Students suffer as sand blasters stay

By ARNOLD HEDSTROM

The health hazard created by the use of an abrasive for sand blasting at the Hector McLeod building persisted Monday while contractors continued to use the substance on the weekend.

Renovations to the building were accellerated to include weekend work when it was discovered that people in the building suffered adverse effects, said acting electrical engineering department head Avrum Soudack.

Soudack reacted first with disbelief and then anger when he learned the contractors switched to silica sand from nickel slag which produces less dust.

The Ubyssey discovered that silica sand was used Sunday while bags of nickel slag were available, a fact Soudack was unaware of.

The contractors used sand after they temporarily ran out of slag but they had not used it since, Soudack said Monday.

However, when Soudack was shown the fine white sand on the steps of the building and empty silica sand bags he said, "After

all the song and dance, I don't understand why they have switched back."

Thursday the workers' compensation board ordered that notices be posted and masks issued to all staff because silica dust had been drawn into the air circulation system and harmful concentrations of air contaminants were present in all areas of the building.

Movement by people disturbs the hazardous dust so masks are required until the building is vacuumed said department safety chair, Wally Walters Thursday.

Dust enters the building from around windows, despite tape being used to seal the windows dust works inside, said Walters.

"My office filled with dust when they sand blasted outside my office," said Soudack.

But on Monday many students were not wearing the protective masks supplied by physical plant despite warnings on each door in the building.

UBC spokesperson Al Hunter said, "There was evidence of dust leaking into the building and masks were available." Hunter said the contractor used the sand on the weekend because the building was not in use.

Despite concern over the air quality Hunter said "UBC ordered the switch becuase it (silica sand) left more mess to clean up afterwards."

WCB information officer Elizabeth Wright confirmed that the board had not ordered the contractor to stop using silica sand. Silica sand in itself does not constitute a health hazard, it is free silica which is dangerous, according to wright.

The health hazard occurs when the powdered silica sand is inhaled. Engineering professor Peter Lawrence said many people in the department were noticing symptoms of sore eyes and respiratory problems.

Lawrence questioned the reason for doing the work. "If there are questions about health problems you have to wonder about peeling a little paint."

40 police break down barricades

HAMILTON (CUP) — A peaceful sit-in of 11 McMaster University students ended suddenly Thursday when police officers stormed the offices they were occupying.

Sociology students were protesting the lack of representation they have on the sociology department's planning committee.

About 40 Hamilton-Wentworth Regional police burst through a barricade of desks and bookshelves to reach the students.

Only 20 minutes before police raided the sixth floor of the occupied arts building, university president Alvin Lee assured student representatives there would be no police involvement without warning. Student union president Alex Dashko said this did not occur and was disturbed that such "strong-arm action was taken to end a peaceful occupation."

Students left peacefully when the police arrived and no arrests were made. The police left the campus half an hour later, watched by about 100 students who chanted "Cops off campus."

The short-lived sit-in occurred after students were denied 40 per cent representation on the sociology department committee which decides items such as promotion and tenuring of professors. The representation was guaranteed by a 1974 department constitution.

In January sociology chair William Shaffir declared the constitution was unworkable and a vote taken among sociology professors resulted in a 11 to 10 decision against student representation.

Shaffir said students were not capable of making decisions about the promotion and hiring of faculty members. Dashko says this is not a good argument because it is students who have the day-to-day contact with professors and know their strengths and weaknesses.

Attempts at mediation by the student union ombudsperson and the campus chaplain failed to resolve the issue.

Sociology professor Carl Cuneo said the students were denied meetings by the administration and occupied the floor as a last resort. "It doesn't say very much for reasonable and open discussion at the university," he said.

The sociology department now says it wants to start with a clean slate by eliminating the constitution and sitting down with students over the summer to draft a new one. According to Dashko, this is an acceptable compromise for the students.

The only damage done during the occupation was to bookshelves the police kicked while breaking in, according to students.

Don Garrett, director of security, said he had called police to gain access to the offices.

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— roger bryan photo

ACTIVIST AGGIES retreat down steps of legislature after government refused to accept delivery of corpse representing status of agricultural land in B.C. "It's a dead issue," said agriculture minister Jim Hewitt. "Let's give it the deep six." Others agreed issue should be buried rather than questions fielded. Just peachy, except lack of food often leads to starvation. What the hell, U.S. will give us same at twice the price. **See story, p. 3**

Building levy dies

Students voted overwhelmingly to drop the $15 building fee levy in last week's referendum.

When the smoke cleared Friday after a week of voting, 3,030 students had voted in favor of dropping the building levy, while 1,334 wanted it to continue.

Alma Mater Society executives were disappointed with the outcome.

"I think that they (students) are selfish in one sense," said AMS president Marlea Haugen. "I think they perceive our fees as high and they're not."

There is some question about the validity of the referendum, however, and some students said last week they would take it to student court because it was worded so vaguely.

But Haugen and vice-president Peter Mitchell both said Monday they were not aware of any moves to take the ballot to court.

"Students have definitely said they want $15 removed from their fees," said Mitchell.

The referendum was called as a result of pressure from graduate student council representatives, who said it was undemocratic to continue collecting the fee. The fee levy was originated to finance the construction of SUB, which was paid off this year.

Council held a February referendum to use the fee to finance SUB renovations, but it failed. Haugen still wanted to collect the $15 fee and use it once students approved a future construction project.

Haugen said she hopes the new AMS building committee will conceive acceptable projects for fall, at which point a new referendum would be held.

"I don't think that students mind paying money if they like the idea and you push them hard enough on it," she said.

Staff sucks, rag recalled

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UBC voters purge PIRG

By HEESOK CHANG

By a margin of 116 votes, students at UBC narrowly defeated the B.C. Public Interest Group referendum.

A $5 refundable fee levy to finance PIRG's research activities was rejected by 2,234 students. The vote failed to reach quorum by about 200 ballots.

"We're obviously disappointed with the results, but we feel very positive about the prospects for next year," said Daniel McLeod, B.C. PIRG steering committee member. "We know we have strong support among the student population.

