hand was unable to bridge spacetime continum. And new appearance did not appear to mirror student's perception of self.

Math profs slam glowing report

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

Some UBC math professors remain convinced the mathematics annex was an unsafe, forgotten waste dump, despite a recent administration report denying the charges.

Two weeks ago 22 math professors wrote to UBC's radioisotopes and radiation hazards committee calling for a complete description of what the math annex had been used for in the past.

The report written late last month refutes allegations that the math annex was a forgotten site and there was a health hazard.

But Norman Goldstein, who works in the math office directly above the basement room, said he is not convinced by the report.

"There's still some concern about what people have been exposed to. I've looked at the report and I can't tell how complete the listing is, it wasn't really answering everything we asked for," he said.

But committee chairman Robert Morrison said the radiation levels in the math annex were not harmful, even though they were 14 times higher than normal.

"I think a lot of people are getting hysterical about nothing," he said.

The report also responded to concerns the math professors had about the placement of a radiation hazards sign.

It stated that the warning symbol was placed on the basement door and that to have placed it on the entrance to the basement would have been inappropriate.

But Morrison said it was not posted the way he would have done it, though it did comply with federal regulations.

The possibility of establishing a permanent disposal facility on campus was also mentioned in the report.

Bill Rachuk, UBC's radiation protection and pollution control officer, said the university is already looking for a safer, more central location for the disposal of waste materials.

"We have 150 labs on campus and we have it (radioactive waste) scattered hither and yon and it's a difficult housekeeping job. But something is on its way fairly soon and people are working on it," he said.

The report stated that radiation levels absorbed from wearing a wrist watch with a luminiscent dial or the exposure from a chest x-ray are higher than the doses of radiation received by the professors in the room directly above the basement.

Sierra suits up for beach hearings

Some environmentalists are satisfied with a decision by UBC's board of governors to hold public meetings to discuss the Wreck Beach erosion control project.

The Sierra Club says it is pleased with board member Stanley Weston's approach to public input on the controversial project.

"We see it as a real step ahead," Sierra Club spokeswoman Anna Buffinga said Wednesday. "The Sierra Club is pleased that this step has been taken."

Buffinga said that although the club has not yet prepared a submission for the public hearings, they will be having further discussions to determine their position on the project. "We're just waitng to see how it's developing," she said.

The public hearings will try to discuss submissions from all people interested in the Wreck Beach proposal, Weston said Wednesday.

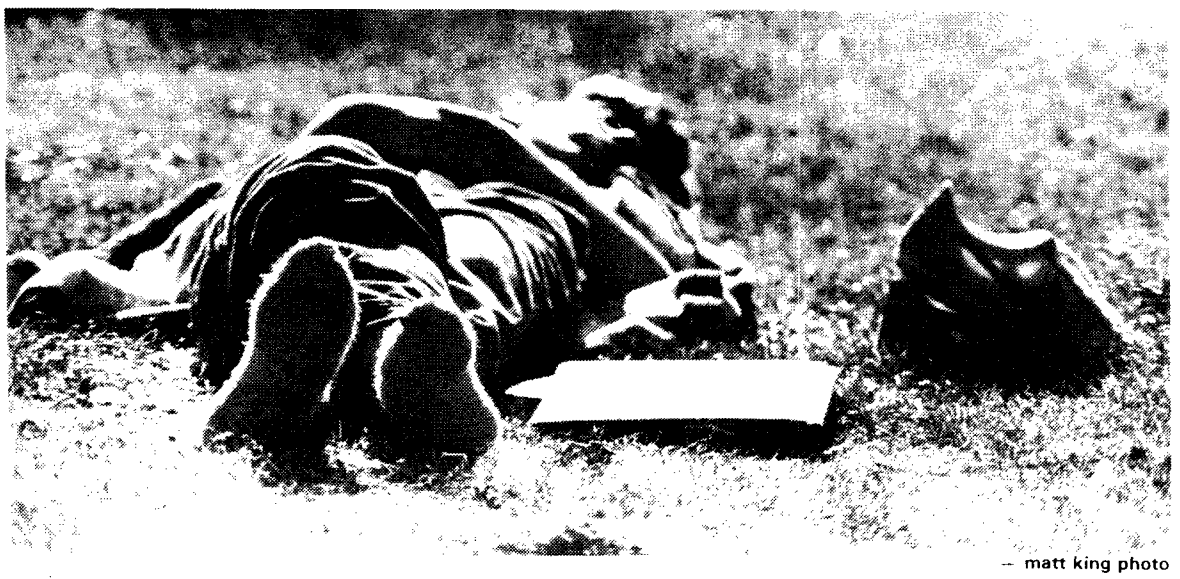
"We're looking for any and all suggestions from people who are concerned," he said. "They may have some ideas that are useful."

Weston said the hearings will not run on a strictly formal basis. "We won't be reading the actual briefs at the meetings," he said. "We want discussions."

The hearings will be held on three days, Nov. 8, 9 and 10.

"The first evening, the authors of the report (Swan Wooster Engineering Co.) will be available for discussion of the master plan," Weston said. He added that the Wreck Beach committee report will be the major topic of discussion the second night.

"On the Saturday, any other submissions will be considered."



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"HI, MOM. Remember those warm fuzzy socks you knitted for me? They sure keep my feet cosy in the library where I study all the time. How's school? Fine, except I can't remember where I left my notebook . . ."

Trash turns into cash

By GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

UBC's nuclear research facility has found a way to turn nuclear "garbage" into money.

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. will soon be conducting a multi-million dollar commercial medical radioisotope business using radioactive proton beam waste from UBC's Tri-University Meson Facility.

And TRIUMF is planning to get a piece of the corporate profits too.

Under the terms of an agreement between TRIUMF and the crown corporation, a specified percentage of profits from isotope sales will be guaranteed to TRIUMF in the form of research grants.

TRIUMF director Jack Sample said the project is costing them nothing and provides an effective use for their excess energy from a radioactive proton beam, which is currently disposed of at a "beam dump" — a concrete container which absorbs the beam's energy.

"We're not taking any financial risk at all. our beam is essentially a waste product," he said.

The crown corporation facility is being built in front of one of the beam dumps and will make use of a large amount of its "waste energy."

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Nuclear energy very sticky issue at SFU

By Keith Baldrey
CUP B.C. BUREAU CHIEF

Ubyssey special report

'Nukes too costly'

Nuclear energy is not economically feasible and will cost more than it will produce, anti-nuclear activist Gordon Edwards told 100 people Wednesday at Simon Fraser University.

Said Edwards, the chairman of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, "the nuclear industry is a welfare case. The industry is not economical. It's on the skids."

Edwards said that although relatively cheap energy can be gotten from uranium, the cost to dispose of the waste makes it an impractical process.

"The lowest estimated cost for disposing the waste is $500 million. The highest estimate is $18 billion."

Edwards pointed out that currently the uranium mining companies have no obligation, other than a moral one, to dispose of the waste.

"The uranium companies have the right to commit random murder on any anonymous individual who lives or works near a mine," he said. "The chairman of the U.S. Atomic Regulatory Commission, Victor Golinsky, has admitted that the number one health hazard is uranium waste."

The only hope for world peace is alternate energy sources, Edwards said. "There are options that do not threaten world peace or leave behind the legacy uranium mining has left behind."

Edwards also criticized the lack of action taken in Canada against violations of safety regulations at nuclear plants and uranium mines.

"The inadequacies of Ontario nuclear reactors are very well documented," said Edwards. "Their solution is not how we can make them safe, but instead how we can skirt around it and make a few cosmetic changes."

He said people have to become more involved in decision-making. "It is absolutely essential that we regain control of the political process, so politicians will listen to us and not to groups with special interests. People have to seize responsibility."

Edwards also criticized the royal uranium commission, headed by David Bates, who was the preceding speaker.

"The uranium commission is doing its best not to face up to important issues. There are issues that go beyond the nit-picking issues the commission is dealing with," he said.

"Despite the respect I have for Dr. Bates, I don't think he knows he is being used."

Uranium chairman gets creamed in debate

The chairman of the royal commission on uranium mining in B.C. defended the commission Wednesday from allegations that it was being heavily influenced by corporations and the provincial government.

David Bates, former UBC dean of medicine, spoke to 125 people at Simon Fraser as part of a nuclear awareness week being held until Saturday.

"The government does not influence a royal commission once it has been established," Bates said. "We consider ourselves independent."

Bates was responding to statements made by members of the audience that the commission was a "puppet of the government and the corporations."

A person from the American Indian movement also said he was denied the opportunity to ask questions of uranium companies, and that questions had to first be approved by the commission.

Bates did not dispute his claim, but said the commission only approved questions during "technical hearings" dealing with exploration for uranium.

The commission started technical hearings last week and will continue them until late January. Among the topics will be exploration, mining, disposal and health protection.

During the question period Bates was hit on the side of the head by a whipped cream pie, thrown by a woman who had apparently been in attendance at some of the commission's hearings.

"I think this kind of protest does no good at all," Bates said, as he continued fielding questions.

