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Government study finds higher standards means lower enrolment

Admissions door locks out students

by Jamie Kastner

TORONTO (CUP) — Faced with increasing enrolment, some Canadian universities are resorting to tighter admissions policies for first year students.

While overall enrolment has increased in Canada in the last year, the enrolment of first-year students dropped, according to a recent survey conducted by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

Total undergraduate enrolment increased 3.2 per cent across the country, according to the survey. This is a continuation of a growth trend experienced over the last decade.

The drop in first year admissions is the result of the increasing use of admission caps, quotas, limited growth policies and higher admissions requirements, mainly in the Atlantic and western provinces, according to AUCC policy analyst Robert Best.

Students may be staying longer or more of them may be returning to school, Best said.

"It may be that universities are retaining a larger number of students in second, third and fourth years," he said. "Some students may also be returning to finish their degrees. The low first year rates may only suggest how total enrolment will look in a few years."

Anne McKinnon, interim director of the Association of Atlantic Universities said a 45 per cent increase in enrolment in her region over the last 10 years has made some restrictions necessary.

Although total full-time undergraduate enrolment in the Atlantic region increased 5.1 per cent this year, first-year admissions went up only 3.8 per cent.

"It's a direct effect of the economic environment," she said. "We have a high level of unemployment here. Options for finding work are not as available as Ontario or central Canada."

> "I don't think it's denying access... they can always enrol in a different program."

The western provinces are also instituting restrictions, said Liny Chan, an analyst at Simon Fraser University. Although overall western enrolment is up two per cent, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan all had decreases in their numbers of first-year students.

"It's basically a question of funding," Chan said. "We just haven't had enough spots. This year we let in even fewer students than last."

Ontario, in contrast, has maintained a comfortable level of growth and has not had to seriously restrict enrolment, according to the Ontario Council of Universities (OCU).

"There has always been limited enrolment in certain programs like law, medicine or pharmacy, and some universities have been raising their admission requirements to plan for the future," said OCU researcher Larry Payton.

"But I don't think it's denying people access to education, they can always enrol in a different program."

The AUCC figures do not necessarily represent a trend in first year enrollment, Payton said.

"I don't think we can project a great deal into them unless they go on for several more years," he said.

Quebec enrolment has also maintained a fairly steady growth rate despite a 200 per cent tuition fee increase last year.

"The government had anticipated a five per cent decrease in enrolment after the fee hike," said Yvon Bousquet, director of research for the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Quebec Universities.

"But nothing nearly so serious occurred," he said. "We've continued to attract our most important clientele from the high schools."

Park panel sees a future full of spirit

by Niko Fleming

Last Sunday, about 150 people packed the Dunbar Community Centre to discuss future uses and management of Pacific Spirit Park (formerly the University Endowment Lands).

A panel representing cyclists, equestrians, Wreck Beach naturalists, park volunteers, friends of the park, the Vancouver Natural History Society and the Greater Vancouver Regional District fielded questions from concerned citizens representing view points on everything from Wreck Beach to native land claims.

Trees have friends too

Many in attendance protested against recent plans to change the status of Wreck Beach from its present "clothing optional" status to adult only.

Judy Williams of the Wreck Beach Preservation Society said road access to the beach would not eliminate drug and alcohol problems there, because "there are more (problems) at Kits Beach in a shorter period of time."

GVRD area planner Gordon Smith said there are no plans yet for a road to the beach, "the only planning has been to declare it an Environmental Protection Zone" and to make the trails leading there pedestrian only.

Members of the audience also raised concerns about environmental protection of the trails in the park.

Some trails have been designated pedestrian only, but many in the audience said more education is needed to make the growing number of mountain bikers environmentally and safety aware.

Member of the Musqueam First Nation, Corky Day denounced the GVRD for not working with the natives and not recognizing native sovereignty over the area.

GVRD area superintendent Mitch Sokalski said the GVRD "didn't expect this many people, and we are pleased at the turnout."

Sokalski encouraged everyone interested to get involved in the workshops and task forces, and said a draft plan would be submitted to the Park Committee in April.

Interested people can contact GVRD Parks at 432-6350.

UBC Women's field hockey team captures national title

by Michael Booth

Surpassing everyone's expectations, including their own, the UBC women's field hockey team captured the CIAU national championship in Edmonton Sunday.

The T-Birds defeated the heavily favoured University of Victoria Vikettes 4-2 on penalty strokes in the gold medal game after playing to a scoreless draw through regulation and a 30 minute overtime period.

"I would have to say my biggest reaction is that I am completely blown away because winning the gold medal is completely unexpected," said Penny Cooper, a fourth year player who scored one of the penalty stroke goals. "I kept thinking, how can we even be here? Then I just tried to put the ball in the goal."

The T-Birds got off to a rocky start in the tournament, tying the University of New Brunswick 0-0 and then losing 3-0 to UVic. New Brunswick's 3-0 loss to UVic forced a penalty stroke play-off between UBC and UNB on Friday night. UBC prevailed 2-1 on goals by Cooper and Lisa Eastman and advanced to the medal round.

In the semi-finals, Eastman's second half goal was all UBC needed to defeat the University of Toronto 1-0 and move on to the championship match. Meanwhile, UVic was destroying York University 5-0 in the other semi-final.

UBC entered the tournament with relatively low expectations out of respect for the strength of the UVic team.

"We went there with realistic expectations; our goal was to make the semi-finals," said UBC coach Gail Wilson. "I figured we would get a bronze medal, the gold was totally unexpected.

"We didn't think we would win the gold and it wasn't one of our objectives heading into the final game. We just wanted to play well, walk off the field feeling good, and to give UVic a good game."

UBC's cautious attitude was warranted given the Vikettes' dominance of university field hockey this year. The UVic roster features numerous national team members and had been undefeated (4-0-1) in five games against UBC this season.

For the second straight year, Penny Cooper was named a first team all-Canadian. STEVE CHAN PHOTO

However, the T-Birds followed their game plan to perfection and they suddenly found themselves in a position where they could win it all on penalty strokes. The key then was the outstanding play of fifth year goalkeeper Darcy Vogel.

"UVic was attacking most of the time," Wilson said. "We had some opportunities but without a lie, UVic dominated. Once we got to overtime I knew we had a chance because we have an excellent goalkeeper and all the pressure was on UVic.

"Vogel was busy all game so she stayed warm (in -10 degree temperatures) while the UVic goalie was somewhat inactive and was probably cold going into the strokes."

Cooper added that the unheralded Vogel finished her five year career in the best manner possible.

"Darcy Vogel was just outstanding," Cooper said. "She's saved our bacon so many, many times over the last four years and never gotten any recognition. She won a gold medal and was player of the game in her last game so you can't ask for anything more than that."

Cooper, Eastman, Sam LeRiche and Helen Birchall scored penalty stroke goals for UBC. In addition to the gold medal, several T-Birds were named to all-Canadian teams for their consistently superior play. Cooper was named a first team all-Canadian for the second year in a row while LeRiche and Leslie Richardson were selected as second team all-Canadians. Vogel, Cooper, LeRiche, and Birchall received player of the game awards during the tournament.

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Office of Women Students' Nancy Horsman answers questions 11:30-1:30 Speakeasy, SUB 100B.

Disabled Students' Assoc. Info. 1:30-2:30 Speakeasy, SUB 100B.

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship "The Mission". 7:30 SUB Theatre.

Amnesty Int'l. RAN's/letter writing. Noon. SUB 209.

Lesbian Discuss. Grp: Relationships. Noon. SUB 130.

Pacific Rim Club. "Vietnam" slides - Charles Greenberg 4:30 Int'l House.

Stu. Counselling &Resources Cen: Decision Making. Noon, Brock 200.

Lutheran Stu. Mvmt. Co-op supper. 5:30 Lutheran Centre.

Jewish Students' Assoc/Hillel. Hot lunch. Noon, Hillel.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Intramurals. Interested in campus sports. 11:30-12:30 Speakeasy SUB 100B.

Stu. Enviro. Cen. Noon, Speakeasy SUB 100B.

Global Develop. Cen. 1:30-2:30 Speakeasy SUB 100B.

United Church Campus Ministry. Dinner/discuss. All welcome. 5-7 Lutheran Cen.

Amnesty Int'l. Letter writing. Noon. SUB 119.

Marie Cochrane: 1hr discuss. on compulsive eating. Noon SUB 207/209.

School of Music. Concert: Eric Wilson, violincello. Noon $2. Recital Hall, Music.

Student Counselling & Resources Cen. film: Everything To Live For (Suicide). Noon, Brock 200.

Dance Horizons. Jazz 1-Laura. 3:30-5. SUB Partyroom.

Dance Horizons. Stretch/Strength - Cindy. Noon, SUB Partyroom.

Jewish Student's Assoc./Hillel. Torah study-Rabbi W. Solomon. Noon, Hillel.

Jewish Students' Assoc. The Holocaust: A Factor in Israel's Approach to Peace"-Prof. David Goldberg, York Univ. Noon Hillel.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

Student Counselling & Resources Cen: Problems of life/school/info on grad admissions tests. Noon Speakeasy SUB100B

Stu. Family Services: Counselling/referral 1:30-2:30 Speakeasy SUB100B

Issues/questions re: sexual harassment on campus. 11:30-12:30 Speakeasy SUB100B

Debating Soc. Impromptu debate. All welcome. Noon Buch B314.

Pre-Dental. Jean Galbraith-Hamilton: Dental admissions. Noon. IRC1.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Lecture/discuss: "Why I Am Not an Atheist" -Dr. Chamberlain. Noon. IRC 4.

Stu. Enviro. Cen. 5Rs: tabulate questionnaires Noon Buch D205

Ambassadors For Jesus. Keith Coleman on prayer All welcome. Noon. SUB 215.

Amnesty Int'l. org. mtg. Noon SUB 212.

Coop Ed. Programs. Info mtg. for 1 Yr Eng. stu. on work exp. in their field. Noon, IRC 6.

Personal Computer Club. Amiga Mtg. All welcome. Noon, SUB 216.

Pacific Rim Club. "Asian immigration into Van."-Dr Johnson. Noon, Asian Aud.

Sikh Students' Assoc. mtg. Noon, Asian 105.

School of Music. Mixed Chamber Ensemble Noon Recital Hall, Music.

Stu. Counselling & Resources. Cen: Overcoming Test Anxiety. Noon, Brock 200.

Lutheran Stu. Mvmt. Bible study. Noon, Lutheran Centre.

Dance Horizons. Jazz 2-Jackie. 5-6:30. SUB Partyroom.

Dance Horizons. Beg. Jazz-Val. 3:30-5. SUB Partyroom.

Dance Horizons. Chinese Dance-Edna. 2-3:30. SUB Partyroom.

Dance Horizons. Jazz 1,2-Val. 12:30-2. SUB Partyroom.

PreMedical Soc. Interview survival. 12:30-2:30 IRC 1.

