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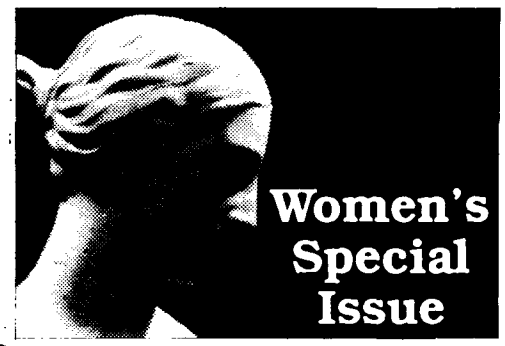

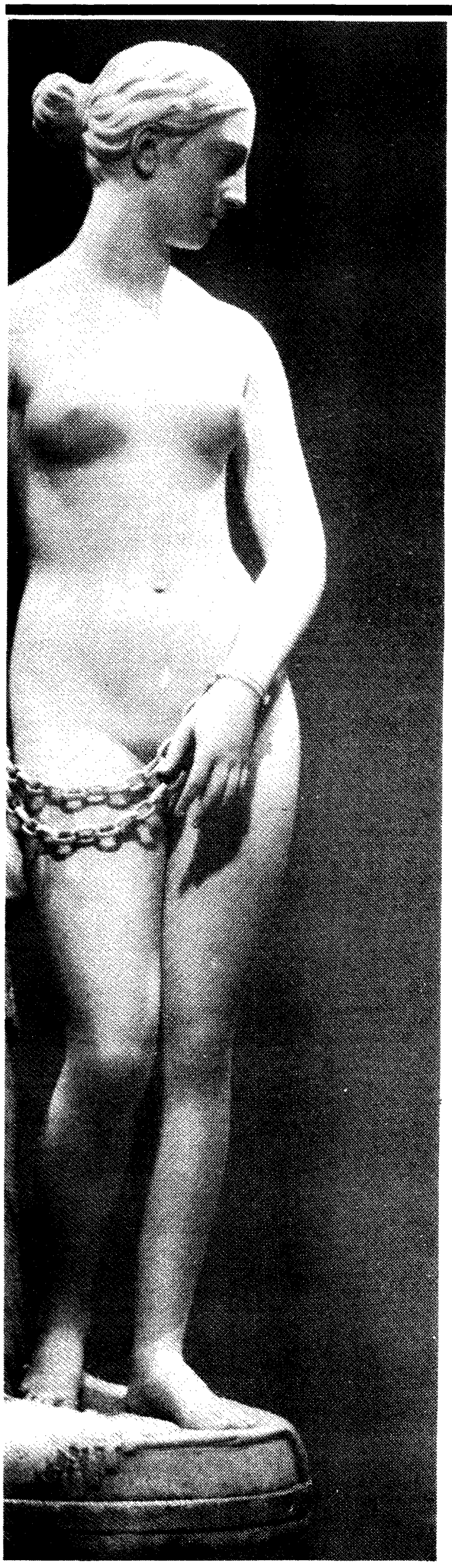

Prostitutes in P. O. W. E. R.

FIGHTING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS ON AND OFF THE STREET

"I hate the word choice, prostitution is not a choice. When you face the option of starving or working, you're going to work."

Karen started working the street when she was 19. She's 28 now, the mother of two children, and one of the founders of Prostitutes and Other Women for Equal Rights - an organization dedicated to protecting women's rights in a world where the words "I love you" cost $30.

"Prostitution is a job. A woman may work as a prostitute, but it's not what she is throughout her life. She likes to cook, she keeps her apartment clean, she's no different. It's not a shitty lifestyle, it is a shitty way of having to make a living," she says while digging into a bacon-and-egg breakfast in an east-side cafe.

Before getting involved with POWER, Karen didn't talk about her experiences as a hooker. "Feminism had never really touched my life. And I didn't want to talk about working in a massage parlour, or what it was like working in an escort agency.

"Now I feel rage. I operate on anger, it gives me my energy. Don't agonize, organize."

Now Karen thinks prostitutes, like other women, have to speak out about inequality.

"I don't have the patience for working anymore. I don't have the patience for smiling when I'd rather say 'Fuck off and die.' I don't hate men. But I have learned not to respect them. The more money a man has, the kinkier he is. It's the corperate lawyers that want you to piss on them and spank them. The average guy just wants a lay or a blow job.

"It's purely mechanical. How can you judge morals?

I have a friend who talked to a postman, and he asked her if she came when she worked. And she said: 'Do you come when you deliver the mail?' "

Karen, now a lesbian, says she slept with men for power, now she sleeps with women because she wants to. "I was bisexual from the time I was 16. I realized that men had this power - economic power - and I knew I could get it if I slept with them," she says.

"Prostitutes are outcasts in society. It's no different than working in an office for a fat slob, bringing home a paycheck - no different. There would be no problem if I gave it away, but because I charge, that makes me an outcast. We're isolated. We don't have the same legal rights, because we're labelled as prostitutes. Even before a woman is convicted, she has a police record."

