McGeer fuses fusion plan

B.C. might be site of nuclear project

By BILL TIELEMAN

The Lower Mainland will be the site of an international experimental nuclear fusion project, if education minister Pat McGeer has his way.

It seems highly unlikely that he will.

At a press conference at UBC Monday, McGeer officially confirmed reports in the Quebec press that B.C. has asked the federal government to express its interest in having the fusion project, a proposed joint venture by the Soviet Union and the U.S., located in B.C.

But the decision to proceed with, let alone locate the plant, won't be taken for three years, and McGeer faced a hostile reception from reporters who suspected the minister was milking the scheme for pre-election publicity.

McGeer, who forced reporters to watch a videotaped 45-minute television program on fusion energy before answering questions because of "misleading" reports on the subject, said he wants B.C. to get in on the ground floor of the "largest scientific project ever undertaken in the world."

When asked how he would alleviate the concerns of B.C. citizens worried about a possible harmful environmental impact from the controversial project, McGeer replied with a smile, "I recommend they take a high school course in physics."

When accused of giving a "glib" answer to a serious question, McGeer said, "environmental problems would be minimal."

But according to the television program screened before the press conference, Public Broadcasting System's Nova, serious problems remain in developing a "first wall' or "blanket" which can effectively contain the nuclear fusion reaction which takes place in the core of a reactor. The reaction was described as a "miniature hydrogen bomb explosion" that could be harnessed to provide energy.

However McGeer claimed that the project would be a "scientific device, not a nuclear reactor," and that it could lead to the "Holy Grail" of energy sources.

Fusion energy has been lauded as the ultimate energy source because it is the only nuclear process that uses fuel already existing in large, cheap quantities. Fission nuclear plants currently in operation use enriched uranium or plutonium as fuel, leaving radioactive wastes that create disposal problems.

A fusion reactor could use deuterium, or heavy water, as fuel. Deuterium can be separated from water at low cost.

But experimental fusion reactions conducted so far have required tremendous amounts of energy to obtain the desired effect. For that reason McGeer said the

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AMS fills up on new bucks

—peter menyasz photo

TELLING FISH TALES while confusion reigns around him, UBC goalie John Kibblewhite is let off hook by defender Eric Jones as wave of Clansmen approaches. SFU went home from fishing expedition empty-handed when 'Birds netted first half goal by Gordon Johnson and won revived duel 1-0 in whale of show. Now that scales of fortune have tipped west, SFU will hopefully clam up and swim with the tide in Canadian pond. For different angle, see page 8.

For the first time since 1949, UBC students have voted for an Alma Mater Society fee increase.

A record 4,743 students voted at the polls for last week's referendum, and 70.8 per cent of them cast a ballot in favor of a $3 hike in fees.

The ballot also stated that at least $1.50 of the proposed increase would have to be used to finance the intramurals program. The War Memorial gym poll accordingly showed the strongest support for the proposal, with 91.5 per cent in favor of the hike.

After a low-key campaign by student politicos in favor of the increase, 3,360 students voted yes, while 1,375 were opposed to hiking the fees.

The referendum was the second faced this year by UBC students, who in the fall defeated a similar referendum calling for a $2 increase to the current $36 AMS fee. That ballot failed by about 160 votes, after 4,200 students went to the polls. Fifteen per cent of the student body must vote for quorum to be reached.

UBC students also defeated a fee referendum in November, 1976, as only 63.9 per cent of 6,100 students voting were in favor of a $5 hike, with the revenue shared by The Ubyssey, intramurals, student radio station CITR, and the AMS. A two-thirds majority is required on these referendums.

Almost $35,000, representing half of the money raised, will be given to the university's intramurals program.

Intramurals director Nestor Korchinsky said Monday he is overjoyed at the referendum's success. The additional intramurals funding might be used to begin a water polo program, a new women's intramural league and will aid other programs, he said.

Petition fights 'poor gov't act'

UBC social work students have drawn up a petition to combat the proposed provincial Family and Child Services Act because they think it seriously ignores the rights of children.

"It's a band-aid approach. Everything will be handled after the fact," student social worker Robert Brajovic said Monday. "It displays an apprehensive attitude rather than preventive."

The petition, criticizing inadequacies in the proposed legislation, calls for the addition of a statement defining children's human rights, legislated support services for children at risk and their families, and the appointment of an ombudsperson as an advocate for children.

"The way things are now, there is no clarification of what a child at risk is," said Brajovic. "The legislation should be more specifically defined. There's no allowance for such factors as emotional neglect."

In a recent news release, social work students accuse the Social Credit government of ignoring recommendations made in 1975 by the B.C. Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law, which "brought together the best in contemporary knowledge to provide clear, enlightened guidance to policymakers on family and children's law."

The release calls the proposed act "shallow in scope" and adds that it fails to meet the needs of children and families in trouble. It presents cases and statistics of emotional and psychological damage done to children through foster care and prolonged parental separation.

Children have no legal identity separate from membership in their family and are not considered people under the Human Rights Code of B.C., the release states. "Children are missing out on elementary rights such as the right to health services, recreation, education and professional adult guidance during periods when their future freedom or family status is being decided."

The protesters claim the current legislative proposal does not provide social workers with a mandate to offer services to families in need. But the act does give them the power to remove the child from the home. As a result, protesters claim the new legislation is crisis-oriented.

The proposed act also ignores native Indian children who represent about 30 per cent of B.C.'s total child population. The school of social work press release recommends that the new legislation allow local Indian communities to get involved in child welfare services.

NDP MLA Rosemary Brown has echoed the students' opposition to the proposed act, which is supposed to replace the outdated Protection of Children Act drafted in 1901.

"Perhaps most important of all, the proposed legislation reflects an ever-increasing trend by the Social Credit government to produce over-simplified, poorly defined legislation that refers to regulations that can be changed or revised at will without the approval of the legislature. The rights of individuals, be they children or adults, and the services to which they are entitled, should not be left to regulation — they should be approved by the legislature and become law."

