LIBEL: *Mahara and Francis allege libel and file writ against engineers, UBC, AMS*

By PETER MENYASZ

UBC students Star Mahara and Arlene Francis officially filed a writ of libel in B.C. Supreme Court Friday.

The writ, which names the engineering undergraduate society, the Alma Mater Society and the university as co-defendants, is the result of allegedly libellous material published about the two women in the EUS' nEUSletter.

Mahara said she seriously considered not bringing the case to court after her lawyer warned her of potential harassment as a result of the action. But Mahara said there is no reason to avoid the lawsuit as she is already being harassed.

"The results of the (alleged) libel were the phone calls," she said. After the nEUSletter published Mahara's real name and home telephone number, she received numerous obscene telephone calls. As a result she said she finally felt forced to have the number changed.

And Mahara said telephone calls are not the only result of the material the EUS published. "(There have been) people hanging around my house — strange men," she said. "I've had friends staying here for some time."

She also said the aftermath of the incident has affected her university studies. "It's hard to do your work when you're being harassed," she said. "Every time I see a red jacket, I check it out to see if it's an engineer."

A process server spent part of Monday at UBC trying to deliver the writ to the defendants. But university authorities said they have not yet received notification of the suit.

"We haven't heard anything about it," said Charles Bourne, the university's official legal advisor. "It should come to the president's office."

AMS general manager Bern Grady said he knows nothing about the libel writ, and AMS external affairs coordinator Al Soltis said he is aware of the lawsuit but has seen no official writ.

The writ asks for "general, special and punitive damages for libel contained in an article headed "Personal — Wanted" and published on the 14th day of November, 1979 on page one of the nEUSsheet of the EUS and in a letter signed by the defendant Andrew Milne and published in the nEUSletter of the EUS dated on the 28th day of November, 1979."

The writ alleges that "the article is defamatory in its natural and ordinary meaning and in the innuendos contained therein."

The AMS is named as a defendant in the case because it acts as an umbrella organization for the EUS, providing some money that might help in publication of the nEUSletters and the alleged libel.

The university is also a defendant because it allows classrooms to be used for distribution of the nEUSletter and provides bulletin boards where the nEUSletter is displayed.

(In a libel action, anyone who helps to distribute the libel is a potential defendant in the lawsuit).

All defendants in the action must be personally served with writs before the case can proceed, and a source close to the lawsuit said it might be as long as a year before a trial is held.

"(The EUS) refused to negotiate," the source said. "So there was no choice (for Mahara and Francis) but to sue them."

EUS president Russ Kinghorn refused comment on the lawsuit.

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Funding is paltry, says Vogt

By GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

UBC will probably face another year of inadequate provincial government funding, university administrators and students predicted yesterday.

Jerry Schwartz, Universities Council of B.C. executive director, warned Monday that UBC's funding increase will be close to the 9.8 per cent increase granted to the universities ministry.

But UBC might receive slightly more than the 9.8 figure due to its size and population, Schwartz said.

UCBC will announce its decision on the division of university funding at the end of next month, but UBC administration vice-president Erich Vogt said he is not optimistic.

"It's often been said that our needs are considerably above that (9.8 per cent)," he said. "We're really waiting to hear."

Vogt said UBC must receive at least a 14 per cent increase to meet inflated costs. He said if the council sticks close to their current figure, the increase will be inadequate.

The Alma Mater Society external affairs co-ordinator said he agrees. "UBC should get a major portion, 9.8 per cent is not enough," said Al Soltis. "They're way behind this time, it's not going to cover very much."

Soltis said although the figure represents an increase over last year's nine per cent funding hike, it was little more than a token increase. The council's funding formula should be entirely revamped, he added.

UBC's plan to link the UCBC's funding increase to tuition fee hikes should be abandoned, he said. The university's board of governors decided last fall to index fees forming a constant portion of the university operating budget, so that if UBC's operating grant is increased, fees must also rise.

Although the board has not yet determined a schedule for implementing the scheme, tuition fees are already slated to rise by 10 per cent this spring — a one per cent increase over last year's nine per cent operating grant increase from UCBC.

"There's no rhyme or reason for it. We (the external affairs office) are doing a separate study just on that indexing," said Soltis.

Soltis said the university must ask for increased student aid and grants to supplement the increased costs of tuition fees, but predicted UBC might receive less funding if the provincial government had to spend more on student aid due to tuition increases.

"I imagine they're hoping fewer students will apply for grants and loans."

— kevin finnegan photo

"YES, SMEDLEY, THE DEVICE has been planted. It will explode as soon as any devious SMERSH agent attempts to raise tuition fees, change residences to hotels or insist essays be in on time," man from UNCLE reports to headquarters Monday. Unfortunate spy saved students from horrors but lost life after falling into one of numberous holes SMERSH agents from physical plant have dug around campus.

Housing funds bypass UBC

A recent Universities Council of B.C. policy change could result in more money for student housing, but Gage lowrise residents might still be out in the cold.

Universities minister Pat McGeer has said UCBC has reversed a policy that prevented provincial capital funds from financing university residences.

But UBC housing director Mike Davis said Monday the statement raises doubts as to whether interest rates for the UCBC loans will be lower than the market rate.

"The policy change doesn't lead me to believe that we're going to get a gift, or necessarily, lower rates," said Davis.

UBC is making applications for housing funds to UCBC but this will not change Davis' proposal to turn Gage lowrise into a hotel, he said.

Though the provincial capital funds made available for housing are being used at Simon Fraser University, Davis charged the policy is vague and unless UCBC offers definite and positive responses to UBC housing needs, the lowrise hotel will go through.

But he added he is pleased the council is looking at the issue of student housing and is encouraged by the UCBC and provincial government statements.

UCBC chair Bill Gibson said there will be enough money to "do a good job" though the limit for housing grants has not been set.

"We hope it will be at a beneficial interest rate. No limit on the amount of money available to universities for residence loans has yet been determined, but I think there will be adequate money to do a good job; that depends on the provincial government," said Gibson.

Meanwhile, six UBC student politicians are in Victoria today to discuss tuition increases, student aid and housing including the lowrise proposal, with McGeer and the NDP caucus.

According to Alma Mater Society external affairs officer Al Soltis the residence loan plan is a "godsend. Let's get on it. Let's catch it. This could be a godsend."

TA union vote tally held back

UBC's teaching assistants are in limbo waiting for the labor relations board's decision on their certification vote.

Since voting ended Friday afternoon, there has been only waiting for the TAs. "I guess we should be eternally grateful we were allowed to have the damn thing," union spokesman Dave Smith said Monday. But Smith said waiting for the governmental bureaucracy to work its way through the certification procedure is more than a little frustrating.

