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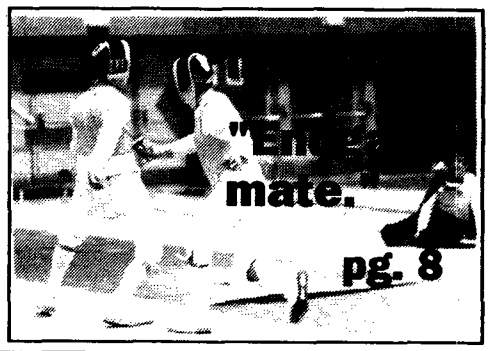

Student Housing Crisis

Many students are forced to adopt strange bedfellows in the face of a dwindling vacancy rate

FOR a month Louise, a UBC student, has been searching unsuccessfully for a house to rent.

It's an arduous task to find a place to rent, especially if you don't want your leather shoes moulding in the closet or a wind blowing through the apartment every time you turn off the heat.

"The first time we almost got lucky, the landlord said my damage deposit cheque bounced, but when I called my bank, they said the cheque had not been deposited."

A second landlord went to even less trouble to be rid of them. "We only got to speak to an agent, and she told us that students were low-priority. It's all non-student yuppie housing it seems."

According to the latest report released by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the rental vacancy rate in Kitsilano is 0.5 percent. Kerrisdale is worse at 0.1 percent, and Vancouver sits at 0.5 percent—meaning that whatever is available is likely to be very expensive because it's luxurious, or expensive because there is nothing else available.

"A healthy rental market should rest around three percent, according to most economists," says NDP policy spokesperson Ian Reid. "When the rental vacancy rate is too low, a minority of bad landlords can take advantage of the situation." And Ian says that over twenty people have called their NDP headquarters complaining of rent increases of 50 percent.

On the other hand Richard Brown, a real estate consultant, argues that experienced landlords will not raise rents inordinately because they know the current vacancy rate is only a temporary condition: by raising the rent they just force out good tenants. And the statistics from the CMHC report bear him out. For Vancouver, the average rent for a bachelor suite increased by four percent, a one bedroom increased by five percent, and a two bedroom by three percent.

Brown also says that bringing in rent controls to bring mercenary landlords into line, only discourages developers from building new dwellings.

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Naturally, building more houses is one way to combat the rental vacancy problem, but two major setbacks prevent new housing from providing the solution.

One big problem is that it can take a developer up to two years to respond to a need in the marketplace. This stems largely from the time it takes a developer to get a permit through City Hall.

"It takes three months to design a house, six months to get the approvals you need through city hall and nine to twelve months to build a house after you get the approval," says Brown.

Dick Brown denies that vacant homes or homes bought by Chinese investors contribute to the rental vacancy problem. "If anything investors provide more rental housing. They buy the homes, but don't live in them themselves, so they rent them out. Also, the amount of vacant homes on the market are declining." He also points out that a lot of the current investors are German and Japanese looking for money shelters. Its unfair to pin too much onus on Chinese investors, although it's true investors in general are driving up the price of real estate.

And the price of property is the other big reason why house or duplex-building is not a solution for most renters, according to urban planning grad student Laurie Boucher. New houses only help those with lots of cash—developers profit most from building luxury housing.

"The market (the private sector) can't provide low-cost housing," says Boucher. "Developers work to make money, not cater to the public welfare. The market tendency depletes affordable rental stock and replaces it with luxury apartments and homes that the majority of us can't afford."

> DEVELOPERS work to make money, not cater to the public welfare

Building low income apartments, although not as profitable for developers, can provide reasonable returns if the government is willing to chip in. But such projects only work well around the edges of suburban areas, like False Creek, or in outmoded industrial areas.

With such limited peripheral space available, such projects can provide at best only a partial solution, especially in light of current migration trends.

As a result of B.C's healthy economy, the CMHC report predicts 25,000 people will migrate to the Lower Mainland in the next year. For 1988 the amount of migration was approximately the same. So in addition to building apartments we need to make better use of our residential land as well.

In Vancouver a full 65 percent of all households are renters. The other 35 percent own their dwellings. When compared to how residential land is zoned it may seem strange that 70 percent is classified as single family.

The logical question then follows: are the 65 percent renting households living on 30 percent of the land? Dr. J. David Hulchanski, Director of the UBC Centre for Human Settlements says the discrepancy is a result of "illegal" or second suites.

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"As soon as the system isn't providing what we need then we go around the system. It's supply and demand working outside government speculation," Hulchansky says.

The city's best estimates put the number of "illegal" suites at 20 - 26,000 out of approximately 75,000 single family dwellings, or one in every three homes. "They're everywhere. A lot of retired people don't mind renting out part of their house to students. A lot of homeowners are trying to pay off a mortgage and are happy to rent out a suite as well."

Hulchansky sees "illegal" suites as the best solution to the current housing crisis, and asks "What right does the city have to say who or who can't live with you? It's a mutual agreement."

In other provinces, such as Ontario, "illegal" suites are called "second" suites. The government actually encouraged such suites by giving homeowners $10,000 toward building a second suite. The way Ontario saw it, giving a homeowner $10,000 is cheaper than paying the minimum $50 - 60,000 it would cost to build a separate low income suite.

Common objections to second suites are that they increase noise or the amount of cars in a neighborhood, but realistically, these concerns pale when compared to living next to a house of healthy teenagers.

Although we treat property as a commodity like CD players or Coca Cola, it is really qualitatively different. If you can't afford to buy a home, you have to rent. And the right to shelter is something Canada has at least implicitly agreed to through its commitment to the UN Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 25(1) states: "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for health and well-being ... including food, clothing, housing ... and necessary social services."

By Dennis Selder

Between Classes

Note: "Noon" = 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Arts Undergrad. Soc.
AUS Council nominations open: Pres./First & Sec. V.P./Acad. Coord./Sports Coord.4 AMS Reps./ Treasurer/Second Year Rep./General Officers ... Nominations open Feb. 15 till Friday Feb. 24. Elections March 6. Info. & Nomination forms avail. from AUS office Buch A107.

UBC Pre-Medical Society
Lecture: Dr. Fraser Norrie on "Family Practice". Noon, IRC #1.

UBC Student Ministry. Prayer Time. 12:30, SUB 216E.

Students for a Free South Africa
Selling tickets for Black Education Benefit. 12:30 - 2:00, SUB Main Concourse.

Lutheran Student Movement. Co-op Supper, 6:00 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

WEDNESDAY

Student Health Service, UBC
"Safety Days" - displays by RCMP and fire dept. - university detachment, ICBC, B.C. Safety Council, Red Cross, Royal Life Saving Society, etc. 11:15 - 2pm, SUB - Main concourse.

Arts Undergraduate Society\
General Meeting (1 free b**r for each qualified Arts student). Noon, SUB party room.

Environmental Interest Group
Speaker - Sherry Pettigrew: Issues & Concerns Regarding BC Wildlife - Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society. Noon, Geography 201.

International Development Club
Discussion: Dr. G. Hawtin, Assoc. Director of the International Development Research Center, speaks on the IDRC. Noon, Angus 413.

Environmental Interest Group
Speaker and Slides - Sherry Pettigrew on Wolves in BC - What are the concerns? 12:30, Geography, Room 201.
International House.

Students for a Free South Africa
Selling tickets for Black Education Benefit. 12:30 - 2:30, SUB Main Concourse.

Lutheran Student Movement
Worship - "Lighting the Easter Fire", 12:40 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

Graduate Student Society
Live Jazz - Peter Huron Quartet. 6:30 - 9 pm, Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Graduate Student Society
Sanctuary? Forum Theatre with the Refugee Community. 8 pm, Ballroom, Graduate Student Centre. Tix $4 in advance, $5 at the door.

Foreign Film - "AFTER THE REHEARSAL" (Ingemar Bergman) Free! 8:00 pm, International House - Gate 4 Lounge.

THURSDAY

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship
Guest speaker. Noon, Brock Hall Rm. 351.

Chinese Christian Fellowship
Featuring ... "Not Quite Broadway". Everyone welcome to our CCF play. 12:30, Scarfe 204.

Pre-Dental Club
Chalk Carving - Bring your own chalk and knife. Patterns and tips will be provided. Noon, Woodward IRC Room 5.

UBC Student Ministry
"Focus". Bring your friends to hear Michael Green. 12:30, SUB 207-209 (until further notice).

Arts Undergraduate Society, Faculty of Arts, Alumni Association
Beyond the B.A. ... forum (with Darlene Marzari, J. Ronald Longstaffe, Janet Fraser, Ellen Schwartz, Harris Cole). 4 pm - 6:30 pm. SUB Party Room.

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Graduate Student Society
Film Night: Bullit - US, 6:30 pm. The French Connection - US, 8:30 pm. Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Students For a Free South Africa
Benefit for Black Education in South Africa - 7 Bands! 7:00 pm - Midnight, SUB Ballroom.

UBC Scottish Country Dance Club
Dance class, 7:30 - 9 pm, SUB 205.

SUBFILMS
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FRIDAY

Muslim Students' Association
Weekly prayer. Non-Muslims are welcome to discuss about Islam. For more information call 224-8590. Noon, the lower lounge of the International House.