In Vancouver, every prostitute has a police file. She or he must be photographed, and fill out a police card which asks for their name, address, a full physical description, including any scars or tatoos, what they charge, what they specialize in, and what corners they work on.

"If you don't give them this information, you're harassed. You can have a cop sitting next to you on the street for 12 hours, without making a dime. It's even happened that they've held women down to take their photographs," Karen says.

Vancouver Police Sgt. Al Forbes, who coordinates sexual offence investigations, says the photographs are "for their own protection. We end up with a lot of dead prostitutes, and we need to have a means of identification."

But Karen disagrees.

"If it's for our safety then why don't they take pictures of the bad dates? Why don't they take the bad trick sheet seriously?"

I have a friend who talked to a postman, and he asked her if she came when she worked. And she said: 'Do you come when you deliver the mail?'

Forbes dismissed as "a lot of crap" allegations by POWER that police treat hookers' rape charges less seriously than complaints from other women.

"We make every effort we can to protect these people. In fact, I was on the phone today to a transvestite prostitute who was raped, trying to get her to press charges. Unfortunately, I didn't succeed, but at least I made the effort."

Karen said many prostitutes don't speak out when they have been attacked because the police don't believe them.

"It's not safe for a lot of women to speak out. It's their word against yours. Prostitutes are very seldom believed, and the convictions are very few, considering the amount of crime, it's minimal. One woman in four will be raped at one time during her life. Prostitutes are raped an average of ten times a year," she says.

Forbes agreed that "we don't have a long record of convictions. A victim has to be cooperative to proceed and come through the court system.

"Prostitutes live on the edge, and prostitutes, in a lot of cases, are unreliable. The prostitutes we have dealt with, however, are extremely reliable," Forbes says.

Destroying the popular myths about prostitutes is one of POWER's main concerns, says Karen. "There are academic pimps and opportunistic feminists that write without any accountability to prostitutes. They can say whatever they want.

"Megan Ellis wrote that we fulfill every man's fantasy for $30 to $50. She later changed it to $50 to $100. But she has never spoken to a prostitute as far as I know. I have never fulfilled any man's complete fantasy. We don't even kiss. They don't get to play, it's purely mechanical.

"It's all based on assumption. People are prostitutes because they need money. Some of the other myths are that we love to fuck, that we are all lesbians - now, from the feminist viewpoint, we're all just plain stupid.

"When I say feminist, I mean middle-class and white women who have all the power in the media and everything else."

POWER is trying to bring the power of the media and the law to street women by distributing a weekly list describing violent Johns, visiting prostitutes on the street and providing free condoms, legal aid and emergency daycare.

POWER receives its $1,500 budget from private donations. But Karen says POWER could not exist if it weren't for the community feeling among women on the street.

"You have to stick together so that the bad dates get passed on quickly. We can say something on Broadway, and by the time we hit downtown, they'll say 'Oh yah, we already know about him.'" she says.

Karen says POWER also has the cooperation of older prostitutes to keep young girls from getting involved with the street scene.

"Sometimes we get really young kids on the street. If a 12-year-old is out we'll get calls to take her off the street, and they (other prostitutes) won't let her work."

The first step in helping women off the street is not assuming that they are misguided, says Karen. "Poverty is the main reason behind prostitution. Kids run away because something is wrong at home. Either they are being physically or mentally abused. They don't run to prostitution, they run away from home. And they get out there and someone offers them big money. You look twelve, they love you.

"In an idealistic world, prostitution shouldn't exist, but that's not where we are. In order to get rid of prostitution, you have to have all the other things that make women's lives better."

By Katherine Monk

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FRIDAY

English Students' Society
Grad Donor Ticket Sales. Noon, SUB 208 (E.S.S. Office).

Muslim Students' Association
Friday lecture and prayers. Noon, International House.

Indonesia Development Resource & Policy Project
INDONESIA WEEK: Final day's events
Discussion by H.E. Mr. Adiwoso Abubakar (Indonesian Ambassador to Canada) on "Indonesia Today and Tomorrow." Noon, Asian Centre.
ALSO: Discussion by Dr. Riga Adiwoso Suprapto (Adviser to the Indonesian Ministry of Population and Environment) on 'The Impact of Development on Women in Indonesia'. 3-4 p.m., Asian Centre, Seminar Rm. 604.
ALSO: An Indonesian "Warung Kopi" (coffee house). 4-5:30 p.m., International House, Gate 4.

Speakeasy
Feed the Food Bank Bzzr Garden - proceeds to Vancouver Food Bank. 3:30 p.m. on. SUB 207-209.

Graduate Student Society
Bzzr Garden. 4:30-7:30 p.m., Ballroom, Graduate Student Centre.

Pacific Rim Club
Exotic Bzzr Garden with prizes (2 plane tickets to Beijing!). 4:30, Buchanan Lounge.

UBC Film Society
Movies: "The Terminator" at 7 p.m., "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" at 9:30 p.m. SUB Auditorium.