Bates said the commission will visit Australia and Saskatchewan next spring to observe uranium mining practies in those areas.

"Like B.C., Australia is facing an intense world demand for uranium," said Bates. "They are very proud of their health measures."

The open pit uranium mines at Cruyff Lake and Rabbit Lake in Saskatchewan will also be visited.

Bates said his commission has been hampered by the lack of data available on uranium mining hazards. "I believe a scientist's role is that before they make a political decision they must know the data. Neither group (on either side of the uranium issue) has reliable data."

He also compared the people involved on either side of the uranium issue. "The vocal components of industry and the environment groups are the same," he said. "I don't belong to either one."

The commission was formed in January, 1978 and was asked to examine safety and health standards and make recommendations on them.

An interim report released in September recommended a licensing procedure for uranium exploration that would include strict guidelines and regulations. The commission also suggested the development of a province-wide radiation observation network.

None of those proposals will be implemented until the commission completes its report. Bates expects the report to be finished by September, 1980.

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OFFERING QUICK PRAYER before reducing assailant to rubble, instructor Alice MacPherson demonstrates wen-do technique of self defence to Susan Woolley in program sponsored by women's committee. Subsequent move doesn't cleave attacker's nose in half but actually brings victim's elbows down on grasping arms, breaking grip effectively. Then, one can cleave nose in half.

Quebec diplomas still provide jobs

OTTAWA (CUP) — A university degree is still the best bet in finding a steady job, according to a study by the Quebec government of the province's university graduates.

Following a survey of 4,600 persons who earned degrees in 1975, the province's education department concluded that it was still true that the longer a person stays in school the better the chances of finding and keeping a lucrative job. The Quebec graduates were surveyed at the beginning of 1978.

Unemployment rates for women were twice as high as those for men and a far higher proportion of women held part-time jobs.

The authors of the survey said their findings refute the growing criticism that four or more years of university education were not worth the price in straight dollar terms.

'Park won't spill to UEL'

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"The present policy is that the park won't expand into the endowment lands. The government has said it won't turn the endowment lands into an industrial park," he said.

But Kenny added that a change in governments could reverse government policy on the research park.

Fry asked Kenny what the university community could do if objective research was conducted in the park.

"We did spell out the safeguards and guidelines for the tenants on the endowment land. One has to rest assured the university is interested primarily in teaching research," Kenny said.

'Waste not, want not'

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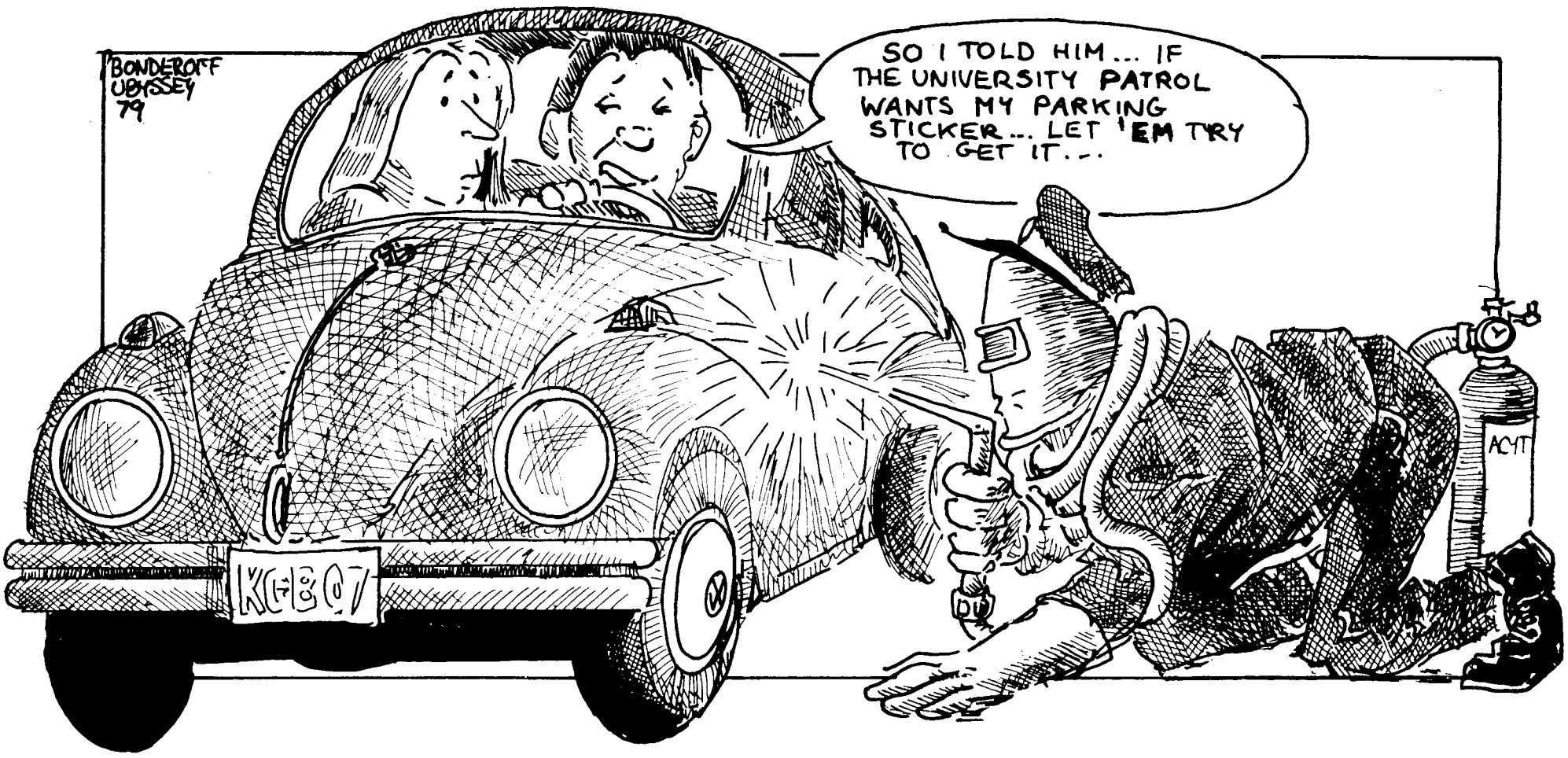
"It will be a multi-million dollar industry and they (AECL) are going to be pouring money into research at TRIUMF," said UBC administration vice-president Erich Vogt.

He said the $3.5 million isotope production facility, currently under construction adjacent to TRIUMF, will make medical radioisotopes for sale to pharmaceutical companies.

Vogt said neutron-poor isotopes, such as Iodine 123, will allow doctors to diagnose thyroid conditions while exposing patients to 100 times smaller radiation doses in the testing than current procedures.

But TRIUMF director Jack Sample said the money from isotope sales would not come rolling in right away. The AECL will not be entirely in the black until some time in the mid-eighties, although the facility is due to begin operations next year, he said.

Sample said the corporation must pay its loan interest payments and equipment costs before it can give any money to TRIUMF, but added that he is in no hurry for the research money.



Hacks lap up propaganda

We've been sold out again.

It has always been obvious that student senators have about as much influence as student board of govenors representatives.

So instead of standing up and protecting the student body's interests in the research park discussions, the student senators allowed themselves to be muzzled.

That's not to say they didn't whimper a bit, and whine across a few easy questions. But they didn't get tough with the university's administration for not consulting students and the public about the project. And they didn't follow up the questions they asked. They lapped up administration president Doug Kenny's answers faithfully.

Kenny called their questions unrealistic, and labeled their concerns fantasies. He said any fear of the university having only research professors after the research park is built is unrealistic.

Who is he trying to kid? The student senators might have been convinced, but no one else is.

A university with a research park will attrack increasingly more and more research-oriented professors. After all, it's a golden opportunity for them to be close to the action in their fields. You can't blame them for that.

And the university will be happy, too. After all, big-name researchers publish lots of articles. Good publicity for the university. Plenty of prestige. Then the university will get even more money.

But it won't help the students much. Kenny has already said the participants in the research park will be selected partly on their willingness to hire students.

But which students? Maybe some of the engineering students will be able to get jobs, and maybe some science students. But the arts faculty, the university's largest, will likely contribute few workers to the advancement of technology.

A student senator asked Kenny if there would be student representatives on the park's board of management. Kenny said it would be looked at.

That's just what we need. More token student representation on another stacked board.

Another stale biscuit for the eager young puppies.

As long as we don't bite the hand that feeds us.

Letters

Blind bleeding-hearts lead nuclear hysteria

Is nuclear power really the evil that popular horror stories make it out to be, the very last thing that we need? Maybe not.

One of TRIUMF's nuclear physicists, Karl Erdman, called the anti-nuclear mood a case of "energy suicide." He said that nuclear power is the safest and most economically feasible solution to the present energy question, but that the unfortunate association with the bomb is forcing us into a corner from which there is no escape. That is, the anti-nuclear emotionalism forces us into a losing position from which we, foreseeably, will have no opportunity to plan a future energy solution. He said, "I'm discouraged. I'm almost beginning to think it's too late. We have enough time in Canada but unfortunately it's a world problem. What do I mean by energy suicide? Well, when the lights start to go out, people won't care how they get the power. They'll accept enormous risks and a crash program for nation-wide nuclear reactors with inexperienced engineers could lead to major accidents." It is high time that we separate emotionalism from rationality, myth from fact.