Jewish Students' Assoc/Hillel. "My Jewish childhood in Occupied France" - Prof. R. Goldman. Noon, Hillel.

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GUS office robbed

by Raúl Peschiera

A collection of t-shirts dating back over 15 years was stolen from the Geography Undergraduate Society office over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Although the t-shirts have no monetary value, Professor Margaret North said she has a sentimental attachment to them.

A large broken grate was found outside the GUS office and John Popoff, president of the GUS, said he suspects that the culprits tore the grate off and climbed through a window.

"I feel responsible for the t-shirts, but I don't think they will turn up," Popoff said.

The t-shirts were on display to promote a Geography t-shirt design contest.

"They were ugly shirts, and the contest was 'can you do better?'" he said.

Professor North suggested that the theft might have been a prank pulled off by another undergraduate society, or by a residence. She compared the theft of the t-shirts to the old theft of the mounted animal heads that used to hang in the GUS office.

"They (the animal heads) would be stolen regularly," she said. "Once we found them laying on the lawn, staring up into the sky. I hope that the t-shirts also turn up."

Popoff, however, said he did not think that the t-shirt theft was a prank.

"I think it was a theft," he said. "They were not a challenge to take off the wall, unlike the animal heads. I haven't heard any word about this."

The t-shirts are distinct and easily recognizable. Should anyone have any information about these t-shirts, please contact the GUS or John Popoff at Box 1198, Gage Towers.

Council Briefs

by Martin Chester

PREFERENTIAL VOTING

AMS Arts rep Mark Keister proposed that the AMS should revert back to using a preferential voting system for its executive elections.

Keister explained that voters would be asked to prioritize their choices rather than voting for just one candidate. They would then be voting for their first, second and third choices. As a result, to be elected, a candidate would have to receive 50 per cent of the vote.

"Under the current system, when you split the vote, you get a 30 per cent vote winning," he said. "It's going to take more time to count, but it would make a more democratic process."

A similar system was used by the AMS in the past and there are provisions in Code and By-laws for such a voting process.

Law rep Norm Hermant said the system proposed by Keister would not be democratic. "I don't think people should be getting elected because they are the second or third choice."

The motion was postponed until a more complete proposal could be submitted.

ARTS CAR

The matter of who will pay the fire department bill for cleaning up after the destruction of the Arts car after the Home Coming parade in late September will be sent to Student Court.

The bill has been charged to the Arts Undergraduate Society by the fire department, but the AUS asked council to turn the charge over to the Engineering Undergraduate Society.

However, council can not fine constituencies; that must be done by student court.

AMS external affairs coordinator Jason Brett said "this does look like a fine. Paying anything except taxes, without consent, is a fine."

TRAVELLING ROADSHOW

The AMS Travelling roadshow may soon be breaking camp to take its style of entertainment to the students.

AMS external affairs coordinator Jason Brett proposed that the AMS council meetings should be held weekly, instead of bi-weekly. Every second week the meeting would take place in a location around campus other than the council chambers.

Brett suggested Buchanan building, the Cheeze Factory, and the Native Indian Teacher Education Program building amongst other locations.

Brett said he hoped "to make the AMS a little more open and encourage students to come out to meetings."

Science proxy Ari Giligson said "I don't think you'll get any AMS business done if, as you envisage, people come out to ask questions."

Students'Council rejects anti-censorship proposal

by Martin Chester

AMS Students Council rejected a policy that would have disallowed the removal of paintings from the walls of the Gallery Lounge in SUB.

The motion presented to council on Wednesday was a reaction to the recent removal of a painting entitled "I Do" by local artist Heather Ward from the walls of the lounge.

If the policy had passed, students would not have been able to have a painting removed once it had been accepted by AMS staff.

AMS coordinator of external affairs Jason Brett said he was one of the students who complained about the painting which depicts a nude woman in a box resting her head on her knee.

"That thing (painting) was ugly," Brett said.

He said the council members who supported the motion were "putting the interests of some non-student painter over students, our customers...our members."

"The AMS Gallery is there for its customers," he said. "This is a business operation, and there is an old adage: the customer comes first."

Music representative Jorj McWhinnie supported the motion not to remove paintings from the Gallery.

McWhinnie said "do you know how many bare breasts there are in the Sistine Chapel?"

Law representative Norm Hermant said "I think this whole thing is ridiculous. You don't get a painting taken down because its gross. This is a university. You're going to go through experiences you don't like."

Several counsellors said they felt the selection of art being hung should be left to AMS staff.

Commerce rep Bradley Yen said "the decision should stay with the committee or staff."

In eight years of hanging art in the Gallery, this is the first time there has been a problem.

Halloween Night—GDC office broken into and copies of The Ubyssey left scattered everywhere. Admittedly a possible alternative use for the paper, but Ubyssey staff queries, "What's the point?"

DON MAH PHOTO

NDP civic politician cites sex education

by Sophia Harris

Civic New Democrat, Norman Gludovatz, handed out condoms as part of his campaign to be elected to the Vancouver School Board in the November 17th civic election.

Each condom was attached to a leaflet that stated, "The B.C. Young New Democrats want you to know the facts about sexual activity." The pamphlet included information on aids, and directions on how to use a condom effectively.

"I think it's really important that the information gets out there," said Gludovatz. "Information doesn't always get out there and condoms don't always get out there."

One of his major concerns involves the newly installed condom machines in Vancouver high schools.

"The Vancouver School Board has a policy of putting condom machines in high schools," says Gludovatz. "But they did that for political expediency."

Gludovatz said the Non Partisan Association only installed the condom machines in schools because of social pressure from the Vancouver community. Thus, he said the association does not care if the machines are not in proper working condition.

Gludovatz added, "The Non Partisan Association, who has control of the school board, is quite a conservative group."

He claims that in many of the schools, when the condom machines break down, no one bothers to fix them; some of the machines haven't been filled yet, and those that have been filled are not refilled when they are empty.

"I think the Non Partisan Association is trying to do what their friend, Vander Zalm, is doing—bringing their own morality into government," said Gludovatz. "Separation of church and state is something I advocate."

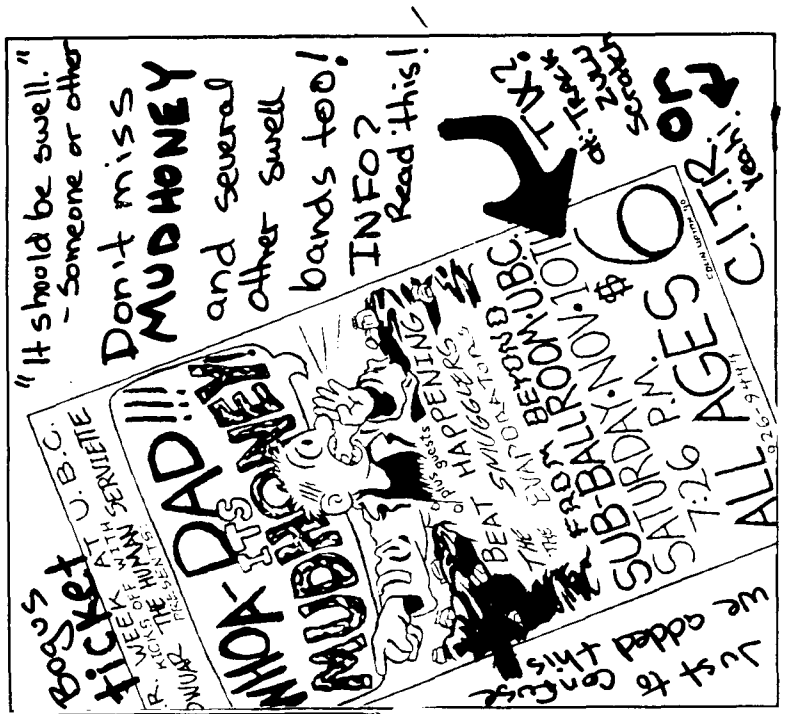
Gludovatz said he also wants to improve safe sex education in schools, and to provide students with more access to information about aids.

Another one of his campaign issues is to change the system of funding for education which, Gludovatz said, pumps more money into schools in wealthier areas.

"I think we should have one blanket funding for education," said Gludovatz. "We live in one province and there should be equal funding all over the province."

He also proposed that the provincial government should fund 90 per cent of the costs of education, and then 10 per cent should be funded municipally.

"Presently, what you have is a school board that is basically full of people who support the Social Credit Government. They've been a rubber stamp for Social Credit policies of underfunding education. I think that people need to vote New Democrat in the civil election, and make people accountable," he said.



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NEWS

CFS criticizes Canada Student Loan Program

by Andy Riga

OTTAWA (CUP) — The administrators of the Canada Student Loans Program got a tongue-lashing in the latest report on federal government spending, but student leaders have said the auditor general missed the point.

Auditor general Ken Dye ripped into the Department of the Secretary of State for failing to deal with serious inefficiencies in the CSLP in his annual report, presented to Parliament October 30th.

One in six students default on their loans, according to the report, which urged the department to be "more aggressive" in tracing students who do not pay their loans back.

But the Canadian Federation of Students said the department should be spending its time trying to make Canada's colleges and universities more accessible, not tracking down students who cannot cough up money they owe.

CFS researcher Silvia Sioufi said "pointing out the default rates is good but we see the number of defaults as proof that the (loan) system isn't working."

Sioufi said the current program is confusing and should be simplified. Students are not given enough information from banks and student aid offices and the 18-month grace period is not well-publicized, she added.

"We should be talking about making it easier to get loans," she said.

CFS wants loans scrapped in favour of grants. Canada is one of the few countries in the western world that does not have a national system of grants, according to CFS's Strategy for Change, a report outlining the federation's alternative funding strategy.

Almost half of Canada's 500,000 full-time post-secondary students outside Quebec use the CSLP. Quebec opted out of the plan and administers its own program.

Under the CSLP—which in 1988-89 approved $551 million in student loans—the federal government guarantees loans made by banks. Provincial aid programs complement the CSLP, which is administered in cooperation with the provinces.

Interest on the loans is paid by the federal government until six months after a student leaves school, when the loan must be repaid, with interest.

Twenty-six years after the program's inception, the CSLP is ridden with inefficiencies and lacks adequate controls, according to Dye's report.

Between 1964 and 1989, the government was forced to reimburse lenders $858 million that students did not pay back. Of that, only about $300 million has been recovered.

The government should ensure "more aggressive follow-up and collection," the report said. It recommends using the US system: American students who have outstanding debts have their tax refunds withheld.

Reacting to the report's findings, Liberal post-secondary education critic Ron Duhamel said the "inadequate" loan program must be revamped so that "every single Canadian who meets the criteria" has access to post-secondary education.

"When you borrow money, you have to repay it," Duhamel said, "but the program should be more flexible to make it easier for students who can't find work or can't afford to pay their loan back quickly."

He said that instead of "tinkering" with the program, the government should review the program from top to bottom and make immediate changes.

Len Westerberg, an aide to secretary of state Gerry Weiner, said critics should put the loan program in proper perspective.