LRB spokesman Mark Clark said Monday he expects to get the final results of the vote later this week. "Maybe in the next couple of days we'll know," he said. "It just requires the officer counting up the ballots."

The provincial labor minister is responsible for counting the ballots and resolving any disputes. Ministry spokesman Jim McElroy said Monday arrangements are in progress to hold the count today. He said the officers in charge of the vote will resolve the disputes that have been raised.

"There were a few people that weren't on the list," McElroy said.

Union officials said they are worried the certification vote might not have attained the 55 per cent of UBC's TAs required for quorum. Smith said he thinks the turnout was "just a little bit less than quorum."

But the certification will not necessarily fail if quorum is not met, Smith said. "Depending on who you talk to, they (LRB) waive the rule some of the time or all of the time."

Clark said the board has some discretion in applying quorum rules to such votes. He said if a large enough majority of TAs voted favorably, the quorum rule might be ignored.

"If a majority votes in favor that's reflected in the board's decision," he said.

UBC's teaching assistants earned the right to hold the vote after a prolonged certification drive that met strong opposition from the university's administration. If the vote is successful, the TAs will form local 2278 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Vyse vices leave rag

By ANNA BANANA
Ubyssey Appointments Editor

An era has come to an end. An eon has passed. An unbearably long period of time has mercifully been terminated. Fred Vyse has quit.

Vyse, the Alma Mater Society publications manager and financial mentor of The Ubyssey, sent a letter of resignation to the AMS quite a while ago. Shocked into disbelief, The Ubyssey could not bring itself to annouce the resignation.

Vyse's resignation will become effective May 2 so that he will be able to take part in the spring rites and celebrations of his native Switzerland. The Zurich gnomes need short maypoles, he explained as he wrapped himself in bright colored ribbons.

"When I took over soliciting advertisements for The Ubyssey it was only thrice-weekly, poorly produced and averaging 36 pages a week," Vyse said. "Now look at it, a thriving thrice-weekly, amateurishly produced and averaging almost 36 pages a week."

Vyse laughed off charges that he'd gotten fat off The Ubyssey. "What really happened is I've gotten bloated with the festering material ambitions that The Ubyssey staff have passed on to me because of their socialist ideology.

Vyse plans to take up residence in either Brazil or Bermuda in the fall. "It depends on the extradition treaties," he explained. "I have a feeling The Ubyssey might try to get me back once they realize all I've done to them."

Ubyssey co-editor Heather Conn said Vyse will undoubtedly continue to dedicate his life to free enterprise capitalism. "Why not? The reactionary scum got rich off the imperialist system," she said.

Other Ubyssey co-editors, such as Tom Hawthorn, were more concerned with their personal feelings about Vyse leaving. "He's been like a father to me," Hawthorn said. "But at my age and height, just about everyone around here is like a father to me, even Danny Moon."

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NDP and Socred MLAs meet today with UBC hacks

By GLEN SANFORD

Six UBC student politicians are in Victoria today to make a plea for an improved student loan program and to discuss student concerns with the provincial government.

Al Soltis, Alma Mater Society external affairs officer, said Monday the delegation will speak to the Social Credit and NDP caucuses about rising tuition fees, student aid and the plan to convert the Gage low rise residence into a hotel.

"We'll only be suggesting they look into these area," said Soltis. "We can't demand anything until we have the official backing of the students' council."

"Once we've got the backing of the students' council we'll go all the way in a strong fight for student needs." The delegation has prepared a package outlining student concerns and intends to present it to universities minister Pat McGeer's office.

Although Soltis said McGeer promised to try and meet with the students at 2 p.m. he did not commit himself to the obligation.

"If he gets a chance he'll meet with us. He's said he's more than willing to meet us at another time if he can't and that's what we'll push for," said Soltis.

"Since it's right in the middle of the budget debate it's very hard to talk to the MLAs," he added.

The delegation wants to impress on McGeer the need for careful assessment of student needs before tuition fees rise, he said. But the delegation will not be equipped with the 350 letters signed by UBC students, protesting the fee hikes, he added.

"(The letters) are not going anywhere," he said. "People have changed the letters so that they request fee increases and people have added comical stuff. The letters are not representative of UBC students."

Soltis said the delegation will also press the provincial government to re-examine the existing financial aid programs for students.

And it will request an investigation of the current proposal to convert the Gage lowrise into a hotel, he said. Student council will vote on the issue Wednesday night, he added.

If student council votes to protest the lowrise proposal, Soltis said he will "be on the throat of the government demanding something be done."

The same requests will also be brought up with NDP universities critic Gary Lauk, he said.

The delegation will also meet with the University of Victoria student council and members of the B.C. Students' Federation to better plan strategy to improve student aid programs.

Delegates will include three members of the external affairs committee, AMS vice-president Marlea Haugen, and AMS administration director Craig Brooks.

Another campaign to collect letters protesting tuition fee hikes will take place next September, Soltis said.

— harold ballard photo

"HOLY TRAFFIC CONES, BATMAN, you're right. That is Doug Kenny trying to leap four administration vice-presidents lying bound and gagged on the roof of Sedgewick library. And you're right, that flimsy ramp will never get that Sherman tank airborne enough to . . . oh my god. That's horrible. I can't look . . ."

Carleton funding cuts 60 courses

OTTAWA (CUP) — Carleton University has slashed 60 courses from its summer session this year because of underfunding and declining enrolment.

But the university has rejected the possibility of eliminating the summer session altogether.

Only 115 courses will be offered compared to an average of 175 courses in the previous three summers.

Significant cuts will take place in psychology, sociology and anthropology, mathematics, journalism and mass communication. There will also be reductions in history and French courses. Only two political science and humanities courses will be taught at Carleton this summer.

In those departments, 29 full-credit and 26 half-credit courses will be deleted.

The number of law courses will be increased slightly while engineering — mainly computer science courses — will be virtually unchanged.

Continuing education school director Don George said the coming summer session will offer the most important courses to students' programs.

"We reviewed the department cuts carefully. It was clear that they were keeping critical courses in their programs. Because enrolment in the summer session over a three year period had decreased, it seemed reasonable to reduce the number of courses," he said.

A report found that enrolment dropped to 4,056 in 1979 from 4,686 in 1977. Average course enrolment fell to 23 students from 27 over the same period.

George said specific cuts were recommended after analysing trends in summer course enrolment from 1977-79 and the number of courses offered in each department, the average class size and overall registration were evaluated before deciding on deletions.