"We've laid the groundwork for next year — we've written up our constitution and are prepared for a new referendum. We feel this is just round one — a close round at that — and next year we feel we will be able to achieve a solid majority in the referendum," he added.

Steering committee member Arle Kruckeberg said, "We're disappointed about the referendum, but the referendum is only one part of B.C. PIRG. B.C. PIRG still exists as a club at UBC and Simon Fraser University.

Members of the committee against automatic fund raising, an ad hoc committee formed to promote 'no' on the referendum, were impressed with the outcome of the week long vote.

CAAF spokesperson John Miller said, "I am happy the referendum was defeated, and happy that it was defeated by a majority instead of lack of quorum."

Miller said the committee started the anti-PIRG campaign because it disagreed with the proposed funding mechanism, PIRG had proposed to levy a $5 fee which students could get back within the first month of the term if they did not want to support it.

"What I saw was PIRG going around saying, 'PIRG is a good thing, PIRG is a good thing.' But what we said was 'Yes, but the fund raising mechanism — which is what the referendum was all about — is wrong.' " Miller said.

PIRG members were angry with the anti-PIRG campaign. "We feel that the committee against automatic fund raising distorted our intentions and used cheap

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Wormy fools

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tactics in their campaign agaist us," Kruckeberg said.

Steering committee member William Clark said, "The people who started the anti-PIRG campaign are a bunch of wormy, self-seeking fools. They see nothing but their own private interest, and they care nothing for the future of civilization."

CAAF member Susan Fisher said, "I don't believe we destroyed them. If they're dedicated, they'll keep working for what B.C. PIRG can do — they just won't be getting money from all of us. They'll have to raise it like other clubs do."

The general consensus of PIRG members is to attempt another referendum next year.

The steering committee will hold a general meeting in Buch. 216 on Thursday at noon to discuss the future of PIRG at UBC.

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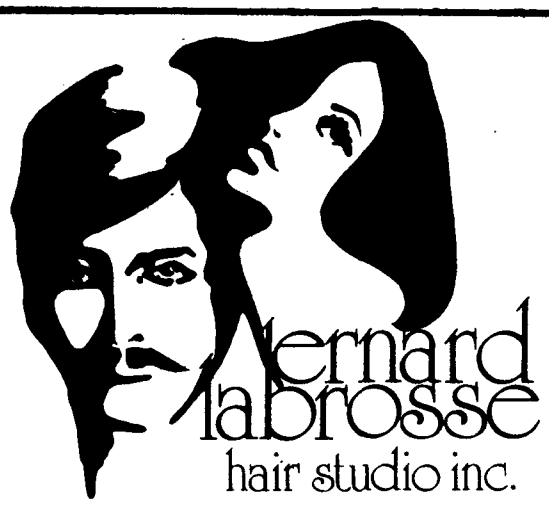

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Land protest not a dead issue yet

"Ashes to ashes, farmland to pavement, food land to profit," UBC students chanted Sunday as they buried, for the second time, a coffin labelled 'B.C. agriculture.'

The protest, at George Spetifore's land in Delta, was joined by local residents and politicians angry at the removal of the 523 acres from the B.C. agricultural land reserve.

The land was removed in January by direct request to a closed session of the Social Credit cabinet after the agricultural land commission voted down Spetifore's request.

"I don't think that a secret process has any part in a democratic society," UBC agricultural science professor Art Bompke said.

About 45 agriculture students protested the land reserve removal Thursday by burying a coffin on the grounds of the provincial legislature.

The coffin was exhumed by the legislature's grounds staff, recovered from the security office by the students, and buried again at Sunday's protest.

The Greater Vancouver Regional District will vote Wednesday on amending the regional zoning plan to allow for housing on the land, said GVRD chair Allen Emmot. "It looks like the GVRD board will turn it down."

"I think we may have swayed the GVRD decision by the protests," agriculture undergraduate society president Gord Peterson said.

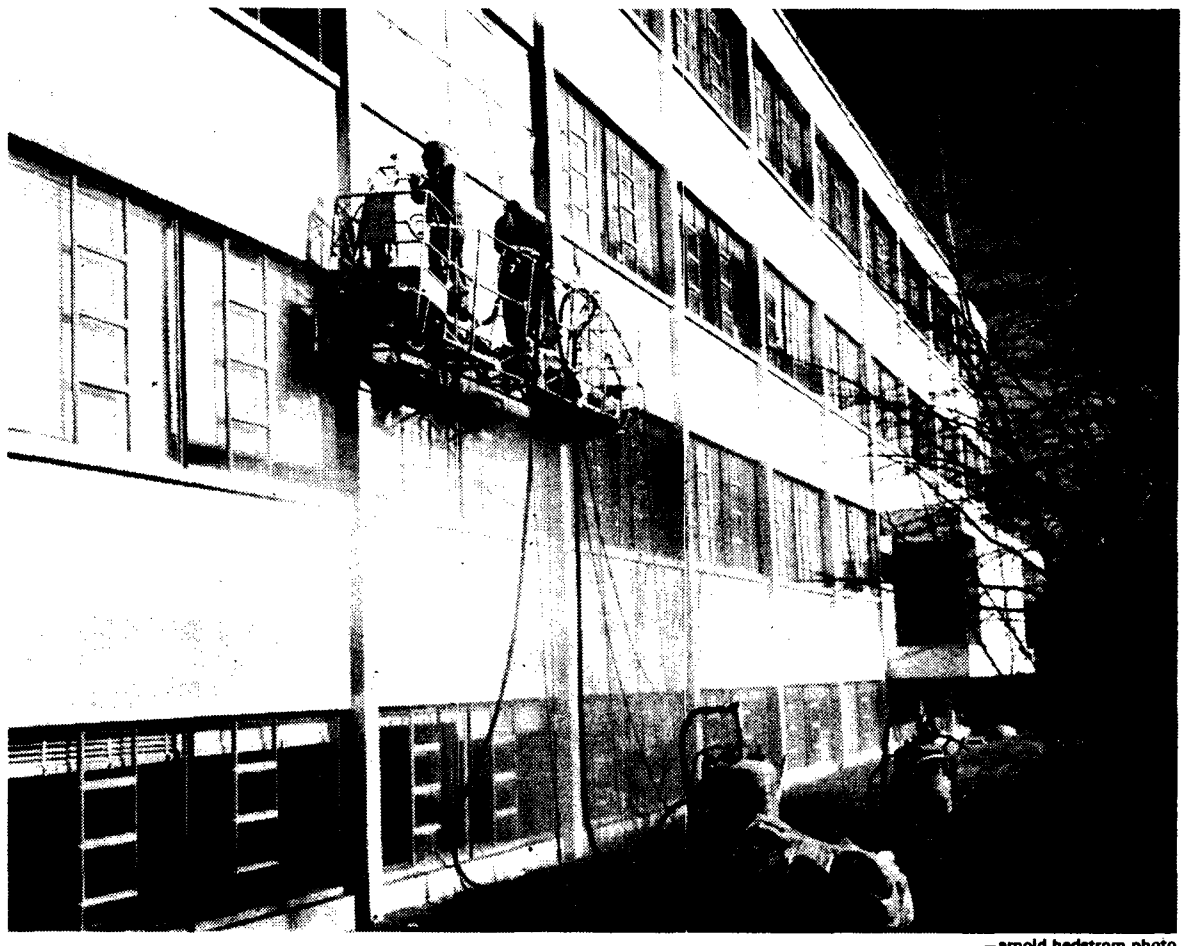
"I think we made the ministers aware of our concern for the future of agriculture in B.C. We showed (agriculture minister Jim Hewitt) we won't sit back and let land deals such as Spetifore's (go through)."