Graduate Student Society
Snooker Tournament. GSS Members only. No entry fee. Call Rob Sanbrook at 222-1332 to register, or office. 7:30 p.m., upstairs, Graduate Student Centre.
ALSO: Spring Dance with live band, the Bravados. 8 p.m.-12 midnite, Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

The Spanish Department
"Sublime Decision" - a play by Miguel Mihura - dialogue in Spanish. Admission free. 8 p.m., International House.

Graduate Student Society
DJ Night with Tim Girdler. 7 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

SATURDAY

Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Vigil: Veneration of the Cross. 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall, 6040 Iona Drive.

Ayn Rand Club
Lecture #9: "The Objectivist Method in Philosophy." 7-10 p.m., SUB 212a.

UBC Film Society
SUBFilms: "Adventures in Babysitting," 7 p.m.; "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," 9:30 p.m. SUB Auditorium.

SUNDAY

Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Veneration of the Cross: Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. 9:30 a.m., St. Andrew's Hall, 6040 Iona Drive.

Lutheran Student Movement
Communion Service. 10 a.m., Lutherna Campus Military.

Maranatha Christian Church
Worship Service. 12 noon, 2490 W. 2nd. At Larch.

Lutheran Student Movement
Evening prayer. 7:30 p.m., St. Anselm's.

MONDAY

Library and Archival Students' Association
Book sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., SUB Concourse (south end).

Ayn Rand Club
Display Booth: "Philosophy: Who Needs It." 11 a.m.-3 p.m., SUB Concourse.

Disabled Students' Society
Annual General Meeting. Noon, SUB 215.

UBC Personal Computer Club
IBM Meeting. Noon, SUB 211.

Japan Exchange
General meeting and election of next year's executives. Noon, SUB 119.

Graduate Student Society
Video Night: "Gregory's Girl" (6 p.m.), "Diva" (8 p.m.). Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

UBC Film Society
Classic SUBFilms: "From Here to Eternity," Best Picture Oscar, 1953. Starring Frank Sinatra. 7 and 9:30, SUB Auditorium.

Gays and Lesbians of UBC
A discussion group on sexuality. Trying to come out? Need someone to talk to? Give yourself a chance before the end of term. 8 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre, Fireside Room - Wesbrook & University Blvd.

TUESDAY

English Students' Society
Grad Dinner Ticket Sales. Noon, SUB 208, E.S.S. Office.

Jewish Students' Association/Hillel
"The West Bank: History & Ethics," and lunch. Noon, Hillel House.

Law Students' Legal Advice Program
Free legal advice. 12:30-2 p.m., SUB 215.

Simon Fraser University MBA Program
Information session. Noon, Henry Angus Bldg. Rm. 412.

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Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion and Students for Choice solicit signatures for a petition requesting funding for all abortions and the establishment of abortion services throughout B.C. "We're not here to convince people, we're here for people who've made up their minds," said Kim Dougherty. Approximately 250 signatures were gathered yesterday

UBC female professors owed $2,000

By Ross McLaren

Some female faculty members waiting for a $2,000 payment from the university to redress salary imbalances with their male colleagues are frustrated the money has taken so long to arrive.

A $120,000 anomaly fund was established in July, 1987, to bring women's salaries up to the level of men in similar positions. It provides $2,000 for each female professor whose salary is not equal to male faculty members with the same experience and seniority.

But Diana Brydon, Academic Women's Committee chair, said no money has been distributed yet although administration officials said money would be available in March.

"There is some frustration on the part of the female faculty," she said.

Daniel Birch, vice-president academic services, said the money could not be handed out until the final figures for 1987-88 faculty salaries were known.

A background analysis, Birch said, had to be completed first. "In medicine, for example, salaries come from three or four sources, so it takes two or three months for salary adjustments to be worked out and a new base analysis completed," said Birch.

Faculty Association president Josef Blom said he doesn't know when the money will be delivered to faculty women.

"The administration says 'soon,' but it has taken an extensive amount of time. We raise the matter every time we can."

Neil Guppy, a UBC sociology professor, said Canadian women faculty receive, on average, $8,123 a year less than their male colleagues.

"Part of the difference is that more lecturers and instructors are women," Guppy said. "There are different explanations as to why this is the case. It might be women have higher hurdles or more family obligations than men."

Guppy added that even female full professors in Canada took home $3,000 less than male professors in 1985.

Sexual harassment policy implemented

By Stephen Scrimshaw

UBC's long awaited sexual harassment policy was adopted by the Board of Governors last week, almost two years after a committee was struck to develop a sexual harassment policy.

The adoption of the committee's Sexual Harassement Report by the BoG has been the result of years of pressure against the university to come up with a comprehensive plan to protect the rights of people on campus.

The Report states that its mandate is in "providing the best possible environment for working and learning for those associated with the university."

June Lythgoe, the director of the Women's Students Office, was delighted that the Report had been passed and complimented the BoG for the Report's comprehensiveness.

"If there are any gaps in the university's sexual harassment policy, then these will become apparent in time," Lythgoe said. "A report as sensitive as this one is bound to have many strengths and weaknesses but which are hard to determine at the time of creation and can only be assessed through time and testing."