But, the cuts were more numerous than recommended, George said. "Everybody over-reduced."

The recommendation was not to do it in one big jump, but to have a 15 per cent drop over each of the next two years.

George said he cannot project how the cuts will affect summer enrolment. He said if enrolment "stabilizes" around 4,000 for the 115 courses offered, the summer session will be "very healthy."

One factor that makes it hard to estimate possible enrolment is that some students may take alternative courses if their first choice is not offered, he said.

The report recommends keeping a streamlined session. It says the loss of student revenues from dropping the summer courses completely would be greater than the teaching and administration expenses.

"Eliminating just over 170 course sections would save some $3,200 lecturer's fees per section for a total of $550,000," the report states. "We would forgo, (not collect), however, income approaching $2,000,000 in fees and formula income spread over a three year period."

The report recommends cancelling courses with less than 10 students and keeping those with more than 14 students.

Council 'confuses election'

The student council is forcing the arts undergraduate society into a confusing sequence of three elections and a referendum, AUS president Bob Staley charged Monday.

The election of representatives to student council on April 2, following an election Feb. 13 since declared invalid, must be followed by another when students return in September and a new AUS constitution has passed, Staley said.

"It's something forced on us by student council, something we have no control over," Staley said.

Student council passed a motion March 12 ordering the AUS hold another election by the end of the month after student court overturned the Feb. 13 election due to constitutional discrepencies and voting irregularities.

The April 2 election will select three new arts rerpesentatives to serve on the student council along with Staley. As undergraduate society president Staley is assured a seat under the AUS constitution.

Student court ordered the previous representatives return to serve until another election could be held to replace those invalidly elected.

The Alma Mater Society later decided against AUS requests that the elections not be held until a new AUS constitution is implemented.

"The first elections were fair," said Staley. "Student court made the wrong ruling when it decided elections could be held again."

Staley said the turnout for the new election will have a smaller turnout than the last, where four per cent of arts students cast ballots.

Staley, Brian Roach, Mark Crawford, Alan Postle and Chris Fulker are running for three new positions. Polling stations will be located at the stack entrance in Sedgewick library and at the main entrance to the Buchanan building.

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A THUMB GOES UP, a car goes by, and a hidden accomplice at next intersection blows offending vehicle to smithereens. Favorite dream of stranded hitchers might come true very next time you drive past hitchhiker with room in car. Don't take the chance.

Dial-a-fink for graffiti

OTTAWA (CUP) — It started with dial-a-prayer and dial-a-bottle. But dial-a-fink is no dial-a-joke.

Dial-a-fink is Carelton University's latest attempt to rid the campus of sexist and racist graffiti. The university has set up a 24-hour telephone hotline. A recorded message asks callers to report the location of offensive graffiti and university officials check it out.

Graffiti and artwork judged acceptable by an advisory committee will stay, said Carleton physical director Jim Whenham, but everything else will get a coat of paint. "It's the mindless junk we're going to get rid of. A lot of it is sheer vandalism."

Anti-nuclear protestors to be jailed

Six members of the Pacific Life Community anti-nuclear protest group received jail terms in Seattle Friday for their part in demonstrations last month at the Trident submarine base in Bangor, Wash.

Five of the six, all Americans, will serve 45 days for re-entry into a restricted area. The sixth was sentenced to six months for contempt of court.

The six were among 39 protestors aged 25 and under sentenced by judge Gordon Thompson for entering the submarine base in February. Another 70 protestors from the same demonstration, aged over 25, will be sentenced on Friday.

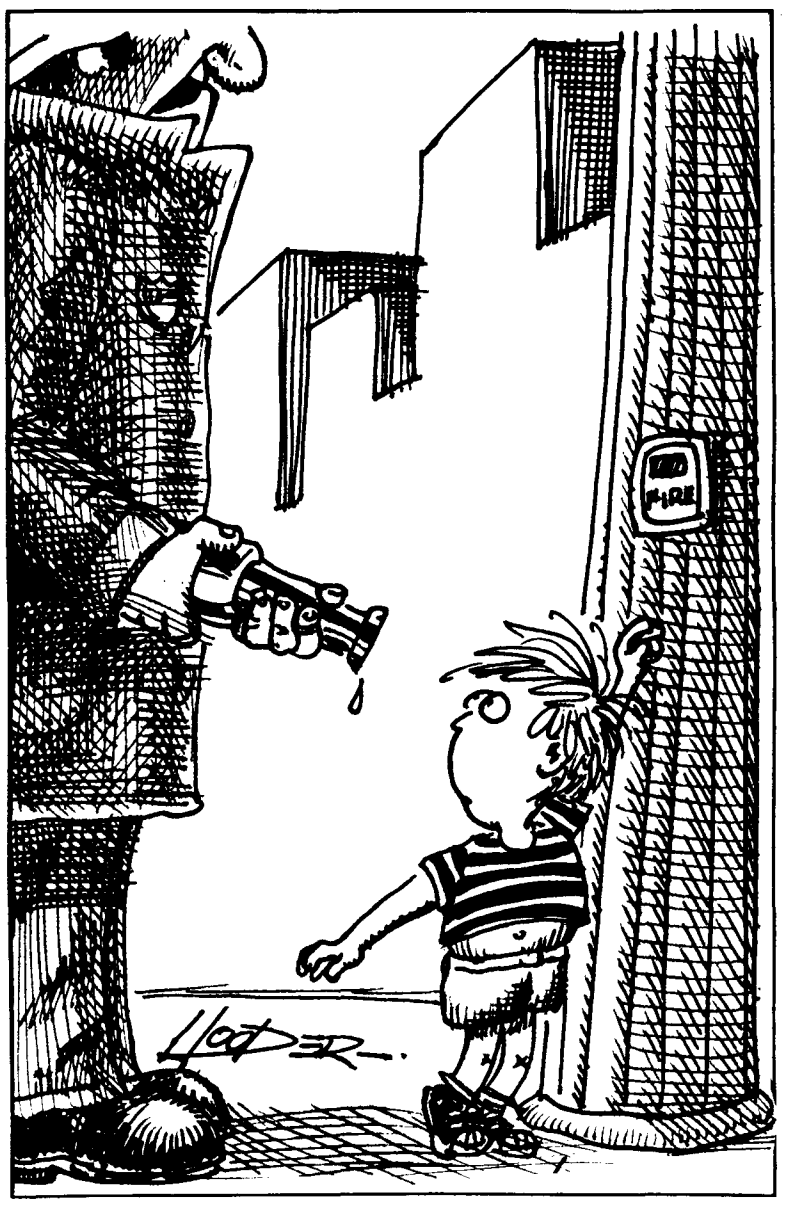
All protestors sentenced last week were placed on three years probation, while those 25 years old were also given a six month suspended sentence.