Minister of human resources Bill Vander Zalm was asked Thursday if he would overrule the GVRD decision. He refused to give a definite answer, saying the possibility exists if it is "in the province's interest." Vander Zalm denied his statement was intended as a threat.

Hewitt denied the charges of political interference. "Of all the land removed (from the land reserve), 98.2 per cent was on the recommendation of the (land) commission. If you got 98.2 per cent on your papers, you wouldn't be complaining."

"I am dedicated to the preservation of farmland. Food is important, but I think you recognize that shelter is important," Hewitt said. "It's easy to say that (land should not be taken out of the reserve), because you're in agriculture. There's others calling for more housing," he added.

There are 40,000 acres in the GVRD, but outside the agricultural land reserve, that could be developed for housing, Bompke said. Value of houses adjacent to the Spetifore property is more than $200,000, according to Bompke.



—arnold hedstrom photo

SILICA SYNDROME comes true in Hector McLeod building, as workers sand blast concrete, sending silica dust throughout building. Opting for more efficient technique, workers have been removing paint with silica sand on and of for a week, presenting health hazard to occupants of building. Students, some ignoring available protective masks, wander halls and sit in cloud of obscurity. In this rare instance, cloud comes from external source. The next gasp you hear may be your own. **See story p. 1**

No AMS support for McGeer talks

By STEVE McCLURE

Members of the student accessibility committee will meet Universities minister Pat McGeer Wednesday in Victoria but without Alma Mater Society executive support.

Committee members say they will talk to McGeer about such student concerns as university funding cutbacks, student employment program cutbacks and the possibility of increasing the student aid ceiling.

But AMS executive members say more time is needed to present a solid case to McGeer.

"We have to put forward some idea of what we want him to do," external affairs officer James Hollis said Monday. "When we met (Universities Council of B.C. chair) Gibson on March 13 he blew us out of the water."

Accessibility committee members, however, want to meet with McGeer as soon as possible.

"We have plenty of facts and figures. There's no point sitting around," committee chair Maureen Boyd said.

"I'd still much rather they (the AMS executive) came with us," said committee member Brad Stock. "We wanted to deal with this through council."

But according to Stock, when the accessibility committee asked Friday for an emergency meeting of student council AMS president Marlea Haugen refused.

"I wanted to get a council meeting to avoid a confrontation. But I could see it coming," Stock said.

Members of the AMS executive said they are still trying to get McGeer to come to campus "sometime in May" but, according to Boyd, "we're going to have a damn hard time getting him here."

British Columbia Federation of Students spokesperson Steve Shallhorn agreed that the presentation to McGeer should be put off for a while but placed the blame squarely at the feet of the AMS executive.

"If they'd really wanted to do it, they'd have got it together," Shallhorn said Monday. "If they'd been a more experienced executive it would have been easier for them. Basically they're learning the hard way."

But Stock said he would meet with Haugen and Hollis tomorrow in an effort to change their minds and get executive backing for the committee's presentation.

Haugen slams 'radical' rally

By NANCY CAMPBELL

Wednesday's student rally was "sensationalized," "completely out of hand," and "left students on this campus with egg on their faces," said Alma Mater Society president Marlea Haugen in a report dated March 23.

But organizers of the rally disagree, calling the report "inflammatory and inaccurate."

The report, to be presented at this week's student council meeting, condemns the march to administration president Doug Kenny's office.

"Unfortunately the rally got completely out of hand. . . While a crowd can be a powerful tool for our use, it can also be a dangerous entity. A small number of instigators, people from the more radical political groups or even non-students can twist the purpose of the crowd. This may or may not have been the case on Wednesday," Haugen said.

Maureen Boyd, rally organizer and chair of the AMS student accessibility committee, said the report would have been accurate had Haugen attended the entire rally.

And William Clark, another rally organizer, was outraged at Haugen's description of the rally participants.

"We are disgusted by Marlea Haugen's overbearing, autocratic manner," he said. "Who are the radicals? I was the one who said 'Maybe we should march over to Kenny's office.' There was no twisting the purpose of the rally. The students decided they wanted to march."

Haugen's report says the rally caused a split between the university administration and students, and that the rally lost its effectiveness after a "few unfortunate shouts from radicals."