Brown said a child's welfare must be the first priority in all cases and support services should be available and guaranteed when parents are unable to cope.

"We cannot support legislation that is punitive in its treatment of people on fixed and lower incomes."

The school of social work intends to present its petition to human resources minister Grace McCarthy next week. Tables will be set up in all main faculty buildings on Thursday and Friday for those interested in signing the petition.

The new legislation would make a director of child welfare directly accountable to the deputy minister and minister of human resources, resulting in "another faceless bureaucrat, greatly restricted . . . to situations where a child is dealt with under the act or the regulations."

Ubyssey put to sleep

There has been a great deal of discussion on campus concerning the general apathy of students in dealing with the issues of modern living.

The Ubyssey staff, not being able to come to any decisions on what to do about apathy, and generally not caring much, hereby announce that this Thursday's Ubyssey will not be published.

Those on The Ubyssey staff with some sense of moral responsibility did manage to obtain a firm commitment from all staff members to publish Friday's issue. The next issue after that, and the last of the year, will be on Friday, March 30.

B.C. has power to burn for project

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project site would have to be near hydroelectric transmission lines. He also added that it must be near Vancouver International Airport, since it is an international project with scientists from all over the world coming and going to the site.

Asked if UBC might be a good site for the project, McGeer replied that he couldn't presume to speak for the board of governors, who would have to approve such a move, but said UBC was too small and very unlikely to be considered a potential site.

McGeer admitted B.C. has only a "slim" chance at being chosen as the project site if it goes ahead and said there is strong competition from Quebec, Sweden, Finland, France and Italy for the site.

The minister, who is also responsible for science and technology, said premier Bill Bennett wrote to prime minister Pierre Trudeau a month ago officially requesting that the federal government put B.C. forward for consideration to the international steering committee considering the project.

McGeer denied that the provincial government was interested in attempting to get the project for reasons of prestige alone.

"It (the project) would provide for B.C. the largest scientific venture in the history of the world, capital investment of $1 billion, operating budgets of $100 million a year and an inside track on the most important engineering technology of the century."

McGeer said he expected opposition to the proposal from some environmental protection groups but said "sophisticated" environmentalists would not object.

"(But) we have our share of extremists," he said.

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How can I apply?

Application forms are available at banks, trust companies, credit unions and investment dealers throughout B.C. When making application, you must present *two* of the following pieces of identification: a.) driver's licence: b.) Social Insurance card: c.) Medical Plan card. If you are 65 years of age or over, a Pharmacare card is sufficient proof of identity.

Mothers or guardians applying for children under 16 are required to furnish only a medical plan number *or* a birth certificate for such children. Young people, 16 and over, who have not yet obtained such identification, may establish their identity by presenting their birth certificate or other acceptable identification—in person—at the office of their local Government Agent (or, in the Lower Mainland, at their local Motor Vehicle Branch office).

Those unable to apply in person may delegate a suitable individual to act on their behalf—that person must utilize a Power of Attorney form, available where applications are made.

When does the offer expire?

To take advantage of the free share offer, you must submit your application by June 15, 1979. Should there be extenuating circumstances—absence from the province during the application period, for example—an appeal may be made to the Ministry of Finance by September 30, 1979.

When do I receive my shares?

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Can I buy additional shares?

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Will I be able to sell my shares?

Yes. Stock market trading in shares is expected to commence shortly after the distribution date . . . and at this point, a "market value" will be established. However, it is hoped that a majority of British Columbians will not only retain, but enlarge, their share holdings. In this way, they will participate directly in the continued expansion of our resource industries, while ensuring that control of these industries remains in B.C.

What if my shares are lost or stolen?

The free shares will be "bearer" shares—in other words, owned by and saleable by the bearer, and not registered to any individual. Therefore, there is no protection against loss or theft. However, each block of 100 shares or more will be registered in the name of an individual share-holder (and thus protected). Because registering takes additional time, persons planning to purchase blocks of shares for registration should submit their applications as early as possible. Note: only the holders of registered shares will be eligible to vote on company matters and receive financial information and other communications from the company.

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Province of British Columbia

AMS presidential battle joined

By MIKE BOCKING

After a weekend meeting in a smoke-filled back room, another candidate has emerged to take on engineering undergraduate society president Brian Short in the upcoming election for Alma Mater Society president.

Bob Staley, a neophyte on the student representative assembly, is apparently the choice of a collection of moderate and left-wing AMS politicos who met in a meeting room in Brock Hall on Saturday. Staley was elected to the SRA as an arts representative only two weeks ago.

Staley has had some political experience as a member of the UBC NDP club and as a member of the AMS external affairs committee.

Staley lost no time in attacking his opponent, Brian Short. "If the right-wing slate gets in we will be dealing with bake sales and candy cane contests," Staley said Monday. He added that political issues such as university accessibility and tuition fee increases would receive priority, as well as service to students, if he is elected.

Staley charged that Short would kowtow to the university administration. "I think people are going to look at the candidates and decide whether they want student government with different objectives from that of the university administration," said Staley.

Short adopted a more statesmanlike role Monday in replying to Staley's comments. "I don't know him personally," he said, adding that Staley's recent arrival to AMS politics might be a liability.

Short said the principal problem in student politics in recent years has been the lack of communication between the AMS and undergraduate societies, clubs and other organizations.

He added that it is important that a candidate well-known on campus be elected to reverse the mystique surrounding the AMS and claimed he would involve undergraduate societies in more of the AMS' activities.

And he said he is not against a political role for the AMS. "But in order to get any political movement on this campus, there has to be mass participation. There is no mass movement in the AMS now," he said.

Short said the AMS has alienated first- and second-year students from its activities. He added that student participation in AMS committees markedly declined and attributed the failure of the most recent anti-tuition fee increase campaign to a lack of communication and support from the undergraduate societies.

"If Staley were to get in there would be a continuation of the same problems."