Environmental Law Group
Johanna den Hertog, President of the National NDP speaks on the Environment & Sustainable Development. 12:30 pm, Room 169 George F. Curtis Bldg. (Law Building).

Arts Undergraduate Society Clubs
Beer Garden, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, BUCH A-200 (Buchanan Lounge).

Graduate Student Society
Beer Garden, 4:30 - 7:30, Ballroom, Graduate Student Centre.

Graduate Student Society
Music with D.J. John Fossum, "The Fossil". 7-12 pm, Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Society.

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Stolen signs found outside of engineer's Cheese Factory

Numerous highway and city of Vancouver signs were found on the lawn outside the Cheese Factory on Feb. 13. Total value of the signs is approximately $2,200. The signs were stolen from various areas within the city. They were seized and picked up by the Vancouver public works department. It will cost the City of Vancouver about $600 to put the signs back up.

UBC Press office broken into

Between 6:00pm Feb. 09 and 9:00am Feb. 10, the UBC Press office in the Old Auditorium was entered and approximately $50 cash was removed. The matter is still under investigation.

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THE BADMINTON CLUB
The Badminton club hosts drop-in sessions every Friday at Lord Byng Secondary School. Members: free, non-members: $2. New members welcome!

BIOLOGY SOCIETY
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PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS ASSOCITATION
Grad is just around the corner. Grad banquet is held at the Meridian Hotel, March 17, 1989. Tix are $35 before February 10th after Feb. 10th $40. March 13 is the deadline for full refunds. Seating arrangements are still available and photos can still be taken at Evangelos. Full attire is provided. grad applications are available at the Registrar's Office—deadline Feb.15th. Grad ceremonies May 31, June 1 and 2. For more inforamtion call The PSA office at 228-6147 or drop by.

UBC SAILING CLUB

The UBC sailing club offers CYA Bronze IV course which teaches advanced sailing and racing skills. Whitesail III is a prerequisite for this course. Practise frequently before taking the course. The first set of Bronze IV lessons start on June 5th. Lessons will be offered throughout the summer. As lesson space is limited, all those seriously interested should contact galley slave Ken Ou or Fleet Captain Alison Urqkhart at 228-4321 or at room 58, from 12:30-1:30, Monday to Friday.

NEWSBRIEF

Freedom to read

To commemorate Freedom to Read Week and to affirm opposition to censorship, the Library and Archival Studies Student Association, the B.C. Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee, the Federation of B.C. Writers and the UBC Bookstore will jointly sponsor a reading of banned or challenged works. The reading takes place on Thursday, Feb 23 in Buchanan A102 at 12:30 p.m. It features local writers Zoe Landale, Keith Maillard, Cynthia Flood, and Sarah Ellis. Admission is free.

Petition forces new RecFac vote

By Michael Booth

Acting on the advice of their lawyers, the Alma Mater Society has started the process of turning a student petition into a new referendum on the proposed recreation facility.

The petition to redo the referendum was validated by the lawyers who ruled that the AMS must convene a student court to create a "clear and unambiguous question for the new referendum."

Once the wording of the question has been determined, the AMS must then conduct a referendum on the RecFac issue within 30 days—either in late March or in September.

"Our goal was to get another referendum and to let the students vote again now that the student body knows about the ten percent tuition increase," said Robin Piercey, an initiator of the petition. "We've accomplished our goal and will be active in the upcoming campaign."

The court will have one calendar week "to provide the council with suitable text for the referendum question," according to the lawyers, after the judges have been selected at the March 15 council meeting.

Because of the controversy surrounding the November referendum on RecFac, AMS president Mike Lee said he thinks the AMS should take a neutral position in the new vote. "It is important that this second referendum is done fairly and properly because there are strong concerns by a large number of students over the $30 fee levy versus the concerns of future recreation on this campus," said Lee.

The date of the new referendum is now still being debated. If the referendum is held in March, the same students who voted in November would be deciding its fate in light of the new tuition hike and are aware of the issues. But Lee is concerned that students will be busy with papers and preparing for exams at that time and it would be difficult to reach quorum and organize effective campaigns.

A September vote would need a re-educating of the voters on the issues involved in the referendum.

But AMS director of administration Andrew Hicks pointed out a September referendum could be quite advantageous because more information on the complex will be available. A September date would also provide both sides with more time to publicize the issues.

Much of the new information which would be available in a September vote would come from data from the student survey of conducted in conjunction with the November referendum.

The surveys are still being counted and their results will be available "shortly", said Hicks. After the results are finished the AMS will conduct a series of open forums in March about the proposed building.

Students will be able to review the survey's findings and provide additional input and reactions to the RecFac proposal.

"The time for student input is now, and not when negotiations with administration are finished," Hicks said.

Lee saw a bright side to the new referendum: "(It will provide) an opportunity for the administration and the AMS to finalize a firm agreement as to the planning and management of this recreation center."

"This is primarily in response to the concerns that were expressed during the first referendum about the administration's control over this facility," said Lee.

The petition was finally submitted officially February 13, after both the petitioners and council agreed to check it with the lawyers first.

According to AMS by-laws, student court consists of a total of seven impartial student "judges" selected by the student council to reach a decision on a predetermined issue such as the wording of the referendum question. Two of the judges must be Law students, one of which must be in third year to serve as "chief justice." The other five positions are open to all students at UBC and applications must be submitted to the AMS by March 7.

Accessibility given last rites

By Mark Seebaran

Most students attended class, but about 150 students took part in a funeral march to mark the death of accessible education last Wednesday.

Mourners gathered outside SUB and then carried a coffin marked "Killed 26 January 1989" over to a 'cemetery' just outside the Old Administration Building.

Among tombstones to students like "Owen More" and inscriptions such as "Here lies the future," they watched as Brad Newcombe, United Church campus chaplain, performed last rites.

"Students here are affected by this loss," said Newcombe. "But it (the funeral) is not just for them. It's also for those who can't afford to be here. How did post-secondary education die in this province? The Board of Governors of UBC, a body whose majority is appointed by the provincial government, decided to impose a ten percent fee increase on undergraduates, and a 49.75 percent increase on some graduate students."

Students present at the funeral said anger at educational authorities was what moved them to attend. John Roberts, Commerce 2, said he marched "to get the attention of people in power who don't care about the proletarian student. Time and time again, they have ignored our needs."

Peter Lutwyche, a Phd student in Chemistry, said that the hikes in continuing fees for graduate students discriminate unfairly against those who cannot finish within the standard period set by UBC. "They arbitrarily say it takes you four years to do a Phd," he said. He pointed out that graduate students with young children often require longer than that.

After Newcombe's address, the funeral service concluded with eulogies from students. One of them also suggested protest strategies for the fall. Some students have raised the idea of paying fees in cash or en masse on the very last day, or delay payment past the deadline without personal penalty by making mistakes on their cheques.

DAVID LOH PHOTO

'Alas accessible education, I didn't get a chance to know thee'. Student ensures the demise of accessible education did not go unnoticed

Marchers defy law to confront Strangway

By Keith Leung

Students finally got an opportunity to voice their concerns about the 10 percent tuition fee hike to president Strangway last Wednesday.

After a funeral march to mourn the death of accessible education, approximately 100 students, risking trespassing and disorderly conduct charges, occupied the old administration building, demanding to speak to the president.

Most of the students gained access to the building through the front and rear doors which were unlocked by a group of 20 students, who had avoided security and entered the building at the 12:30 start of the march. The windows were also used as a means of entering the building after the doors were secured.

Strangway fielded questions from all the students present and said he blamed provincial government underfunding for the ten percent increase in tuition fees.

The fee hike could not be avoided because "we've got lots of costs" and "costs have come up higher than the rate of inflation," Strangway said, adding UBC's tuition is comparable to other institutions in Canada.

Tuition fees were not the issue, but accessible education was, Strangway said, adding he has done his best to improve accessibilty for students. "Nobody in this province has been more involved in fighting for new places than I."

"We're working very hard to establish lots of new places in the province," said Strangway. "We're working with Cariboo College and with Okanagan College to establish additional degree granting opportunities for people in other parts of the province."

Students asked the president to join them and speak at a rally with other campuses on March 9 to protest lack of provincial funding. Strangway stated that he "would not consider sponsoring a student protest against the provincial government."

When one student suggested that Strangway take a 10 percent cut in salary as a "symbolic gesture of support," Strangway responded that his income was already below "market value." The same student said "the only thing you have admitted to be below national standards is your income."

Strangway pledged that if the administration received $3 million from the provincial government, the 10 percent fee hike would not be instituted.

Grad students expressed their concern about their ability to afford a 49% fee hike for those taking more than 3 years to receive their PhD, and pointed out the percentage of university funding that came from alumni. The alumni of tomorrow were developing a "despondent, if not hostile, attitude."

Avril Torrence, a graduate student and SOTFH organizer, asked Dr. Strangway to sponsor an open forum on post-secondary education, inviting all candidates in the Point Grey by-election, in an attempt to make education funding an election issue. Strangway said that he would consider such a forum only after the budget had been approved. It was pointed out that by the date of budget approval the by-election would already have been held.