"(The march) was an unplanned

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Careless commerce convicted by court

Undergraduate societies must literally pay for their crimes, according to a recent students court verdict.

The court unanimously found the commerce undergraduate society guilty Thursday of providing insufficient notice to commerce student Jean Steadman before cutting the lock off her Angus locker in August.

Commerce was also found negligent in the handling of the removed property which was stored unmarked, and in a pile with the contents of other lockers, in an unsupervised room.

CUS president Arlene Henry declined comment Monday, saying only that the procedure for lock removal would be modified.

Steadman told the court that Commerce had cut off 80 locks with only 12 days notice to the owners. The previous year commerce had waited until registration week to remove locks, and it was her belief the same procedure would once again be followed.

Bruce Stuart, acting for the defense, said there was an implied agreement for leasing the lockers but no duration of lease was ever specified.

After half an hour of deliberation, the court awarded Steadman $53.36 in damages. "I felt it was an equitable verdict. I am pleased that after eight months it's over," Steadman said Monday.

Stuart was worried about the 'floodgate' effect of such a decision. He worried that students in similar situations who did not have valid claims would now apply for damages.

Steadman denied that the verdict would open a 'floodgate,' "There is so much apathy, I doubt many people will pursue such matters."

Park patrols start

WATERLOO (CUP) — In an attempt to curb the increasing problem of sexual assault, the student association at the University of Waterloo has established student patrols in a city park.

Council president Wim Simonis said there were nine sexual assault incidents in 1980 and two rapes involving UW students since January in Waterloo park.

The purpose of the patrols, according to Sgt. Duncan MacLauchlin of the Waterloo Regional Police, is to monitor the park rather than to arrest individuals. Student council vice-president Bob Elliott said he hoped the patrols would deter would-be assailants.

About 30 students have volunteered to patrol the park. McLaughlan said they "would continue until we feel the matter has been resolved and other programs established."

Simonis is also asking Waterloo city council to allot funds to improve lighting in areas of the park that have been sites of previous assaults.

Trent occupiers victorious

PETERBOROUGH (CUP) — Trent University students emerged victorious from a 12-day occupation of the campus president's office Friday.

The 11 occupiers left the offices Friday morning after Trent president Donald Theall agreed in principle to all but one of their demands.

Student council chair Matt Shaughnessy called the occupation a "major victory." He said it received widespread support in the form of telegrams, petitions and armbands worn by 1,500 Trent students.

In a press release issued the same day, Theall said he was pleased an "amicable conclusion" was reached in the protest and that "lengthy rational discussions" had taken place with the students.

The president agreed to five demands:

- freedom from academic penalties for the occupiers;
- a motion from senate asking the board of governors to rescind the motion which imposed differential fees until further discussion takes place;
- a personal commitment from the president to look into establishing a part-time student seat on the board of governors;
- agreement to look into making future tuition decisions at open meetings;
- and the establishment of a presidential committee, with equal student, faculty and administration representation, to examine the role of committees at Trent.

A further demand for the resignation of the board of governors chair was dropped by the strikers.

The occupation began March 9 when 13 students, elected representatives of Save Our School Trent, entered the executive offices and issued a list of demands.

Regret, please

The votes are in, the count is known, and The Ubyssey is disappointed by the results.

No one will dispute the increasing lack of funds most students are facing. But it seems that during this particular set of referenda, money was the main, if not only, motivator behind the decision.

We question the attitudes students may have had when they voted. When voting yes on the SUB fee levy, was it because they were outraged at the Alma Mater Society's cavalier handling of the issue, or felt there was no need for more club space, or because it was a great way to save $15?

And when they voted no to PIRG, was it because they had serious reservations about the constitution of the society, felt there was no need for research into activities of public concern, or felt it was five bucks "saved" which could be put to better use in the Pit?

The Ubyssey is not asking for the results of the election to be ratified in student court, unlike some students. The SUB fee levy question was perfectly clear, and the surrounding publicity further clarified its intent.

What we are asking is for students to feel a pang of regret, however slight, for voting down the opportunity to establish a non-profit democratic organization which would cut through the bafflegab offered by government-paid researchers and tell us what is really going on behind closed doors in our province.

More than 4,300 students signed a petition supporting PIRG. Only 2,100 of them bothered to vote in favor of it. There must be some regret, or else a lot of hypocrisy on this campus.

We hope it's the former. It will be hard living with the latter.

Say no to Spetifore

The Greater Vancouver Regional District board should listen to its own staff and the public about land rezoning.