"Since 1964, $6 billion in loans have gone out to two million students. If we didn't do it, it's very unlikely that they would get loans," because banks consider students a high risk, Westerberg said.

He also said the number of defaults is relatively low. The reported number of defaulting students may be misleading, Westerberg said, because the government eventually catches up to all but about four per cent of students who owe money.

The department is encouraging banks to be "more thorough in counselling students in financial planning" to help them become more responsible borrowers, he said.

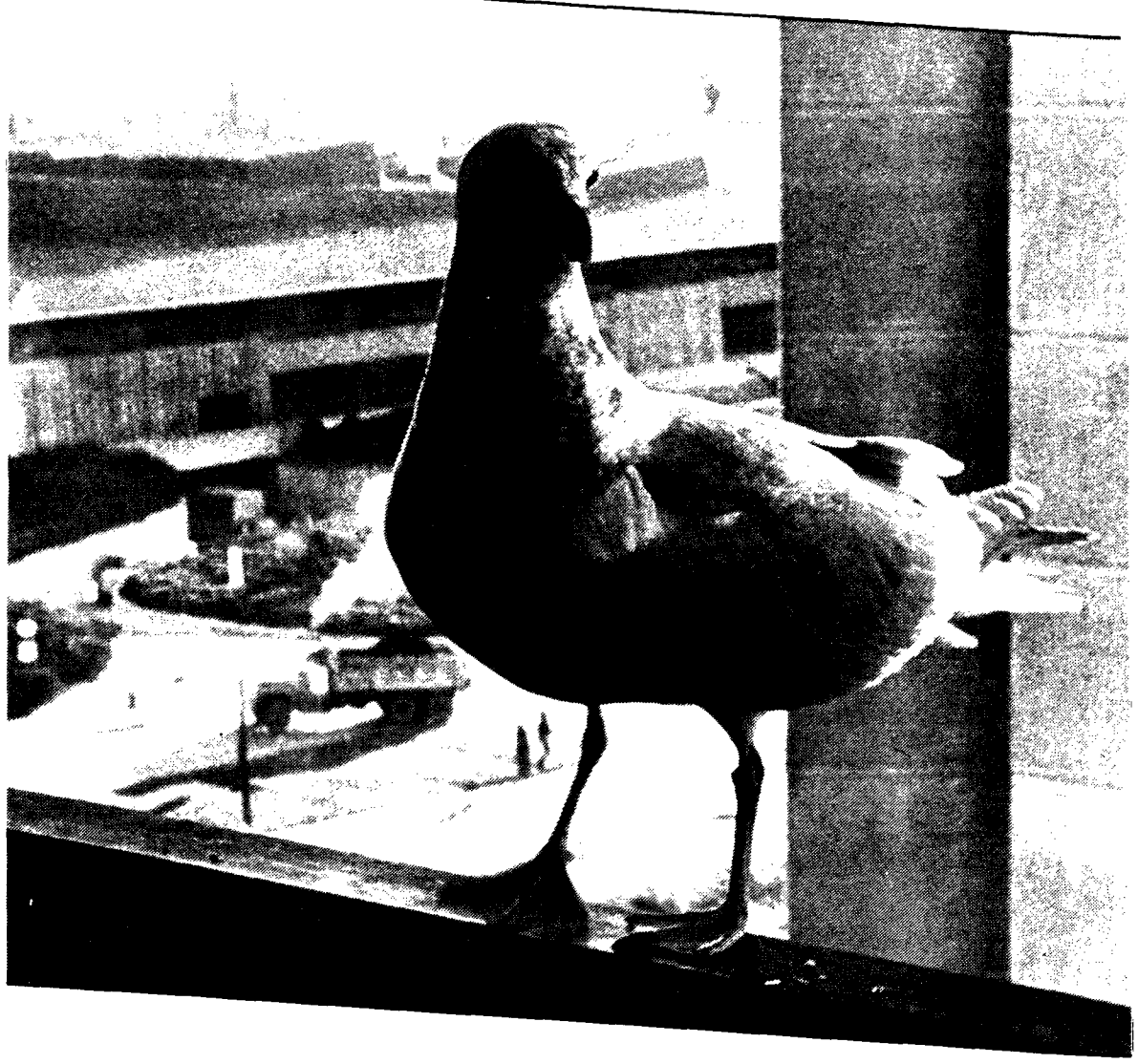
Although education is a provincial responsibility, the federal government provides much of the funding for post-secondary education through transfer payments, and it administers the CSLP.

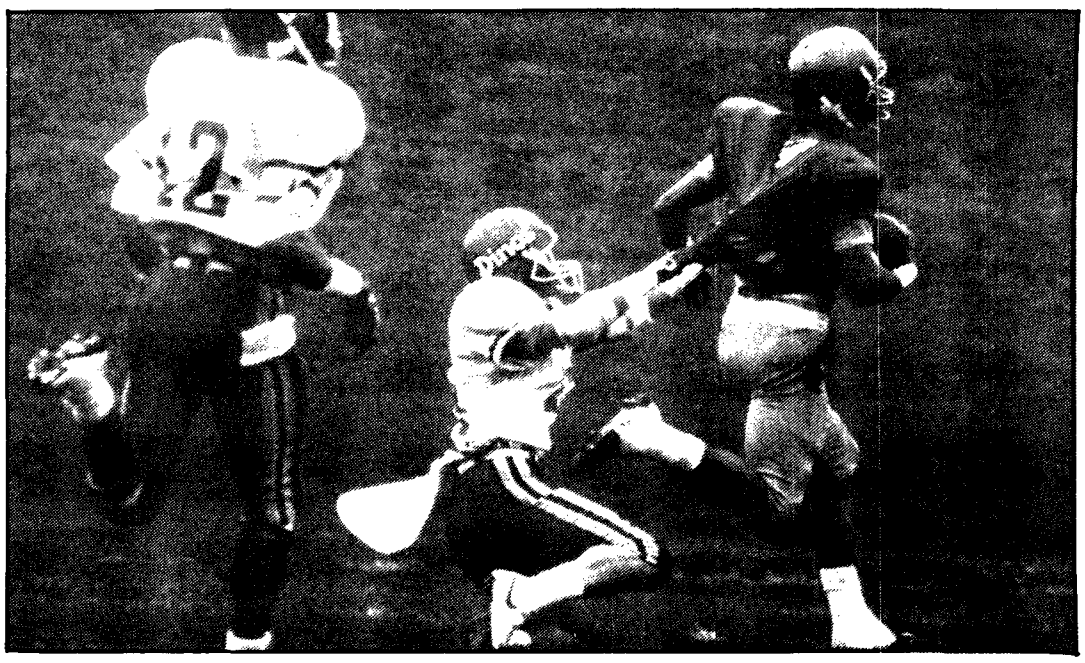
The report criticizes the government for the "absence of an overall federal strategy and approach to post-secondary education, and of a clear definition of the federal government's...role."

According to CFS, Brian Mulroney's government will have cut back $3.2 billion on post-secondary education spending by the end of his second term.

"Finally people are talking about (the fact that) the federal government has no clear strategy for education," Sioufi said.

CFS wants the federal government to play a larger role in higher education by taking over the responsibility of allocating the transfer payments which are now under the control of the provinces. It is also calling for the creation of a federal post-secondary education ministry that would set national standards.





A slow-moving Dinosaur makes a valiant, albeit vain, attempt at stopping UBC slotback Peter Poka from scoring in the first minute of Saturday's game. JOHN MANIS PHOTO

T-Birds exterminate Dinos

by Wayne King

"Those who forget their past are condemned to repeat it."
—George Santayana

This simple lesson was lost on the University of Calgary football team as, for the second year in a row, the UBC Thunderbirds mauled the Dinosaurs into extinction from post season play in the last game of the regular season.

The T-Birds were riding a five game unbeaten streak into their contest with Calgary at Thunderbird Stadium Saturday afternoon. At stake was second place in Canada West and the right to travel to Saskatoon to play the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in the Western final. UBC stormed out and grabbed an early lead and never let up as they annihilated the Dino's 38-12.

UBC opened the scoring on the second play from scrimmage when slotback Peter Poka caught a pass from quarterback Vince Danielsen and ran 65 yards for a touchdown.

Calgary placekicker Brian DeMug tried to revive his shell-shocked teammates with back to back 27 yard field goals to pull within one point at the end of the first quarter. However, the second quarter was all UBC as the T-Birds scored 24 unanswered and took a 31-6 lead into the dressing room at half-time.

UBC running back Jim Stewart clinched his second Canada West rushing title in as many years, carrying the ball 16 times for 104 yards and one touchdown. Stewart finished the eight game season with 807 yards on 168 carries for a respectable 4.8 yards per carry average.

Poka had a career day, catching three passes for 110 yards and two touchdowns. He added 36 yards rushing and was named the Canada West player of the week for football.

Danielsen turned in one of his best performances of the year, throwing four touchdown passes. He finished the day with 11 completions on 19 attempts for 248 yards and led the T-Birds to 437 yards in total offense.

The UBC defense was its stingy self as they held the Dino's to just 108 yards in total offence. Defensive lineman Scott MacDonald led the charge on Calgary's quarterback as the T-Birds sacked quarterback Bob Torrence four times with MacDonald, fellow defensive end Doug Shorman, and linebackers Glen Roberts and Troy VanVliet all being credited with one sack a piece.

Calgary's lone touchdown came when Torrence eluded UBC defensive back Roger Hennig and found John Kalin in the endzone with ten seconds remaining in the game.

With the victory, the T-Birds ended the season with a record of 5-2-1, good enough for second place behind Saskatchewan. UBC now travels to Saskatoon's Griffith's Stadium for a rematch of last year's final on November 10.

Volley 'Birds win opener

by Gwen Parker

The UBC women's volleyball team clearly dominated the University of Calgary Dinosaurs last weekend in the first matches of Canada West league play.

Friday night's 15-3, 15-8, 15-6 straight games victory for the 'Birds could have cursed them with overconfidence for the Saturday evening match, but there was no such danger. UBC defeated the Dinosaurs 15-10, 2-15, 15-12, 15-6.

UBC was not quite as sharp in the second match as their increased number of unforced errors slowed down their progress. The Dinosaurs were more competitive on Saturday and were briefly able to capitalize on the 'Birds' mistakes.

On the positive side, the 'Birds seized this opportunity to intensify their level of play and successfully fought back.

UBC coach Donna Baydock commended the team on their ability to finish the games convincingly.

"We won, instead of waiting for them to lose," Baydock said.

Once again setter Kyla Lee was singled out as player of the game on Friday evening. Sonya Wachowski, a right side player, earned the honour on Saturday night.

With ten kills, two stuff blocks, and one service ace, powerhitter Bonnie Mclean stood out on the statistic sheets for the 'Birds on Friday. Wachowski showed true form on Saturday with fifteen kills and one stuff block.