He said he is also disappointed the election is causing the traditional split between the professional science faculties of engineering, agriculture and forestry against the arts and general sciences coalition which includes education, graduate studies and law.

Relations will have to be smoothed over once the election is held, Short said.

He added that the president's position should change. "The job of president should be more visible — he is the spokesman of the AMS."

The AMS presidential election follows the parliamentary form of government. Instead of electing the president by a general election open to all students (which takes place at most other universities), the president is elected by a majority vote of the student representative assembly. The election will be during Thursday's SRA meeting.

Two candidates have also stepped forward for the vacant external affairs officer position. Current AMS president Valgeet Johl and SRA science representative Jim Bodner will be running for the post.

Glenn Wong is rumored to be running for AMS secretary-treasurer.

Fusion follies

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McGeer admitted under repeated questioning that one reason B.C. and Quebec would be considered is the abundance of electric power in both provinces, a necessity for the project. However he claimed it was only one of several reasons B.C. is in the running for the site.

"We have experience in bringing international scientific teams into B.C. and a good international airport conveniently located," he said. When it was pointed out that many other locations in the world had similar advantages, McGeer and Erich Vogt, UBC faculty and student affairs vice-president, who joined McGeer for the press conference, said the power issue was taking questions "off on a tangent."

—bill tieleman photo

SOME NUKES IS good nukes, says Pat McGeer, shown here with fellow tuboid Erich Vogt watching television program on fusion energy. McGeer forced reporters to sit through 45-minute energy show, then previewed scenes from new Gone With the Radioactive Wind. Press conference after screenings featured news of B.C. bid for joint (Soviet-U.S.A.) fusion reactor project. McGeer termed speculation on success of bid as premature, but admitted provincial government's interest in setting project in Vancouver area, for reasons of convenience.

Women get labor benefit

The Canadian working woman's lot improved in a big way last week when a federal court judge ruled that women receiving unemployment insurance maternity benefits can also simultaneously receive incentive benefits from their employers.

Because of Justice Hugh Gibson's decision Thursday, made in favor of the Association of University and College Employees, other unions can now attempt to negotiate clauses in labor contracts entitling their female members to similar benefits.

The B.C. Government Employees' Union, half of whose 20,000 members are women, will definitely try to include a similar clause in their contract negotiations this July, union collective bargaining director Cliff Andstein said.

Andstein added that the private sector generally follows contractual examples set by the government's negotiations with its workers.

According to AUCE contracts with UBC and SFU, women on maternity leave are eligible to receive the difference between the UI maternity benefits and the salary they would normally have earned over a maximum 16-week period.

Although the commission verbally approved the clauses in 1976, women began receiving notices ordering them to repay sums ranging from $1,200 to $2,000 to the commission. The union appealed on behalf of about 100 women and lost its case last spring. Gibson's decision last week overruled the commission decision.

Gov't bursaries to wag tongues again

OTTAWA (CUP) — Second-language bursary and monitor programs, previously threatened by federal-provincial disputes over funding, will definitely go ahead this summer, according to an official of the Council of Ministers of Education.

Boyd Pelley, the council's director of Bilingualism programs, said Monday that "both programs are on" as a result of an agreement reached last week between the federal and provincial governments.

The publicity for the monitor programs is already out, he said, while that for the summer bursaries is now being approved and should be distributed in a few weeks.

The one-year agreement settled how the funding for non-formula programs, including the monitor and bursary programs, would be divided among the provinces, Pelley said. But the more contentious question of federal cuts in formula payments for primary and secondary second-language education is still unresolved, he added.

The federal government announced last month it was cutting $34 million from next year's payments, with further cuts of $28 million a year in succeeding years. This sparked strong protests from provincial education ministers, who asked the federal government how it expected them to continue programs they had been lured into by federal funding, without the funding.

According to Quebec education ministry official Clement Duhaime, the provinces threatened to cancel the bursary and monitor programs unless full funding was restored. The two programs were selected for this pressure tactic, he said, because their loss would least harm second-language teaching offered to minorities.

Pelley said he didn't believe "there was ever a point where the programs wouldn't be on. The only danger was that we wouldn't settle the details in time."

The five-year agreement for the formula payments is still being negotiated, but he said he doubted the federal government would change its mind and remove the cuts. The current agreement expires March 31.

Rallies struck at SFU

Special to The Ubyssey

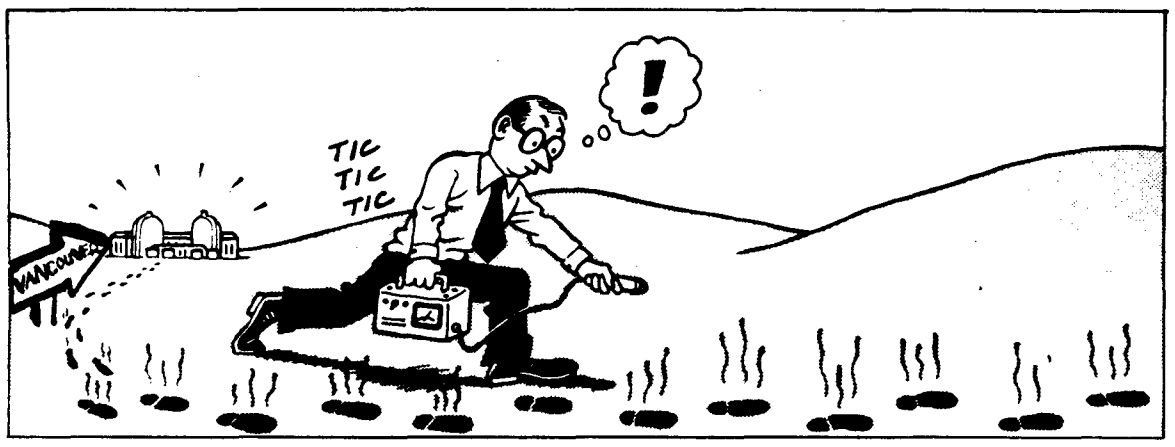
Simon Fraser University will be the site of two demonstrations this week — one in support of the current support staff strike and the other against the strike.