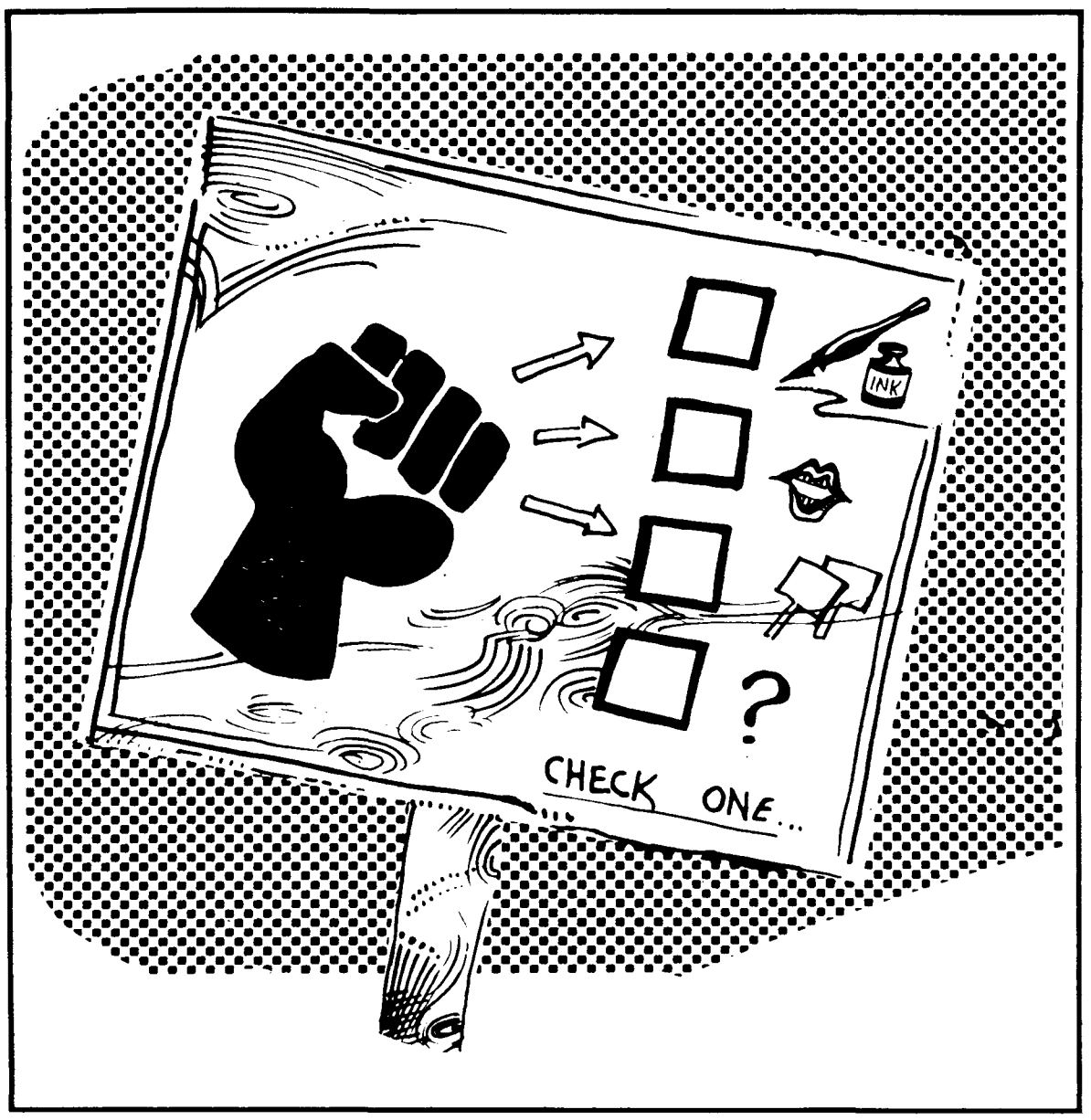
Political interference to assist Socred supporters make millions of dollars by converting farm land to houses is not wanted in B.C. This was shown by two demonstrations last week.

We need more housing on the lower mainland, but there are 40,000 acres of non-agricultural land that have yet to be developed. With only one per cent of the land in B.C. prime agricultural land, we can ill-afford political interference with our food supply.

The GVRD will be voting Wednesday on rezoning 523 acres of Delta farmland belonging to Socred supporter George Spetifore to housing.

The GVRD vote will be close. Attend the meeting if you can.

We, too, say no to Spetifore.



Complaint correct — court

By Student Court

Mark MacDonald: complainant, prosecutor
Robert Waite: accused
Trial: 7 p.m.; March 10, 1981

This action arose as a result of series of events which took place on Feb. 12, 1981, at the student union building at UBC. The accused is charged with conducting himself in a manner unbecoming a member of the Alma Mater Society, pursuant to bylaw 21(1)(c)(i)(3) of the constitution and bylaws.

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The facts as found by the court are as follows: During Gay Week at UBC, on Feb. 12 at approximately 2:30-3 p.m., the complainant was with another student in charge of a booth set up in the SUB concourse by the Gay Club of UBC. The complainant and his colleague were dispensing information and lapel buttons reading "Gay Week" and "Gay UBC." It was contended by the complainant that the container of the buttons was accompanied by a sign reading "Buttons $2." The accused denies the existence of such a sign or any other sign. (The court makes no definite finding on this discrepancy as it does not consider the existence or non-existence of a sign to be essential to its findings.)

The accused walked up to the booth, looked at the buttons for a moment, picked two of them up and said, "I'll take one of those and one of those." The complainant told the accused that the buttons cost money and that there was a donation required, whereupon the accused replied, "Later, later" and "I don't support homos" and walked away. The complainant followed the accused to a point nearby the listening room in the conversation area of SUB and demanded the buttons back. The accused replied with derogatory and provocative language and upon receiving further demands to return the buttons he challenged the complainant to take the buttons from him. The complainant, who had become angry and had voiced his anger at the accused and some onlookers, managed to retrieve one of the buttons from the accused's hands. The accused then tossed the other button in a garbage can. The complainant began to empty the garbage can and threw part of its contents onto the lap of the accused. At that point the complainant was hit on the back of the head with a soda pop can. The evidence on this latter point was unclear or inconclusive as to whether the accused merely threw garbage back at the complainant or directly hit the complainant with can in hand.

Waite taunted the complainant with abusive and provocative language

There was written evidence of one witness that no blows were thrown, yet there was circumstantial evidence in the form of a written statement of the complainant's colleague at the booth that the complainant had a lump on his head when he returned to the Gay Club booth immediately after the incident. In addition, there was written evidence that the complainant had a bruise and minor cut on his head when examined some two hours later by Dr. Percival-Smith of the University Health Service. None of the above evidence, submitted in written and signed form, was objected to or seriously challenged. The court concludes that the bruise on the complainant's head was in fact caused by the action of the accused in throwing the garbage back at the complainant. There is insufficient evidence that the accused directly struck the complainant.

After retrieving the second button from the garbage can, the complainant shouted in anger at the accused and onlookers, condemning the latter for their inaction. He then left the scene and contacted the RCMP and a policewoman arrived shortly afterwards, arrested and handcuffed the accused, and took him to the police station where he remained for a short period of time before being released unconditionally. It is relevant to note that the accused's conduct while being arrested was again very abusive. During the course of his arrest he used extremely profane language against the policewoman.

It is the court's unanimous finding that the evidence establishes beyond reasonable doubt that the conduct of the accused was unbecoming a member of the Alma Mater Society.