Powerhitter Sheilagh Gillespie said "every win is satisfying, but a win over Calgary is especially nice." She admitted they expected the Dinosaurs to be a better team, but did not write them off after last weekend. "Calgary will definitely show improvement throughout the season," she said.

With their first points under the win column, the 'Birds will travel to Lethbridge for hitting practice this weekend. The team will be in Saskatoon the following weekend for matches against the University of Saskatchewan. The 'Birds then return home for matches against the University of Alberta Pandas on November 23-24.

T-Birds finish season unbeaten

by Warren Whyte

The UBC men's soccer team wrapped up an undefeated season Saturday with a convincing 7-0 win over the University of Victoria Vikings.

UBC coach Dick Mosher attributed the drubbing to the team's enthusiasm at being two games away from a second straight national championship.

"We were pretty pumped up—we wanted to put in a good showing before the semis," he said. "We got two goals in the first ten minutes, and they dropped their heads a bit."

Midfielder 'wee' Willie Cromack stood out as he netted a hat-trick, while the Cellebrini brothers, Rick and Randy, teamed up to add two more. Other goal scorers were striker Colin Pettingale and defender Gary Kern.

Both goalkeepers had a hand in the shutout as Pat Onstad started the game but had to be replaced by Ray Lohr at the half due to severe bouts of boredom.

Onstad is guaranteed to have his boredom cured this weekend whether he plays or not.

On Sunday at O.J. Todd fields, both the men's and women's soccer teams will be hosting the CIAU semi-final games. The men will be playing either the University of Toronto Varsity Blues or the McGill University Redmen, while the women will take on the McGill Martlets.

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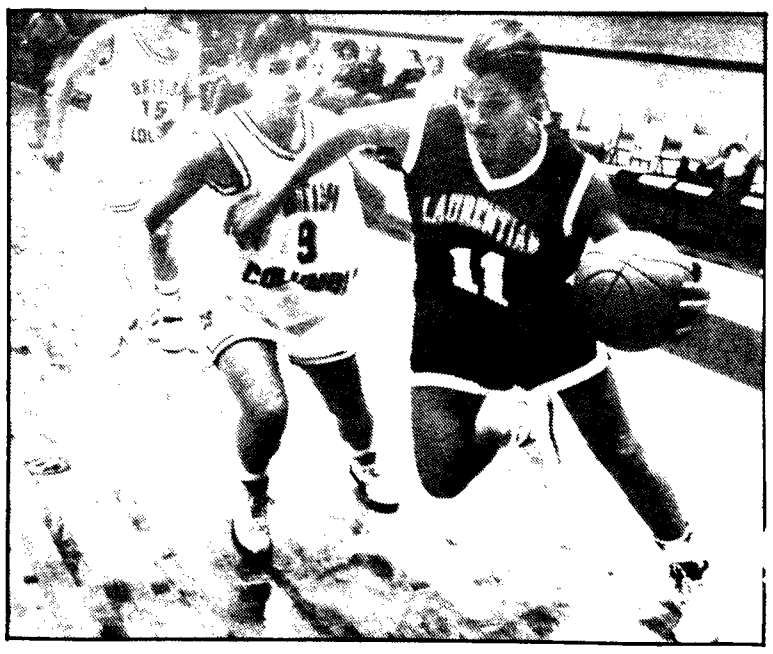

Laurentian forward blasts past UBC's Lorraine Marken (9) and Elissa Beckett (15) in Laurentian's 81-45 win. JOHN MANIS PHOTO

Basket 'Birds soar, crash

by Mark Nielsen and Andre LaPierre

The UBC Thunderbirds men's basketball team continued their high flying act during weekend play at War Memorial Gym, but the women had trouble getting off the ground.

The men topped a 110-88 spanking of cross-town rival Simon Fraser University Clansmen in the annual Buchanan Classic on Thursday with a 114-89 outgunning of reigning national champion Concordia University Stingers on Sunday.

Hosting the West Coast Invitational tournament, the women, meanwhile, started out flat and stayed that way. They conceded three losses in as many games and finished last in the five team get-together.

Guards J.D. Jackson and Al Lalonde did most of the damage for the men. Jackson scored 34 points against SFU and another 23 against the Stingers, while Lalonde bagged 26 in both games, including four three-pointers against the Clansmen.

Furthermore, forward Derek Christiansen scored 18 and 24 points against SFU and Concordia respectively.

The win over SFU improved UBC's Buchanan Cup record to 7-9 (with a split of the two-game 1981-82 series) and was the second biggest margin of victory in the history of the series—next to a 103-67 thrashing of SFU in 1969-70.

UBC coach Bruce Enns is optimistic about his team's chances this season and cited the play of his much maligned defence.

"Despite the fact that we gave up an average of 88 points per game in the preseason, our defence has improved," Enns said, adding that UBC defenders have been holding opposition shooters to 41 per cent accuracy from the floor.

"The defence is considerably more disciplined than last year. Guys really want to play better," he said.

The women's misfortunes started with a 78-53 loss to SFU in the Barbara Rae Trophy game on Thursday, which doubled as the tournament opener.

Piled on that setback was a 81-45 shellacking at the hands of Laurentian University on Saturday, followed by a 94-75 loss to the University of Manitoba on Sunday.

Coach Misty Thomas put much of the blame for the Thunderbird's lacklustre performance on the returning players and said Manitoba was a team they should have beaten.

"They (UBC) haven't put together much of a consistent team effort yet," she said. "There is plainly room for improvement."

A possible exception was Jana Jordan, who scored team leading totals of 14, 10 and 19 points over the weekend.

T-Birds swim in second behind dog-paddling U of W Huskies

by Nicole Sadinsky

The UBC swim team is starting off its new season with a bang after an impressive showing at the University of Washington's Husky Relays last weekend.

The men's team placed second out of twelve overall with 136 points, only 24 points behind the first place University of Washington. The men's strongest events were in the championship relays (4x100 freestyle, 4x200 freestyle and 4x100 medley) where they won all three.

Turlough O'Hare and Kevin Draxinger had strong performances, swimming on three of the winning relays.

UBC coach Tom Johnson said it was the team's strategy to concentrate on the championship relays.

"I've placed our top swimmers in those relays to get a sort of feel for where we stand among the other teams and the other events we'll just play with," he said.

Jason Bell and Walter Wu also swam well as first-year team members.

Although the women's team is presently missing the presence of Sally Gilbert (out with mononucleosis), they still put in a strong performance. The women placed a close fifth out of twelve with their biggest competition being the U of W and Washington State.

"They (the women) did a good job of team swimming as a whole," Johnson said.

There is a new look to the T-birds swim team this year. As of September 1st, 1990, the UBC varsity team joined the ranks of the Pacific Dolphin Swim Association. As director and head coach of the association, Johnson automatically assumed responsibilities of coach of the UBC swim team.

The association was formed in September 1989 and was a conglomeration of five local clubs including the Canadian Dolphins Swim Club, the West Vancouver Otters, the Chena Swim Club, the Vancouver Pacific Swim Club and the Windskill Club of Tsawwassen.

The emergence of the association should prove to be very beneficial to young swimmers in developing their potential to its highest level.

"The facilities available to swimmers are upgraded and negative aspects of the sport such as political stresses, like changing clubs or coaches, are avoided," Johnson said.

"The association covers the full spectrum, from the cradle to the grave, of swimming and the UBC varsity swim team joining helps to balance education programs as well."

The training program endured by the UBC swim team is very demanding with a minimum of six hours and a maximum of 18 hours per week. Often the swimmers will practice twice a day with the majority of the practices at the UBC Aquatic Centre.

Canada West Scoreboard

Scoreboard

Women's field hockey
CIAU Championship

UBC	0	New Brunswick	0
UBC	0	Victoria	3
Semi-finals			
UBC	1	Toronto	0
Final			
UBC	0	Victoria	0

(UBC wins on penalty strokes, 4-2)

Football

UBC	38	Calgary	12
Alberta	5	Manitoba	17

Soccer

UBC	7	Victoria	0

Hockey

Alberta	3	Saskatchewan	4	
Brandon	5	Calgary	7	
Regina	4	Lethbridge	2	
Alberta	2	Saskatchewan	5	
Brandon	4	Calgary	4	
UBC	5	Manitoba	5	
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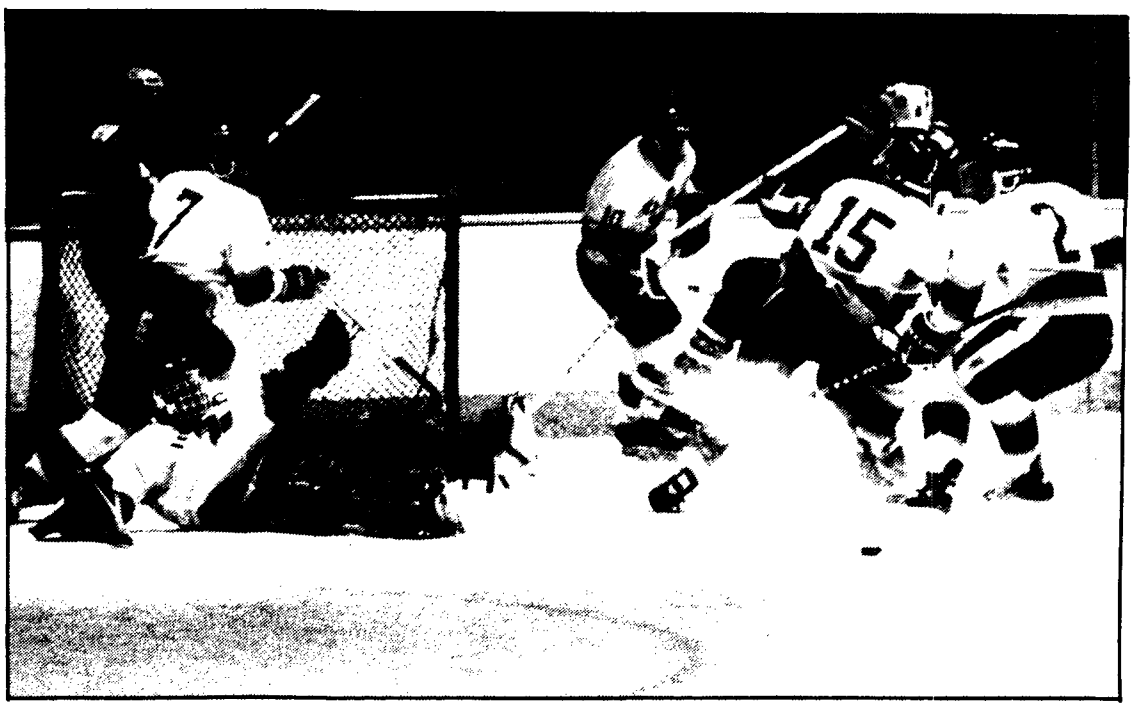
Standings

Football (final)

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Saskatchewan	6	2	0	206	165	12
UBC	**5**	**2**	**1**	**171**	**154**	**11**
Calgary	5	3	0	220	198	10
Manitoba	2	6	0	102	188	4
Alberta	1	6	1	132	186	3

Hockey

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Saskatchewan	4	2	0	28	22	8
Alberta	4	2	0	26	22	8
Calgary	3	1	1	26	22	7
UBC	**3**	**2**	**1**	**25**	**24**	**7**
Regina	3	3	0	19	23	6
Manitoba	2	2	2	30	31	6
Lethbridge	1	4	0	22	25	2
Brandon	0	4	2	23	31	2



T-Birds Henry Czenczek (2), Dave Cannon (15), Mike Kennedy (10) and Dean Holoien (7) swarm for the puck after goaltender Ray Woodley kicks out a Manitoba shot late in Sunday's 5-4 UBC win. JOHN MANIS PHOTO

'Birds elude charging Bisons

by Michael Booth

The UBC Thunderbird hockey team kept its home ice unbeaten streak alive this weekend...barely.