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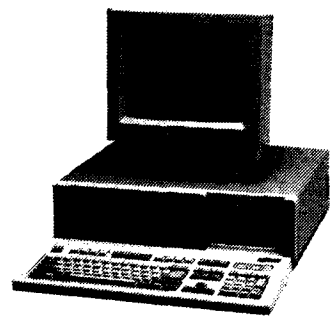

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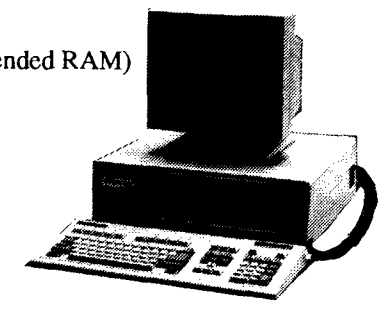

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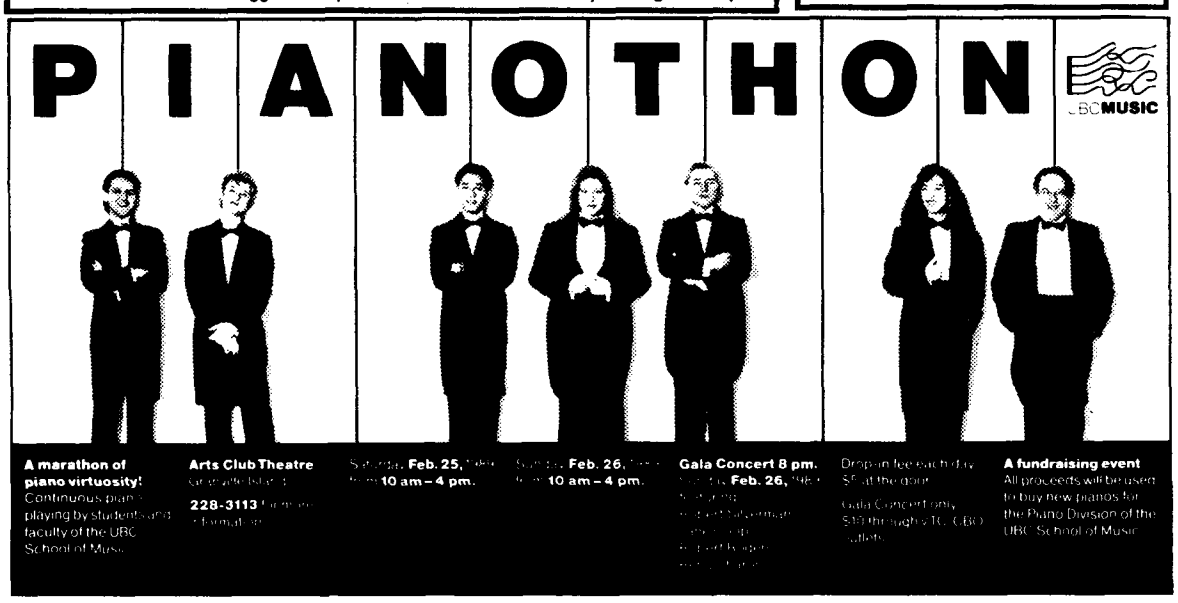

NEWS

Point Grey to vote March 15

A provincial by-election will be held March 15 in the riding of Vancouver-Point Grey, the provincial government announced Wednesday.

Voters will be asked to select a new MLA to replace Kim Campbell, who won a federal seat in Vancouver-Center, in the November election.

Candidates Gordon Wilson (Liberal), Tom Perry (NDP), and Michael Levy (Social Credit) will be representing B.C.'s three major parties.

Students living within the riding who are eligible to vote must be registered on the Provincial Voters List by February 24th.

Pre-registration is important as voters can no longer register to vote on election day. There will be voter registration tables in the SUB from Feb. 20th to Feb. 24th. Students who wish to register to vote in the Vancouver-Point Grey by-election can register at these tables until 9 each night.

Artsies celebrate

By Gregor Young

As the campus recovers from the ravaging effects of back to back Engineering and Gay and Lesbian Weeks earlier in the month, we are being hit with yet another wave of academic decadence....Arts Week.

While several events are planned, including yesterday's aborted slave auction, the highlight promises to be Thursday's forum entitled 'Beyond the B.A.'.

"The forum is intended to put a positive light on the B.A." said Arts Undergraduate Society Communications rep Mark Elliott. "To this end, a distinguished panel of former U.B.C. Arts students has been invited to lead a discussion that will hopefully answer a lot of questions on the minds of current U.B.C. Arts students."

Included on the panel are Point Grey NDP MLA Darlene Marzari, UBC professor Harris Cole, author Ellen Schwartz, Janet Fraser (assistant to Mayor Campbell) and businessperson Ron Longstaffe.

"Hopefully, the discussion will allow students to see how their degrees can transfer into the job marketplace", added Elliott. The forum is Thursday from 4:00pm to 6:30pm in the SUB Party Room.

The AUS will also be running a mini student film festival today in the SUB Auditorium, featuring six short films all made by students of UBC's film department.

Also on tap this week is the Arts General Meeting, Wednesday in the Sub Party Room at lunch. Every Arts student who attends will get one free beer (no lie).

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Perry runs for NDP in Pt. Grey

By Katherine Monk

Despite media expectation of a Johanna den Hertog coronation, UBC professor Tom Perry came out wearing the crown of New Democratic Party candidate for Point Grey's upcoming by-election at last Sunday's nomination meeting.

Hard work and strong convictions gave him the surprise victory, Perry said in an interview yesterday.

"We sent out two mailings, and hosted four coffee parties for the NDP delegates—and believe me, I got the grilling of my life from the NDP members."

"I have a strong background as a community activist as an opponent to the third crossing of Burrard Inlet to being a member in Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War," Perry said. And he wants to use his experience towards a positive vision of B.C.—something lacking in the NDP, which focuses on tearing down the Socreds instead of coming up with innovative solutions, according to Perry.

"I think we'll win the by-election no matter who we nominate. But we also have to have real policies for solving the major problems on all kinds of issues," Perry said.

Perry outlined the environment, women's rights, native rights, rights of children, Meech Lake, and especially education as his primary concerns.

"What I find significant," Perry said, "is that I was able to convince the women present that I take women's issues seriously."

Perry also said the only way to effectively manage health care costs is better education on preventative medicine and revising the curriculum on sex and sexuality.

Perry said den Hertog would have made an excellent representative in Victoria, and he and his wife worked for her federal campaign last fall, but he added any one of the candidates running for the nomination would have done well because the NDP has a proven record of community service.

Deal for UBC student demonstration dies

By Corinne Bjorge

A $1,000 funding request for a March 9 education rally was chopped to one third by UBC's Alma Mater Society because organizers failed to submit budget details.

Rally organizers will instead receive an initial $300 to promote the event, but will have to approach council with a detailed budget in two weeks if they want further funding.

AMS president Mike Lee, who is also helping organize the rally, said "the purpose of the rally is to begin putting more pressure on the Provincial government for post-secondary education funding in light of the budget of March 30 and the by-election on March 15."

Lee said he was disappointed the AMS did not take a stronger stand in supporting the education rally.

But, he added, while waiting for budget approval will be "inconvenient," it will not stop the rally from going ahead. "It's just another hurdle to maneuver," he said.

AMS director of finance Karl Kottmeier said he felt the motion was rushed past council.

"That $1,000 figure came out of the air. There was no mention of money in the motion," said Kottmeier.

The figure was an amendment to the original motion and was based on money expected to be spent by Simon Fraser University. SFU subsequently gave $1,000 to the rally.

Parallels have been drawn to a motion passed by the AMS several months ago approving up to $10,000 to be spent advertising a 'yes' campaign for Rec-Fac.

Kottmeier said while there were "obvious comparisons in terms of the dollars coming out of students' pockets," that students showed they wanted and needed a recreation facility by voting yes in the referendum. He added he was not sure a rally would accomplish a reduction in fee increases.

Some council members felt a rally was not in the best interest of the students.

"The average student doesn't want to see (the $1,000) spent. Not that many people were really that concerned (about the ten percent fee increase)," said Library representative Noel McFerran.

But BoG rep Kurt Preinsperg said students were concerned about the increase and that a rally was a good way to pressure the provincial government.

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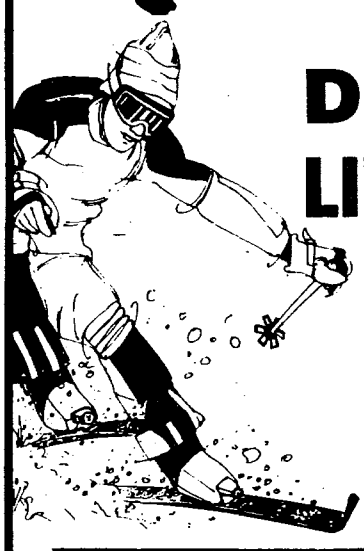

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ENTERTAINMENT

Karen Jamieson soars

By Alexandra Johnson

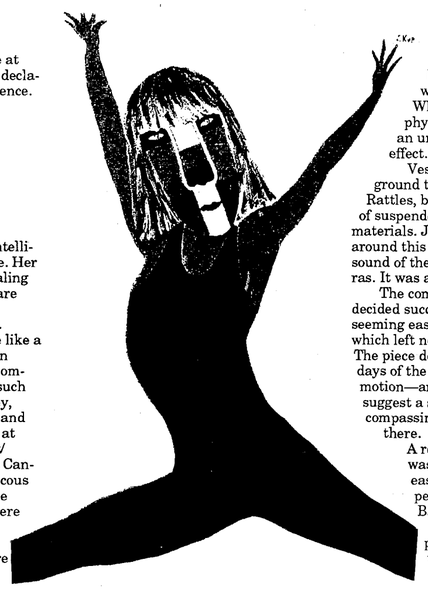
There's nothing wishy-washy about Karen Jamieson. Her Dance company's recent performance at the Vancouver Playhouse was a bold declaration of her pursuit of artistic excellence.