The demonstrations come as the Association of University and College Employees local 2, who have been on a full strike since March 8, voted Sunday to ask all members of the SFU community to respect the picket line.

The pro-strike committee has planned today to inform students of their rights and choices in the dispute.

The anti-strike demonstration is planned by a group of mostly commerce and economics students calling themselves LEARN (Leave Education Alone Right Now), which sprang up last week and now claims a membership of about 700.

An anti-union demonstration planned for Thursday failed to draw a single protester. LEARN says this week "hundreds" are expected to gather to tell striking clerical, library and technical workers to get back to work.



Act cheats children

Tricks might be for kids, but when it comes to children's rights, there's no room for playful politics.

The Socreds have proposed a new Family and Child Services Act which despite its name grossly under-represents children and their rights. Their act gives no definition of children's human rights, and legislates no support services for children at risk and their families.

Children are still left under parental power, and if this authority is violent or misguided, serious emotional, psychological and physical damage for children can result. For kids, there's no escape clause.

UBC's school of social work has drawn up a petition to combat the hopelessly inadequate act proposed. They're recommending the act include appointment of an ombudsperson to advocate children's rights, a definition of these rights and effective children's services.

To celebrate the Year of the Child, come on out and sign the petition on Thursday and Friday at all main faculty buildings. Children deserve equal rights.

Fusion illusion a con

If Pat McGeer wasn't a cabinet minister it would be a lot funnier.

But the education minister's plan to bring the "greatest scientific project in the history of the world" to B.C., however much the illusions of grandeur tickle the funny bone, have to be looked at somewhat seriously.

Suppose, by some unlucky chain of circumstances, B.C. was given the nuclear fusion project. A new nuclear power project, never before tested on such a large scale, with design and safety problems that have yet to be solved, and a cabinet minister wants to put it in Vancouver's backyard. Wonderful.

And if you doubt the minister's claim that it will have "minimal" environmental impact, you should take a high school physics course and smarten up.

Come on Pat. Lay off the fusion con and stop the confusion.

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Finally. Light at the end of the tunnel. After today, only two more editions of The Ubyssey to put out. Summer waved enticingly to staffers lost in depression at the thought of another year at UBC down the tube. Ross Burnett and Mark Rogers dreamed of spending the summer taking photos of scantly-clad beach nymphets instead of the usual Ubyssey non-sexist drek. Kathy Ford immolated the two of them forthwith, as she possessed the eerie power of ESP (extraordinary sexist perception). Kevin Finnegan looked forward to rooting for winners for a change, unless the Whitecaps went belly-up without Allen Hinton. Doug Todd fantasized about OD'ing on papaya juice whilst composing the definitive history of the bikini. Heather Conn tried to think of some good reasons for spending the summer in Edmonton. The lack of Tom Hawthorns was the only good one she could think of. Peter Menyasz looked forward to finally having some spare time to hit the local discos. (Yecchh!) Kevin McGee tried to think of excuses to give to his parents why he had failed to graduate once again. Senior grey eminences Mike Bocking and Bill Tieleman struggled to imagine life away from The Ubyssey office. Their wet dreams are expected to hit the west coast at 2:30 p.m. Take to the shelters. Jeff Rankin contemplated suicide, for he had neglected to make plans for the eventuality that he might one day advance beyond studenthood. Staffers interested in working on the goon issue are reminded of the meeting today at 1 p.m.

Letters

Bethune gets SAC

A few reactionaries on UBC's student administrative commission have been harassing the Norman Bethune Club with blatantly discriminatory enforcement of some of SAC's petty regulations. SAC decided March 12 to deny our club the right to set up our regular literature table in SUB on Monday and Thursday of this week.

This action by SAC was to "discipline" us for having handed out leaflets and for having held a meeting in the SUB foyer the previous week against the Chinese social-imperialist invasion of Viet Nam.

Our meeting was held in the SUB foyer after the reactionary members managed narrowly to defeat our request to hold the meeting in the conversation pit, the site of many other political forums.

Our meeting, the culmination of several other activities against the Chinese social-imperialists, turned out to be very successful, attracting a crowd of about 75 at its peak, and altogether about 200 throughout the whole event. The vigorous discussion which took place was another indication of its success.

It was this success which aroused the attention and ire of certain SAC members, who demanded that our meeting be stopped, midway through the discussion. When a member of the Norman Bethune Club explained this hysterical activity to the audience, many students and progressive faculty condemned the SAC members and exposed their intentions to suppress political discussion on the campus.

At the next SAC meeting, the reactionaries first tried to have SAC "deconstitute" our club, i.e. withdraw all our rights and privileges. When this won no support in SAC, they demanded our presence at the next SAC meeting.

At this meeting, our representatives explained there was a huge fuss being raised about nothing and demanded the reactionaries explain their charges against the Norman Bethune Club. The reactionaries tried to pass a motion denying us our regular table in SUB for the rest of March, but they had to water this down to a one-week denial, which narrowly passed, with several abstentions.

The "charges" raised against our club included illegal distribution of leaflets in SUB, disobeying SAC's ruling that we could not hold our meeting in the conversation pit (even though we had not held the meeting there), blocking traffic in SUB, and causing a disturbance.

The discriminatory nature of SAC's treatment of our club was underscored last Thursday, when Trudeau spoke in SUB. Liberals were swarming over the entrances to SUB, handing out leaflets, in contravention of SAC policy, and with no special permission from SAC. Furthermore, SUB's hallways were blocked, a violation of fire regulations.

Do you think there was any disciplinary action taken against the Liberal club last Thursday? Of course not! In the eyes of the reactionaries on SAC, a speech by Trudeau, the arrogant, anti-people representative of the rich in Canada, is legitimate politics, so little rules and regulations can be overlooked.