As to the bomb fear, Erdman said that it is not easy to produce a bomb from reactor plutonium which is geared to produce power — "it just is not bombgrade material." Erdman said that nuclear power is by far safer in terms of doing damage to people than conventional fuels (except for natural gas). Present nuclear reactors are sufficiently safe and, contrary to burning coal and oil, accidents have not injured or killed anyone. The effects of fission, in fact, are far less dangerous than those of natural radiation. So why all the hysteria over cancer and leukemia risks due to radiation leaks?

Erdman said that assuming radiation is released from a nuclear power plant at the maximum allowable rate, the cancer production rate per year would be equivalent to the smoking of two cigarettes. A one-pack-a-day smoker is exposing himself to a cancer production rate 3,500 times as great as from a nuclear power plant. (If anyone has a right to protest it is the non-smoker, not the anti-nuclear lobbyist). The much-dramatized Harrisburg incident produced a radiation exposure which, for a few people near the plant, was equivalent in cancer production to one package of cigarettes. Of far greater significance is that "the cancer risk due to radiation from nuclear power is a factor of 100 times less than the cancer risk from the carginogens released from burning coal and oil." Popular hysteria is sadly misplaced.

Regarding the skepticism over burning radioactive wastes deep into the earth, Erdman points out that we are not adding anything foreign since the sun and its family of planets were formed from highly radioactive materials. In fact, the question over possible radiation leakage has been answered by a natural nuclear reactor of some 100 million years ago recently found in Gabon, Africa. The rock which contained this uranium (which incidentally is the same rock as in the Canadian Shield) hasn't permitted radiation leakage from that time until the present — a rather effective test.

Erdman stressed that the future's crises will not come from nuclear power, the only 'clean' source of concentrated energy, but from the continued use of fossil fuels and biomass. The greatest difficulty in the burning of coal and oil is the production of carbon dioxide which, due to the "greenhouse" effect, increases the average temperature of the earth.

Foreseeable climactic effects at the present rate of energy consumption are a sudden rise in ocean levels which would drown most coastal and low-lying areas, including major arable land areas so that those dependent on cereal grain production will starve. The burning of coal will also increase the world pollution by a factor of three by the year 2000.

As for a soft energy alternative, Erdman said that it's great on small-scale terms such as in homes, but it wouldn't work on an industrial scale since more energy is consumed in constructing solar heating systems than is recovered. However, he doesn't doubt that there could be other ways found to concentrate energy, and was quick to say that nuclear power may not be the final answer.

Above all, Erdman was concerned that the public understand the issues in order to have the maximum opportunity for choice. He was confident that an informed, thinking public would make the right choice. However, he said, "it is interesting to speculate how many people today would be willing to spend the time required to become knowlegeable about crucial issues." Furthermore, "how many one-eyed politicians exist in the world of the blind, and how many of those who are currently crying halt to nuclear power have not only one eye but two?" Clearly it would be appropriate for bleeding-hearts and other myopic citizens to become informed before they vehemently mouth their ignorance and consequent prejudice. Now is the time.

Monika Schmidtke

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As Gary Brookfield walked into the printers, he sensed something was different. "I sense something different," he told Alan Favell and Yvan Fortin, but they were new and everything was different to them. "What is it?" he wondered, but Tom Hawthorn and Geof Wheelwright just clammed up. Glen Sanford and Joan Marklund were still talking, but that was nothing new. Julie Wheelwright and Keith Baldrey provided no clues, but then he heard Peter Menyasz say nice things about Heather Conn and he suddenly knew. "It's national don't-cut-down-Heather day," Dave Francis and Paul von Matt told him, while Vic Bonderoff repressed his natural sentiments by humming fairy tales and Kevin Finnegan stopped drinking. Even Matt King found a pleasantry to utter, and Jim Steel mentioned how much he liked blue. All was sweetness and light until Verne McDonald got nauseated by the whole affair and broke the spell by scoring a direct hit with a well-placed telephone book. Normalcy returned.

Letters

Cross reader doesn't extol UBC

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Many thanks to the Pit patrons

On Sept. 26, the Alma Mater Society donated its profits from the Pit's beer sales to the United Way. Approximately $850 was raised, of which $250 was donated by the patrons. I would like to thank the Pit staff, the Pit patrons on Wednesday night and the following people for their assistance in making the evening successful: Woody Adal, Carol Lee, Jill Jewesson, Leslie Lee, Derek Lee, Alex Polacco, Ester Lee, Collin Campbell, Dave Fujisawa, Brandan Fahy, Selina Shum, Carlotta Chuy, Nobby Akiha, Bruce Armstrong, Len Clarke, Shirley Waters, Fran Rigrouk, Valgeet Johl, Glenn Wong, and Rose-Ann Jang.

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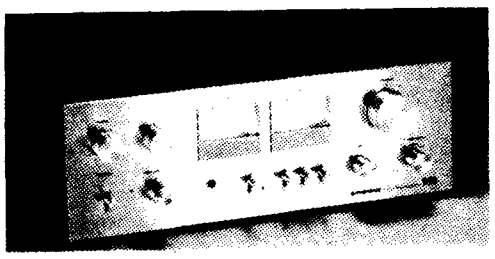
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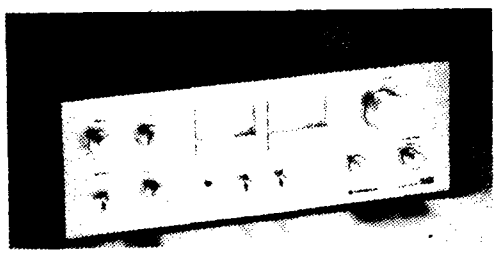
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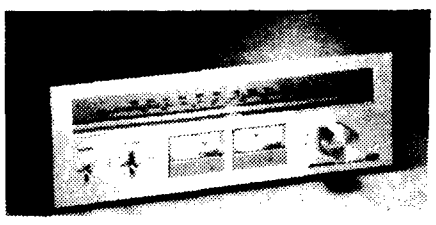
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Gala celebration of "Simchat Torah" for Israelis in Vancouver, at Jewish Community Centre Auditorium, at 950 West 41st Ave.

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Gala community Simchat Torah festival open to the entire Jewish Community. NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY. Everyone is welcome! At the Jewish Community Centre, 950 West 41st. Ave.

Gift horse is a dud

The Student Asks for Sex Change story in the Sept. 11 issue is questionable. Although this is a somewhat difficult story to report upon it could have been done without the sexual stereotyping.

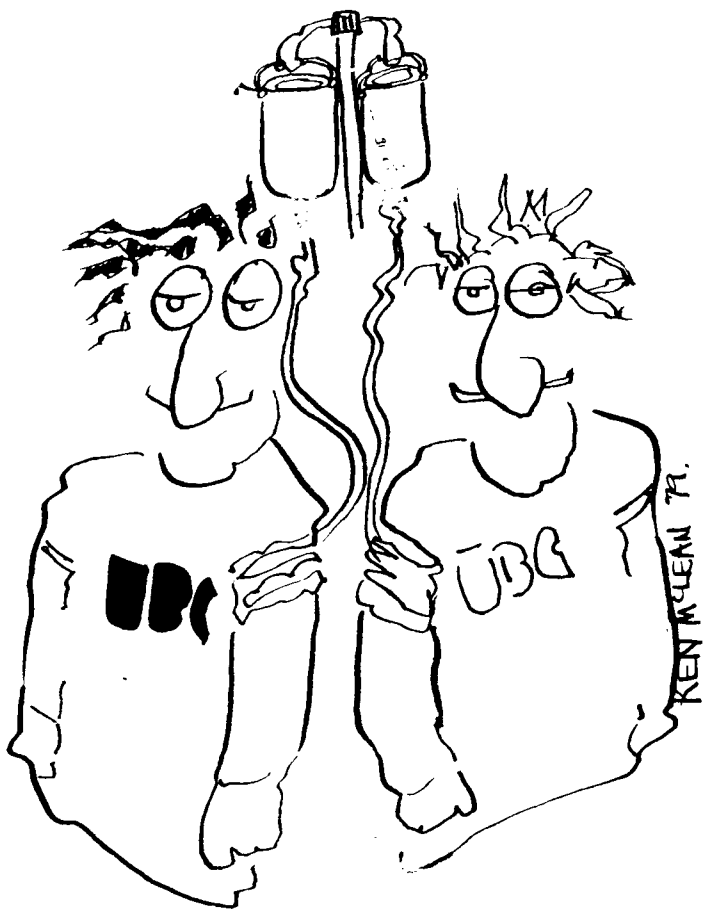
Everyone does not necessarily think that being surrounded by members of the opposite sex, or living with them in a residence situation is a "gift horse." To make that assumption is reinforcing a stereotype. Stereotyping is harmful because it makes people feel they have to live up to a particular image rather than being themselves.