One Canadian, Franz Maynert, was among those given suspended sentences.

Three other demonstrators face more serious charges after they entered the strategic weapons facility in the core of the Bangor base during the protest.

PLC spokesman Ralph Greene said the group is "looking into new strategies" after the latest round of convictions. He said an international protest has been planned for April 26, the day the second Trident submarine will be launched in Connecticut.

Greene said protestors are currently making a "march of survival" from the plant where the Trident missiles are being constructed to the base at Bangor. The march will follow the missiles' route between the Lockhead plant in Sunnyvale, Calif, and the Trident base south of Seattle.



"Your choice kid--walk home or bodysurf through rush hour traffic."

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We are here in The Ubyssey office as David Simpson is about to perform Rewrite in Three Takes by Tom Hawthornkowski at the Royal Heatherconn Hall. He advances to the typewriter and the first movement is begun. Oh, my God, he's entirely destroyed the keyboard and carriage return while writing the lede. Brian McDonald, Jim Steel and Gary Brookfield applaud vigorously as Julie Wheelwright, good sport that she is, offers her own sturdy portable, a 1894 Underwood reputedly used by the great Geof Re-write himself. We are about to begin again . . . oh, no! A telephone book thrown by Kevin Finnegan has just struck the tripewriter, bashing the keys to bits. While Julie Wheelwright pokes at Verne McDonald with an em ruler, Peter Menyasz is strapping Erica Leiren to a desk and now they're rolling down into the pit of ordure that has just opened up under Glen Sanford's feet. But wait! Dave has climbed to the top of the morgue, has grabbed an army typewriter and as the bombers come in to blast the last pockets of resistance, he's writing beautifully! This has never happened to a new reporter before.

It's movin' time

Oh my gawd . . . the thing . . . it's moving.

That colossus club of immovable matter, the Universities Council of B.C., has woken from inertia and deemed us worthy enough to receive provincial capital funds to finance university residences. Lo, and behold, the group is inching forward, finally acknowledging the drastic need for residence renovations.

But wait. Their progress is in slow, stilted steps. UCBC has not set limits for housing grants or revealed its interest rates. Even UBC housing mogul Mike Davis calls the council's newly-announced funding policy vague. And when he's complaining, we really know who needs to watch their step. Us.

Davis is still moved by the concept Hotel Gage and is not about to give up his touted scheme easily. He firmly believes that the lowrise hotel will go through if the council does not offer a concrete, positive response to UBC housing needs. In other words, Davis can blame it all on UCBC when he decides to go ahead with the lowrise. "They didn't give us what we needed," he can say. "Why blame me?" The council's potential failure to provide sufficient funds for our campus housing could provide a wonderfully legitimizing air to Davis' plans. If the highest provincial funding body doesn't give Davis enough, then he's off scot free to find any means available to generate finances.

And that means the lowrise is waiting impatiently in the wings.

Don't let a glossy UCBC policy convince you that residence woes are over. The council is simply recognizing at long last a serious lack of care and attention in the residence department. Whether funds will be shuffled, re-distributed or increased is not the issue.

If UBC doesn't get what it needs, Davis will get moving . . . fast. And that could be the beginning of the end.

End 'putrid morality'

perspectives

By KURT PREINSPERGER

A lot of phony crap about sex has garnished The Ubyssey's fare lately, and a lot of prigs got a hearing. In particular, the paranoia about "sexual harassment" is beginning to get on my nerves. It almost seems as if a man cannot ask a woman if she wants to sleep with him without risking the charge of harassing her. It is coming to the point where a lot of men, when sitting beside a girl, want to talk to her and cannot bring themselves to do so — simply because an opening remark would put them in the traditional role of the aggressor. And when I keep hearing of books like Against Our Will, or lectures on Women in Jeopardy, or articles about the terrible rape hazard on campus, I feel branded as another potential rapist and reinforced in my reserve — and almost a bit guilty whenever I come across a girl in the dark.

Was ours not supposed to be the age of sexual liberation? What the hell does it matter who goes to bed with whom! Adults are not accountable for their sex life, whether sex happens between a professor and his student, or a penitent and her father confessor, or a politician and his favorite prostitute. I see nothing wrong with a proposition of sex, and while I do not dispute a woman's right to say no, I fail to see how she can make a court case out of "unwanted sexual advances." It always infuriates me a bit when women, instead of showing regard for a man's sensibilities, humiliate him for asking a question they themselves would never have the courage to ask — humiliate him through indignation or ridicule. Letting the man always take the offensive, a woman makes no effort, needs no courage, just waits passively for a chance to boost her ugly little ego by saying no or, generously, yes. A great many men dream of women who take the initiative at least half of the time, and they dream in vain.

Even less I understand the fuss about pornography. As someone who has enjoyed pornography in moderate doses ever since puberty, I ask myself why anyone could possibly object to such a harmless outlet for frustrated sexual fantasies. Of course, much of what is offered in pornographic movies is deplorably inane, an affront even to the lowest intelligence — but I maintain that we need not less pornography, but simply more intelligent, more credible and, hopefully, more stimulating pornography.

Since porno magazines cater largely to men, often with displays of knockout beauties, many women protest resentfully that they are pictured as sex objects. I find it very hard to take this complaint seriously when I observe, from the way women package and market themselves, how important being a sex object is for most of them.

And as for the "dignity" of the human body, especially its female version which is said to be degraded by pornography: this dignity is totally imaginary. Each one of us is a skeleton wrapped in flesh, inescapably mortal, controlled by electrochemical processes and largely ignorant of them, and all talk of "dignity" is just empty conceit. And in a world where humanity has become its own worst enemy, a cancerous growth engulfing the planet with destructive greed, even the value of human life cannot seriously be upheld — let alone romantic notions of "dignity".

But why should the depiction of sexual intercourse feel degrading to some, unless they themselves view it either as dirty or as something holy — both subjective distortions of a simple instinctual act! Looking at it in an unaroused state, sex seems indeed shockingly lacking in grace, but we need to be reminded that the animal in us, by calling the shots of pleasure and pain, controls our basic motives.

Pornography in North America grosses millions in sales. That such a need exists in our sexually liberated society, a need for material which helps arouse men to masturbate proves that our society is perhaps not so liberated after all. Not every man who needs a woman succeeds in attracting one, and a great problem many people have, some throughout life, is being ready for love and unable to find it. On the interpersonal marketplace, people are not judged by their personalities. Our competitive society breeds losers, but even highly lovable individuals are often condemned to lonely periods because the mechanisms for meeting partners are awkward and defective.