Lisa Eckman, the AMS external affairs coordinator, enthusiastically supports the Report's objectives, but felt that its arrival was long over due and of undetermined worth.

"Only when the act is in use can we determine its true value," Eckman said.

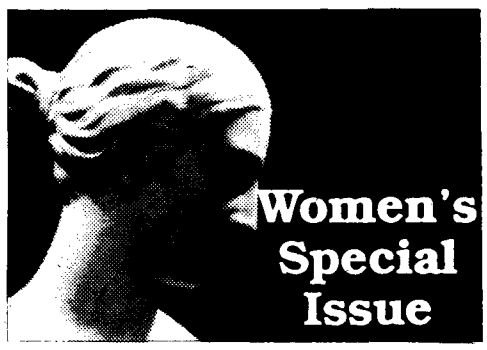
Another concern of Eckman's is that students have influential input on the Report's planned permanent advisory committee.

The mandate of the permanent advisory committee is to "investigate complaints to decide if there is any evidence to justify a formal hearing" and to "advise the president on the appointment of sexual harassment officer, the panel of mediators and hearing panel."

The Report suggests that representation from faculty, students and non-academic staff should be on the committee but the final decision will be left to president Strangway.

Eckman said that she intends to apply for a position when they are offered and encourages other students to apply to ensure students' concerns are addressed.

She expects the administration to make a call for applications within the next two weeks.



Support grows for midwifery

By Jennifer Lyall

Midwifery is a safe and respectable profession that should be legalized, says an SFU criminology professor studying the controversial issue.

Brian Burtch said his research "certainly could be part of an argument for the legal recognition and development of midwifery."

Canadian midwives are not included under any of the country's provincial medical plans, and so must charge high user fees. They are forced to operate outside the law because they are "seen essentially as competitors" of established medical services and are widely considered unsafe, said Burtch.

But "my research didn't suggest an increase in morbidity" in births attended by midwives, said Burtch. "I don't see the community midwife as being more dangerous than a medical nurse."

Both obstetricians and midwives could benefit by cooperating with each other, said Burtch.

"It's not as if the community midwife is opposed" to the medical establishment, he said. "Many midwives recognise the value of working with obstetricians and hospitals." Some midwives work with sympathetic doctors to screen out high-risk patients, or transfer patients to a hospital during labor or after delivery.

The new midwifery goes beyond the traditional role of the midwife, said Burtch. Community midwives act as labor coaches and provide intensive pre and post-natal care.

The midwifery profession need not be integrated with the medical establishment and controlled by the medical or nursing profession, said Burtch. "In many countries it's a self-regulating occupation in terms of the management of normal pregnancy and delivery."

Midwives assist at about one per cent of all Canadian births and charge a fee of about $600, which includes pre and post-natal care, said Burtch. "A pretty wide cross-section" of women opt to give birth at home, he said.

"Midwives provide an attractive option for a significant number of women who are concerned about the complex issues involved in maternal and infant well-being, control over their own bodies (which extends to their own pregnancies and childbirths) and generally the erosion of personal liberties."

Canada is the only major industrial nation that doesn't legally recognise midwifery services, according to a World Health Organization study, but Burtch expects restrictions to be relaxed soon.

"The growing pressures for legal recognition, continued political lobbying for skilled midwifery services, consumer preferences for continuity of care, and sensitivity of the government to women's issues may induce the state to expand the role of the qualified midwife and to legalize midwifery as an autonomous occupation, separate from medicine."

Government task forces in Quebec and Ontario have recently published reports in favor of recognising the profession of midwifery, and the B.C. government is currently reviewing the issue.

Examinations begin next week.

Pango Pango (UNS) - Hairy Puce Blorgs on this tiny island kingdom rioted when they heard that Dim Turd, court jester of Pango Pango, was coming to their party....with a fucking outboard motor. Dim, well-known for his antics in the band D.O.A., wanted to mix "one mother fucker of a cocktail" in the bathtub. Dim, when last seen, was asking directions to the nearest Hyatt. As the commerce people say: "Dim Turd strikes again!" Damned I'm Sick rotted away into a slimy hollow, waiting and waiting for Caroming Ego in her tight brown dress. She never showed.

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Depletion of resources concern to all Canadians

By Otto Lim

A growing public awareness and concern over environmental exploitation by private industries has forced the federal government to tighten its environmental regulations and resource laws, according to two UBC professors.

"We use resource laws like we use criminal laws... a company is innocent until proven guilty," said geography professor Michael Church.

"It's a human dilemma on a global scale. In our society we can afford to slow down the extraction of resources to see the consequences, but on a global scale, countries like India and Africa can't afford not to exploit their resources."

Environmental regulation laws have in the past proven to be of little effectiveness. Bill Rees, professor of regional and community planning, maintains that in the federal and provincial levels of government "environment matters receive low priorities... the ministry of environment have no real power to enforce environmental regulation laws."