DANCE
The Karen Jamieson Dance Company
February 8 & 9
The Vancouver Playhouse

Jamieson's choreography is an intelligent, skillful, completely human force. Her pieces are pointed and accessible, dealing with experiences an audience can share and creating a circular energy in the theatre that powers the performance.

The evening's program was more like a celebration of the Arts in general than simply one of dance. Along with the company members, the line-up featured such local talents as pianist Melinda Coffey, Composer/Musicians Ahmed Hassan and Salvador Ferraras (recently featured at 'Drum Heat' at the VECC) and Artist/Author Carole Itter (exhibited across Canada). Jameison deserves lengthy, raucous applause for bringing together diverse talents and creating a framework where all could meld into a gallery of soul-absorbing artwork.

The evening's two highlights were Solo from Chaos and Vessel, both



danced by Karen Jamieson.

The first was set entirely to the amplified throat sounds of Ahmed Hassan. The result was like being inside of a dancer's head—listening to her own troubled breathing as she wrestled some inner fear and won.

What made it great was an incredible physical strength, unbroken intensity and an unusual musical resource for dead-on effect.

Vessel was a highlight more for it's background than its dance. The set, choir of Rattles, by artist Carol Itter, was a small jungle of suspended puppet-like figures made of diverse materials. Jamieson danced beautifully in and around this spirit-laden set to the Afro/Latin sound of the marimba, played by Salvador Ferreras. It was a feast for the senses.

The company's premiere of Danceland was a decided success. The dancers demonstrated, with seeming ease, a physical strength and dexterity which left no doubt they are masters of their craft. The piece depicted an overview of the dance-hall days of the past. Much of it took place in slow motion—an interesting concept that managed to suggest a scanning of the years and an all encompassing picture of the experience of being there.

A re-mount of the company's Le-Bateau was as delightful as when last seen—an easy, graceful mass of sea-going images performed to the rolling strains of J.S. Bach's Movements from Partitas.

There is strength in this company. They are a force to be reckoned with both in Vancouver and across the country.

Anna Wyman delights

by Olivia Zanger

Anna Wyman's latest synthesis of compelling dance, theatrical stage presentation and graphic imagery enthralled and captivated two audiences of contemporary dance lovers.

DANCE
Anna Wyman Dance Theatre
February 10 & 11
Vancouver Playhouse

Without competition, the evening's spotlight was upon Chroma Shadow, a world premiere performance, which proved an exhilarating, striking, thoroughly electric piece of choreography; once again Anna Wyman has entrenched her position as the grande dame of dance theatre.

In a melange of bold color, ingenious concept and superb technique, Wyman engineers a dramatic play of tension between artist and materials. In Chroma Shadow, she presents art powerful enough to assume its own life force, overpowering and independent of the artist's ego.

The dance opens with an artist creating form from the raw material of colours, manipulating them into a spectacular assortment of human sculptures. The beauty and subtlety with which the dancer-mannequins are transformed and animated is thoroughly magical. The personified "Chromas" become empowered with soul and in the dramatic conclusion, subjugate and objectify their maker.

Heaving, pulsating seas usher in Adastra, a dance first performed in '82 and a mainstay of the Wyman repertoire. A work of ethereal lyricism and seductive passion contrasted with dynamic, striking dissonance, Adastra has tremendous potential. Fascinating hand-painted costumes complete the potency of the visual impression.

Yet, disappointingly, the incongruity between concept and musical elements severely limits the success of the piece. Contemporary dance should employ contemporary music, and the high school insipidity of Jean Michel Jarre's "Oxygene" saturates the dance with mediocrity.

Guest choreographer Bill Cratty's world premiere of No Vacancy was enough of a disappointment to threaten the fragile web of enchantment spun over the audience. Inappropriately fused with Franz Schubert's Opus 90, No. 1 and Opus 142, No. 3, the piece was banally literal, belabouring the tired and stale theme of the poor who are oppressed and ostracized by the rich.

Tame and unchallenging, No Vacancy was the evening's YAWN. With a predictable 'plot', clichéd movements and sentiments, and a seemingly total disregard for compatibility between score and choreography, this work earned little audience approval.

With a program of such highly diverse elements, it would prove difficult to characterize the evening had Chroma Shadow not been such an exceptional spectacle. Despite the lame segments of the performance, the strength of the evening's highlights carried it triumphantly.

No score

by Thomas Long

If there was ever a bonfire for bad literature, hockey books would undoubtedly be worthwhile kindling. All those glossy covers, with the requisite action shots can never disguise the fact that what lies beneath is—usually—rubbish, pure and simple. Even such respected sports writers as James Lawton (Tiger) and Jim Taylor (Gretzky), by allowing their subjects to remain hidden behind well-worn media stereotypes, come up well short with their offerings.

PRINT
The All-New Hockey's 100
by Stan Fischler
McGraw-Hill Ryerson

Enter Stan Fischler, a man whose sixty-plus hockey books easily makes him the undisputed champion of the genre (a dubious honour), back to try his luck again. Anyone familiar with Fischler's work as a sports columnist and broadcaster (let alone author) would have to acknowledge his love for the game. One would also have to acknowledge an ego comparable in size to the likes of Don Cherry.

All of this brings us to The All-New Hockey's 100, Fischler's "personal ranking of the best players in hockey history." As a follow-up to his 1984 book, Hockey's 100, Fischler uses the same "strict set of standards" for evaluating a player's performance: longevity, championships, awards and records, as well as the quality of both the opposition and a player's own team.

Other tangibles such as impact and character come into play more or less at the author's whim—no harm there. After all, this is Fischler's wish list and he is free to organize it any what he sees fit. He gets into trouble when he betrays his own criteria to justify a particular player's ranking.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Fischler's selection of Bobby Orr as number 13 on his top 100. He calls Orr a "selfish hockey player" whose histrionics during the 1974 Stanley Cup finals against the Philadelphia Flyers cost the Boston Bruins the series.

Further down, at number 46, Fischler describes how then-New York Ranger defenceman Brad Park received rough treatment from the Flyers in the semi-finals of the same year, yet still performed valiantly. Both Park and Orr reacted in similar ways to similar situations, yet Park's effort is praiseworthy and Orr's is considered selfish.

It seems as though Fischler is looking for notoriety by rating Orr poorly. Indeed the name of the Bruins' defenceman comes up again and again in the book, and he is rarely mentioned in a positive light.

Another problem with Fischler's 100 is the total exclusion of Russian players—at no time does the author state that only NHL players are eligible for consideration.

All in all, this is pretty bad material, provocative though it is. Maybe one day a hockey book will be written which demands the public's attention. Until then, stoke those fires.

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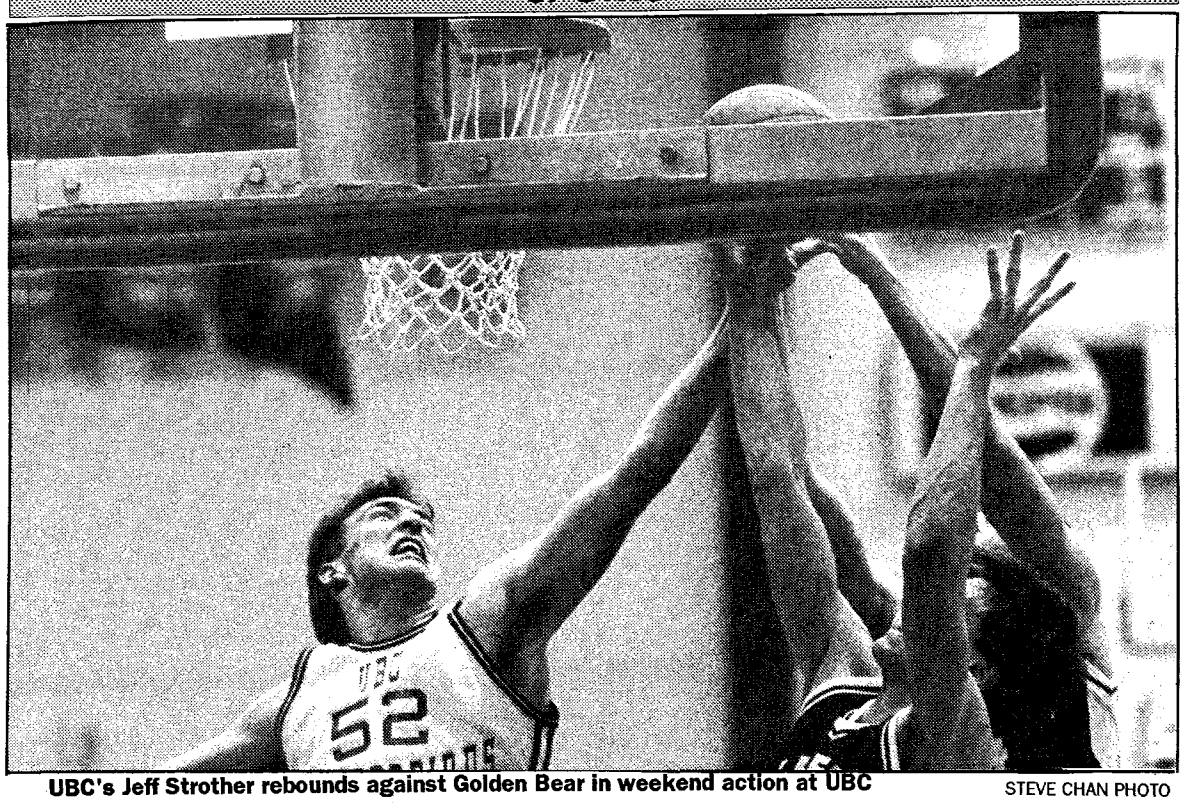