But if people turn to pornography and prostitution as substitutes for loving sex, we do not help matters by suppressing prostitution and pornography. What we should do, instead of busily building ever colder technological environments, is provide conditions where sexuality can express itself in warm, healthy friendships. My point is that we, as a society, have moved in a direction where friendships become often difficult to achieve. It is time, therefore, that we should all be more open and honest and direct and rational in our approach to relationships.

'We need more intelligent, more credible and more stimulating pornography'

And let me say a word in defence of prostitutes. No matter what the likes of Brenda Gined think, I support prostitution because it performs, alongside pornography, an immensely useful social function. Granted, prostitution and pornography, are poor substitutes for the real thing — sex as an expression of love; but unfortunately, the real thing is not universally available. Many men owe a lot more to whores than to good girls, and even good girls owe a lot to whores: that, very likely, they will never get raped. Since male demand for free sex and female supply are so absurdly mismatched, there is keen competition for those few liberated, promiscuous women and a desperate need for prostitutes. I have always sympathized with women's liberation, and should deplore if the spirit of this movement should have wasted itself on fighting those men who are actually the victims of unliberated women: the sex-starved buyers of carnal merchandise.

In conclusion, I want to express my respect for gays. Homosexuals, I think, should not only enjoy every right of heterosexual couples, but should be encouraged, by good publicity, to attract new recruits to their ranks. To my mind, every form of sex that does not result in babies is good. While homosexuals will hardly contribute much to curbing population growth, they are at least not part of the problem.

I have yet to hear one valid non-religious argument against pornography, prostitution, abortion, homosexuality or any other sexual practice engaged in by consenting adults. The trouble with religious arguments is that they are not amenable to reason — and the trouble with religious people is that they forever try to impose their putrid morality upon everyone else! I believe that, since moral facts cannot be shown to exist, every individual and every group, no matter hjow eccentric, should be accommodated in our society, as long as their practices do not harm others.

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Letters

New policing service might improve women's safety

The recent occurrence of several attacks directed against women on campus, involving rape and physical violence, has again raised concerns as to the safety of women returning home alone at night from various study areas dispersed around the campus. The continued spatial growth of the university, and its outstripping of the lighting facilities and policing services, generally provided for a small city of its size, obviously aggravates this situation. A solution is required which is inexpensive, easy to maintain, and acts as a deterrent to would-be offenders.

Currently, there are several major areas of study on campus, most noteable of these being Sedgewick, Main, Law, and Woodward libraries. From these areas, students return either to their rooms in Gage, Totem Park, or Vanier residences, the bus stop or their cars in any one of several parking lots located on campus. It is en route to these destinations that most of the incidents occur, consequently if it is possible to reduce the number of female students walking home or to their cars alone, the number of assaults should be reduced.

Briefly, the proposed system would work as follows:

• A departure schedule would be posted, (possibly on an easel of some sort, in a prominent location in the library. On this schedule would be listed departure times and destinations. Departure times would be set at 15 to 30 minute intervals, and destinations would include any one of the residences, parking lots, or sections thereof.

• A male student (a member of the sponsoring undergraduate society), would examine the schedule upon arrival at the library, and sign his name adjacent the appropriate location on the schedule, indicating his willingness to join a group of students leaving campus at the same time and under similar circumstances.

• Female students wishing to join the groups simply check the schedule, and leave a checkmark adjacent to the appropriate time-destination slot. Several female students may form a group, which would serve the system just as well.

• At the appropriate time, the students meet in the area adjacent to the schedule, at which time it would be appropriate for the male to show identification if asked, and the female student is able to judge if she wishes to walk to her destination with him. (Recall that the male has signed up several hours earlier, must have appropriate identification, and is first encountered in a well-lit, crowded library. We feel this alone will act as a deterrent to those who might abuse the system.)

Obviously, the success of the system is contingent upon its acceptance and use by those for whom it was designed. It requires dependable male students to indicate their departure times and destinations, and women with a reasonably mature attitude towards the intent of the system. Consequently, we feel that rather than let this proposal become fodder for any one of a number of committees on campus, we should implement the system for a trial run at Sedgewick library, where students using main library might also avail themselves of the system. Since undergraduate engineers frequent these libraries in large numbers, the engineering undergraduate society has officially sanctioned this proposal, and has agreed to encourage its members to participate. Success of the program here would mean expansion to other libraries, possibly supported by other undergraduate groups.

It is obvious that the real merit of the system lies in its simplicity. It requires a small initial investment in advertising, and only the cooperation of conscientious individuals on campus. It is hoped that through this trial run, we determine whether the system can provide a contribution to improved security on campus.

In order to accommodate individuals studying in more remote areas of the campus, we hope to improve the campus-van service currently in operation to provide service to buildings not situated along heavily-used pedestrian routes. Through the cooperation of the campus patrol, it may be possible to initiate a dial-a-bus service departing from areas not served by the group system previously outlined.

We welcome any criticisms or comments on this proposal, given either directly to us or care of this paper. Certainly the logistics of the system must be worked out prior to implementation, and we hope that your feedback might help eliminate some of the problems we might initially encounter. We look forward to your cooperation.

A. Berzins
A. Chan

We have a right to work 'under dictates of our consciences with no harassment'

A few days ago I was prompted by the abundance of posters on campus urging TAs to vote in favor of union representation to try a little experiment. Being morally opposed to union philosophy and tactics (although sympathetic to the specific grievances of other TAs) I placed two posters in the Biosciences building urging TAs to vote against the union. It was the purpose of this project to determine the attitude of union supporters toward dissenters by monitoring the fate of these two posters.

Early the next morning I noted that one of the posters had already been removed. Assuming that this was the work of a zealous custodian I made another poster. As the day progressed, one poster drew several rebuttals including a few that were not to complementary. The other poster had been replaced by one of the standard pro-union posters. It too bore a rebuttal.

Although by the time this letter is printed the question of a TA union will have been settled for the time being, I still feel that the results of this simple study deserve serious thought. Although union organizers stress unity and brotherhood, what options are there for those who are TAs but who don't share their grievances and/or their proposed method of attaining satisfaction?

Apparently, there are those among the union supporters who do not respect the right of this minority to dissent. What will protect us from people who would deny us not only the right of free speech but also the right to personally decide whether to support union actions which may be contrary to our personal convictions?