"All the inter-governmental departments such as the ministries of forestry, mining, fisheries, etc. compete with the ministry of environment which inhibits cooperative, quality environmental management," he said.

Environmental regulation laws will become increasingly important in the years to come as resource extraction continues at an alarming rate in Canada.

The annual harvest of wood in Canada has increased by more than 50 per cent since the 1950s and only one-fifth of harvested areas were replanted between 1975-1980, according to a 1986 Enviroment Canada report. Trees are disappearing at a rate of 15-20 million hectares per year.

There is growing public awareness and concern over the abuse of the environment. In a provincial ministry of environment survey done in 1983, nearly 50 per cent of British Columbians supported an increase in legislation to protect the environment. The majority of people surveyed equated environmental concerns with education, health, and law enforcement.

In an Environment Canada survey in 1985, 85 per cent of Canadians don't believe that environmental laws should be relaxed in order to achieve economic growth. Over 90 per cent of Canadians believe that every major economic project should be proven environmentally sound before proceeding.

The federal government introduced a new Environmental Protection Act in 1987, pledging 37 million dollars over the next five years to enforce environmental laws. Stiffer sentences has been amended to the Act: up to 1 million dollars per day fines for corporate polluters and jail terms up to five years for executives found responsible for violating environmental laws.

Developed countries stand to lose 40 per cent of remaining forests by the year 2000 as a result of forest harvesting, land clearing for agro-industrial projects, and a growing demand for fuel wood and charcoal. Harvesting methods such as whole-tree logging and clear-cutting leads to a decrease in the nutrients found in the ground and an increase in soil erosion. At least 25 of the world's major fishing grounds are seriously depleted due to overfishing.

In 1987 the world commission on environment and development, commonly known as the Brundtland report (headed by prime minister Oro Brundtland of Norway) examined the increasing depletion of the world resource base and the resulting effect of the destruction of the world ozone layer, habitat destruction, species extinction, soil erosion and reduced biomass (nutrient stock).

The Brundtland report states that "many parts of the world are caught in a vicious downward spiral. The planet is polluting and using up its environment, making survival ever more difficult and uncertain."

The report goes on to recommend combining environmental and developmental policies as a means of preserving the economy. One of the main goals in the Brundtland Report is to encourage "sustainable development," meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

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Women in Halifax bumped from dance

HALIFAX (CUP)— Student councillors at Mount Saint Vincent University forced the cancellation Tuesday of a women-only dance scheduled to celebrate International Women's Day.

"We were told by the student union we could not have a women-only pub night because it was reverse discrimination," said the chair of the university's ad hoc IWD organizing committee, Tarel Quandt.

But student council president Jan Thomas denies that was the reasoning behind the decision. She said a policy that council-sponsored events be open to all students convinced councillors to unanimously insist the party include men. The committee refused.

Thomas said council is replacing the International Women's Day dance with its own pub night open to all.

Only 15 per cent of the Mount's 4100 students are male.

"Unfortunately, sadly and not surprisingly, women celebrating by themselves and for themselves is a serious affront and threat to the patriarchal values which, contrary to popular delusion, remain staunchly in a position of supreme power in our society," stated a letter released by the committee.

Thomas said International Women's Day means "a time to celebrate women...a time of sharing with everyone."

The committee cancelled a rally planned for March 8th, because to "celebrate a rally would be a real farce because of the oppressive condition that the council was creating for us."

The rally will be replaced with a debate between two lawyers on the legal aspects of women-events.

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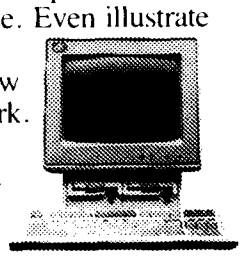

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Free trade threatens daycare

By Jeff Silverstein

Child care and other Canadian social programs are threatened by the free trade agreement, threatened because Americans argue medicare and other Canadian social programs constitute unfair subsidies to Canadian companies.

Americans want a "level playing field" and say such a field does not exist if these programs are maintained.

"If you have subsidized child care in Canada, the free trade agreement would look at this and see it as an unfair subsidy and unfair competition to the U.S corporate child care system," says Jim Green, organizer of the Downtown Eastside Residents Association.

The agreement would make it illegal to have legislation that gives what is considered an unfair subsidy to child care, says Green.

"I believe it (the free trade agreement) will jeopardize all the social institutions in Canada," he says.

Others say free trade means free enterprise and a decline in the quality of social services in Canada.

"The free enterprise system is the pillar of our society in 1988 and it means people and their needs and the quality of life don't really matter," says Sue Harris, a community worker with the Downtown East Side Residents Association.

Childcare's future, like that of many social programs, remains unclear in a free trade world.

Mab Oloman, Director of UBC Daycare, just returned from a conference on Women's Issues at which free trade and child care were discussed.

"It's an extremely complicated issue... my understanding is that in one part of the agreement, daycare is excluded. In another part, the door is wide open, which of course would have some complications," she says.

Child care is not included on the list of service industries covered in the agreement. But the chapter on the investment sector has a clause that all service industries not mentioned have the right to establish businesses in Canada.