But revolutionary politics, as expressed in the Norman Bethune Club meeting on March 12 is not legitimate. Reactionaries like Trudeau can be freely promoted, but revolutionary politics must be restricted or suppressed. This is the attitude which motivates the reactionaries on SAC to attack our club in this unjust way.

Our club is not the only student organization subject to political persecution at UBC. It has come to our attention that some organizations of foreign students at International House are being prevented by the UBC administration from engaging in political discussion critical of reactionary, pro-imperialist regimes such as the former regime of the Shah of Iran, Pinochet of Chile, etc.

David Fuller
Norman Bethune Club

Jews lose back in the USSR

Do Jews comprise a religion or a nation? This question crystallizes a cause for the increasing problems Jews in the Soviet Union are experiencing.

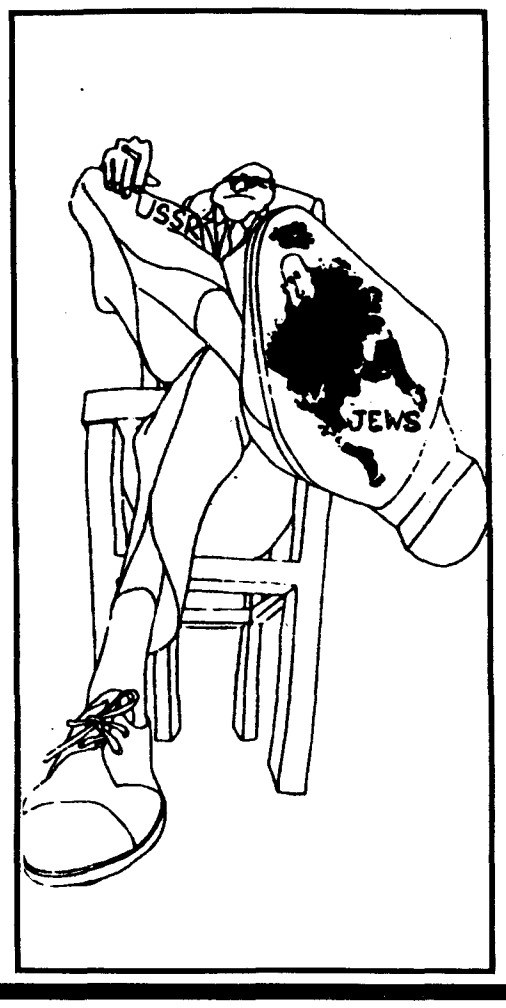
As a religion, Jews are considered an aberration in the atheist and anti-Semitic Soviet state. They are denied freedom of worship and learning. They are subject to discrimination in the fields of employment and education. They endure official anti-Semitic propaganda and general societal pressures to assimilate.

But assimilation is impossible. Soviet law requires everyone to carry papers identifying one's nationality. The Soviet constitution guarantees all its nationalities cultural freedoms and a homeland. Jews in the USSR are classified as a nationality, but without the territorial rights that go with it. The Soviet system continues to maintain Jews but denies them any legitimate form of recognition.

By BRIAN FIELD

The dilemma is clear. Soviet Jews are not permitted to be Jews and simultaneously are not permitted not to be Jews. By frequent anti-Semitic policies, the Soviet authorities persecute Jews as a religion. By anti-Zionist and anti-Israel diatribes, the Kremlin persecutes Jews as a nation. For many Soviet Jews, numbering into the hundreds of thousands, the only action left is emigration.

The right to emigrate is an internationally recognized human right upheld by international law. This right is specifically upheld in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Helsinki Agreement. The USSR is a signatory to all these documents and, in addition, has incorporated the Helsinki Agreement into its constitution.



However, the process of applying for an exit visa from the Soviet Union is often a living nightmare. Soviet Jews who try to emigrate become "refuseniks," refused permission to emigrate on arbitrary grounds and subject to years of delay and a long hellish struggle against official persecution and intimidation.

One of the most famous refuseniks is Anatoly Sharansky, a young computer programmer. In 1973 he applied for an exit visa. In 1974 he was jailed during a visit to the USSR by president Nixon. He was let out briefly to be married, though the next day, his wife, whom he has not seen since, was exiled from the country. In 1976, Sharansky, despite constant KGB surveillance, helped found the Moscow Helsinki Monitoring Committee to check Soviet compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Agreement.

In March, 1977 an article appeared in the newspaper Izvestia accusing Sharansky of spying for the Central Intelligence Agency. Soon after that, Sharansky was arrested, to be tried for treason.

Why did the Kremlin come down so hard on Sharansky? Sharansky, fluent in English, constantly supplied and interpreted information contradicting Soviet emigration policy and practice. Sharansky showed an alternative USSR to the official portrayal as champion of detente. He sensitized hundreds of western reporters and politicians to Soviet human rights violations.

perspectives

In July, 1978, Sharansky was tried. His lawyer had been ejected from the country, and he conducted his own defence when his questions were permitted. He was not allowed to call any witnesses, nor were most of his written submissions and documents accepted as evidence. His mother was denied entrance to the courtroom.

Sharansky is a prisoner of conscience. Tomorrow, in SUB, in commemoration of the second anniversary of Sharansky's arrest, a table will be set up providing more information on Sharansky and the emigration movement, as well as petitions asking for his release.

Passover, the Jewish holiday of freedom is fast approaching. Sharansky and his fellow refuseniks echo a 4,000-year-old cry, recalled at Passover, that catalyzed the birth of the Jewish people: "Let my people go."

Brian Field is a member of the Canadian Jewish students' organization NETWORK, associated with UBC's Hillel House.

Letters

People pestered poor PET

Trudeau deserved better than the audience he got Thursday. There was so much derision and heckling of the first two speakers that when Trudeau finally took the microphone his indignation almost prompted him to leave.

Most of the noise came from the crowd near the entrance who couldn't hear and/or see the speakers. As is usual when there is nothing to capture a crowd's attention, raucous behavior dominated, making it difficult for those inside to hear anything. Trudeau showed some anger against this disorderliness, and justifiably so. He was not given a decent opportunity until later on in the hour to discuss the issues seriously.