The fate of my two missing posters and the defacing of the one remaining poster are a small matter. What is a larger matter is our freedom and right to work under the dictates of our own consciences without fear of harassment. Perhaps I'm over-reacting to the actions of a few union supporters heady over an almost sure victory in the polls. But what is to prevent these same zealots from threatening us, our research, or our families when we bear the label of "scab"?

name withheld by request
graduate TA

Sob, sob. Boo hoo. Alas, alack. Pity. It's that time of year again folks (sniff, sniff) when all good things must come to an end. That means that after this Friday, no more letters will grace the pages of The Ubyssey until September.

So, if your internal system is still stuffed with hate, writhing with wrath or bursting with bile, spill out your guts in the letters section (it's your last chance). Or if you feel just plain humorous, comical, nonsensical, licentious, sarcastic, dastardly or dull, drop us a line and we'll deliver your dose of brain drain.

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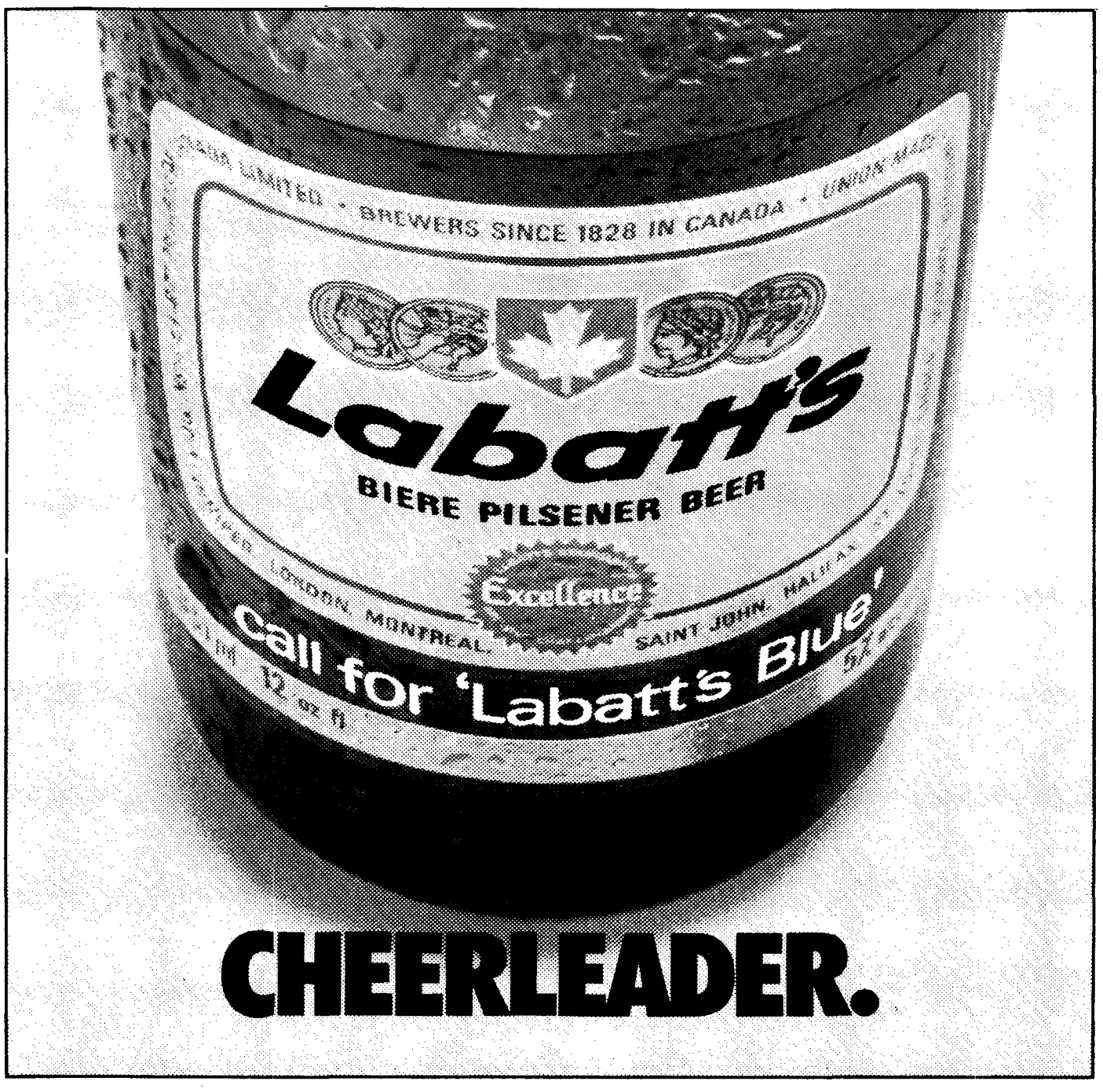

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WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Important end of term business meeting please attend, noon, SUB 130.

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Position of business manager still open, applications welcome, noon, SUB 235.

EL CIRCULO
Organization for the next year, noon, Buch 218.

ST. MARK'S NEWMAN CENTRE
Farewell grads potluck dinner, 6:15 p.m., St. Mark's college.

BAHA'I CLUB
Introductory talk about the Baha'i faith, noon, SUB 117.

WEDNESDAY

AUS
Elections with polling stations at Sedgewick library and Buch., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AMS POTTERY CLUB
Important general meeting concerning the election of new executive and beach party, SUB 251.

LSA FILM COMMITTEE
The Other Way, a small-is-beautiful economist E.F. Schumacher argues for a better future, noon, Law 101.

UBC SAILING CLUB
General meeting and film — new members welcome, noon, SUB 207.

CCCM
Anglican-United-SCM annual business meeting to elect executive for next year, 7 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

VOC
Vote on constitution changes and elections, noon, Chem. 250.

THURSDAY

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Annual election of officers, noon, SUB 212.

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING
Lecture by Stephen Garth of Synercom technology on computer applications to surveying and mapping, CEME 1202.

AMS ART GALLERY
General meeting, noon, SUB 230.

TOASTMASTERS
Final meeting, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30, MacMillan 278.

IVCF
What Now a speech by Wally Kroker, noon, Chem. 250.

YAC
Colleen Savage noted jazz singer will sing, 9 p.m. to midnight, Cecil Green Park.

IYS
Elections, noon, SUB 215.

CCF
Graduation week, noon, SUB 207.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Private wine and cheese party of term end, private home, 8 p.m. contact SUB 237a for address.