But some in B.C. have thrown their support behind the agreement. Fraser Institute assistant director Sally Pipes says she has not done any research into daycare at all but thinks that daycare is a community service that will not be affected by the agreement.

"Daycare has a local dimension, I just don't see how daycare would fall into the free trade agreement. It's not relevant really. As long as it was the best care for my child at a price I could afford, then daycare run for profit is OK," says Pipes.

Penny Cotes, Director of Daycare at Simon Fraser University and vice president of the Canadian Daycare Advocacy Association, says it's not entirely clear what free trade holds for the future of daycare in Canada.

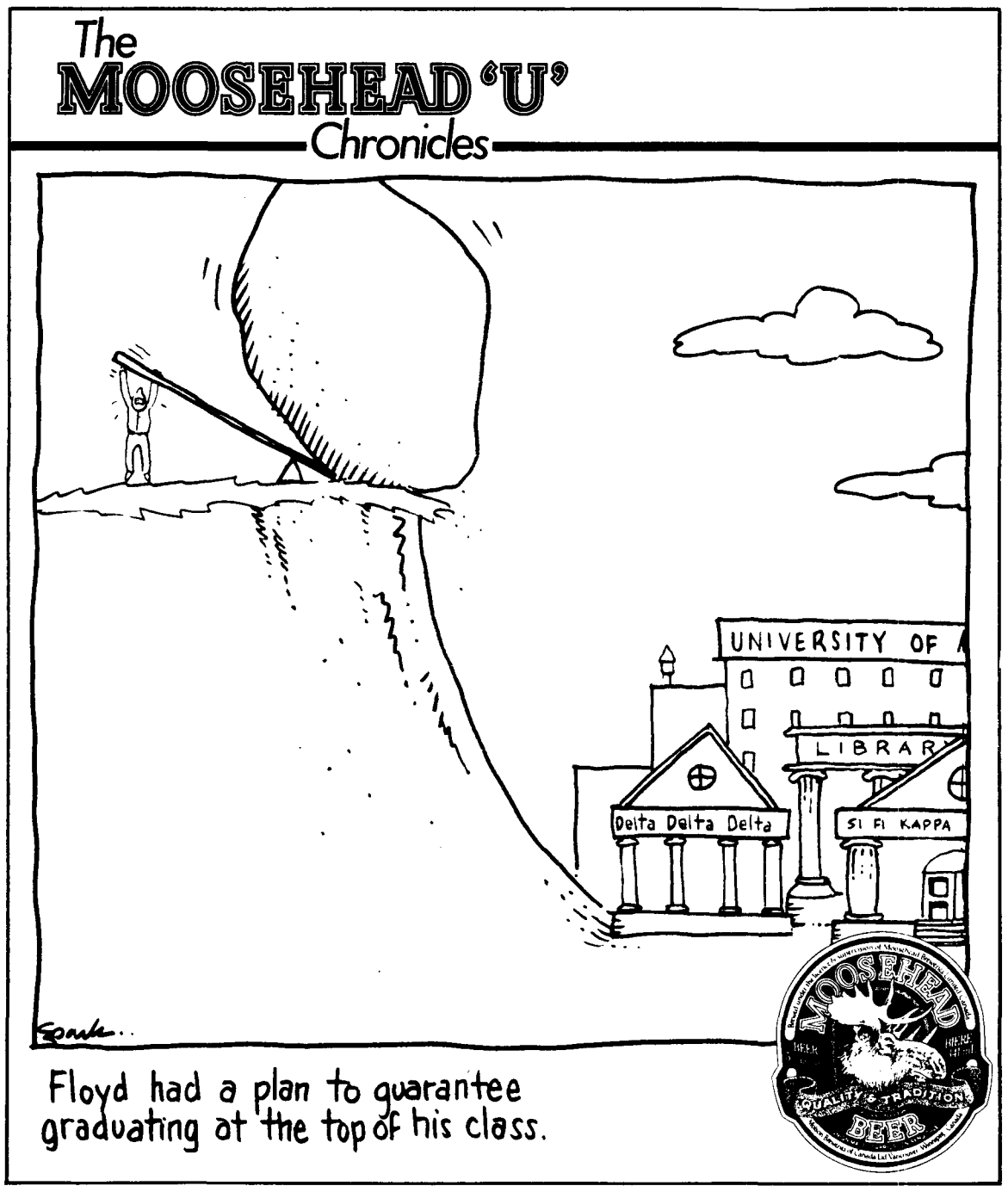
"Not even the Conservative government is sure if child care is included in the agreement. But it's not mentioned in some areas which means it's included," Cotes says.

"From my perspective, I don't want to see profit daycare. If you allow public monies to go to the profit sector, then your allowing public monies to go into someones pockets rather than into the quality of the program for the children and into staff salaries, things critical to quality," she adds.

Jean Swanson, co-ordinator of End Legislative Poverty and co-chair of the Coalition Against "Free" Trade, says free trade takes away power that government has and puts pressure on the government from the market system.