I am, in a sense, condemning such behavior by individuals and groups at such a large function. But I do not believe the audience was totally to blame. The whole event was rather poorly organized, contributing in large part to the disruptions. First, there was not nearly enough space in the ballroom to hold all the people; second, the microphones were not properly set up beforehand and the P.A. system was not adjusted correctly, resulting in inaudibility and feedback; third, there was no one guarding the light system, which went out several times for unknown reasons, disabling any videocameras present from continuing their coverage.

The solution, in my opinion, is a combination of better organization and a more sincere willingness on the part of the students of UBC to hear the opinions of people with the calibre of Trudeau.

Doug Beames
applied science 2

E is for Einstein

The science undergraduate society would like to acknowledge the engineering undergraduate society's efforts to honor the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's birth March 14 by so unselfishly dedicating countless hours to the maintenance of the large concrete monument situated outside the civil/mechanical engineering building.

While we realize the concrete monument we allude to has been on campus for many years, we must surmise that some farsighted individuals planned for the day when all students on campus would see the light and recognize the true intention of the so-called 'engineering cairn;' the E really stands for Einstein. For those of the EUS who have persistently claimed the cairn as their own, we hope this letter will lead them to the path of the true cause, ALBERT E.

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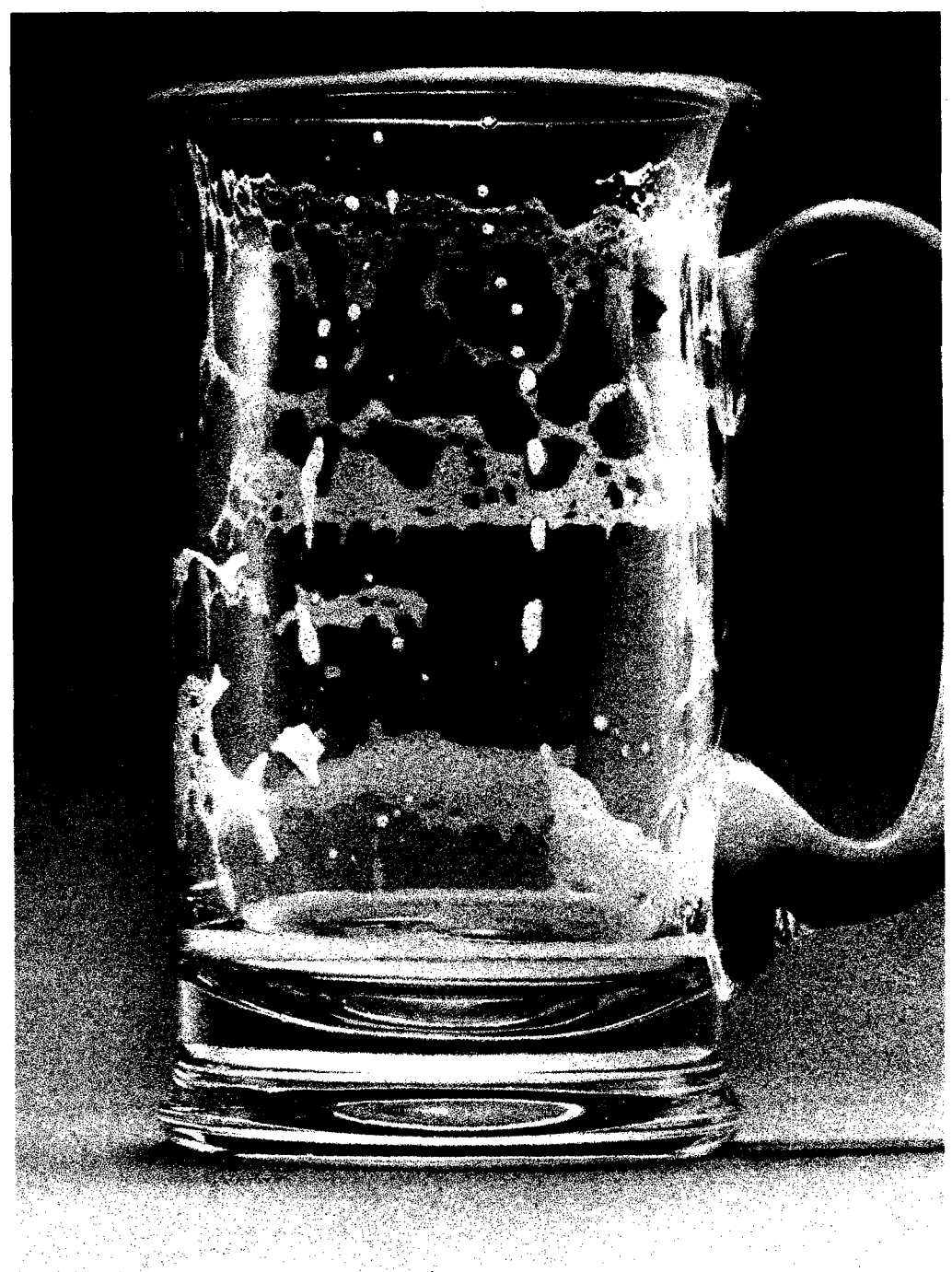
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PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CLUB OF UBC
Former Toronto mayor David Crombie speaks, noon, Law 101.

HAMSOC
Annual general meeting, noon, Brock Hall annex room 358.

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Prayer and sharing, noon, SUB 213.

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Lecture on maximum marriage, noon, SUB 211.

WEDNESDAY

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

VARSITY OUTDOOR CLUB
Slide show, noon, Chem. 250.

COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE
Film on Chile's economic reality, noon, SUB 205.

REGENT COLLEGE STUDENT FORUM
General meeting on the ethics of nuclear war and Trident, noon, SUB auditorium.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
Lecture on evolution versus creation, noon, SUB 215.

THURSDAY

FILMSOC
Elections, noon, SUB 247.