The T-Birds extended their streak to 11 games with a 5-5 draw and a 5-4 win in a pair of hard fought games with the visiting University of Manitoba Bisons.

The hard charging Bisons jumped to early leads in both games only to have the T-Birds come back and take control later in the contests. In Saturday's game, the Bisons had a comfortable 3-0 lead after the first period and led 5-2 with ten minutes left in the game before UBC could mount any serious comeback.

Once the T-Birds started to score, the goals came in bunches. UBC captain Grant Delcourt started the rally when he scored a powerplay goal while on his knees to narrow the gap to 5-3.

Defenceman Scott Frizzell pulled the T-Birds to within one when his point shot beat a screened Nick Sereggela in the Manitoba net.

First year centre Mike Kennedy finished the UBC comeback when his shot beat Sereggela low to the glove side.

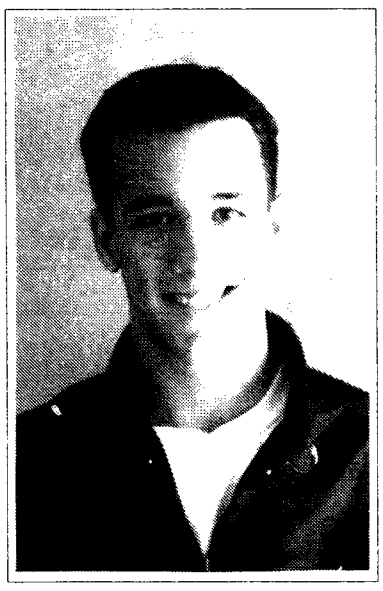
The goal was Kennedy's fifth goal in five games.

"He was trying to cheat on me a little and I just snuck it past his skate," Kennedy said.

Delcourt and centre Jeff Crossley scored the other UBC goals.

Kennedy stayed hot in Sunday's game as he scored his sixth goal of the season and added an assist in the T-Birds 5-4 win. Kennedy scored the game's third goal when he took a rebound off Sereggela's pads and put it into the open net to give UBC a 3-2 lead late in the first period.

Manitoba had gotten off to a quick 2-0 lead before UBC roared back on goals by Crossley and defenceman Dean Holoien. In the



Mike Kennedy

second period, forward Darran Kwiatowski took yet another rebound off Sereggela and scored to make it 4-2 UBC.

Manitoba added two goals to tie the game up before centre Scott Fearns scored on a powerplay early in the third to give the T-Birds the winning margin.

UBC coach Terry O'Malley was pleased to escape from the weekend with the three points although he thought the team had some lapses in concentration.

"I'm happy with our intensity but it's not as consistent as it should be right through the game," O'Malley said. "Players have to recognize no points are going to be given to them in this league and they have to bring intensity into each game."

O'Malley is also pleased with the play of Kennedy.

"He's only 18 years old," O'Malley said. "Not many players can jump into this league at 18 years of age."

Despite his age, Kennedy said he is having few problems adjusting to the Canadian university game.

"It's pretty much what I expected but I didn't think I would be doing this well," he said. "Everybody here plays as a unit, that's the biggest part. My linemates create plenty of opportunities."

After watching his team blow two goal leads in both games, Manitoba coach Don Depoe said his squad needed confidence.

"We have a young team," Depoe said. "We lost nine guys from last year and we have to learn to win. We would get up a couple of goals and then UBC would score one and we would panic."

The T-Birds now head out onto the cold and heartless prairie for a pair of games next weekend in Lethbridge against the Pronghorns. The following weekend the T-Birds will be in Saskatoon to play a pair of games against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. They will then return home for a two game set against the University of Brandon Bobcats on November 23 and 24.

V-ballers spiked in Manitoba

by Matt Clarke

The T-Bird men's volleyball team finished a disappointing fifth in the Bison invitational tournament November 1-3 in Winnipeg.

The host University of Manitoba took top spot in their first home court appearance after winning the Thunderball Classic at UBC on October 28.

The T-Birds lost their first match of the tournament Thursday evening 3-0 to Universite de Sherbrooke. According to UBC coach Dale Ohman, Rob Hill had 12 kills but the team's 26 spike errors took away the T-Birds chance of victory.

The team needed to sweep Penn State University Friday morning to stay in the running for the gold medal. After winning the first two games, the T-Birds lost the next three and the match, relegating the team to consolation play for the duration of the tournament.

In the team's remaining games, Ohman rotated the side but managed to keep the level of play high enough for the team to win their three remaining games.

The highlight of the tournament for the T-Birds was Bobby Smith setting a new team record of nine stuff blocks in one match versus the University of Winnipeg Saturday. The record was previously held by Brad Willock, now the starting setter for Canada's national team.

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LETTERS

Humanity is one of those weird things

The Ubyssey edition of October 23 was full of wonderful letters and commentaries. They provided a clear and unambiguous demonstration of the fragility and plasticity of the human character. First, we have the Malaysian High Commission tell us that "There is nothing romantic about these jungle dwellers, and the government makes no apologies for endeavoring to uplift their living conditions." This is a reference to the alleged efforts on the part of the Malaysian Government to improve the livelihood of the Penan (and other aboriginal, or Orang Asli, inhabitants) of Sarawak and Sabah. The government has nothing to apologize for, since the Orang Asli were never intended to be the prime beneficiaries of the New Economic Policy, supposedly designed for the benefit of all Bumiputra ("Sons of the Soil" or all "native" inhabitants of Malaysia) resident in their respective place of origin. Since the current government is engaged in the promotion of the "Malayanization" of all inhabitants, a policy entirely based on romantic and ephemeral notions of ethnicity and nationhood, the aboriginal inhabitants of Malaysia (Dayak, Iban and others) are convenient objects for promoting a unified multicultural polity, but are essentially disinterested observers. Since Malaysia is made up of many (ten, at last count) "ethnic groups," efforts are best directed toward attempts to improve the livelihood of all members, within the appropriate contexts of their respective cultural and ethical value systems.

Thus, the Malaysian government should come clean and finally provide, for the public, a clear and rationally-based course of action, under which there would be no danger of confusing "Malayanization" with "Malaysianization".

I hope you are reading this, Chung Wong, because it is apparent that one person's "colour" is another individual's dark side of the moon. In the Malaysian context, it is considerably difficult to tell the "Browns" (or "Yellows") of today from the "Yellows" (or "Browns") of days gone by.

Finally, I would like to know if our illustrious coach, Bruce Enns, had the opportunity to play one-on-one with Hafez Asad, who won and when the remaining hostages might be released through the vigilant offices of the government in Damascus.

Peter Cohen
Science Phd Student

Residences are getting out of hand

Three years ago my brother moved into Place Vanier Residence. I had encouraged him to live on campus because of my own positive experience there. Unfortunately, his room was located directly beside the floor lounge which tended to be noisy, even after quiet hours.

He was suffering from poor health, trying to study, and trying to keep up with his Varsity Sport training schedule. He needed decent sleep. So he asked the guys in the lounge to keep the volume on the TV down after quiet hours; they ignored him. He asked on numerous subsequent occasions; they became increasingly hostile. He felt frustrated by their lack of understanding and respect for a fellow student. I encouraged him to approach his House Advisor about the problem.

The House Advisor, after a lengthy chase, was tracked down. His response was that there really wasn't much he could do until another confrontation occurred. He didn't seem to take the complaint very seriously and he didn't offer to visit the floor at an appropriate time or speak to any of the guys.

And then one day my brother unexpectedly walked into my quad in Gage Towers. He looked pretty distracted and he admitted that he had sat through his morning classes in a daze. Why? He had woken up that morning to find a rope noose hanging in his doorway and a felted message scrawled on his door (the message board had been ripped down); the message basically told him to hang himself. I would not have believed it if I hadn't seen it for myself later that night when we moved his stuff out of the room.

He told no one about the incident and he spent a few nights sleeping on my floor. It was too late "to make everything better". I left Carl Cooper, then Senior Resident Advisor, a note informing him of the immediate vacancy of the room. I vowed not to pay a single penny rent from the day of vacancy. There were no arguments and there was no discussion. My brother wanted it that way and I respected his wishes.

Today, I am writing this letter because of the recent disturbing incident in Place Vanier. Suddenly, my brother's case seems a less isolated incident involving a lack of respect for a fellow resident. While both girls and guys in Residence have always participated in "off beat" activities and had a great time doing so, the atmosphere of "fun and games" has gotten out of control. Place Vanier is not an "Animal House" set and the incidents mentioned are not harmless pranks.

I believe that part of the reason things went so far in this "gross out" battle is the lack of accountability the residents feel; not until the University, the RCMP, and the media became involved did anyone take the girls' complaints seriously. The resulting negative publicity was unfortunate because it lacked perspective: outsiders didn't see this incident as the culmination of a series of incidents, nor did the more radical groups recognize the tremendous pressures that residents feel both socially and academically.

On the positive side of things, I think everyone involved now recognizes how important it is to mutually respect one another, whether male or female. Furthermore, I hope Housing officials and Advisors now realize how important it is to take complaints seriously and deal with them effectively if they want to prevent situations from getting out of control. Residences like Place Vanier should foster respect and understanding between individuals and there should be people in positions of authority who are truly committed to maintaining an environment where such relationships exist.

Carolyn Lewis

Tired of waking up comfy womfy in your toasty bed? Come to The Ubyssey and become an insomniac like the rest of us Sub 241 k

Godiva ride vividly recalls oppression

I am responding to a letter written by Daren Sanders published in The Ubyssey, Oct. 30, 1990. I am referring to his statement: "Secondly, the decision to allow purchase of Godiva patches should be based on business principles and not on personal ethics."

It seems that Daren and his shoppers have forgotten that the decision to allow Mark Lepine to purchase a gun was based on business principles and not on personal ethics.

Lady Godiva rode naked through the streets in the 11th century, A.D., because it was the only choice she had to free her people from an unfair tax law so that they wouldn't NEED charity.

Also, there wasn't a Lord Godiva. Her husband was Earl Leofric of Chester, England. He overtaxed the people and refused to do anything about this, unless Lady Godiva rode clothed only with her hair through the streets of Coventry.