"The deal is not about trade...most people for free trade are for it on a philosophical basis because it's going to give more power to the market system and take it away from the government. They want the market to rule things not the people. Were being managed not governed," she says.

Young anti-American protesters show their support for subsidized daycare mandel ngan photo



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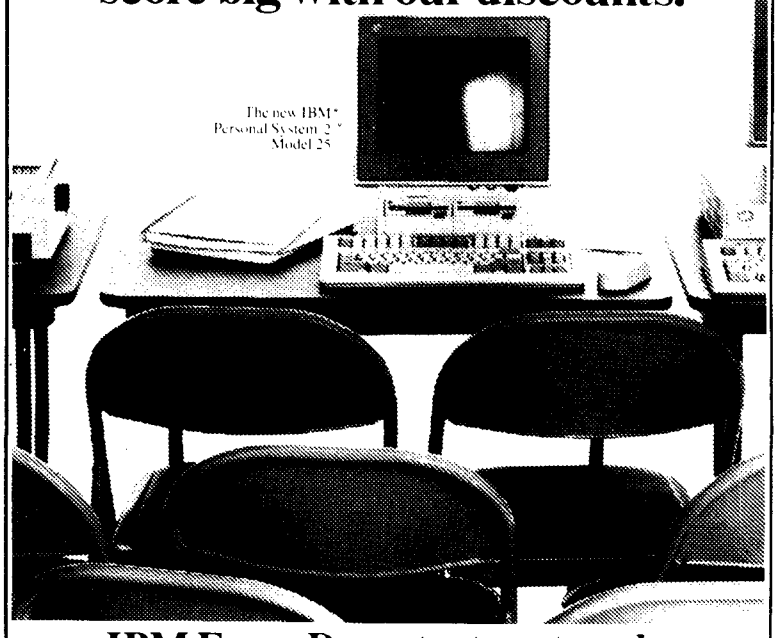

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Socreds dazzled by jobs

By R.D. Shore

"Our real need is jobs....by lifting the moratorium on uranium mining the B.C. government is looking to the future," Lyall Hanson, Socred MLA for Okanagan North, wrote in a Vernon newspaper.

But are more jobs the future of uranium mining in B.C.? Saskatchewan is one of the world's biggest uranium producers and has recently undergone a billion dollar industry expansion with no appreciable increases in the employment situation, according to a pamphlet from the International Congress on Uranium mining.

Additionally, the cost of "environmentally safe" uranium mining in Saskatchewan requires massive government subsidies which are a major drain on other job creation programs.

In spite of these subsidies, radioactive substances have spilled at Saskatchewan mine sites. B.C.'s best mine prospects are in populated regions of the Okanagan and central interior: an accident would be deadly.

It appears that some Socreds such as energy, mines and resources minister Jack Davis, and Lyall Hanson are willing to risk a future of serious environmental damage for short- term economic gains. Norcen Resources, a major interest holder in B.C. uranium, said that the province's biggest deposit will only last ten years.

The government should also be asking itself if the people of B.C. want be a part of the international uranium market. Canadian uranium has already been used in the production of nuclear warheads in the Soviet Union, the United States, India and Great Britain.

Many third world nations,

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such as Argentina and South Korea, have aquired nuclear technology and resources from Canada which could be used to produce atomic weapons according to Calvin Sandborn, staff council for the Westcoast Environmental Law Association. India, for example, has used Canadian nuclear technology to produce atomic weapons.

The hazards associated with maintaining thousands of nuclear warheads in so many different, and often unstable, countries are obvious. Accidental or fanatically motivated detonation of a nuclear device is a distinct possibly in such countries.

The future of B.C. uranium could also lie in peaceful atomic energy, the production of plutonium reactor fuel. But even in the hands of experts, nuclear power is much too dangerous to be considered a viable alternative power source.

Recent and past disasters at Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, and earlier in Great Britain and Sweden, have tragically highlighted our inability to safely harness nuclear energy.

Technological advances in safety will only make such tragedies less frequent. The risk of nuclear accidents cannot be completely eliminated.

Perhaps the future jobs our government dreams about should be sought in the development of safer renewable energy sources.

Instead of wailing about our increasing energy needs and the inevitability of nuclear power, Canadians should be aiming to develop technology combining solar power and advanced battery energy storage to drastically reduce individual homes' need for commercially produced electricity.

If the government really has the commitment to high-tech industry that it claims then it should plan a long-term stategy to take advantage of renewable energy markets of the future instead of concentrating on short-term money grabbing.

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Victory continues to elude Lubicons in battle with feds

By Ilona Biro

While 150 people marched in support of the Lubicon, the Japanese lumber company planning to build a mill on contested land north of Edmonton promised the Lubicon to forgo logging pending a land claim settlement.

Vancouver representatives of the Japanese Daishowa firm met Monday with Bernard Ominayak, chief of the Lubicon band, and agreed to recognise the legitimacy of the Indians claim.

While the company will not log the land which is within the traditional hunting and trapping grounds of the band, they will go ahead with construction of a pulp mill at Peace River.