One member of the court decided that the accused's taking of the buttons without first asking the permission of the complainant, his refusal to return the buttons when asked several times to do so, and his intent to keep the buttons well after it was clear to him that the buttons were not free for the taking, constituted, in itself, conduct unbecoming a member of the AMS. With respect to the issue as to whether or not there was a sign at the booth reading "Buttons $2" and the issue as to the ambiguity of the complainant's words to the accused to the effect that a "donation" was required, there could have been no doubt left in the accused's mind that the buttons were to be paid for when he was asked several times to return them.

The remaining five judges are in agreement with the above findings but wish to bolster their decisions with the evidence of abusive conduct on the part of the accused. He taunted the complainant with abusive and provocative language, and challenged the complainant to physically retrieve the buttons from him. He used extremely profane language against the arresting police officer.

It was contended by the accused that the events began as a joke or prank and that he intended to effect his joke by wearing the Gay Club buttons during Gay Week. It was also contended that the complainant was the person guilty of misconduct and that it was the complainant's conduct that was largely to blame for the events.

The court considers that the entire situation was predicated by the accused's own wrongdoing and that if the complainant reacted to the accused's joke with more vigor than the accused expected, that is a consequence for which the accused is responsible. Instead of merely giving up the game when the joke had backfired, he reacted with abusive language and conduct. He cannot escape the consequences by claiming that he was merely joking. That is not to say, however, that the actions of the complainant are to be condoned. It is possible that he over-reacted to the accused's conduct. Nevertheless, the complainant was clearly within his rights in demanding the return of the buttons and responsibility for the incident cannot be pinned on him.

In considering a remedy to the offence of the accused, the court considers that appropriate apologies in writing to the complainant, the Gay Club of UBC and the RCMP, with copies to the clerk of the court, would suffice. Two weeks is considered to be sufficient time for the accused to submit these apologies. In the meantime, the court will hold the accused's student card to be returned when the accused has submitted the apologies. In default of writing the apologies, the accused will suffer withdrawal of AMS privileges until December 31, 1981.

Perspectives is a column of humor, opinion and the infrequent court decision open to everyone.

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"Unless you put my name in here, I'll beat the fucking daylights out of your short, weak, meagre body, Glen Sanford," yelled Scott McDonald. But Mark Leiren-Young ignored the conversation, secretly knowing that, despite trusting him with the awesome job of city desk for the day, he was going to skip out early to do something seldom seen around the hallowed halls of The Ubyssey — homework. When Nancy Campbell and Steve McClure found out about the secret plan of the temporary city editor, all hell broke loose. Roger Bryan was meanwhile looking for a photograph of another burial. Heesok Chang offered to bury the last remaining portion of Arnold Hedstrom's hair, but Craig Brooks said not to bother, there wasn't enough to bury to justify the expense involved. Verne McDonald showed up to write one cutline, see the entire shop was already under control of the editorial collective-elect, and left. Ahhhh, the responsibilities of editors these days.

BASHING [redacted] GAYS HAS BECOME almost commonplace, as this simmering confrontation reaches its boiling point. A UBC incident has brought the issue home.

Apologies should be written

May I be permitted a few comments about the case of "240-lb. heterosexual" Robert Waite vs. "gay undignified" Mark MacDonald? Now that law student Bruce Bragagnolo has tried to alter the case from thief vs. vendor to heterosexual vs. homosexual, large issues are at stake.

When Samuel Johnson wrote that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel," he was being needlessly specific. Anything which is widely perceived to be good — for example, heterosexuality — can serve equally well as a refuge. It is a standard human policy that if one is about to commit an act of malice, one attempts to justify it in terms of something which the public will applaud. When killing Jews, don't do it for your own sake: do it for the glory of God, or for the future of the Aryan race, or for your children's children. When robbing a grocery store, do it because society is oppressive and unjust. And so on.

Bragagnolo and Waite have made heterosexuality the major issue in the case at hand. Heterosexuality is a good thing; should it therefore serve as a refuge for someone who has unleashed his malice against another person? Are the skirts of heterosexuality so large that even a 240-lb. football player can hide behind them? I hope not.

If so, heterosexuals would do well to remember the history of Christianity, a faith which was once so widely and uncritically perceived as good that it became a stronghold of scoundrels — cross-burners, inquisitors, financial whiz kids of the Moral Majority ilk, etc. At present, those Christians who are not scoundrels are hard-pressed to salvage the public image of the church.

I have a feeling that Waite really just wants to convince us that he's basically a good person after all. I'm sure that if he stopped trying to save face and wrote his letters of apology, everyone would believe him and he would be none the worse for this incident. As for Bragagnolo, he has a promising career ahead of him as a South African lawyer, defending white criminals by arguing that they are white.

Richard Summerbell
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The Ubyssey welcomes letters from all readers.

Especially those who type their letters, triple-spaced, on a 70 space typewriter line, because these are the people who are most likely to see their letters printed sometime before next Durin's Day eve.

What is justice?

I am not now nor have I ever been a football player. Nonetheless, as strange as this may seem to some people, I find that I find that I must agree with the basic opinion expressed by Bruce Bragagnolo before the student court and in The Ubyssey on Friday, March 20.

Upon hearing of the charge and the court's decision on it, I asked myself: What exactly is "conduct unbecoming a student?" As I understand it there is no set definition of this offence and it is therefore a matter of discretion for the members of the student court. Accordingly I first thought that in applying their discretion the court had determined that theft or assault amounted to conduct unbecoming a student. This conclusion however could not stand up because it is inconceivable (and perhaps illegal) that the student court would revoke privileges from every student who commits a minor assault or petty theft at UBC.

I have no idea how many calculators, bikes, purses, etc., are stolen every year, or how many assaults are committed during the course of fights between students which are inevitable on a campus of this size, but clearly it is not the place of the student court to adjudicate these disputes, nor do I believe that the court itself would contend that such is its function. Evidently, then, the charge of "conduct unbecoming a student" that is laid in student court, must consist of something other than mere assault or petty theft.