UBC's Jeff Strother rebounds against Golden Bear in weekend action at UBC

STEVE CHAN PHOTO

Thunderbirds clinch third

By Joe Altwasser

The Thunderbird men's basketball team emerged victorious in weekend action against the visiting Alberta Golden Bears and in doing so clinched third place in the Canada West conference play.

The Bears were mauled 97-84 Friday night in a match that was never in doubt. Al Lalonde and Mike Clarke led the Thunderbirds with 27 points each. Clarke also ripped down a game high 13 points in a match where he was a dominant force throughout, earning UBC coach Bruce Enns' praise in the process.

Perrie Scarlett also played his usual steady self, quarterbacking the offence with seven assists in addition to hitting for 13 points.

Sean Chursinoff led the Bears with 26 points which included an incredible 14 out of 15 from the foul line.

Saturday's game had the early makings of a rerun of the Friday match with the 'Birds running up an early 12 point lead in the first half.

Coach Enns said that the play of UBC in the first half was the,"best ball of the season."

Unfortunately the tide changed in the second half when the Bears awoke from hibernation, and roared back into contention.

The Prairie hoopsters drive fell inches short as Chursinoff missed a shot with ten seconds left ensuring a UBC victory,93-92.

The 'Birds displayed a well balanced team, with scoring spread out over nine players led by Mike Clarke with 19.

According to coach Enns the key to the victory was the defensive play of the 'Birds. "The defence pulled it out for us in the second half when Alberta was hot and played better."

Enns was most pleased with the heads up defence of Perrie Scarlett, who was saddled with the burden of guarding Chursinoff, and Eric Kristiansen, who cleaned up on the defensive boards and sunk eight points in the second half.

Enns looks forward to the trip to Calgary next weekend for the best of three semi-final match up with the Dinos.

Enns hopes the 'Birds are peaking at the right time and he has a "broader based team" than the squad that laced up the Nikes back in September.

"Players like Paul Cohee and Jeff Strother have begun to make regular contributions to the club."

"Since Christmas this team has only played one poor game," said Enns.

Despite the progress since Christmas the basketbirds are still the underdogs according to Enns. "Calgary has such depth-11 guys, in addition to the best player in the league, John Vigna."

The winner of the series will be the team that wants it more. "We have similar players, similar coaching styles, it will all come down to who plays better in the individual match-ups," Enns said.

Ski Birds enjoy run of success

By Gill Platt

The UBC ski team put in a strong showing at the Conference Championships this weekend in Mission Ridge, Wenatchee.

Teams from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington participated in the event which was a qualifier for the Regional Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The UBC women's team had their best showing ever, defeating last year's National Championship winners, to win the Conference title. Ann Taciuk won the slalom, teammate Corey Henderson took the bronze, and with a tenth place finish from Christine Platt, the T-Birds secured the day with a second place standing.

The mens' team faced tough competition and suffered by losing first-seeded Derek Jazic to a fall. However Trent Smith, Abid Guershi, and Mark Steele brought in enough points for a fifth place standing.

The second day of giant slalom saw the women capture the combined first place trophy. Ann Taciuk once again finished strongly with a silver medal while Kerri Wyse backed her up with a sixth and Corey Henderson finished in tenth place.

The mens' team, playing it safe, qualified sixth for Regionals with their seventh place finish in the giant slalom.

UBC ISRAEL WEEK

February 28, March 1 & 2
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10:00 AM - 2:00PM S.U.B. CONCOURSE **DISPLAYS** *Presenting a Many-Faceted Israel*		
12:30 - 1:30 PM Hillel House **ISRAELI LUNCH**	12:30 - 1:30 PM Buchanan A 100 Gary Brenner **"WHAT IS ISRAEL DOING FOR PEACE?"**	12:30 - 2:00 PM FREDDY WOOD THEATRE **"DUAL SOLITUDES: AN ANTHOLOGY OF ISRAEL"**
LUNCH *S.U.B. Cafeteria Featuring Israeli Food*		
7:00 PM S.U.B. Auditorium **Israeli Movie "THE TREK"**	5:00 - 7:00 PM Hillel House Discussion **"JEWISH STUDENTS AND ISRAEL: CAN THE DREAM BE RECOVERED?"**	5:30 - 7:00 PM Hillel House **"Erev Dizengoff" PIZZA DINNER** 7:00 PM S.U.B. 207/209 **ISRAELI DANCING**

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THE SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF DEMOCRACY IN THE THIRD WORLD
Monday, February 27 — **In Buchanan A-104, at 12:30PM**

THE VALUES AND CULTURE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES
Monday, February27 — **In AnSoc 207/209, at 3:30-5:30 (Seminar)**

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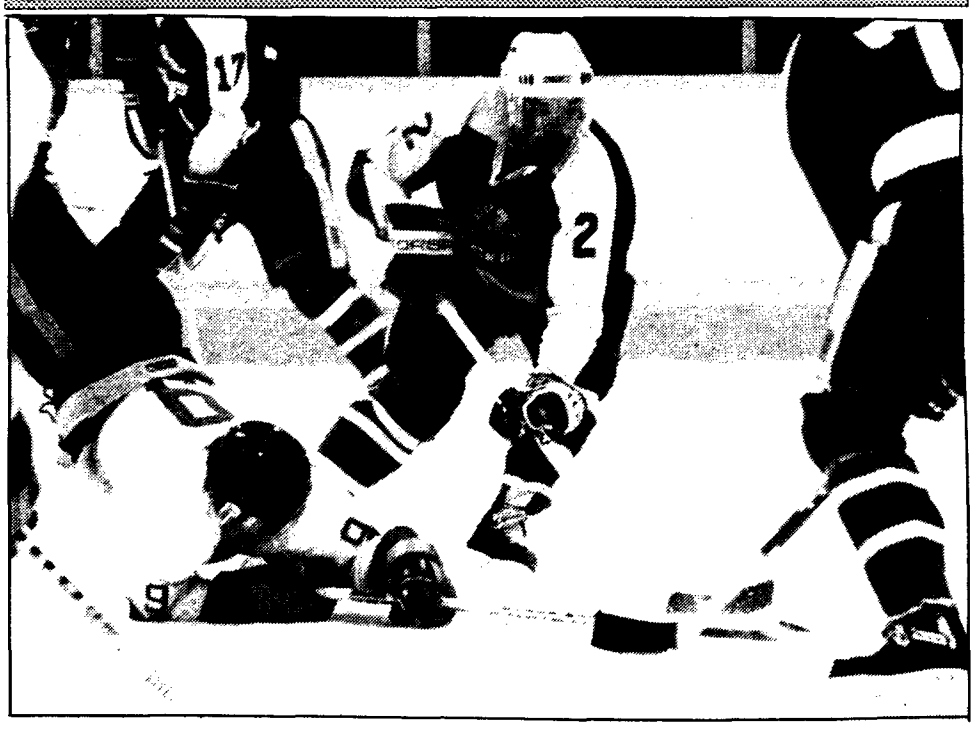
Tuesday, February 28 — **In Buchanan A-205, 12:30-2:30 (Seminar)**



Birds nosedive into fifth place. STEVE CHAN PHOTO

Bird's playoff hopes iced

By Laurie McGuiness

The UBC varsity hockey season ended this past weekend for the 'Birds as they dropped both of their games to the visiting Saskatchewan Huskies, losing 5-3 Friday and 5-2 Saturday.

The season ended Friday night, as Manitoba went into Calgary and upset the Dinos, which coupled with UBC's loss knocked the 'Birds out of the playoff picture.

"The season was a disappointment, especially after our strong start," said coach Terry O'Malley. The 'Birds lost four games in the first half of the 28 game season, but then went on to win only four in the second half.

Injuries hurt the defence, as Keith Abbot and Rob Rice both missed critical games after Christmas, but it was the loss of Mike Ikeda that hurt the club the most.

A turning point in the season was the losses at home to the University of Calgary, as Calgary stole wins in the final minutes of both games. Before the Calgary games UBC was undefeated at home, and were ranked 8th nationally, but the losses started UBC on a 7 game losing streak from which they could not recover.