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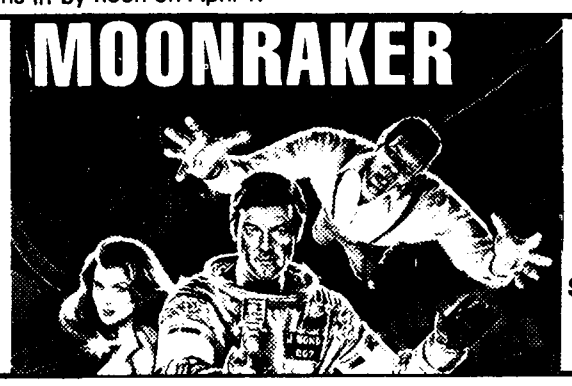
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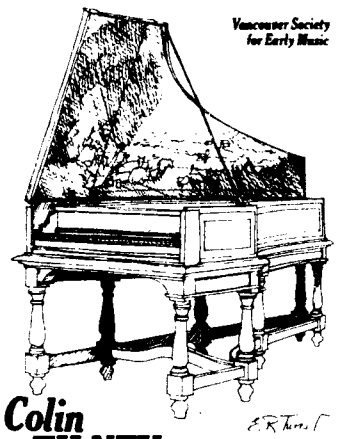
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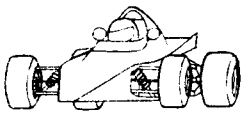
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Letters

Allegations of AUS goofs are 'inaccurate'

It is indeed unfortunate that the executive of the arts undergraduate society must respond to the allegations raised about its conduct in the Friday March 21 issue of The Ubyssey. Unfortunate because the letter which sparked those allegations was too full of inaccuracies to be taken seriously. Unfortunate because The Ubyssey chose to regurgitate those inaccuracies instead of objectively reviewing and then dismissing those inaccuracies.

Point by point then, a review of the allegations raised in the letter by Alan Postle and Chris Fulker:

● "Giving away free beer at an unlicensed arts bear garden." — This happened. At that time when the liquor control board was refusing to issue special occasion permits, the AUS executive was of the understanding that we could hold our fortnightly bear garden as long as liquor was not **sold.** Therefore, it was not sold. This is nothing more than a logical extension of our philosophy: that those who participate in AUS events should benefit the most. All AUS sponsored events are designed so that those who participate will benefit more than those who don't show up. Nothing sinister about that. (Even The Ubyssey, from time to time, gives away free brew to lure staffers.)

● "Blowing $700 on a punk concert on Feb. 28 that only about 50 people attended." — New wave, not punk. Also, attendance, taken at the door, was put at approximately 275 people.

● "Attempting to shove a new and corrupt arts constitution through which was released to the students on the day on which it was to be voted on." — The final draft of the proposed constitution was not available from the printers until the morning of the vote, something beyond the control of the AUS executive. But all members of the AUS executive were free to discuss the substance and detail of the changes with anyone who asked. No one asked. Corrupt? No. Needed? Yes. Our present constitution is 14 years old and unworkable. We need a new constitution to function more efficiently.

● "Allocating $350 for "security" to a dance that had sold two tickets four days prior to the event (tickets were eventually being given away free because they couldn't be sold . . . oh, and the band cost $850" — Not one penny was spent on security for anything. Certainly not $350. Approximately 200 tickets were sold to the dance and about another 150 were given away free to those who attended the arts week bear garden, as a reward for attending the event. They weren't given away out of desperation. More than 2 tickets were sold four days prior to the event. Oh, and the band cost $500.

● "Total so far: more than $3,000 on punk concerts with low (very) attendance (i.e. 50 people)." — Total so far, approximately $1,500 spent on new wave concerts with average attendance of 350 people. Nothing spent on punk concerts.

● "Spending several more hundreds of dollars to fly that plane-with-banner around campus for one hour to announce an expensive 'arts week' that was at best 'noticeable' " — The plane flew for 2½ hours, not one hour. Decide for yourself whether it was effective advertising or not.

● "Then saying they couldn't afford a charitable donation during 'arts week' " — The AUS donated $198 on a challenge from the engineers, and raised another $200 from donations from arts students during arts week, all of which went to the CFOX Children's Hospital Fund. Total: approximately $400.

● "Spending $380 for an arts executive private dinner at the Harvest Eating House in exclusive North Vancouver (seven member exec. . . . guess whose money it is?)" — This dinner was attended by 15 people who had put a significant amount of effort into making the AUS work over the past year. These are the people who keep office hours, staff bear gardens, organize events. Often thanklessly. It is precious little remuneration for sleepless nights and lower grades. The annual executive dinner is the traditional way of rewarding those who have made a positive contribution to the AUS.

● "Cause there are no minutes of executive meetings available, no budget yet submitted this year, no strict office hours . . . " — Minutes of AUS executive meetings are available, as always, from Buch. 107, or at the AMS business office. Our budget has not been submitted because it is not required until May 1. No office hours are posted because someone is almost always in Buch. 107.

Quite obviously, the letter is totally inaccurate.

Bob Staley
for the executive
arts undergraduate society

Goodness, bless my soul

Thank you for using The Christian Science Monitor in your March 18 article about CTV's W5 program as an example of a paper which strives for accuracy and seldom goes beyond "simple error." This has been the earnest endeavor of the Monitor since its first issue in 1908. The paper's willingness to wait for solid confirmation of facts has sometimes meant being scooped by other papers, but it also has prevented "egg on face" in some instances, such as the headline reporting by many other papers of Dr. Frederick Cook's discovery of the North Pole in 1909, later proved fraudulent.

However, the Monitor has not been shy about going out on a limb on behalf of far-out new ideas or new discoveries, wishing to encourage inventors who are endeavoring to break through various boundaries of limitation no matter how avante garde they might appear. The possibilities and far-reaching effects of television were seriously reported in February of 1910.

While the international daily tackles important world issues head on, a continual guideline to veer any coverage away from sensationalism or character defamation is the paper's motto by its founder, Mary Baker Eddy, "to injure no man, but to bless all mankind." The Ubyssey's article in defence of Chinese-Canadian students reflects the spirit of this motto.