We can reject out of hand the possibility that yelling obscenities at a police officer constitutes the offence. As reprehensible as such conduct may be, it cannot, having regard to student attitudes and practices, be contended that swearing at the police should constitute an offence.

Once I ruled out these possible definitions of the offence, I found that I had no option but to agree with Bruce Bragagnolo. For the reasons I have explained I cannot believe that the charge would have ever been contemplated had the complainant not been a homosexual. The decision, then, amounts to a display of solidarity with the homosexuals on the part of the student court at the expense of the accused.

Under these circumstances I can well understand Bruce Bragagnolo's frustration and annoyance with the whole system. The decision was unjust, arbitrary, and based on the subjective emotions of the members of the court. To label a court that reaches a decision in such a manner as a "kangaroo court," i.e., one that progresses to its decision by leaps and bounds, seems entirely fitting.

If students on this campus view the Alma Mater Society as a farce, this type of misguided procedure in the student court can only serve to reinforce their opinion.

John Sparks

Two-line Bible whine

To prevent misunderstanding, please print the two lines which were omitted from my letter of March 20, 1981. They follow a discussion of Paul and say: "Jesus likewise affirmed marriage between a man and a woman and He also affirmed celibacy. (Matthew 19: 3-12.) Jesus gave celibacy as the option for those who would not commit themselves to a lifelong, male-female, marital relationship."

Susan Walker
Regent College

'Never again' say gays

I am writing in regard to the letter of March 20, 1981 by Bob Waite and Bruce Bragagnolo. I am quite concerned by both their anti-gay rhetoric and tenor in their letter, as I do not believe they really understand the possible consequences of their viewpoint. It was a result of that kind of thinking by many in Germany that allowed thousands of gays to be rounded up during the Nazi era and exterminated. It is for that reason that we gays are trying so desperately to change people's opinion so that it never happens again.

So, I offer both Mr. Waite and Mr. Bragagnola, in all sincerity, to join me as my guests to see the play Bent, now showing at the Arts Club Theatre until April 11. I would hope they will take me up on this offer so they might understand why it is we are so concerned. I can be contacted through Gay People of UBC either by phone or mail by writing to Box 9 SUB.

Tim Stevenson
past president
Gay People of UBC
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SUS slate 'hogwash'

This letter is in response to one sent in by an anonymous person (name withheld by request). He or she has falsely labelled a slate of candidates running in the SUS election.

The slate of candidates, of which I am a member, does not have one person who belongs to the physics society. I will agree that some of the candidates are enrolled in physics programs (geophysics, computer science-physics), but I am a computer science student: Greg Hassell and Craig Markovic are chemistry students.

The second point I would like to clarify is that we don't all have the same ideas. However, we do have the same goal, and that is one of increased spirit in the faculty of science.

The notion of all SUS funds being used strictly to sponsor physics parties is absolute hogwash, as is the notion that SUS will be run solely by the physics society.

By the time this letter is printed the election will have been decided. I can only say that people who have been influenced by the letter were grossly misinformed by someone who was openly critical before he or she knew the facts.

Gord Locke
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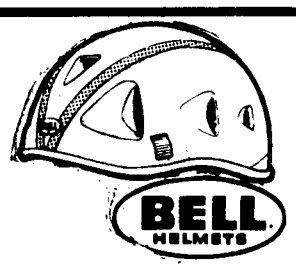

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CCCM
Eucharist with Rev. George Hermanson, noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.

LIBERALS
General meeting, noon, SUB 213. Elections to be held.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
Films; Switzerland and the Swiss Year; Fresh Water Dive, (New Zealand), 8 p.m., International House.

REGENT COLLEGE
Lecture: Brains, Minds and Machines by Donald Mackay author of Human Science and Dignity, and The Clockwork Image, 3:30 p.m. Regent College Room 1.
Richard Mouw speaks on The theological basis for a transformation of culture, noon, Angus 104.

UBC SAILING CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 212.

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All members asked to attend general meeting, noon, SUB party room.

WEDNESDAY

B.C. PIRG ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
Steering committee meeting, noon, SUB 113.

CCCM
Discussion of recent events in the Philippines with Derek Evans, followed by annual general meeting, 5:30 p.m. Lutheran Campus Centre. Open to all.

FOLLOWERS OF GURU MAHARAJ JI
Introductory program on the knowledge revealed by Guru Maharaj Ji, noon, SUB 111.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS VIEWING CENTRE
Ascent of Man series, Generation upon Generation, noon, Library Processing, 308.

PSYCH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
John Yuille speaks on Reliability of eyewitness testimony, noon, Buch 202.

THURSDAY

HSSC
Careers day for health sciences, noon, SUB main foyer.

CCF
Graduation, noon, SUB 119.

LSM
Dinner and workshop on lifestyles, 6 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

ISMAILI STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Elections and general meeting, noon, SUB 215.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
Stammtisch; a German conversational evening, 7:30 p.m. International House, Gate 4.

UBC SAILING CLUB
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BCPIRG
Organizing committee meeting on the future of BCPIRG, noon, Buch. 216.

ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUP
Last general meeting of the year, election of officers, members' presentation and discussion on the future of EIG, noon, Angus 104.

UBC MATH CLUB
Putnam problems session led by L. Rosen, noon, Math 203.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORG
Public meeting, noon, SUB 117. Office and reading room in SUB 230a.

CVC AND CSA
Lecture; Between two Stores, noon, SUB 113.

IVCF
Celebration service, noon, Chem 250.

ENGLISH 100 COMMITTEE
The English department players present scenes from Hamlet, The Importance of Being Earnest and Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, noon, Buch. 106.

FRIDAY

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting, noon, International House lounge.

SATURDAY

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Ecumenical service for El Salvador in memory of Oscar Romero, 7:30 p.m. Christ Church cathedral.