UBC NDP CLUB
General Meeting, noon, SUB 215.

POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General meeting, noon, Buch. 2238.

UBC LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY
Movie on Lenny, noon, SUB auditorium.

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

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General meeting with elections, noon, SUB 211.

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Bzzr garden, 5 to 11 p.m., SUB 212.

FRIDAY

IVCF
International students' panel and discussion, 7:30 p.m., Regent College student residence lounge.

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

DEBATING SOCIETY
Elections, noon, SUB 211.

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Banquet with tickets available in clubroom, 8 p.m., Copper Kettle Restaurant.

DEPARTMENT OF SLAVONIC STUDIES
W. R. Petryshyn lectures on Multiculturalism, noon, Buch. 2224.

Hot flashes

Not-so-perfect, tiny, little MP

Tiny, but not-so-perfect MP, David Crombie will be speaking at UBC today. What he has to say is anyone's guess, but it'll probably be unintentionally controversial. Anyways, Crombie will be hiding behind the lecturn in Law 101 at noon.

Crombie, a former mayor of Toronto, is often touted as a possible successor to Joe Clark should he ever run into political oblivion. He might also promise to negotiate some sort of sovereignty-association with the University Endowment Lands.

Truth hurts

If you're feeling in a good enough mood that a heavy load of depression won't bring you down too much, the committee for the defence of human rights in Chile is showing a film describing the econmomic realities of Chile under Augusto Pinochet's regime.

The film, entitled Chile: The Most Painful Hours, will be shown Wednesday at noon in SUB 205.

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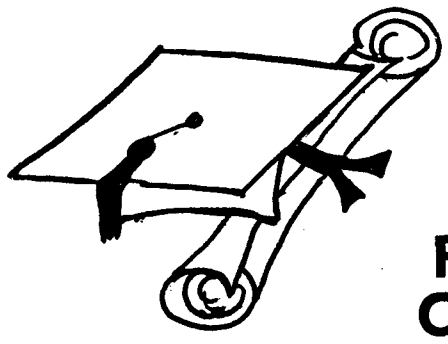

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Tiger, Moose belong in zoo

By ROBERT GREEN

For most Canadian hockey fans, it has taken a number of weeks to recover from the initial shock to logically examine why we lost in our national game to the Soviets.

The answer became increasingly evident last week in a game between the Los Angeles Kings and the Philadelphia Flyers. During the 60 minutes of regulation hockey, 380 minutes of penalties were called, which is a record, and 67 minutes in penalties were given to a single player, which is again a record.

In a sense it appears that the NHL, its announcers and sportswriters are condoning the violence by constantly advertising it through the media. The only news that should follow a violent game is the score and the names of players who will be suspended for the remainder of the season. Maybe then kids will stop idolizing players with nicknames like Tiger, Moose, Rocky, Mad Dog, and The Hammer. Hockey skills can not properly be developed when the fear of being illegally hit or attacked is always present.

Violence and malicious acts can be eliminated from the game with strict rules against all such acts and a halt to the unnecessary broadcasting of violence-oriented statistics over the media.

perspectives

It is a joke to say that hockey can't sell itself without violence. Almost all international hockey series have been without violence and have enjoyed the largest audiences in hockey history.

Hockey only sells itself with thuggery when its players lack the skills to play the game. Let's hope the Soviet victory will jolt those involved in hockey to change their sad philosophy to a program that will see hockey played as it should be, with skill, finesse and speed.

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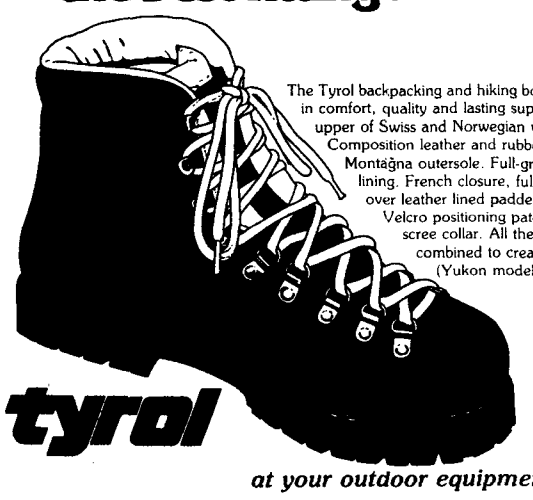

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Field hockey puts the rest on ice

MOORE . . . top athlete

It has caused wars in Asia and riots in Europe, and last week field hockey crawled out from the shadow of "that other game" in Canada to create a few shock waves at the UBC award banquets. Field hockey players and teams won most of the major awards at both the women's banquet on Wednesday and the men's banquet on Thursday.

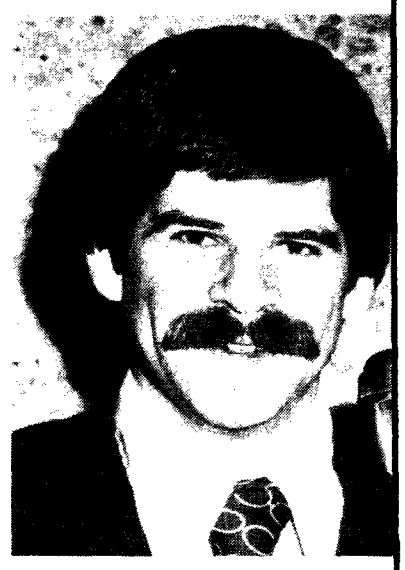
At the women's big block banquet, the Thunderette field hockey team was chosen team of the year and captain Nancy Moore was awarded the Sparling trophy as the top athlete in women's athletics. Marnie Parton, a member of the junior varsity field hockey team and the director of women's intramurals, was awarded the Barbara Schrodt trophy for her contribution to both intramurals and extramurals at UBC. Thunderette Janis Wilson was given the Joan Livesey award for contribution to field hockey.