The Lady Godiva badge doesn't honour her courage. Instead it insults her by focusing on her nudity. It emphasized her humiliation. She was a benefactor of many monasteries and a devout Catholic, hardly an exhibitionist. The fact that a woman had to use her body to achieve the reduction of unfair taxes is sickening. A Lord Godiva badge does not change the fact that it was Lady Godiva who suffered from oppression, not her husband. Instead, the badge reminds us all that he was the oppressor.

Sexism promotes attitudes which encourage violence towards women. That is why the decision to allow purchase of Godiva patches should be based on personal ethics and not on business principles.

Name Withheld

Clear cut ravages UBC housing site

It is beyond belief how the developers constructing high priced condos beside Fairview residence have stripped the land of the original trees. Most of the evergreens have been cut down to the shame of those who designed this eyesore. Do these architects have no imagination? Why do developers insist on destroying the beauty of naturally growing trees? The last thing we need is intrusive government regulation in development but if builders can't do the job right then there ought to be intervention. There are countless examples of intelligent designs all around. For example, in Surrey the builders of Boundary Park, off the number 10 highway, took the effort to let a significant number of original growth trees stand in a central parkland core and on individual lots. The development looks established and blends into the surrounding treescape; not new and barren like the UBC project. Perhaps the city should adopt a "tree formula" which protects certain species and the number of individual trees on a given portion of land. If you can't trust developers to do the right thing, the people's representatives should step in and do it for them.

D. Anderson

UBC students set poor global example

After spending six years living in the overcrowded, highly polluted city of Jakarta Indonesia, I looked forward to spending my sabbatical year at UBC surrounded by people with a "Green" mentality. What a false assumption I made! Perhaps UBC provides an excellent microcosm of all of Canada. Peoples' concern for the environment involves small gestures. Few are willing to accept changes that involve personal sacrifices.

Riding my bicycle to campus along 16th Ave, I can not help but notice the flow of autos heading to that ecological wonder, the B lot. Is it fuel efficiency that guides these commuters to select their particular make and model? It appears not. Status and style may be more important factors. Is it space for companions? Not likely, nine out of ten cars contain only a solitary driver. Time constraints? It would seem so. The greater majority of these cars exceed the speed limit by 15 to 30 km/h. Now that's conservation!

Many Canadians don't realize...we really are role models for developing nations. The automobile has become a universally sought after symbol of success. Canadians are the highest per capita energy consumers in the world, yet make up only 1/200th of the world's population. It doesn't take an advanced degree in mathematics to ponder the disastrous consequences of the rest of the world following our example. Put another 1 per cent of the world behind the wheel and you'll have 50,000,000 fuel burners on the road. Take the bus. Car pool. Be aggressive, drive the speed limit, you'll be responsible for 20 to 30 per cent less pollution. Think global!

W.J. Titmuss
Educational Administration

Sex workers deserve equal human rights

I had the opportunity to speak with Guy Wera at a housing forum on October 30, where he echoed the sentiments expressed in the interview published in The Ubyssey the same day ("housing for families, not for the tarts"). At the time I was too taken aback to respond coherently to such sentiments expressed by someone with a "progressive" facade, but since you have given him a forum here, I'll try to explain why voting for this person was an idea I soon dismissed.

Wera's opinions on who should qualify for shelter in Vancouver and exactly what sex workers are ("tarts") reflect a frighteningly conservative view held by too many in society. He suggests that because men and women have sex for money they abdicate basic human rights, and governments are correct in their current campaign to marginalize and endanger them. He dismisses the idea that sex workers may possibly have families whom they are in fact supporting; the two institutions are not mutually exclusive. I would be interested to know what Wera means by "family." This word is problematic because too many believe it can only define a heterosexual couple with children.

Prostitution is a profession that needs to be legalized and made visible, if sex workers are ever going to be able to live without the constant fear of rape, assault and murder. "Hookerland" (Wera's term for the Seymour area, where new housing units are being built by the VLC) is everywhere. Attempts to relegate it to the most badly lit, unfrequented and impoverished neighbourhoods place sex workers in danger and increase harassment and misconceptions. These attempts do not make it go away.

Pam Costanzo
Arts 3

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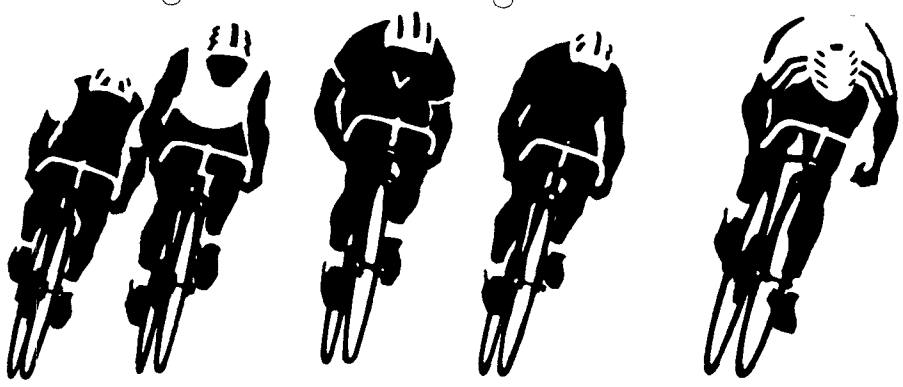

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Editorial

Hop on a plane Jane, Make a new plan Stan

The Ubyssey staff sat in its regular production meeting and discussed the editorial topic for this paper. We came around to discussing Canada. Just Canada in general. What are we doing here, where it is going, and why we are tagging along for the ride. And we collectively realized that perhaps there really was no reason for tagging along. Perhaps its going nowhere. Maybe we should not be here.

But Why? Why leave? Well, in these times of crises around the world, these are our top ten reasons for relocating. The ten best stimuli to leave Canada. Ten neat catalysts for emigration.

1. Wow, there is a war on the horizon. Already, Canada is talking tough about being the first to declare war, can a draft be far off? And with women now in combat roles, the draft will include all of us youngsters. We will all be sent off to fight our elders' war. Let's not dodge the draft, get the hell out of the way long before the need to merely dodge (the draft or bullets) comes up.
2. Canada is far too close the United States.
3. The GST. Like as if taxes are not already tough enough for people on a lower income, what with big business paying so little. Now we are slammed with another regressive tax. One that, rather than taxing by the level of income, by the amount one can give, taxes across the board with no consideration of the consumer's ability to spend.
4. The Weather. It's too cold, or it's too hot or too soggy or it's too something. It ain't never quite right.
5. Tories. Or at least white guys in suits. Or anyone in suits (Mulroney, Vander Zalm, Campbell, Li-Kai Ching). Suits are scary, and there are too many of them, far too many (see number 2).
6. Bill C43. The anti-abortion bill is now in parliament. Why? Because clotheshangers are scarier than suits. Because the final choice must be up to the woman involved, not a bunch of old codgers (in suits) in Ottawa.
7. The Canucks. Because just when they have a chance to draft a can't miss, guaranteed, sure fire, you bet, potential superstar, the bums start to play respectably.
8. Big men with little peters. (Read Kurt and Doug Collins) Because in student politics and in journalism the Peter Principle holds true. Both Kurt and Doug have risen to the point of their own incompetance and beyond.
9. AMS food. Have you ever had to eat this stuff more than twice a week, week in and week out?
10. Appointed boards. Because they are so utterly counter to the whole concept of democracy. Appointed boards, such as the Canadian Senate and the UBC Board of Governors, completely ignore the rule of the people and allow the stacking of such groups by asshole politicians (in suits).
11. Yah Yah, so its more than ten, when things are really bad why can't we cheat a little too. Place Vanier. If this is the future of our nation, best get out while the getting is good.
12. Le Surete du Quebec at Oka, the RCMP in Seton Portage, and the Vancouver City Police and their goddamn dogs on the Vancouver East Side (who all get their orders from suits).
13. The Ubyssey. We certainly would not want to belong to any nation that allows this drivel to be published, would you? (Though suits are not a noticable presence here.)

The next plane leaving for Stockholm is Friday, see you at Vancouver International (business class, with the suits of course).

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Paul Dayson lay back and fell into a dream. He was walking in a strange, foggy landscape. Suddenly he became aware of Nadene Rehnby standing in the mist to his left. She smiled and gestured with her hands and suddenly he was transformed into Michael Booth. Startled by this new twist, he changed yet again, becoming Martin Chester. There was a flash of lightning somewhere in the distance and the brief brightness revealed a bleak panorama of open fields littered with various figures. Graham Coleman and Matthew Johnson were there, and Rebecca Bishop and Raul Peschiera as well. Andrew Epstein arrived on a motorcycle. He reached inside his jacket pocket and pulled out Yggy King. Warren Whyte peeked out from under his collar and grinned —In the corner of his eye he saw Sophia Harris. Sophia was gazing into a mirror at the face of Niko Fleming; Niko was gazing out of the mirror at Don Mah (who was playing table tennis with Steve Chan and Mark Nielsen), and wondering how the hell she was going to comb her hair in a magic mirror. The mirror, animated by the soul of John Manis, was unimpressed. Nicole Sadinsky and Wayne King looked up from the couch they were reclining on and shared a deep sigh. Shaking their heads they returned their attention to their toaster oven just in time to witness the wild and curiously interesting "Dance of the Limping Penguin" performed vigorously by Gwen Parker. There was a cry somewhere in the gloom and then The Kitchen Implement's Revolutionary People's Jingo of the Sacred Sisterhood of Sarah the Great, Fab, Cool, Neat, etc. burst into site in front of the toaster oven led by Uzi Kurashi and Don Koo. They bore the terrible banner of Rick's Unholy Death, the most inner group of Cadre in the jingo. They lit incense and chanted, "Death to David Chivo."