On a positive note, Carl Repp looks to have a legitimate chance to catch on with an NHL club. Coach Terry O'Malley says Repp has the tools, as he plays a stand-up pro style and handles the puck well, but will have to adjust to the harder shooters in the pros.

Repp leaves UBC with a career goals against average of 4.29 and a save percentage of .868. Repp also holds the record for most games in a season, 36. Repp played 120 games for the T-Birds in his career.

Keith Abbott, the other graduating 'Bird set new team marks this year for defencemen with 13 goals and 42 points, a record that goes back to the original Bird hockey squad under Father David Bauer in 1962-63.

The 'Birds also set numerous team records this year including most goals in a season, 206, as well the 'Birds recorded the most victories since 1977-78.

Most of the team will be returning for the 1989-90 season.

BASKETBALL

The best finish in fifteen years was the reward for the UBC women's basketball team as they swept a pair of games from the pathetic Panda Bears in weekend action at War Memorial Gym.

The 85-63 and 79-67 victories gave the 'Birds eight wins in league play and a guaranteed playoff spot for the second year in a row.

The victory may be only a staying of the executioners blade as UBC will now face the top ranked team in the country, the Calgary Dinosaurs who sport a 20 win, no loss record heading into the winner take all semi-final match next weekend in Calgary.

Coach Bev Smith is prairie bound and determined to win despite the odds against the 'Birds. Smith knows Calgary will be trying to key on UBC's terrible dangerous duo, Raj Johal and Tessa Valg.

Smith's strategy will be to keep continual pressure on the Dinos and pressure them into mistakes. Most importantly said Smith is the nature of the semi-finals, one-game winner take all, which allows the 'Birds to key up for one big upset win.

The sudden death match takes place in Cowtown next Friday.

GYM

UBC Gymnasts swung into the medals Saturday in the Canada West Gymnastic tournament at UBC.

The UBC men's team vaulted into second, edging out Calgary with a strong overall team effort.

Saskatchewan captured the men's team event, which was a most remarkable accomplishment considering they had only four competitors. (The team event medals are determined by adding the top seven team member's scores).

The Alberta schools dominated the women's event with the University of Alberta finishing first and Calgary second. The UBC women found themselves in the bronze medal position behind the strong individual performance of Patti Furniss, who won a silver in the individual segment of the tournament.

RUGBY

The Thunderbird rugby team returns to California this week hoping to continue their successful thrashing of the NCAA American Colleges. The 'Birds play a four game series against the California schools of Santa Cruz, San Jose, and Berkley, before winding up in San Francisco on February 25th. Last year the 'Birds made a clean sweep of the California Ruggers.

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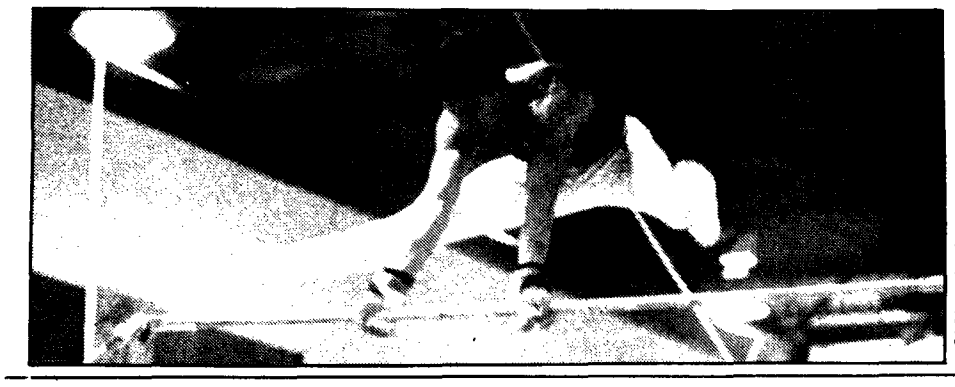

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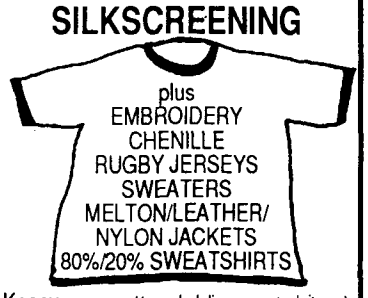

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Editorial

Ignorance breeds intolerance

Censorship never changes. It always serves the purposes of the despots who generally run the world, and it is used to control the creative output of the world's artists and thinkers.

The writer of Satanic Verses is an interesting person of late. It is very interesting to watch a person who has been placed on a microscope. He is being forced to sweat, to fear for his life (and he probably will end up murdered by some fanatical follower of the Ayatollah) simply for the cause of the political twisting that Khomaini is attempting. Khomaini is using the beleaguered author as a whipping boy in an attempt to salvage some sort of national pride for Iran.

While we're dealing with the subject of moral outrage, before we feel too self-righteous in our easy condemnations of "terrorism", it should not be forgotten that while the western press expends vast amount of space, energy and time devoted to Khomaini, it by and large conveniently ignores, and thus implicitly supports, the deaths of tens of thousands in Guatemala and El Salvador at the hands of U.S.-funded state-supported death squads and in Nicaragua by the Contras, again propped up by American funds.

It is difficult to express the anger and the cynicism we feel at the way in which basic human rights have been violated around the world by the very country that prides itself, arrogantly, on being the cornerstone of the "free world" and self-appointed protector of democracy.

Still, it is difficult to be too critical of Khomaini's death threats and "terrorism" when the CIA roams the world with a free hand, bumping off whoever they choose, whenever they choose.

It is so simple for us in the west to sit in our climate controlled comfort, content, full, and watch the barbarians and fanatics carry on in their uncivilised manner. To the westerner with a two or three hundred year history of freedom, the actions of our Moslem brethren do seem to have shocked us out of our complacency.

We in the west would not carry on in this manner as was demonstrated during the screening of Martin Scorcese's "Last Temptation" where there were demonstrations and even a death from a bomb in Paris, but certainly not a price put on any heads for blasphemy-or would we?

Is it not only recently that Christianity has begun to incorporate a true spirit of brotherhood into its practices? The Lord knows that throughout much of his KKKingdom his followers have just not quite internalized the Christian spirit of tolerance.

Instead of acting in a knee-jerk fashion to the ludicrous situation unfolding and further distancing ourselves from our Moslem brothers we should attempt to understand the forces at work.

After-all was it not our continued support for that tolerant Moslem, the Shah which laid the foundation for the Islamic Revolution?

Certainly we will never condone Khomaini's action but before we express our moral outrage against one fifth of the world's population and their fanatical brand of faith; remember our own fanaticism and missionary zeal which still can be heard reverberating throughout the globe.

THE UBYSSEY

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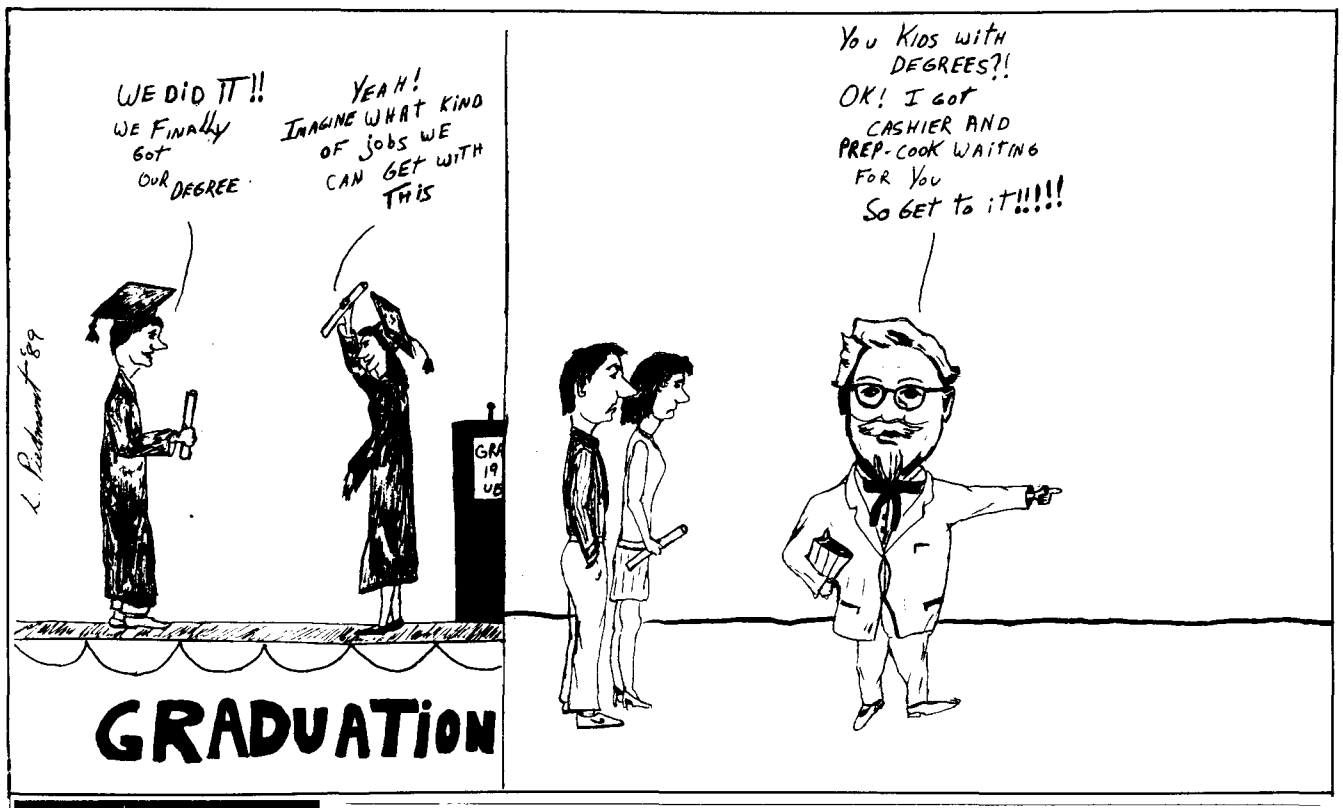

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Moral outrage against violence

Recent responses provoked by the release of Spycatcher, The Last Temptation of Christ, and Satanic Verses vary from constructive criticisms and government-attempted censorship to violence, ranging from vandalism in some theatres to the death threat issued by the spiritual leader of Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini.