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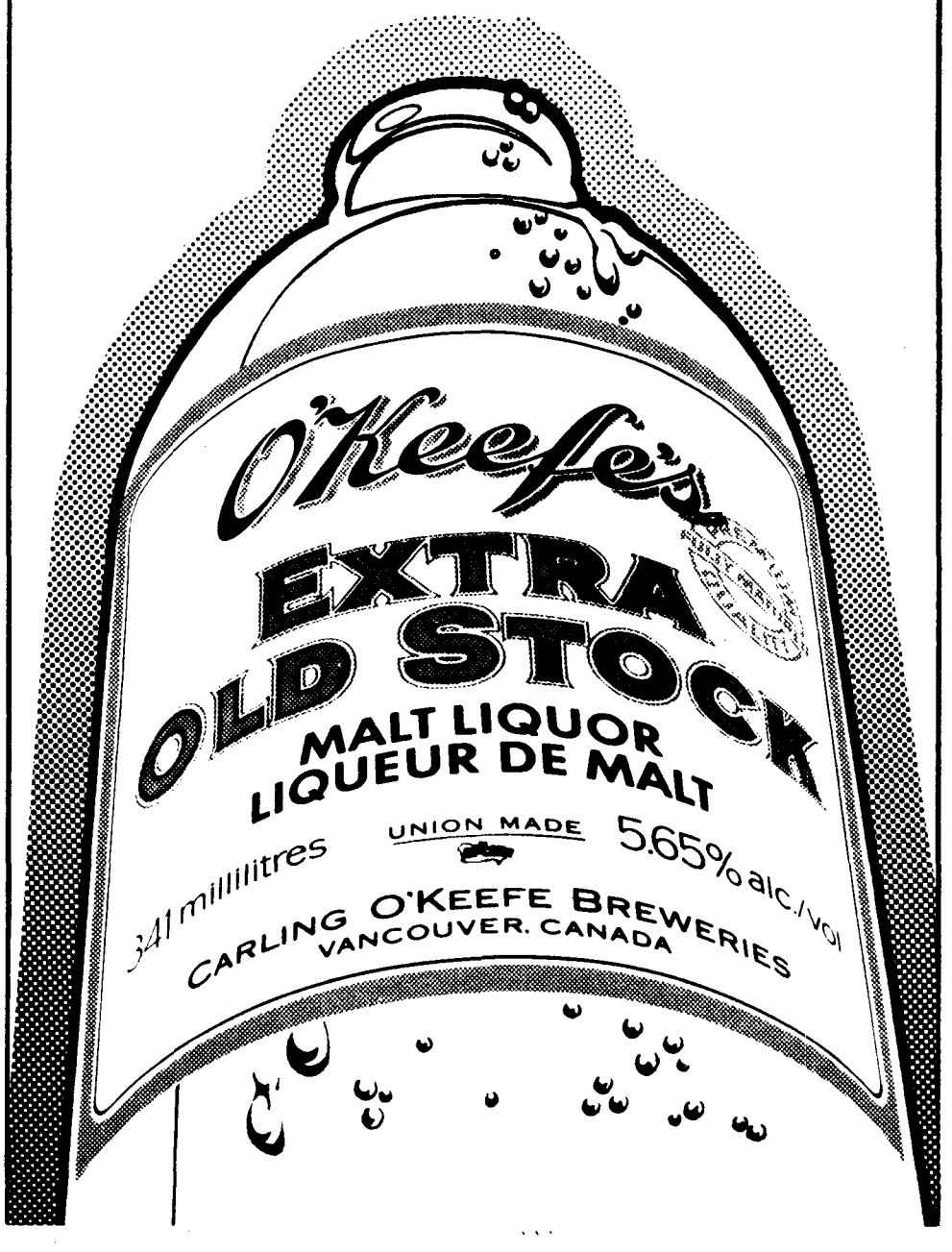

SPORTS

Rowers need driving help

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ALL SMILES FOR CAMERA, UBC men's lightweight crew is oblivious to other boat traffic on Burnaby Lake during UBC Invitational regatta Saturday. Shortly after this picture was taken lightweights collided with varsity crew, damaging both boats and forcing crews to drop out of race. Women were more successful, winning varsity eights and managing to stay afloat.

Rowing has been described as the only activity in the world where the participants sit on their asses and go backwards, yet still have the nerve to call it a sport.

But all that presents a small problem. The only person watching where the damn thing is going is a short guy at the very back.

That problem grew to major proportions Saturday at the UBC Invitational regatta on Burnaby Lake, when the UBC men's varsity and lightweight eights had a head-on collision while warming up for their event. The collision damaged both boats and knocked varsity boatman Chuck Addison into the lake, ripping his footholds from the boat. Addison was struck on the back by an oar and was hospitalized briefly for a back injury.

Neither boat was in racing condition after the accident. The varsity women, competing in their first race since being suspended from competition for disciplinary reasons several months ago, won the university eights and placed second in the open eights. They were defeated in the open event by the Burnaby Lake crew, which is composed of the national team.

The varsity women's fours placed third, while the junior varsity eights finished fourth.

The junior varsity men managed to avoid all unnatural obstacles to place third in the eights, while the freshmen eights won the senior "C" event and the freshmen eights, and placed fourth in the JV eights.

The crews will travel to Corvallis, Oregon for a regatta next weekend, with the varsity crews going to San Diego Classic the following week.

'Birds dropping out of sight after long year

The Thunderbird rugby team finished the Vancouver Rugby Union season Saturday with a 16-0 thrashing of Ex-Britannia. The Thunderbirds got tries from Roy Hoolihan and John Olesen, a drop goal by Graham Taylor and a penalty goal and a convert by Don Halliday in the game.

The Braves ended their season with a 13-6 win over Ex-Brits' second team, while the Totems lost to third division Ex-Brits 25-0. The freshman team lost 8-3 to the Scribes.

The Thunderbirds will play one more game before exams against the VRU representative team in McKechnie Cup action Saturday. A win would give UBC the cup, emblematic of rugby union supremacy, for the second consecutive year.

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The Thunderette field hockey team is holding a fund raising drive to enable it to attend an international university tournament in Scotland in April 1981. The team will be hosting a car wash at McDonald's restaurant at 41st and West Boulevard on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You get change back from your two dollars only if you don't want your car vacuumed as well.

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The UBC men's tennis team defeated the University of Oregon team 6-3 in action Wednesday at the winter sports centre courts. The UBC team lost only two singles matches and one doubles match during the meet against the strong American team.

The men's team is hosting the B.C. Indoor Championships in the armouries with competition running today through Sunday.

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The women's athletics big block banquet will be held tomorrow in the faculty club at 5:30 p.m. The team of the year and athlete of the year will be named, as well as recipients of varsity letters.

At the men's big block banquet Thursday, football players Kevin Konar and Jack Hirose were awarded the Bobby Gaul trophy.

That's a 30, my friends

The clear white light having become a blinding reality, it's time to say thanks to all those who cooperated, aided and abetted. Coaches, managers and athletes, may you all win one way tickets to Pango-Pango and rest forever in the sun.

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