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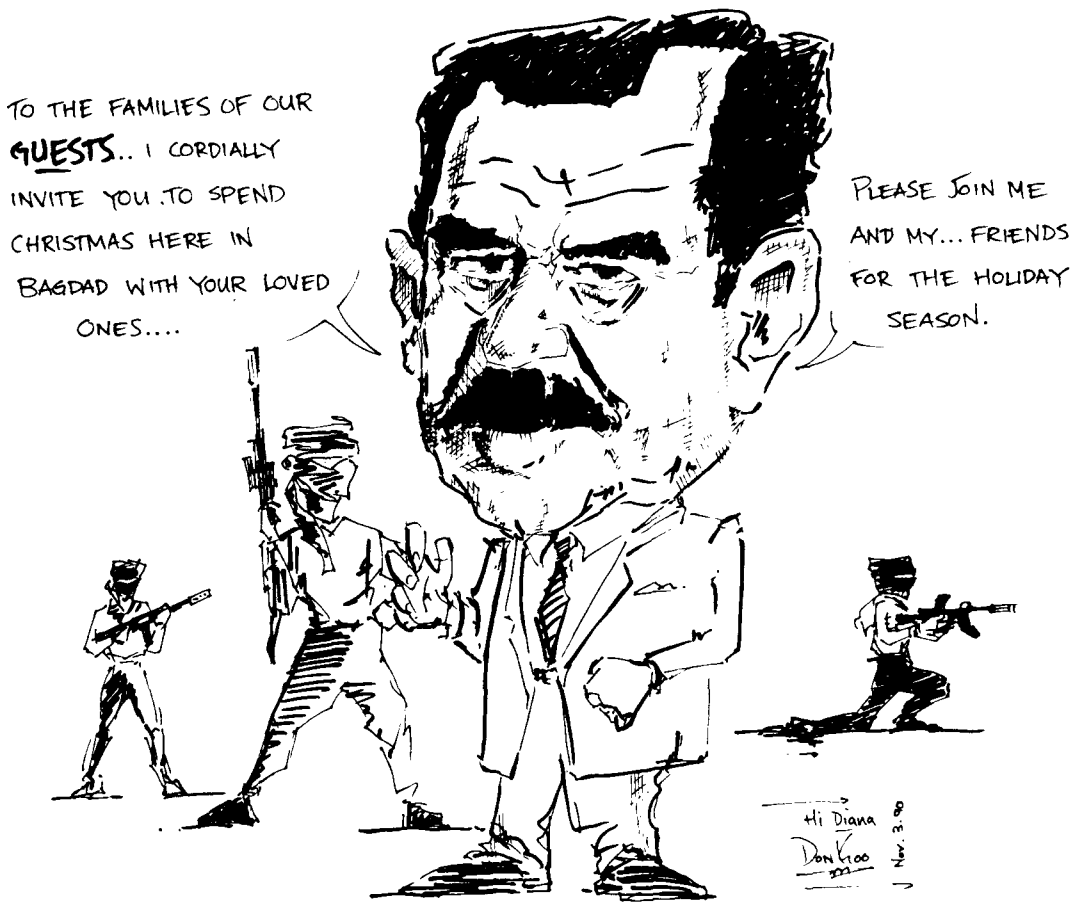

Letters

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No laughing matter

It is time for those men who wrote the so called 'invitations' to women in Place Vanier to take responsibility for their actions. The university administration must also take a clear stand on what is considered acceptable behaviour at UBC in order to prevent further acts of flagrant sexism. Otherwise, through their inaction, they are condoning what has happened.

This is not an isolated incident, and it should not be treated as such. Excuses like "we were drunk", "boys will be boys", or "it was only a joke" cannot be accepted because the joke stops as soon as someone gets hurt. Notoriously, the claim to drunkenness is used as an excuse by men for violence against women. If those men in Vanier were sober enough to write the letters, they can not claim ignorance and avoid responsibility.

I cannot understand women who trivialize this incident because that only reinforces the notion, in our sexist and patriarchal society, that men are allowed to act and women have to take it. This is an education system and it is supposed to train you to think and not leave the thinking to someone else. These obscene and offensive letters are a serious issue, and I would like to see responsibility owned up to and some concrete action taken by our otherwise stagnant administration.

Annika Lofstrand
Arts 3

...and chew ice cubes in the meantime

I noticed with interest the demise of the Grad Student Dental Plan prior to its inception. For the following reasons, this was probably a fitting end to this particular plan.

The University Hospital Dental Clinic has treated students for regular and emergency dental treatment since the opening of the Hospital. We have found that problems encountered dentally by graduate students can, generally speaking, be delineated as follows:

1. For those who have regular dental treatment throughout their lives and have been treated in North America, generally speaking, on an on-going basis.

2. For those who have had sporadic or no dental treatment and are usually from Africa or Southeast Asia, and some European countries.

For North American students, unless there is a problem of trauma, eg. bike accident, the appointments are generally for dental check-up, cleaning, a few x-rays and sometimes, flouride treatment. The bill for this treatment would annually be approximately $70-$100, about the cost of the premium annually for the plan which was not implemented. Other problems can exist, such as TMJ, trauma, teeth grinding, inflamed, bleeding gums. Although these problems are often common, these treatments were not covered by the proposed plan. These can often be quite costly problems to treat.

For foreign students, the story is quite different. Many foreign students have never had treatment and have serious gum disease as well as severe endodontic (root canal) and crown and bridge (capping) problems. These problems are costly and were only very minimally covered under this plan.

None of these above items was considered "basic benefit" under the plan proposed. Gum treatment needed by these people can easily cost $400-$500. The proposed plan would pay 10% or $40-$50 of the total bill.

In British Columbia today, most of the "good" dental plans consider such gum work and root canal work to be basic. I should point out that one cannot do bridge work on bad gums. This would be like building a castle on sand.

If members of the Graduate Student Society would like to have some help in deciding what fee items are often utilized by graduate students on campus, once again, I would like to extend an invitation to them to call us at the University Hospital Dental Clinic and we will be happy to offer our advice. Hopefully, the next dental plan which is undertaken by the graduate students will have a happier ending for all involved.

D.Battrum,
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Manager, Hospital
Dental Clinic

Yes, we have bananas today

I would like to replay to Andre LaPierre's article in the October 16, 1990 edition of The Ubyssey entitled "We Have No Vegetables Today." Mr. LaPierre complains about the lack of vegetarian meal alternatives at Subway Cafeteria. I would like to set the record straight and show that UBC Food Services values the patronage of its vegetarian customers.

1. A hot vegetarian entree is offered every day at our entree counter between 11:15 and 2:00 pm Monday to Friday. There are fifteen different items on a three week rotation. Many of these items were taken from the Grains and Greens menu.
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3. Pasta with a vegetarian primavera sauce is offered at lunch and dinner Monday to Friday.
4. A hot vegetable bar featuring eight different types of vegetables and a vegetarian sauce is available from 11:15 to 2:00 pm Monday to Friday.

I have called Mr. LaPierre and invited him to have a complimentary lunch at Subway so that he can sample our vegetarian menu. So far, he has not returned my call.

Sophia Van Norden
Manager, Subway
Cafeteria

We're searching for a light

This letter is in response to a letter in The Ubyssey issue of Oct. 19. The title was, "Have we forgotten about Palestine?" Most people in the western world remember only what the media wants them to. On this side of the globe, we are hardly aware of all the injustices that are going on in countries such as Lebanon and Palestine. Maybe because it's more of the "in" thing to worry about South Africa, but let me assure you that more people are dying in places like Palestine simply because they are in the way. Palestinians, women, men and children are being tortured, killed and maimed but we don't know about it because the media doesn't want us to know. All of us in the western world don't know what really is going on in the gulf. What we know is what the United States wants us to think which is not the real truth. Yes, it seems that we have forgotten about the Palestinians but please don't blame it on the people. The only see what is exposed to them, and believe what the media reports. All of us on this chunk of the globe are in the dark. Unfortunately, most of us don't search for a light to see reality.

Nadine Araji
Science 1

Chinese democracy movement mimics South Vietnam

The current spectacle involving the Pro-Democracy Movement in (and for) China, and the glowing support it receives from various quarters in the West, quite naturally bring to mind the saga of Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam during his decade-long exile in the West prior to his ascent to power in 1954 with U.S. backing.

Admittedly no two historical occurrences are exactly alike. Nevertheless, given the major players, and some minor ones too, in both cases in question, in terms of where they come from and what they really want, there appear to be much more similarities between the two than meet the eye.

In the case of Diem, as we all knew, the U.S. immediately saw a good thing in him while he was drifting from place to place in Europe and America in the early fifties; and promptly seized the golden opportunity of being able to put a man of its own in Indochina, thereby to root out any residual French colonial presence in that Southeast Asian peninsula.

Carefully concealing Diem's aristocratic family background and elitism from public view, the U.S. then dressed him up prettily as a champion of democracy and paraded him around, while arguing sternly that he was the best choice for the South Vietnamese people and as such, the sole alternative to the much hated despot, the French-backed Emperor Bao Dai.

The rest is history: Bao Dai and his French masters were out; Diem and his U.S. friends were in. Unfortunately for the Americans however, Diem turned out to be no more a lover of democracy than the deposed emperor. In the end, Diem, together with the string of similarly U.S.-backed generals who after having assassinated him and then becoming, one by one, his successors, and the U.S. High Command in Saigon itself, managed among themselves to lose South Vietnam to the Communists.

In essentially much the same way as it did in the Diem case, the U.S. proceeds to back the Chinese Student Movement activists and promote them as champions of democracy. It also hides from the public the fact that these students by and large are from the upper privileged strata of Chinese society who are notoriously known for their disdain for the common folks among their compatriots. Thus, presto, a deja vu is instantly created for all to see: a virtual re-run of the Diem melodrama.

Indeed, much could be made out of the similarities in terms of family background and political ideology, between Diem and the so-called "Pro-Democracy" Chinese students. Both are members of the privileged strata in their respective societies. Both espouse the creed of individual freedom. Both plead allegiance to democracy. Both promote "Western" values of market economy and free enterprise. Both want to boot out the existing governing body and put themselves in its place. Finally, both appeal to the West, mainly the U.S., to help them to achieve their goals.

It is already a matter of public record about Diem what he was and what he stood for. As for the Chinese students, it to has been well documented in a number of studies by respectable Western researchers, Suzanne Pepper of the Australian National University among them, and surveys by the Chinese government itself, that the Chinese students entering universities in the post-Mao era are in the main from well placed, well connected, and well-to-do families. More significantly, these students generally perceive themselves to be not only superior to their fellow countrymen, but also entitled to more privileges.

As such, clearly these students are a far cry from their counterparts during the Cultural Revolution when Mao was the leader of the party and the country. The majority of the students who entered universities during that period were either members of the peasant, worker and low-ranking military groups; or children of those people. Those students went to university primarily because they understood that if the old system of exploitation and oppression, and also the system of privilege based on connections and preferential treatment, were to be eliminated from Chinese society, the common people like themselves must get education and further must master higher knowledge. They must pave the way in the campaign to demystify education and popularize knowledge among the masses. They also must liberate education and knowledge from their traditional role of being the tools of manipulation and domination by the ruling class in keeping the common people down. More specifically, the university students in the era of the Cultural Revolution wanted knowledge to serve those who strive for a fair and equitable society for all people, rather than those who strive for a Westernized one for the privileged few.

Perspective

On another telling note, institutions such as Beijing University, Qinghua University, Beijing Normal University, Nankai University in the city of Tianjian, and Fudan University in Shanghai from where most of the leaders of the present day student movement come, are no longer the same hot bed of socialist radicalism they once were during the Cultural Revolution. Today, they are in fact the top dogs among the two dozen or so members of the elite club of higher learning in China, the so-called "key point" universities. This system of granting the designated title of "key point" to selected administrative units such as certain preferred schools and universities, research centres, industrial enterprises, and economic zones, was introduced by the post-Mao regime, with Deng Xiaoping and Co. as its chief architects. This elite club of "key point" universities, for all intents and purposes, stands at the top of the pecking order of all institutions of higher learning in China today to which mainly la creme de la creme in Chinese society—defined more by family background and connections than by academic achievement—could go.