Although The Last Temptation of Christ and Satanic Verses are offensive or even blasphemous in nature to Christians and Muslims, the advocacy of violence can never be justified. Undoubtedly, the basic tenets of the teachings of Christianity and Islam are brotherly love, compassion, tolerance, and understanding toward every human being, including one's own enemies. Moreover, there are other means of expressing one's disapproval and disagreement without resorting to a reign of coercion, intimidation and terror. Ironically, the extreme actions carried out by some have generated more sales and attention for the authors than they truly deserve. It is a tragedy and a travesty to witness those who endorse violence under the vision and name of "almighty God" to achieve their objectives. History has proved that violence only breeds violence and the vicious cycle of perpetual conflicts will never be resolved. I am appalled that death threats still exist in our so-called modern, advanced, civilized, humane world. Is it vanity or too much to ask that our world be endowed with good will, peace, and harmony and be emancipated from the pervasive poison of savage bigotry?

Travis Truong
Nursing 1

Time & quality correspond

Dear Dr. Strangway

I would like to forward concerns I presently have about the quality and particularly the quantity of teaching time currently implemented by some professors in some departments at UBC. My background is an academic one, having spent a total of nine years in post-secondary education at three different universities including graduation from UBC in 1986. I have spent hundreds of hours in classes and I have been "gypped" out of hundreds more. It is the cutting back of actual class time that concerns me very much and is the reason for this letter.

An acquaintance of mine is currently enrolled in Political Science 460, Foreign Policy Analysis. This is a half year senior seminar course consisting of one weekly session of three hours duration. Simple multiplication by thirteen weeks, the length of the term, yields a total class time of thirty-nine hours. The professor of this course has on his own initiative and not due to budget constraints, cut back the three hour session to two hours, thereby decreasing the seminar time from thirty-nine to twenty-six hours for the term. Already one of the shortened two hour sessions has been cancelled, consequently leaving only twenty-four hours for the term, just four hours short of exactly halving the total number of seminar hours for the entire term. These are hours which each student has paid for and is entitled to receive and which the professor is obligated to create in the highest of academic standards. This "Education" agreement, between students and the university, is a sham when slashing of hours is adopted by professors and fees are raised by the university.

Given that instruction is expected to be of a consistent high quality, one can conclude that quantity of teaching hours will yield greater quality, or a fuller appreciation of a subject is directly proportional to quantity of class time. This is especially true for the seminar arrangement.

I would like to propose a solution for lax professors and the apathetic UBC bureaucracy. Each student would pay full fees for each course, approximately three hundred and twenty-five dollars for a full term course. This money would be turned into non-refundable tokens, each with a face value of about four dollars (39 Hrs./Term X 2/$325 = $4.00). For each three hour seminar the professor and school would be guaranteed one token, dropped into a box at the room's entry. The remaining payment of two tokens for the three hour seminar would be at the student's discretion. If the professor came prepared and held the classes' attention for the full three hours then the two tokens would be paid. If not, the two tokens would go to a student operated fund to bring in guest seminar speakers. This system of payment for services rendered would, I expect, dramatically increase the quantity and quality of our (the students') university seminars.

I hope my point is obvious; quality of education and quantity of time are integral.

A Concerned UBC Grad

System defended

Dear Jon Treichel

If all the people you find so repugnant (Bush, Mulroney, BoG, etc.) were to throw themselves into this pit of yours, who would replace them—you? You don't seem to care one way or the other, since you have already condemned yourself to bashing your head against bulldozers and writing Love Advice columns.

We "strictly-conservative" types do not dislike The Ubyssey, we dislike you and your attitude. Although I may not always agree with the editorial opinion at this paper, I'm glad this paper exists. However, you seem to be concerned about proving the rightness of your opinion and futility of your efforts. As a journalist, you should not be writing here to be proven right or wrong. You should wright [sic] to stimulate discussion, disseminate news and offer your opinion. Fortunately, your opinions will be proven wrong. Our system is not immune to change—you are.

I'd like to remind you that there are still plenty of places on this planet where you cannot write what you want, even if you do own the newspaper.

As for Canada, there are plenty of newspapers and publications that would gladly continue publishing the pseudo-intellectual attack-journalism that you call "The Truth."

As for the "large deep hole," why don't you realize that you are the one already buried—dig yourself out! In the meanwhile, stick to Love Advice. Please. Your sanity depends on it.

Nik Valcic
Science 4

The lost art of renovation

Congratulations to Charles Gilbertson (The Green Colour of Immigration, Feb. 14). The issue of rising housing prices as a result of Pacific Rim investment is extremely delicate. It takes courage to publicly open the door on this issue with the abundance of undiscriminating linguists in our midst who use the word "racist" with no thought to its true meaning.

Charles stated many salient points. However, there is another important issue related to the current housing situation in Vancouver which needs to be addressed: the demolition of houses. Older homes of fine workmanship, which together make up the character of a neighborhood, are being destroyed in ever increasing numbers. These homes are important and pleasant symbols of older architecture which once lost, can never be replaced. To cite a particular example: a large, older, wood character home recently renovated to pristine condition was sold last month to a Pacific Rim buyer. It is to be demolished. Why?!

The face of Vancouver in many areas is being drastically changed—and not for the better. This development is not occuring because the homes are in disrepair. (What happened to renovation anyway?) This development is occuring because of a disregard for the inherent character and history of many of Vancouver's residential neighborhoods. It is imperative that those with the same feelings make yourselves heard. This week is Heritage Week— make a statement.

Cynthia Gunn
Geography 3

Abolish tuition fees

What are the deeper reasons why UBC has compromised educational justice and opted for high tuition fees? Tempting as it is to focus blame on personalities, the truth, as usual, is more complex. President Strangway and Minister Hagen are basically admirable people at the center of fierce political pressures.

There're many people of political influence who fear that freely accessible universities would cause an oversupply of graduates with costly career expectations.

Established professionals fear competition and through their associations lobby for enrollment restrictions in many fields. Restricting enrollments by economic means rather than through higher academic standards has the distinct advantage of generating revenue while maintaining an illusion of "opportunity" for all who really want to study.

In fact, high tuition is positively welcomed by people from affluent social strata. It ensures places for their own (often mediocre) offspring by reducing competition from bright lower-class upstarts, and it enhances a university's snob appeal. Among average taxpayers there's widespread suspicion and ignorance about the value of better university funding which, they think, benefits mostly overpaid professors and the children of the well-to-do.

The collective selfishness of faculty is usually overlooked by student activists whose anger focuses on President Strangway or the Provincial Government. Professors always cry injustice when their salaries fall marginally below salaries at the highest-paying university in the country. Although UBC professors earn an average of $ 60,000 for approximately 8 months' work a year, UBC's Faculty Association bargained hard for a "catchup" salary increase, knowing full well this increase would have to come out of tuition. And sure enough, professors got a 9% pay increase while students got a 10% tuition increase.

With the inspiring exception of Dr. Sandra Bruneau, no faculty member has publicly condemned this tuition increase. Could it be that getting free tuition for their own children makes professors indifferent to the plight of less privileged students?

The self-interest of dominant groups in our society militates quietly but powerfully against equal educational opportunity. Only escalating student activism can halt escalating tuition fees. Our message must hit home: tuition increases are no longer an option for UBC; a tuition rollback is in order.

Ultimately tuition fees must be abolished. It is socially irresponsible–an act of structural violence–to discriminate on the basis of family background by extorting tuition from economically vulnerable students before the start of their careers.

Kurt Preinsperg
Philosophy Graduate Student

Conservation begins at home

This letter is in response to The Ubyssey Feb. 10 article "UBC student to embark on mission to save Amazon rainforest." With your planned protest in Altamira, Brazil, Gibbs and other Canadian environmentalists are not going to achieve what they hope to attain: to save various Amazon Indians and their lands from being drowned under a huge artificial lake due to the planned hydro-electric Xingu dam.