The Tarzan/Jane cutline under the roller skating demonstration in the Sept. 14 issue is also offensive. Tarzan/Jane myths only reinforce the dominant submissive relationship between men and women. Tarzan and Jane have absolutely nothing to do with the story and are totally inappropriate.

I hope this letter will generate some discussion amongst your staff.

Maureen Semchuk
WRCUP
Human Rights Coordinator

Blood gushes forth



The goal of 2,000 donors for the fall UBC blood drive was surpased by a record number of people donating blood. At last week's clinic, 2,384 people donated making this the largest turnout since 1975.

Congratulations are in order to the following two undergraduate societies. First to rehabilitation medicine for having the highest proportionate number of donors (16 per cent) and second to arts for the largest number of donors (363). The draw for Keg dinners produced these four winners: Vince Lrozzo, Peter Owsanecki, Yvonne Matte, and Ed Marchak.

Thank you to all the people who supported this blood drive to make it a success.

Danette Tidball
blood drive coordinator

Piles cause dance in seats

Last week at Monday's Fog Night in the Pit, I had the unexpected pleasure of being exposed to Les Turd and The Piles, an exciting new wave band from right here at UBC. After the first two decent but uninspired acts, Les Turd and The Piles came on dressed in truly bizarre and outrageous outfits and proceeded to rock as I have never heard an amateur band do before.

They soon had the audience completely won over with their combination of tight, driving music and wild theatrics. The music was various selections from The Cars, Led Zeppelin, Stones and others, played energetically and faithfully. They had an amazing stage presence and energy which made many people start dancing on the floor and in their seats, singing the words to the songs.

It was truly an entertaining evening and I'm sure they will become one of the best new wave bands in Vancouver if given the proper exposure.

Chris Keatley
arts 3

Letters

Administration allows no ro

The last couple of weeks have been extremely frustrating. Every time I pick up The Ubyssey, I see a story on the research park (which is fine in itself) and almost every time I read the stories, I find that some member of the UBC administration is attempting to point out that the students had their say on the research park at the last senate meeting.

This is not the case at all, and I'm sure that each of the student senators present at the last meeting would concur with me on the matter. Here's what really happened: president Kenny, during his verbal report to senate, announced that plans for a research park, to be situated behind B.C. Research, were under way. He stated that the university was going to give up 58 acres of land for this facility. The report also made reference to the

Hacks bash bad news bearers

During the student leadership conference Sept. 28-30, approximately 85 students representing most of the faculties, undergraduate societies and clubs within the Alma Mater Society, gathered together to discuss the various areas of the AMS. One of the areas discussed was The Ubyssey.

As students of The Ubyssey, and hence members of the AMS, we would like you to be aware of the following concerns:

- We feel The Ubyssey deals far too much with subjects of limited relevance to the university;
- 'Tween classes and Hot Flashes, the only way clubs and undergraduate societies can communicate with the students at large, are far too small, and are relegated to an insignificant section of the newspaper;
- All reporting by The Ubyssey is strongly biased, inflammatory and mostly incomplete. The Ubyssey seems to feel that it has the right to censor the material presented to the students by:

a) limiting sources used
b) editorializing within a "factual" report
c) exaggerating trivia

- A number of the articles in the recent past have viciously attacked various individuals merely to provide "good copy." The Ubyssey seems to feel that anyone who takes on responsibilities and gets involved in the university community is fair game for cheap shots and ridicule.

The Ubyssey should be aware that the AMS (i.e. "the students at large") is legally responsible for any libelous statements made by the paper.

- The Ubyssey also seems to feel that only bad news is worth reporting. Why can't it operate as a constructive force on campus?

The Ubyssey could better reflect the concerns and interests of the students by:

1) accurate, complete and honest reporting;

2) providing the 10,000 students actively involved in clubs, fraternities and undergraduate societies with at least a page in every issue of The Ubyssey, giving them the opportunity to inform other students of their activities;

3) Limiting coverage of outside events and increasing coverage of campus-related events;

4) Informative coverage of campus issues. For example, let's hear both sides of the current research park controversy.

John Pellizzon
student administrative commissioner
and 38 others

Elephant seeks new image

As chairman of the fund raising committee for the Asian centre, I wish to point out an inaccuracy in your story on the centre in Ubyssey's Sept. 20 issue.

In referring to the $1.6 million initial budget you stated half was donated by the Japanese government. This was not so.

The $800,000 raised in Japan came from the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations with a $550,000 donation and from the Expo '70 foundation with $250,000.

In May 1981 a committee formed by UBC's Institute of Asian Research will conduct a Canada-Asia Conference at the Asian centre. With such activities we want to help provide UBC with the world image it deserves and overcome the stigma of what you refer to "as the campus' biggest white elephant."

Thanks for putting the record straight on Japanese donors to the Asian centre.

Joseph L. Whitehead

Desmond not forgotten

With regards to the Dave Brubeck interview and article, it seems strange that when dealing with as prolific a composer as Dave Brubeck, interviewer Paul Hodgins would credit him with Take Five. This tune, the quartets' "signature" hit single for many years was penned by Paul Desmond.

Paul Desmond was an outstanding alto-player and the mainstay of the Brubeck quartet for close to 20 years. Any article about Dave Brubeck should at least mention the superb stylist who defined (and was buried in) the sound of the quartet for so long.

Desmond formed his own quartet in the early seventies but was reunited with Brubeck in '75 for both a quartet 25th anniversary tour and a duets album. Desmond's death in 1977 closed an all too short book on some of the most distinctive alto voices in jazz.

Norm Dadoun
computer science

Undercut babies forestry kids

On behalf of all us kids in forestry, we would like to sincerely thank the Alma Mater Society for the terrific babysitting job it did at Undercut. We would heartily recommend their services to all those elementary and junior high school principals in the lower mainland who frown on such disgusting practices as holding hands and dancing close at school dances.

We were especially gratified by the respect the AMS showed for our personal financial situations by opening the bar late and closing it early; we both saved enough for two extra Kraft dinners this week. As our old friend Pat McGeer used to say, "God save those who try to save me from myself.

Harvey Kirk
Heinrich Kotta
forestry 6

P.S. Mom was so surprised when we got home before she did.

Bukovsky not inhuman

I allow myself a bit of conceit here; I shall declare myself a 'person of conscience.' That should put me on equal terms with Susan Weir . . . er . . . almost. . .

I presume that Susan has lived in the Soviet Union for most of her life, which would allow her to make such sweeping criticisms of Vladimir Bukovsky's opinions as she permitted herself to make, in her Oct. 5 letter to The Ubyssey.

Anyone reading her letter, without having attended Bukovsky's lecture, is bound to get the wrong impression about what he had to say. Indeed, one would visualize, from her description of Bukovsky, a ruthlessly inhuman propagandist attempting to brainwash his listeners.

I didn't see a "lack of humaneness" in Bukovsky in the tone of his speech; I saw a man trying to relate his experience of Soviet society to the audience and to present the situation as he saw it. No blatant expression of dishonest subjectivity. On the contrary, if he had been more emotional about things (considering the subject matter) I would have been more cynical about his sincerity.

Weir seemed ignorant of Bukovsky's true intent behind his participation in the Soviet dissident movement. She clearly takes too many things for granted, as a resident of Canada: the right to strike, the freedom of speech, the freedom of religion, political autonomy, freedom of movement. What is the source of her certainty that those freedoms exist in the Soviet Union to a degree comparable to their existence in Canada?

Richard Bruskiewich
science 2

Stalin still alive and well in USSR

As Vladimir Bukovsky said, the ignorance about the Soviet Union is appalling. An outstanding example is the scurrilous smear against Bukovsky you published in a letter, almost every sentence of which is an ignorant and illogical muddle. A full analysis would fill The Ubyssey; two points focus on some essentials.

First, it is indeed true that Bukovsky is not typical of most Soviet citizens — unfortunately. If most of them had his courage, the Soviet Union would not have the massive infringements of human rights that it does have.

Second, the main reason for continuing concern about the crimes of Stalin is that the senile bureaucrats who rule the Soviet Union were close accomplices of Stalin. Under Brezhnev as under Stalin, the basic Leninist state, party structure and ideology have not been changed despite the softening that Bukovsky spoke about. Wouldn't we be concerned if Germany were ruled by pupils of Hitler?

Michael Futrell

)m for public input

types of research we could expect to be going on, once the park was established. The report was approximately 15-20 minutes long and at the end of it Kenny asked if there were any questions.

You can bet that there were questions! Most of the people were shocked, as for many it was the first mention of any kind of proposal for a research facility on campus. While the senators sat in a state of shock, Kenny expressed his excitement over the issue. One of the senators (who incidentally was not a student) managed to compose himself and attempted to express his concerns. But, he was not even given the slightest opportunity. Once it was apparent that the senator had a negative attitude towards the proposed site for the facility, he was cut off immediately, and Kenny moved on to discuss other matters.