Despite all that is pointed out above, however, the present case involving the Chinese Pro-Democracy fighters is surely going to turn out differently for the U.S. from the disastrous failure in the other one involving Diem, isn't it? To begin with, insofar as the U.S. perceives its global role, China is undoubtedly a far bigger stake than South Vietnam ever was. Therefore, it is to be expected that the U.S. will of necessity be investing much more handsomely int his undertaking of helping these fighters in order to ensure success. Secondly, since the U.S. has already suffered an earlier humiliation of having "lost" China to the Communists once before, way back in 1949 due, according to its 1949 State Department White Paper on China, to ineptness on the part of its leaders and the disloyalty of some of its highly placed federal officials in the China Bureau at the time; understandably it will do everything necessary to make absolutely sure that no similar bungling is to occur the second time around.

The foregoing not withstanding, it does appear that Fate is going to be kinder and gentler to Uncle Sam this time. After all, there are a larger bunch of Chinese "Diems" running around all over the place these days, all screaming madly in a manner matching that of the former Nicaraguan Contras, for Western mentors to back their cause. So the chance of success based on the odds that perhaps there will be just one of these Chinese "Diems" not turning out to be a dud should be immensely brighter. Hence the optimism. Additionally, objective conditions today are also exceedingly more favourable for "democracy" than those during the days of the Vietnam War. In particular, today, besides the Americans, there are many other committed backers to the cause of "democracy", such as the bulging army of French, Australians, British Hong Kong colonials and Canadians, all aspirant world-class democrats, who clearly see the benefit of being on board this timely crusade and who are just itching to share centre stage with the Americans in assuming the role of chief gurus to, and major deal-makers in, the New Democratic China a la Pax Americana which is just around the corner.

Sic iter ad astra; Deo gloria!

William A. Lim

Canada should get its ass in gear

Here are three truths which can not be diffused by partisanship or revisionism. Three truths that I want to expand upon and show you why Canada is headed toward the economic scrap heap. The first is that free trade is good, the second that the GST is also good and the third, that the debt is bad, really bad. The three are connected.

The most powerful and enduring economic principle is that free trade, as put down by Richardo last century, benefits all who practice unhindered trade internationally. The fact that we in Canada can not accept the idea that there will be adjustments in the economy means we are not dealing with reality. According to Richardo, we'll take our lumps but come out all right in the end; more competitive, better able to meet the changes that an expanding world economy dictates that we must accept. The alternative measure, protect dying firms and inefficient industry, means we'll soon slide to the bottom of the OECD's economic score card.

The GST replaces the federal sales tax which saddled manufacturers with an unnecessary burden. Eliminating it means we can compete better in a free trade environment. The GST spreads the tax burden across the economy and doesn't punish one sector in favour of another. But that's old news which we've heard Finance Minister Wilson prattle on for a year now. The secret about the GST really is that it is a powerful economic tool and here's why.

Before the gulf crisis threatened to put real upward pressure on inflation, we were experiencing it already because our economy was over-heating. True to form, the interest rates went up to ease the pressure on prices. But that knocked the stuffing out of the manufacturing sector while the real culprit, services, kept feeding inflation. You see, services resists the effect of higher interest rates. With the GST, the government can now command the entire economy, services and all, thus controlling all the causes of inflation save one, the debt. (Parenthetically, if the GST was just a cynical grab for new cash like the opposition says it is then why risk public censure with a new and visible tax; raise existing less visible taxes if all you wanted was to raise revenues.)

Besides the booming economy of the last seven years, the debt has been fuelling our inflation and our woes. At last report, the Japanese and the Germans wanted higher interest on our bonds before they'd continue buying and keep us, that is Canada, liquid. Charges of a "made in Canada" recession are flatulence; a good waste of gas. The gulf crisis also means a real and present danger of oil, at the sound of the first bullet casing dropping to the sand, hitting 50 dollars per barrel. Then watch inflation take a run.

So with GST we not only make Canada a little more competitive but we command more control of the economy. However, with most of our debt being financed outside the country and our obvious lack of control over world events, do we remain at the mercy of outsiders? There is one very painful solution none of the flatulators (if this word doesn't exist it should) in Ottawa wish to fight an election on. Cut the debt! Cut it, inflation and uncertainty with an immediate 15 percent reduction in spending. Lower interest rates so as not to send the economy into a tailspin. I'm not talking about stupid cuts like wholesale reductions in UIC or other social spending. I'm referring to bone-head hand outs on mega-projects that aren't viable in the first place. Projects like Sidney steel in Atlantic Canada; an industry we can never expect to compete in without tariffs against cheaper imports from the Third World. (You can forget about the tariffs.) Also, government spends billions on services that it insists on purchasing here in Canada rather than tender to the lowest bidder. Obviously there have to be exceptions—defence—but not many. A hefty reduction in defence spending ought to be made first to make the peace dividend really work for all Canadians.

You are not a right winger or a bourgeois industrialist to simply acknowledge economic facts. No country in the world can afford to live in isolation and inefficiency. As international trade expands a country is either part of that expasion or it is dead meat. The measures I've proposed would get us started down a road even some Third World countries have already recognized as the only logical way to proceed. Countries like Uruguay, Mauritius and Malaysia have all built healthy economies on the principle of lean market efficiency. Canada should take an example from these countries and get its act together fast.

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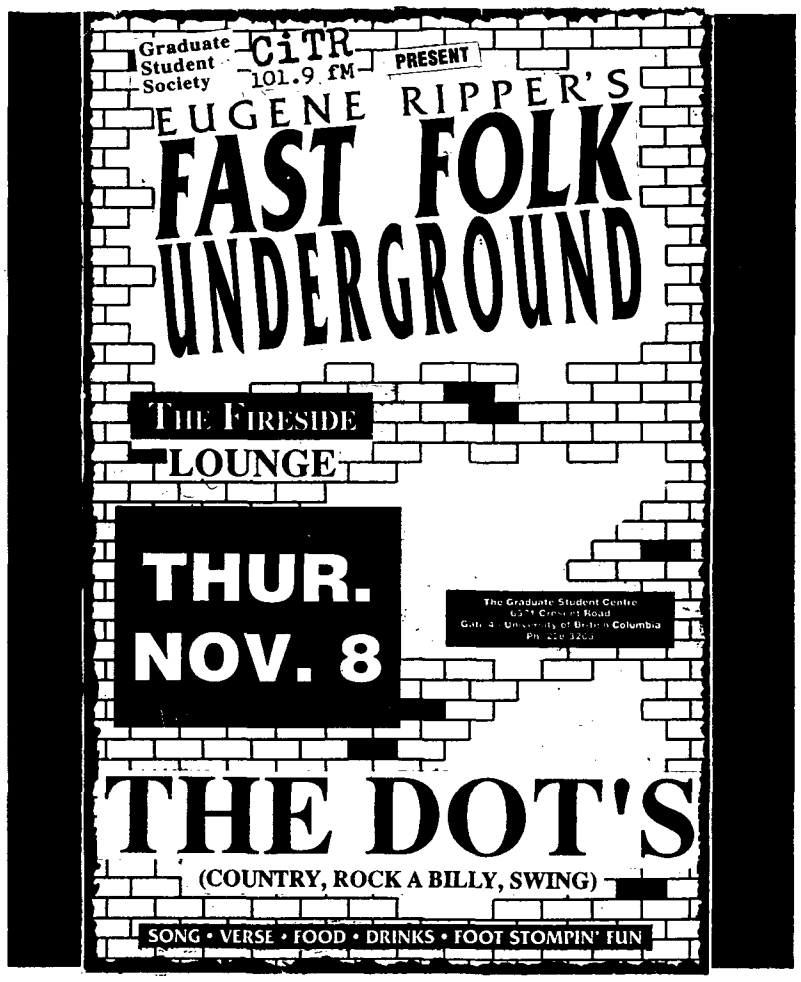

Domestic violence grows

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP) — Thirty two Quebec women and children were murdered this year by their spouses, common-law partners, boyfriends or fathers.

Social workers are calling the recent rash of murders in Montreal—there have been 20 over the past three months—an epidemic. Most of the women killed were either attempting to leave their partner or had just recently broken up the relationship.

"If this many members of any other identifiable cultural group had been murdered in this short a span of time, you'd have had the army out in the streets," said Mona Forrest, the director of Montreal's Women's Centre. "But because they were women, people treat their lives as expendable."

There is no explanation why the murder toll has been so high over such a short period of time. But many people blame the justice system, which they say leaves women vulnerable in front of their spouses.

Women are increasingly unwilling to put up with spousal violence, said Elizabeth Harper, treasurer of the province's association of centres for battered women.

And as long as the justice system does not drastically change, women who decide to leave their abusive partners will be increasingly at risk, Harper added.

"The legal system is simply not keeping up with all of the women who simply no longer want to put up with men's abuse," Harper said. "And as long as the legal system doesn't change, the problem will just worsen because men will feel it's their right to beat and kill their wives."

Women are discriminated against at every level of the legal system starting from the police right up to the highest levels of the court system, said a family lawyer who specializes in representing battered women.

"Women are simply not treated equally in front of the law," said Montreal lawyer Sylvie Schirm. "A lot of judges are reluctant to listen to all the details of cases of violence. They're just not interested, unless the violence is of such an extraordinarily high degree that they just cannot ignore it."

According to Montreal police statistics, there were 5,359 reports of conjugal violence in 1989.

But the statistics only reveal a fraction of the real number. Only ten per cent of all cases of wife battering are ever reported to the police, according to the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

And even when charges are laid—which occurs in slightly more than 50 per cent of the cases—first time offenders will get an average $200 fine. Only repeat offenders are likely to be imprisoned and they can very easily have their terms shortened with good behaviour.

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Schirm said that public opinion has been building up over the years to call for tougher sanctions for wife batterers. But reforms are slow in coming.

In 1986, Quebec's justice minister ordered a crackdown on the violence. He sent out the order that police officers arriving at the scene of family violence had to charge the perpetrator.

Schirm said the recent rash of killings has increased awareness of the problem of conjugal violence, but that it has come at a high price.

"I'm worried that all this sensitization to the issue will just die down," Schirm said. "How much longer will it have to go on before judges wake up?"

Judges and crown prosecutors should be required to undergo special training to help them understand the problem, Forrest said.

"The majority of male judges are ill-equipped to deal with cases of wife battery," she said. "Many of them will identify with the male perpetrators, rather than with the victim."

Schirm believes .that many women break down in front of the court system and are not able to testify against their abusive partners because they are not prepared for the trial.

"The man is often better prepared to face the court than the woman is. He has been advised by his lawyer and told how to answer questions," she said. "On the other hand, the woman who is standing in front of a man who has hurt her has received no preparation."

Legal aid should cover the cost of preparing a woman to testify, and crown prosecutors should be specialized in this area of law, Schirm said.

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