Thunderette volleyball manager Amanjit Dhillon, who also acts as president of the women's athletic association, won the Kay Brearley award for "exceptional service to the women's athletic program."

The field hockey team is undefeated this year and won the national university championships. Moore has won four big blocks in field hockey and has represented Canada in international competition since 1974. She is at present training with the squad which will represent Canada at the World Championships at UBC in August.

At the men's big block banquet on Thursday, field hockey captain Alan Hobkirk was awarded the Bobby Gaul trophy as the top male athlete. Hobkirk, a former Rhodes scholar, has played in 82 international matches for Canada and captained both the 1976 Olympic squad and the 1978 World Cup team in Buenos Aires. A third year law student, Hobkirk has won five big blocks and was given the blue at Oxford, that school's method of recognizing top athletes.

Special plaques were given to football coaches Frank Smith and Bob Laycoe to acknowledge their outstanding contribution to UBC athletics this year.



HOBKIRK . . . Olympic captain

SPORTS

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CENTRE OF ATTENTION, blushing puck tries to hide behind post as uncouth onlookers stare in hostility. Pestered puck was slapped, shot, dropped, frozen and knocked into wrong net four times as Thunderette ice hockey team lost final match of year 4-0 to Newton. Women now get summer off to reflect on successful season and trip to Japan while puck faces easier time in midnight hamburger league when he gets to hop over sticks, change direction suddenly and sleep peacefully during the week in bag amidst mildewing strip.

St. Pat's blue for poor SFU

By PETER MENYASZ

There is no longer any doubt that UBC teams are a match for the more heavily-funded SFU squads.

There might have been a few sports fans who though the Shrum Bowl game was just a flash in the pan, but Saturday's soccer match between the T'Birds and the Clansmen should be enough to convince them that UBC is right up there with SFU.

The 'Birds overpowered the Clansmen from the outset and came away with a 1-0 victory after 90 minutes of tough play. UBC scored at the 15-minute mark of the first half on a goal by Gordie Johnson. Johnson recovered a rebound off the crossbar of the SFU goal after a shot by Mike Templeton, and pushed the ball past the SFU keeper.

The remainder of the game was a mixture of tight defensive play and missed scoring opportunities. One notable instance where a goal should have been the final outcome of the play occurred when a UBC player kicked the ball wide of the SFU net with the keeper well out of the play.

UBC coach Joe Johnson said Monday that he felt the UBC team was definitely superior to the SFU squad in Saturday's game, but was not 100 per cent satisfied with his team's performance.

"I was disappointed that we missed good scoring opportunities in the second half. People with one-on-ones on the goalie didn't execute them very well," said Johnson.

An SFU player, acting as a linesman, was heard to remark on Saturday that SFU could not play their usual game due to the deplorable condition of the playing field. When questioned, he was forced to admit that SFU's league games in the U.S. are played on similar fields.

Another excuse offered for the upset was that several of the Clan's key players were not able to participate in the game. "One of their fullbacks is with the Olympic team in Bermuda," said Johnson, but he added that he didn't think the one man would have made much difference to the outcome of the game.

Johnson was somewhat dismayed by the lack of attendance at the match, considering the historic nature of the game. "I feel the game wasn't promoted as well as it could have been," he said.

The Thunderbirds' next game is against the University of Victoria Thursday noon at Thunderbird stadium.

'Birdettes win thirty-fifth straight

By KEVIN FINNEGAN

If there is a team worth getting up to watch at nine in the morning the day after St. Patrick's, it would have to be UBC women's athletics team of the year, the Thunderette field hockey squad.

Last Sunday the team rolled to its 35th straight win with a 3-0 victory over North Vancouver in Vancouver Field Hockey League action. On Saturday the Thunderettes beat the Meralomas 3-1 in another league match.

Dana Sinclair scored all three goals in Sunday's game. The Thunderettes obviously shared the reporter's feelings about the early morning match as they started slowly and were fortunate to lead 1-0 at the half. North Van continued to press early in the second half, but Sinclair broke the game open when she knocked a perfect lob pass from Diane Whittingham past the North Van goalie.

UBC got two goals from Sinclair and one from Lesley Williams to win Saturday's match.

Last week at the women's big block banquet the field hockey squad was awarded the Du Vivier trophy as the team of the year. The Thunderettes, who have not lost a game all year, won the Canada West championship for the second consecutive year, the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union championship for the first time ever, clinched first place in the Vancouver league, and were finalists for the Sport B.C. amateur team of the year award. Team member Nancy Moore won the Sparling trophy as UBC's top female athlete, and five members of the squad are training with Canada's national team.

UBC coach Gail Wilson refused to single out any players for special attention and emphasized the team play aspect of the game.

"It wasn't just the five (national) squad people who carried the team. It was the rest who really rose to the occasion. If someone did a lot of scoring, it was because the other players got her the ball," said Wilson.

The team has one game remaining in the rain-altered league schedule, and will take on the Ramblers Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Tisdale Park. Playoffs start the following week.

'Bird droppings

The Thunderbirds will really shine next year after administration president Doug Kenny announced at the men's big block banquet last Thursday that lights will be installed in Thunderbird Stadium this summer.

The original lighting system will not involve the revolutionary vortex lights being developed by the UBC physics department. Four 90-foot high corner posts will carry conventional lights and will give a uniform intensity of 50 footcandles of illumination. The system will allow for the future installation of the vortex lights, which will boost the intensity to 100 footcandles.

This compares with Empire Stadium, where the intensity is 90 footcandles at centre field but tapers off to nothing in the end zone.

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The Thunderbird rugby team won the World Cup last Saturday with a 25-0 victory over the University of California Bears in Berkeley. After leading 7-0 at the half on a penalty goal by Dave Whyte and a try by Henry Edmonds, the 'Birds swamped the Bears in the second half with tries by John Olesen, Gary Hirayama, Don Halliday and Rob Greig. Greig also had a convert.

Wednesday the Thunderbirds will play Stanford University, and this weekend they will compete in the Monterey tournament.