After the meeting was adjourned I took my concerns to Kenny and few of my questions were given what I'd consider to be adequate answers. Others who had questions regarding the research park had the same encounter.

That's what happened, and I don't see it as looking for input. It was an announcement, not a proposal on which senate could deliberate. It was designed to take a good portion of the senators by surprise, so that comments wouldn't be made. If that wasn't the intent, I fail to understand why the issue wasn't placed on the agenda so that people had time think about the matter, and also to consult their constituencies or other groups.

I see the entire thing as an evasion of the issue. On such a matter, people are bound to have things to say. But, if you're not even going to give people time to think, then input is the last thing you're looking for.

For these reasons, and other related concerns which people must be aware of by now, I think it is absolutely imperative that the administration of this university live up to its obligations and hold public hearings, and refrain from making announcements which give no room for input. The public funds the institution and should have a say on an issue as contentious as this one.

Valgeet Johl
Alma Mater Society
external affairs officer
arts senator

Reactors rival beer

Did you know that beer may cause cancer? Yes, that's what the wise old scientists say. My idea as to the possible cause of cancer would be utterly ludicrous according to these scientists. But, who am I to dwell into their realm of scientific drivel. However, I would like to state my utterly ridiculous idea anyway. Here goes . . . do you suppose that the increase of cancer in our society could be due to all those tests and inventions which leak radiation into our atmosphere?????

No, maybe I'm wrong. We all know according to our wise scientists that cancer is caused by grapefruits, oranges, lemons, eggs, milk, butter, chocolate chip cookies (so far, oatmeal and coconut chip cookies have not been tested), yogurt, pizzas, carrots, peas, plants, trees, etc., etc., etc.....

You know something, the one thing that they have forgotten to include in their list is human beings . . . but then that's stupid since we all know that humans cannot cause or create cancer.

Now for something closer to our uranium glowing hearts. The outcome of a new game which will be established in British Columbia has been predicted to have the following score:

B.C. . . .0
Nuclear Reactors . . . 1

For all those placing a bet on the game, this is only a tentative score.

That's all for now.

Koula Rapanos

Education takes dough

One of the most popular pastimes among students is complaining about the cost of higher education. Bah! A university education is available to everyone. All that is required is a few thousand smackolas — of course you won't be able to eat, but a university education is available to everyone.

With that in mind, it might be useful to browse through the university calendar, noting the courses and faculties of special interest:

ARTS — No such faculty exists.

BOTANY — Perhaps the most interesting courses offered on campus — which will give you some idea of the campus.

DENTISTRY & MEDICINE — Lectures outlining opportunities in these professions Monday 8th, 12:30 p.m. Tee off time 12:45 p.m.

ENGINEERING — We're living in a dangerous age boys!

PHARMACY — Child-proof tops got you stymied? Advanced instructions available (see Pharmaceutical Sciences 045).

C. Sihoe
biology 4

UBC student gets teched off at park

Discovery park will be built. There has been much concern about its benefits to students. I'm surprised that the obvious hasn't come up: "Tuum est" (It's up to you . . .).

Why not student-run business and research in the park? Why not a "Student Technology Group?"

Don't let 'high technology' and an apparent lack of resources scare us off. With cooperation and imagination, much is possible. But first, we have to try . . .

Anyone interested in a 'Student Technology Group"?

Richard Bruskiewich

Drive your own coffin

By ERICA LEIREN

You are driving home. It is 12 p.m. on a Saturday night. You have your seatbelt on; after all, you are conscientious driver. The party was great — you drank in moderation because you realize that driving under the influence is dangerous. But, have you thought about this — of the cars flashing past you, one in four is driven by someone who has been drinking. Every tenth set of headlights represents a driver who is drunk. Completely smashed. If you are lucky, you will be sleeping between your own two sheets tonight and waking up to bacon and eggs in the morning. If you are not so lucky, if that tenth driver makes his mistake in your lane, you could become a statistic in B.C.'s book of alcohol-related deaths or injuries.

On May 31, 1977, the provincial ministry and the people of British Columbia officially declared war on impaired driving. The program, dubbed COUNTERATTACK, is now in its second year, after having made encouraging progress in areas such as law enforcement and public education.

COUNTERATTACK was initiated with funds from the Insurance Corporation of B.C. and the attorney general's office — logical financiers since both institutions and subsequently the taxpayers behind them, stood to benefit from any drop in drinking-driving related expenses. The purpose of the COUNTERATTACK program was then, and remains now, to bring about a change in the behavior and attitudes of drivers who drink. Program organizers and supporters are not killjoys out to deprive society of the pleasures of wine and spirits; however, they are of the opinion that if you drink **and** drive, it's everybody's concern, not just yours!

The need for a program such as COUNTERATTACK was painfully obvious in B.C. The province, at the program's inception, with the worst drinking-driving accident record in the country. Here are a few facts which underline the devastating effects of the province's most lethal cocktail: alcohol and gasoline.

- More than 350 people were killed in B.C. in alcohol-related traffic deaths in 1977, a 14 per cent increase over the previous year.
- Fifty per cent of all traffic deaths have alcohol as a factor.
- More than 45,000 people were caught driving after drinking in 1977. That is one person for every 36 who have a B.C. driver's licence.

The problem costs the people of British Columbia $75 million per year in insurance claims paid according to ICBC figures. Add to this a further $12 million for enforcement, court, and emergency costs, and the figure jumps to an incredible $87 million overall. This includes neither the costs in human resources and to the economy of the province through lost wages, taxes, and productivity, nor the immeasurable cost in human life, pain, and suffering.

A shift in public attitude is necessary to decrease the number of incidents of impaired driving. "We have to get people to start saying they won't tolerate it any longer," says Ron Boyle, director of the provincial Counterattack committee.

According to Boyle, the COUNTERATTACK program, which begin in May 1977, and seat belt legislation introduced later that year, contributed to a 12 per cent decrease in traffic fatalities in B.C. in 1978 compared with 1977. Couple this with the

perspectives

emerging tendency of anti-drinking-driving programs to focus on prevention and public education and prevention as well as treatment of the problem, and you will have a pretty accurate picture of the increasingly hopeful scene in B.C.

Nevertheless, it remains the responsibility of the public to overcome apathy and to make the effort to stop, think, and become aware of the situation. Impaire driving and its consequences affects all of us, no matter which end of the problem we're on. Now there is a point to ponder on your way out of The Pit.

Erica Leiren is a UBC first-year arts student and publicity chair for the North Vancouver COUNTERATTACK committee.

'It's futile to fight insults'

The Perspectives column of Sept. 27, which addressed itself to insults against women, struck me as a singularly futile and worthless exercise. The author had obviously lost the perspective the space in this rag was supposed to provide.

It cannot be denied that today's society is going through a period of transition concerning the role of women. There are still obvious inequities, just as there is obviously gradual improvement taking place.

What Ms. Gilbert, and others like her, refuse to admit is that a change as fundamental as she (and I) wish to effect will take a generation or two to work its way through. It is ludicrous to point, as this paper does, to the top posts and imply: "Because the great majority in these posts are male, discrimination is taking place."

The discrimination took place 30 and 40 years ago when the future professionals were receiving their training. "We want a female Dean of Such-and-such," demand the fuzzy-heads. "Fine," say the powers that be, "go find a woman with 25 years' experience in the field, because we've got a list of 10 male candidates here who have that and more."

This may be frustrating, but is it unreasonable? Isn't it just a harsh reality that the first female Ph.Ds in Such-and-such are going to have to wait their decade or two? Reverse discrimination is a godsend to the sexist and racist propagandists, therefore I cannot condone it.

As for this diatribe about insults, I find it a dazzling display of immaturity on the part of Ms. Gilbert. Her objections to Archbishop David Sommerville's sentiments show her complete inability to empathize with a kind and sincere man.

The archbishop, quite simply, comes from an era which deemed it far more complimentary to describe a woman as "the girl next door" than as "a really kickass doctor." How can she condemn him for that?

Mr. Lightbody's remark, which was indeed tasteless in a bumbling kind of way, was in the first place a left-handed compliment, and in the second place, not something a grown woman should lose any sleep over. Does Ms. Gilbert seriously believe that the men at that address will go around for the next six months comparing women and toilet seats? Does she really believe that many of her female compatriots were so shattered by the remark that they went to the washroom and had a good cry? Is Ms. Gilbert taking a reasonable position?

Her suggestion that the administration should coach guest speakers before their speech and reprimand them after, or even during, the speech' for any questionable remarks really takes the cake for mindless, nay stupid, crusading.

Hosts do not treat guests in that manner, at least not in civilized countries. Didn't Ms. Gilbert feel the least bit ridiculous when she demanded that Doug Kenny reprimand the Archbishop of New Westminster?

I hope that other leaders of the women's movement on campus will recognize Ms. Gilbert's writing as counter-productive, and that they will disassociate themselves from it. The sort of shallowness and immaturity exhibited in that Perspectives column is not, I believe, characteristic of all concerned women on campus.

David W. Martin
arts 1

What's the point, Pete?