ALPHA OMICRON PHI SORORITY
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Hot flashes

Eyeball fallibility

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Sailing, sailing

I'm Popeye the Sailor Man. I do what a sailor can, I'm strong to the finish 'cause I don't eat spinach 'cause it doesn't have enough preservatives, artificial flavoring or artificial coloring for me to consider it healthy. What do you think of that, Olive Oyl?

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Leading scorer for the 'Birds was fullback Peter MacLean who kicked for 10 points. Tries went to Rob Strang (two), Doug Tait, Robin Russell, Brent Sinclair and Gord Fitzpatrick.

That is it for now, there will be more bad sports writing on Friday. Where is the tennis you say, we wish we knew.

Pres pooh-poohs rally

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action that left the students on this campus with egg on their faces," Haugen said. "The result may have been different if the press had not sought to sensationalize the event.

"Instead of focusing on the rally, the speakers and the orderly group there, the cameras showed hordes of students (and others) shouting slogans that called for Kenny's resignation.

"But this defeats the whole purpose of the rally which was to show a united front. 'United we stand, divided we fall.' And we fell," her report continued.

Haugen also felt the "helpful" relationship with Kenny was jeopardized by the march, and does not "want to endanger that influence" which the president can provide.

Boyd said the rally was a success, march and all, but needs to be followed up with further action.

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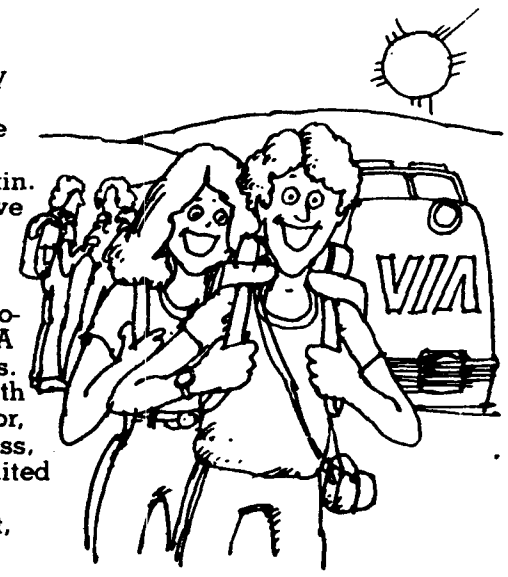

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Letters

Cold war must be stopped

Canada is at present a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It is predicated on the proposition that Russia is expected to attack Europe to extend its political system. The obverse of this theory is the fact that ever since 1917, when the Tsar was overthrown, the 'West' has acted in hostile ways — economic, political and military — to the Soviet Union. This hostility is known as the Cold War.

D. F. Fleming's book, "The Cold War 1917 — 1960," is a two volume record of the facts of this hostile relationship. A major event was the rearing of Germany under Hitler by the industrialists and financiers of Germany and the West. Czechoslovakia was sacrificed to Hitler by Neville Chamberlain, clearing the way to the east for a war against the USSR. Once war is started, the best plans of mice and men gang aft aglay.

The creation of nuclear weapons in 1945 by scientists changed war from a disaster for millions of people to a total catastrophe for the world. Yet our war makers have not relented. On the contrary the largest business in the world is war!

In NATO we are locked into this confrontation with the USSR. If this policy is not changed then the war zealots will repeat themselves again. They and their captive press will trick us into war.

There is no program in NATO to come to terms with Russia, to make permanent and peaceful settlement, to design and police a world at peace. We are avoiding installing the rule of law on earth, in spite of our victor's Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals.

Canada has a responsibility to join with other countries to force this alternative to a third world war on the other nations in the UN. Instead we are part of the war system. We subsidize 'arms of export sales' each year — $50 million from the department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and $125 million from the department of Defence. We have also agreed to purchase $4 billion worth of F-18 fighter bomber planes.

These items alone could be invested in a world wide campaign to unify the millions of people who want a peaceful world and who will unite to force the military clique out of control over politicians.

Ken McAllister
202—5600 Dalhousie Rd.
Vancouver

Albert Einstein wasn't a gear

We consider Dave Janis' (engineering undergraduate society publicity rep) letter both a vicious and underhanded attack on a fine upstanding science undergraduate society, and a libelous personal slur as well. If he thinks his EUS is so great, then where were they when arts and sciences students stormed the administration building and disrupted dinner over at the faculty club? Fairies as they are, the EUS was probably watching the "bed races", performed by their nannies, or rather their nurses. You would think that the EUS could find better ways of displaying their alleged "student involvement and spirit" than these childish and frivolous displays.

For your information, Dave, drinking 41 beers is easy, unless you happen to be an engineer who gets hung-up on the expression $([(X)^2+X]-2)$, where $X=6$. So there.

As to the brilliance of the soon-to-be published science undergraduate society newsletter, we stay pretty much in the abstract.

About organization, Dave, it's easy to be a machine, or a "technologist." Pretty boring, too. But we're still humans over at the SUS, and we intend to stay that way. Don't expect science students to line up like mindless cogs in an obsolete perpetual motion machine. We prefer humanitarianism.

If you were observant, Dave, you would realize that for all its hype and obnoxious exaggeration, the EUS really isn't appreciated on campus. But we do hope that you will continue to amuse yourselves. As long as you don't disturb the academics around here.

Remember, Dave, Einstein wasn't a gear.

Charles R. Menzies,
on behalf of the
science undergraduate
society

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Contained in a declaration to the president of the United States, Ronald Reagan, this document is the result of due process, not of law, but of liberty.

"As you well know, the first article of the Bill of Rights guarantees the people the liberty to abolish government if government is found to be oppressive. I have found your government oppressive and have taken the liberty to abolish it.

"I ask you as chief executive of that government to inform the American people without delay about my decision. I ask that no changes be made as to the content and that the full text be made available to the American people.

"From this communication you will see that my decision to abolish your government, as well as my immediate concern, is for the future of our children, and mine in particular. I therefore charge you with the responsibility to see to it no harm will come to my children as a result of my decision. I ask that my children be returned to me as quickly as due process under these circumstances will allow.

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