Yes it is true that too much rainforests are disappearing and that the vast barren lands will not function as the "lungs" of the world, converting carbon-dioxide into oxygen. But do you really

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believe that Brazilian politicians and entrepreneurs will listen to protesters who emerge out of the jungle of western economic luxuries and wealth? We talk big about the danger of pollution and erosion in third world nations, but we forget that environmental protection should start at home.

On Saturday Feb. 11, The Globe and Mail reported that Brazilian President Jose Sarney had rejected foreign pressure to preserve the Amazon jungle, and that he does not accept concessions on Brazil's foreign debt in exchange for saving the rainforests. Sarney's logical answer to our concerns is that Brazil will not exchange its sovereignty to fulfill our wishes. Do you really believe that third world nations, with all their poverty and over-population are going to listen to well-fed westerners? Why should they, don't they have an equal right to economic success such as we have enjoyed for the last 150 years?

We have never paid any attention to pollution in the past, we have lived a life of wasteful consumerism. Today we have exacerbated our own problems of waste management to such an extent that we try to bribe the poor countries with large sums of money into storing our toxic wastes on their lands, because we don't want them in our back yard. Is there any logic in our behavior?

We tell the world via advertisements, international business and tourism that we are the civilized, well-organized and happy people of the world, and that we have 'made it' with massive industrialization. And now we tell those third world countries with industrial ambitions to stop the development of their living standard in order to preserve an i we have for the most part already ruined. Are we making any sense?

The only way to show third world politicians and industrialists that we are indeed serious about preserving the environment is to start making sacrifices at home. We still want the larger car, we still want cheap throw-away consumer goods, we sill insist on inexpensive hamburger meats, we continue to demand more energy sources to cushion our lives in more luxuries and play. When are we going to make that first step of sacrifice? When will we be satisfied with a standard of living, and when will we stop talking of further economic growth? When will we begin taking some responsibility?

We delude ourselves into believing that environmental problems can be solved with better technological developments and improved management of loans going to developing nations. At the same time we like to neglect that environmental protection should begin at home. Each of us should only be driving a small economical car. Each of us should separate our household garbage and promote recycling. Each of us should be happy to pay higher taxes in order to help our western governments pay for pollution controlling installations and to clean up rivers, lakes and toxic-waste dumping sites.

Politicians and industrialists in western nations who still talk of economic growth and prosperity have not understood the problem. We must first allow third world nations to build their economies and industrialize to a degree that will allow them to feed their people, and therefore we should be the ones to make the first sacrifices!

The Brazilian government plans to build a massive hydro-electric dam to supply its peoples and industries with cheaper energy. Every energy producing power station is going to cost the country certain losses, and in the case of Xingu, Amazon Indians and much unspoiled wildlife will unfortunately have to suffer terrible consequences. But do we prefer that Brazilians build nuclear power stations, or burn coal to produce needed electricity. The options have even more problematic consequences: nuclear safety and waste disposal, or more carbon-dioxide thrown into the atmosphere.

I suggest that we first begin solving our own pollution problems. Only once we operate on a completely self-sufficient use–and clean-up system, can we begin suggesting environmental protection measures to those, who for the moment, desperately need economic growth to take care of their people. I suggest that we first set priorities for us here at home, before dictating them to others.

O. Brenninkmeyer
Poli.Sci.3

Native beliefs not above judgement

Thanks, Caitlin Frost (Feb. 3), for your constructive criticism of my views on native culture. You seem to dislike my habit of claiming to know, in at least some cases, what's objectively true and what's objectively right. You call me "patronizing" for using this knowledge to judge the worth of some elements of Native Culture.

I have two responses. First, there's overwhelming evidence that some things are objectively true and objectively right. You've been seduced by the half-baked skepticism popularly mistaken, particularly in the social sciences, for tolerance. You urge that "surely the Native Indians of Canada are able to make their own cultural decisions." But a cultural decision made by pre-contact Haidas was to enslave members of other Native populations. Don't you see anything objectively wrong with that decision? If you do, I rest my case. If you don't, there's a lucrative career opportunity for you as PR person for the South African embassy. I further claim that many elements of Native culture are objectively good–a position unavailable to you, since you've renounced objective values. But what's wrong with regarding, e.g., honesty and kindness, which are qualities of most Natives, as objectively good?

Second, if you'll reread your own letter, you'll find that in fact you've made many claims yourself about what's true and what's right. For instance, you claim to know that I'm ignorant of Native culture and that I ought to learn more about it. Clearly you consider yourself well able to pass judgment on me–a person you can hardly claim to fully understand since we've never met. So why shouldn't I, using the same fair, reasonable techniques of evaluation that you have doubtless tried to use, pass judgment on those elements of Native culture that I understand?

I think you're reading things into my view that aren't there. I don't want all humans to become uniform Macpersons. I think that we are jointly richer for cultural diversity. I just draw the line at thinking that another person's beliefs and actions are beyond all question merely because that person is culturally different from me. People of other cultures aren't inscrutable aliens whose beliefs and motives are utterly mysterious. Getting to know another culture is a slow process, and some parts come easier than others, but it can be done. And when a part of another culture is understood, it can be evaluated. Note that Native groups have not shied away from passing judgment on some elements of Canadian non-Native culture. They have loudly condemned, e.g., certain government fish-catch allotments. Are you calling these Natives patronizing? It's a two-way street.

As always, I'm most willing to discuss evidence for and against my views, and can be easily reached via the Phil. Dept. grad mailboxes.

Nick Sleigh
Philosophy

Lottery $ wasted

This is another footnote to my previous gripe about UBC finances and student tuition. Within the last month the Sun stated that lottery revenue had increased in BC, from $10 million to $500 million a year. If any of you people have the price of a paper left after paying up you would have read that the politicians are patting each other on the head, while the university is trying to make ends meet from parking meters and by cutting workers.

Most of this lottery money was supposed to go to the hospitals and education. Now, here's the administration and the students at each others throats because of a damn dollar while these gems pay off monuments to themselves.

Know why? Higher education isn't readily visible and most of the real swingers in the legislature and on Howe St. hardly made high school. Young people will ultimately upgrade the quality of life in Canada, and here you are yapping about prohibition and abortion.

First things first. Get those jerks in Victoria to give you a decent share of that $500 million. Its intention was for UBC and SFU as well as to ensure adequate money for you. Expo was paid for in lottery funds and now it'll be the Coqihalla Hwy., cost overruns and all. The next project will be a replica of the Colossus of Rhodes over Victoria harbour, and you students can get your feet half-soled at the blacksmiths, for all they care.

Wayne Kieler
Patrolman Traffic Office

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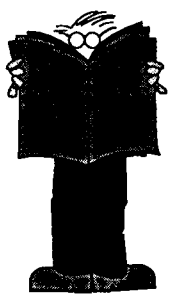

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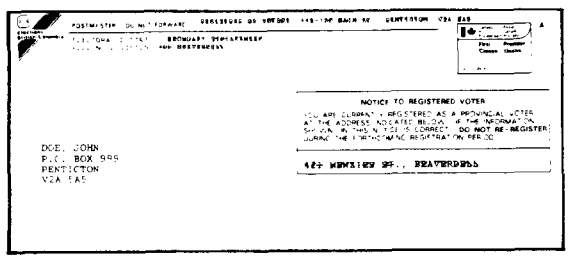
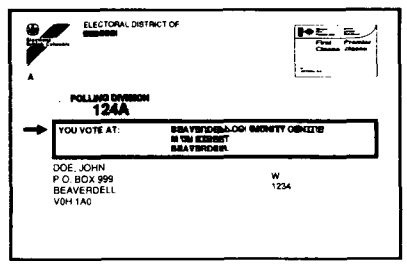
- Resident of British Columbia for the past 6 months
- Resident of the Electoral District



If you have not received your 'YOU ARE REGISTERED' card check at the nearest Registration Centre or contact the Registrar of Voters immediately.

Remember: You can no longer register on Election Day.

2 Where to vote.



In time you will be receiving your 'WHERE TO VOTE' card. Keep this card. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. Take this card with you to the poll indicated on the card.

3 How to vote.

Candidate	X

Once you are in a polling booth you must remember two things.

- Mark only for the candidate of your choice
- Mark the ballot with an X

Special Voting

1 Early Voting.

Anyone who was a registered voter as of February 15 and who is not able to vote on Election Day or at an Advance Poll may vote during the Special Voting times below at the office of the Returning Officer. Special voting March 3-March 7, 4-8 p.m.

2 Advance Poll.

If you have a valid reason why you are unable to vote on Election Day, or are unable to enter a polling place unaided, you may vote at an Advance Poll. March 8-March 11. Hours 1-9 p.m.

3 Disabled Voting.

Those of you who are physically disabled in any way may vote at an Advance Poll. Here, special facilities are available to help you exercise your right. If you are assisting a blind person, please inform them that they may vote at an Advance Poll. If you are unable to leave your residence because of a physical disability, contact your Returning Officer regarding a mobile poll or postal ballot.

4 Voting if you're away from home on March 15.

If you are going to be out of British Columbia on Election Day you should cast your ballot at an Advance Poll or apply to your Returning Officer for a postal ballot.

5 For further information,

Contact: Registrar of Voters,
475 East Broadway, Vancouver
660-6848
OR
Returning Officer
#201-2902 West Broadway,
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731-2654

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