I congratulate The Ubyssey's editorial staff in general, and Peter Menyasz in particular, for yet another incisive, thoughtful and penetrating article (UBC Johnny-on-the-spot for cash, Oct. 2). One might ask, "Does an intelligent, or for that matter, unintelligent, reader deserve better?"

Just what point is the witty and sagacious Menyasz trying to make? While listing various university expenditures which he considers curious in some respect, Menyasz alludes to their wastefulness, but has neither the courage nor the facts on which to base an open criticism.

Menyasz states that "$28,092 to Max's Donuts could take care of a lot of coffee breaks at the faculty club." Bravo, Peter! Did these donuts **in fact** go to the faculty club? For what purposes **in fact** were the Fuller brushes and Hartz Mountain Pet Supplies used? Do you have even the slightest idea, Menyasz? Until you provide evidence to the contrary, I can think of several plausible and entirely justifiable uses to which these products might have been put. Enlighten the reader, Menyasz, — don't make him acutely aware of your own ignorance.

One is continually amazed by the shallowness and imbecility of what passes for journalism in Vancouver's major newspapers. Must The Ubyssey be the same?

Alan Carruthers
graduate studies

One at a time Smith's motto

In eight days the Thunderbird football team has to defend its Shrum Bowl title against the Simon Fraser University Clansmen in what the local media has decided will be the greatest match-up since the Cosmos were in town.

WESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Standings

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

So the UBC head coach has the Clan fully scouted and is practising his first string against the SFU offence and defence, right?

Wrong.

"I don't know too much about them nor do I care until after this weekend," said Frank Smith.

"I'm not even considering the Simon Fraser game. Our only concern is the game (against Calgary) this weekend."

A win Friday in Calgary would clinch the 'Birds a playoff spot in the Western Intercollegiate Football League, but beating the Dinosaurs in McMahon Stadium won't be easy.

"They're very, very tough to beat at home," said Smith. "Home field is a big factor in this league."

UBC stayed in a first place tie with Alberta with a 21-0 shutout over the University of Saskatchewan Huskies Saturday at Thunderbird Stadium. 'Bird running back Dave Negrin scored two touchdowns and gained 99 yards rushing to lead the offence, while UBC's defence held the Huskies to 27 yards on the ground.

While a win against Calgary would ensure a playoff spot for the 'Birds, the home field playoff advantage might not be decided until the last regular season game on Oct. 27 against Alberta at Thunderbird Stadium.

But before then, Smith and the team will have to think about their Oct. 19 match at Empire Stadium against SFU.

SPORTS

Alberta now bearable on ice

For the first time in as many years as Bert Halliwell cares to remember, the University of Alberta Golden Bears aren't shoo-ins for first place. And for a UBC men's ice hockey coach trying to rebuild a competitive team for the Canada West University Athletic Association season, that's good news.

Alberta has lost eight players from the team that won the Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union last spring and now ranks as mere mortals in the four team conference. In fact Halliwell feels the University of Calgary Dinosaurs are now the team to watch.

"Most of their team has been together three or four years so they will obviously be tough to beat," he said.

Halliwell's Thunderbirds will be a threat themselves, although they are still a building team.

"This is our second year of rebuilding and since we are the youngest team in the conference it will be a trying year," he said.

HALLIWELL . . . hockey coach

Halliwell has bolstered his squad with several players from the Pacific "A" tier two league, including centre Bill Holloway, who led the Pac "A" in scoring last year.

Other additions from the junior league include Hugh Cameron, Brent Stuart and Jim Allison. As well, Ted Cotter and Dino Sita have transferred to UBC from the University of Illinois.

Halliwell has several standouts returning from last year, including Rob Jones, who had 31 goals in 35 games, new captain Terry Shykora and centre Jim McLaughlin.

The Thunderbirds split their first two games last weekend, losing 5-3 to Port Alberni Saturday and dropping Parksville 9-4 Sunday. They open their home schedule Friday at 8 p.m. in the winter sports centre against the alumni.

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THE B.C. COLTS.

New coach key to improvement

By DAVE FRANCIS

A tonic for the troops comes in the form of a new coach for the UBC women's basketball team this year.

Jack Pomfret's appointment as head coach of the Thunderettes will be a key in the hoped-for reversal of last year's disastrous record of one win in 20 league games.

Pomfret, described by the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame as "one of the most remarkable athletes not only in British Columbian, but in North American history" brings to the team a distinguished record of achievement in sports as well as great technical expertise in basketball.

As a basketball player Pomfret led the Vancouver Meralomas and Vancouver Cloverleafs to four Canadian championships in the early 1950s. As a coach, he guided the UBC Thunderbirds for 15 years and was a coach at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. He also coached UBC's men's and women's swim team for 13 years.

Pomfret said that the number one objective this year is to strengthen the total program with more effective coaching. He added that he is striving for a junior varsity made up of more first- and second-year students.

"Newer players in the lower ranks contribute to a better feeder system," said Pomfret. "If players are kept in the juniors too long, they lose the desire to move up to varsity. We are faced with the problem of keeping fourth- or fifth-year veterans or going with the less experienced and giving them a chance."

Pomfret, who had no idea he would head the Thunderettes this year until late June, said he is pleased with the turnout for this year's tryouts. Forty-seven women are competing for the 12 varsity berths to be decided later this week.

Returning varsity players include centre Jane Waddell, forwards Berni Yurkowski and Denise Simard, and guards Jamie Alexander, Janet Kanuka, Michele Lawford and Sharon Staples.

A welcome addition to the varsity ranks is 5'11" forward Agnes Baker who played for last year's national champion — Laurentian University.

But Pomfret admits the team has its share of shortcomings.

"The team is definitely lacking in size and height, the average player being 5'8"," said Pomfret. "But there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm. We'll overcome these problems with stress on speed and manoeuvrability."

Waddell said last year's poor performance was largely due to a lack of motivation and a poor rapport with the coach.

"The potential was there last year," said Waddell. "The element of cooperation between coach and player was missing."

Pomfret said the Thunderettes will concentrate on a revolving single post offense where the players rotate positions as a means of overcoming height disparities.

The Thunderettes open the season with an exhibition game against the UBC Grads October 25 at 6:45 p.m. in the War Memorial gym. Their first Canada West University Athletic Association league game will be in Lethbridge Nov. 9-10 against the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns.

POMFRET . . . experienced

Upcoming

TODAY
Intramurals
Women's superstars, 7 p.m., Mem Gym.
Men's soccer
UBC at Mission Trijillo
FRIDAY
Intramurals
5 km. run, noon, McInnes field
Last day of registration:
Arts 20 race
Co-rec bike tour
Men's slo-pitch tourney
Men's ice hockey
UBC vs. Alumni, 8 p.m., TWSC

Men's soccer
UBC at Denver Kickers
Women's Volleyball
Portland State tournament
Men's football
UBC at Calgary
SATURDAY
Intramurals
Co-rec canoe trip, Widgeon Creek
Men's ice hockey
All-alumni game, 2:15 p.m., TWSC
Women's volleyball
Portland State tourney

Women's field hockey
Canada West tourney, Saskatoon
Men's rugby
UBC vs. Meralomas, 2:30 p.m., stadium
SUNDAY
Women's field hockey
Canada West tourney, Saskatoon
Women's soccer
UBC vs. Edmonds, 10 a.m., Cariboo Park

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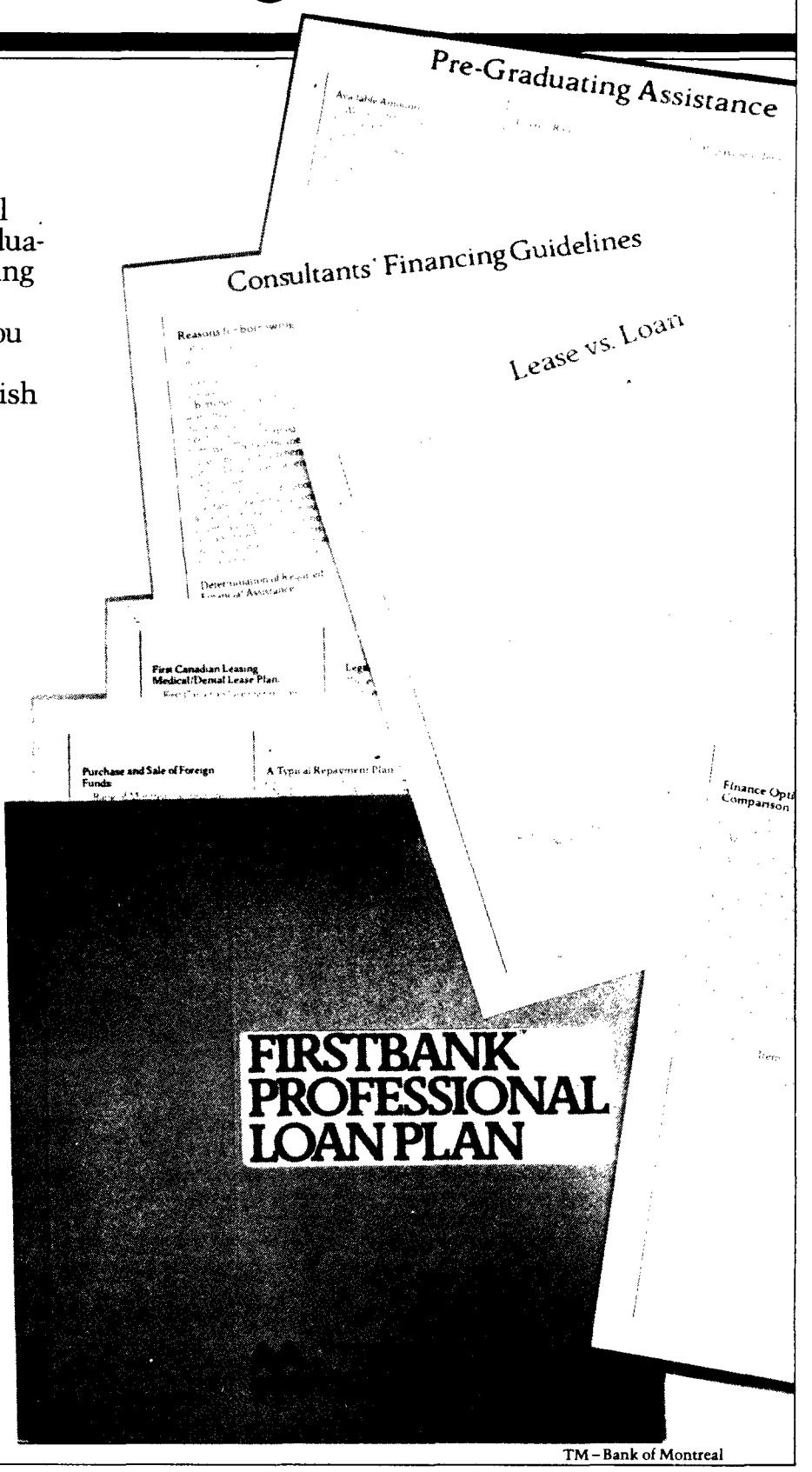

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TODAY

INTRAMURALS
Televised women's Superstars event, 7 to 11 p.m., War Memorial gym.

PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY
Lecture by the chairman for admissions, noon, IRC 1.

AMNESTY UBC
General meeting and forum on China, noon, SUB 212A.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meeting cancelled until Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre lounge.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
Meeting on Christian life seminars, noon, SUB 211.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Professor Bill Black speaks on Gays and the Human Rights Code of B.C., noon, SUB 212.

WOMEN'S CENTRE COMMITTEES
Lesbian drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

DEBATING SOCIETY
Demonstration debate parliamentary style, noon, Buch. 212.

CUS
Dr. James Packer speaks on Knowing God's will, noon, Chem. 250.

NDP CLUB
General meeting and film, noon, SUB 119.

CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
Ira Robinson speaks on Settlement distribution: A response to Canadian population dynamics, noon, Lasserre 102.

MEDIEVAL SOCIETY
General meeting, noon, SUB 215.

CSA
Lunch and game, noon, SUB 125.

FRIDAY

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
Pan-African disco, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., International House.

YOUNG TRUTCHKEYITE
Labor reorganization symposium, 5:30 p.m., Trutch House.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
General meeting, noon, SUB 130.

SPEAKEASY
General meeting for all old and new volunteers, noon, SUB 125.

CSA
Chinese painting workshop, noon, SUB 211.

HOME ECONOMICS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
Forestry and home economics beer garden, 6 p.m., SUB party room.

INTRAMURALS
Last registration for slow pitch softball, the "Arts 20," inner tube water polo nite and co-rec bike tour, 4 p.m., War Memorial gym 210.

CUS
Robbie Sherrell, Insurance Corporation of B.C. president speaks, noon, Henry Angus lounge room 302.
Oktoberfest with tickets in Angus 302, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Italian Cultural centre.

SATURDAY

DEBATING CLUB
Topic is Should right-to-work legislation be passed in B.C.?, 10:30 a.m., see signs in SUB.

SUNDAY

UBC SPORTS CAR CLUB
Slalom, 8:30 a.m. for registration and racing starts at 10, B-lot.

MONDAY

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

TUESDAY

CSA
Cantonese class, noon, SUB 115.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE
General meeting and slide show on Sri Lanka, noon, Buch. 205.

NORMAN BETHUNE CLUB
Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 211.

WEDNESDAY

CSA
Mandarin class, noon, SUB 115.

Hot flashes

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All macho hard-drinking sailor men and women are invited to go beer boat racing outside SUB on Tuesday.

The event is the Interfaculty challenge cup boat races to raise money for the United Way. (Any excuse to get drunk before five.) It costs $50 to enter a four-person team, $100 to enter three teams or $150 for four teams.

For further information contact the Alma Mater Society in SUB 238.

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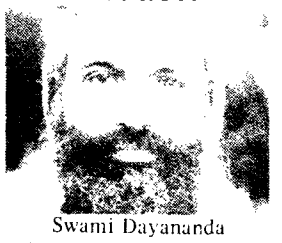

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Dropouts should try talking first

Pit addicts, stupified students, hard-pressed hacks and jaded journalists all visit UBC's counselling department, but it seems potential dropouts are staying away.

Only 20 per cent of students who drop out of UBC speak to counsellors, UBC student services director Dick Shirran said yesterday.

He said a recent administration report, based on a survey of 459 students who dropped out in 1976-77, revealed the counselling problem. Lack of knowledge about the existence of counselling services probably contributed to the problem, said Shirran.

He suggested that "a student who is considering dropping out should sit down with someone and discuss the pros and cons."

"I feel confident that, without a doubt, a student sometimes decides to stay after seeing things from a fresh perspective."

The survey stated that 53 per cent of the dropouts sought no advice whatsoever, and many of those who did only sought advice from relatives.

UBC opts out of satellite plans

Lack of money and equipment have forced UBC to shelve its involvement in a new provincial teaching satellite program.

UBC opted out of the plan recently after being denied provincial government funding, although education minister Pat McGeer announced last week the implementation of the project at the B.C. Institute of Technology. BCIT will soon begin transmitting courses via satellite to small colleges in B.C.

"It was too expensive setting up facilities. BCIT has broadcast facilities but we do not," said UBC economics professor Ron Shearer, a member of the UBC committee that applied for the funding.

Instructors at Prince George's College of New Caledonia are angry with the program because they fear that the transmissions to six colleges in B.C. and the Yukon are duplicating their own courses.

— by alan favell

Concerned UBC students get day

UBC students will get a chance to rave about the research park, get angry over accessibility, stew about student loans and tear into tuition increases this Wednesday.

The Alma Mater Society is holding a Student Concerns Day to inject student reaction into the pertinent issues of the day.

"The basic principle behind it is to encourage student input on issues that we (the AMS external affairs committee) feel are of importance," said Valgeet Johl, AMS external affairs officer.

She said the day will centre around a noon hour discussion of issues in the SUB conversation pit.

She said topics on the agenda include the research park, accessibility to the university, unemployment, the impending tuition fee increase, and problems with the students aid plan.

— by joan marklund

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The big scramble is on as universities search for those

elusive government dollars during a time of massive cutbacks. And students are losers as classes fade away. By Bill Tieleman

THE WRITING WAS ON the wall for years, but only now are the full effects of continuous education funding cutbacks being felt.

And as students return to classes once again a look across the country indicates a bleak future for post-secondary education in the 1980s. Among the most alarming developments:

- In B.C. tuition fees go up again as of May, 1980 while education services go down because of low government grants.
- In Ontario public universities and colleges could be lining up at private banks, hoping to borrow money to cover anticipated million dollar deficits in their operating budgets. The Ontario government replies that it has no money and no objections to its universities following the lead of Ontario students and borrowing from banks for education financing. Ontario students also got a five per cent tuition hike this year.
- In Quebec some university administrators are cheered at the prospect of incurring budget deficits of "only" $2 million. That's because deficits in previous years have topped $6 million.
- In the Maritimes, students who survived the highest summer unemployment rates in Canada are scraping money together to pay ever-rising tuition fees.
- In Alberta, despite a $5 billion Heritage Fund rich in petrodollars, universities face deficits approaching $500,000. And a report on post-secondary education funding opens the possibility of putting tuition fees on an arbitrary scale, a recommendation both university administrations and student unions oppose.
- In Manitoba, students looking for relief after a 20 per cent tuition hike last year are instead facing another jump of six per cent in this fall's fees. And once again the tuition increase signals another decrease, not increase in university services. After getting a meagre six per cent increase in funding one university president said fatalistically, "it's only half what we asked for but it's twice what they gave us last year."
- In Saskatchewan students who thought they had a slightly more liberally-spending government than the rest of Canada found out how wrong they were. After tuition jumped 30 per cent in three years without any increase in services the NDP government hit them with yet another fee hike.
- At nearly every post-secondary institution in Canada administration looking to cut costs without firing staff took aim at libraries.
- Many universities are being forced to cut both support staff and teaching faculty to make ends meet. Positions are left unfilled when faculty members leave, retire or die and temporary instructors and teaching assistants find it harder to work.
- Foreign students are becoming an endangered species at Canadian universities as all but three provinces implement differential tuition fees. In the Maritimes universities will receive $750 less in provincial grants for every foreign student registered at their institution.

Bill Tieleman is a former Ubyssey news editor who currently toils under the title of national bureau chief for Canadian University Press in Ottawa.

CLEARLY EDUCATION cutbacks are national, not provincial in scope, and governments, rather than responding with alarm to the deteriorating post-secondary education situation, are continuing the underfunding policies began in the mid-1970s.

Why?

There are two basic problems, either one of which would cause serious difficulties for universities and colleges. Together they spell potential disaster for the education system.

The first is declining enrolment. Basically the children of the 1950s baby boom have grown up, received their education and moved into the labor force. This demographic bulge, combined with society's desire to make education more accessible, forced post-secondary institutions to rapidly expand in the mid and late 1960s.

(This same demographic bulge is also one part of an explanation for the current high unemployment level — just as universities and colleges were forced to expand to take in the baby boom so now is the labor market being asked to provide more jobs, with relatively unsuccessful results).

But now the baby boom children are leaving or are already out of the education system, and universities and colleges which scrambled wildly to increase their services and hire faculty (often from the U.S.) are left with large campuses, large numbers of faculty and support staff and increasingly fewer students.

To complicate matters further for education planners they know another "mini" baby boom, the sons and daughters of the first boom, will hit the education system in the 1990s.

The second problem is the economy itself. During the economic boom of the 1960s when money was relatively more plentiful a society fascinated with accessible education and under pressure from the ranks of its young found it easy to spend money for education.

In the 1980s that will not be the case. With hundreds of thousands of unemployed in Canada and inflation eating up 10 per cent of every Canadian's pay cheque each year, education becomes a low spending priority.

And with a recession, business turns to government to stimulate the economy, asking for tax cuts and financial assistance to increase profits and a decrease in public spending to lower inflation. With a lower tax base because of both the high cost of maintaining a large sector of the work force on unemployment insurance, and the lower corporate taxes because of tax cuts, government looks to cut public sector spending to make ends meet.

During the past few years that has happened not only in education funding but in hospitals and other areas of social services.

WHILE INSTITUTIONS as large as universities can survive a few lean years, continued funding cuts are devastating. Ontario universities and colleges are perhaps the best indicator of things to come.

In 1972 Ontario was the second-ranked of all provinces in per-capita spending on post-secondary education. This year it has dropped to eighth.

"The education system is on the verge of eroding now, as it becomes increasingly more difficult to sustain the library collection and keep university salaries relative to salaries in other sectors of society."

That opinion, voiced by University of Toronto president James Ham, is echoed by all of Ontario's post-secondary educators.

McMaster University president Arthur Bourns warns that education cutbacks will become even more severe for students if the government does not increase its funding. And he is concerned about the government's reluctance to do so.

Bourns is rightly concerned. After a Sept. 7 meeting between the Council of Ontario Universities and Ontario premier Bill Davis, treasurer Frank Miller, Margaret Birch, provincial secretary for social development, and education minister Bette Stephenson, Stephenson said there is no money available to help out universities in financial trouble this year.

On Sept. 10 the council, representing all the universities announced that Carleton and Laurentian universities might be forced to borrow money from private banks to cover budget deficits incurred this year.

Stephenson replied that she had no objections to a public university in trouble borrowing from a bank.

"Why should I object to them going to the bank? They are autonomous financial institutions and can make whatever financial decisions they think necessary," she said.

Meanwhile Carleton, with an expected deficit of more than $1 million, and Laurentian, currently more than $500,000 in debt and anticipating a deficit of close to $1 million by the end of the school year, are in serious trouble.

"I don't want to go to the bank," says Laurentian University president Henry Best. "I don't like deficit financing. It doesn't make much sense if it is going to be an endless process."

Best says Laurentian is in the process of reducing staff in arts and sciences courses but does not want to allow the quality of services to suffer.

At Carleton, administrative vice-president Albert Larose blames the problem on insufficient government funding and a decline in enrolment, especially in the arts and science faculty.

LAROSE SAYS IT IS IMpossible to make further cuts without looking at staff firings because 80 per cent of Carleton's budget goes for salaries and benefits.

"I don't know what the answer is," he said. "Something's got to give. It can't go on the way it is."

At Trent University, which is currently $272,000 in debt, president Thomas Nind said his university needs money but will not borrow from a bank.

McMaster University is also expecting a budget deficit of $745,000 but the shortfall will be offset for this year by an accumulated $1.9 million surplus from better years.

But McMaster is already planning staff cuts to make ends meet.

In a brief McMaster presented to the Ontario Council on University Affairs, president Bourns said the university will be eliminating 65 faculty positions by 1982 to forestall an expected deficit of nearly $10 million.

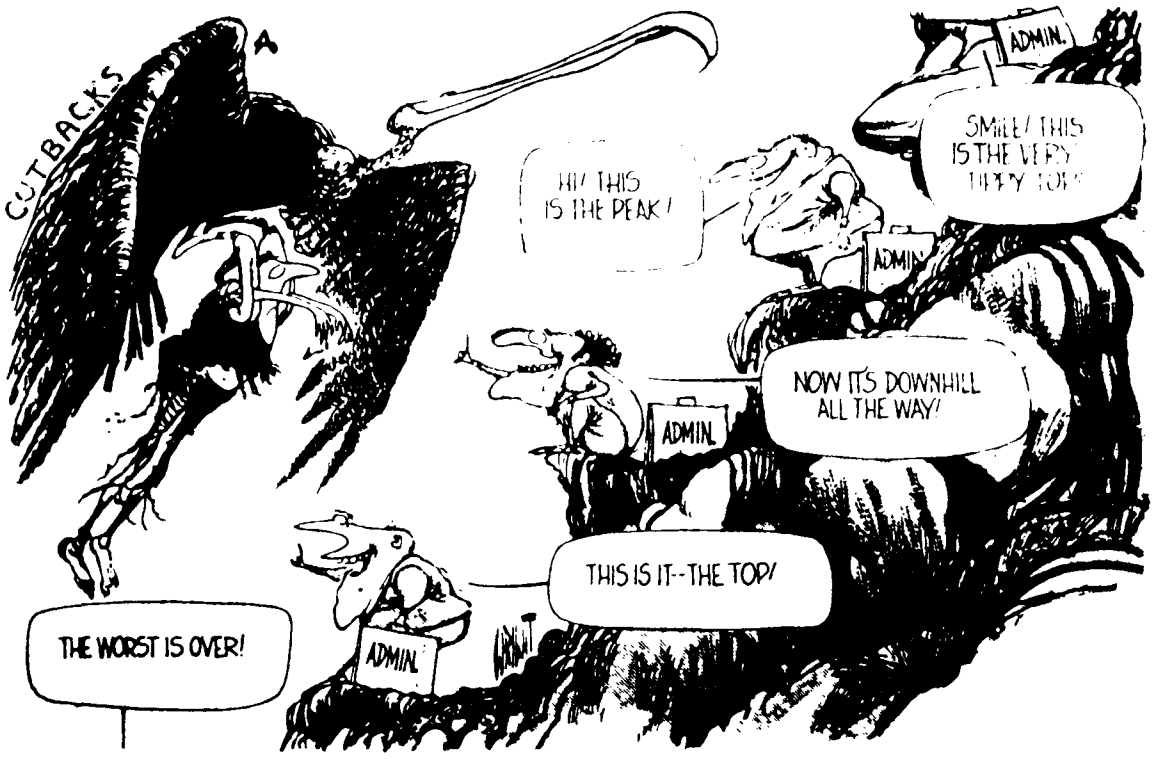
He added that positions vacated by retirement, resignation or death would be left unfilled and that temporary teaching appointments are being ended. Bourns said spending reductions could mean the elimination of entire programs.

John Panabaker, McMaster board of governors chairman, says there is a possibility of "the education system gradually eroding into inconsequential mediocrity."

Education minister Stephenson denies that the Ontario government has reduced funding to the universities but admits that government grants have not allowed the universities to keep pace with inflation. And when one realizes that salaries make up the largest section of university budgets and that every employee hopes to get at least an inflationary wage increase each year the funding problems are seen clearly.

IF ONTARIO'S EDUCATION system is leading the way into the 1980s the universities and colleges of Canada face the gravest crisis in their history.

University of Toronto president Ham, whose university this year had the dubious honor of being the first campus to offer a single class to 700 students at a time, says the survival of the post-secondary education system depends on three conditions being fulfilled:

- a public reaffirmation of the value of education,
- clarification of the role of the universities in society,
- a willingness of governments to provide reasonably adequate levels of funding to the universities.

Whether those conditions can be met is anyone's guess. But if they are not it's a sure bet that a post-secondary education degree in Canada will be worth little more than the paper it's printed on.