Daishowa officials said that they would use their influence to put pressure on federal and Alberta governments to settle the 50 year old treaty.

Failing a forthcoming settlement with the two governments, Daishowa will conduct negotiations with the Lubicon directly before making any decisions about areas to be logged.

B.C. native leaders were quick to praise the Japanese company at a forum at Robson Square Media Center. Ron George, president of United Native Nations told the packed theater, "I pay tribute to them (Daishowa) for setting the new dimensions for being good corporate citizens in Canada."

Bernard Ominayak told his supporters at the same forum that "these are ways we're going to have to start dealing with the interests that are out there, so they don't just walk in on us. Governments have used these companies in the past to undermine us."

Alberta premier Don Getty and Alberta minister of forests, lands and wildlife, LeRoy Fjordbatten, announced February 8, their approval for the 500 million dollar pulp mill, along with forestry management rights to 29,008 square kilometers of territory to the Daishowa company. This territory overlaps the traditional hunting and trapping lands of the Lubicon band. Along with provincial approval, the government is contributing 65 million dollars to the project.

Bill McKnight, federal minister of Indian affairs and northern development, and responsible for the Tories' Western Diversification Program, has allocated 9.5 million dollars towards the Daishowa development.

Two weeks after the Daishowa announcement, the two governments proposed a settlement of 66 square kilometers and 500,000 dollars to the Lubicon band, which Ominayak flatly refused.

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UBC foils union bid

By Tim McGrady

The English Language Institute Instructors Association (ELISIA) at UBC is locked in a bitter struggle with the UBC administration. The university is resisting ELISIA's efforts to gain the formal recognition it needs to bargain with the administration for job security, wages and benefits.

UBC claims it is not willing to negotiate with a union made up simply of English Language Institute instructors. "Our position is that if there is to be a union, it should be a representative union that encompasses all language instructors," said UBC president, David Strangway.

The issue was fought at the Industrial Relations Council [a quasi-judicial body which adjudicates such disputes] over ELISIA's definition of a "bargaining unit," or simply, who they are representing. David Reynolds, of the College-Institute Educators Association, who is representing ELISIA, calls this battle a red-herring.

"Employers just can't go to the Industrial Relations Council and say [they] don't want unions," Reynolds said, and so they use the bargaining unit definition issue "as a smokescreen to achieve things on their real agenda."

He said "that for UBC to be using the IRC in the way that it is would not be accepted by most people in this province."

The IRC held a hearing in November to examine the bargaining unit defintion put forth by ELISIA, which was that the unit consist solely of English Language Institute instructors. In its decision, a month later, the IRC rejected their claim on the grounds that it was not broad enough.

At the hearing, James Dybikowski, UBC associate vice president of faculty relations, testified that an acceptable unit could consist of "all of the teachers of languages at the Centre" [for Continuing Education, which includes ELISIA instructors].

Two weeks ago, Reynolds sent

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a letter to the administration revising ELISIA's bargaining unit definition to comply with the one suggested by Dybikowski at the hearing. The letter reads, "The union represents a majority of the ESL and French and Foreign Language teachers at the Centre for Continuing Education. I am therefore requesting that the University recognize the Union as the bargaining agent . . . ."

Strangway denied that the letter reflected ELISIA's acceptance of UBC's position on the bargaining unit. "I've never received a letter that says that," he said. When shown a copy of the letter, however, he said, "Its clear that the link is there."

Peter Miller, president of ELISIA, says he is at a loss to explain UBC's resistance to certification. "They're not union bashers because there are unions all over campus." But he said that the administration has "made this bunch of teachers [ELISIA] militant."

ELISIA feels a union will help achieve job security and wage and other benefits. Institute instructors' contracts last for, at the most, about eight months. After each contract they must, effectively, reapply and "no benefits are paid to them between decisions," according to the IRC decision.

A hiring preference (HP) list exists which, Miller says, "is an informal understanding between teachers and coordinators that people working for the longest time get to teach courses they want." But he stresses that there "is no legal basis" for any job security that the HP list might provide.

When asked how it would affect his functions as president to work under the same short term contract, Strangway said the analogy can't be made because "the university is going to be here for a long time" and the Center "is very much dependent on the law of supply and demand." He said the ESL program is "by its very nature a transient activity."

The English Language programs at the Center are run, the IRC decision explains, on a "cost-recovery basis" by which the Center must "at least break even financially."

On the wage issue, Miller says that English Language instructors at community colleges with comparable workloads, qualifications and schedules earn substantially more than their UBC counterparts. A representative of the Council of Educators says college instructors' wages amount to roughly double that of UBC instructors.

Thomas Roper, UBC legal counsel, and two of the three senior UBC administration members contacted by the Ubyssey, including Dybikowski, refused to discuss or comment on the substantive issues of the case.

President Strangway, asked how the administration will proceed, said, "When you're in negotiations, you don't play it out in the press.

I know its being portrayed as an anti-union thing." Claiming that he wasn't worried about appearing anti-union, Strangway said, "We have to decide whats in the best interests of UBC."

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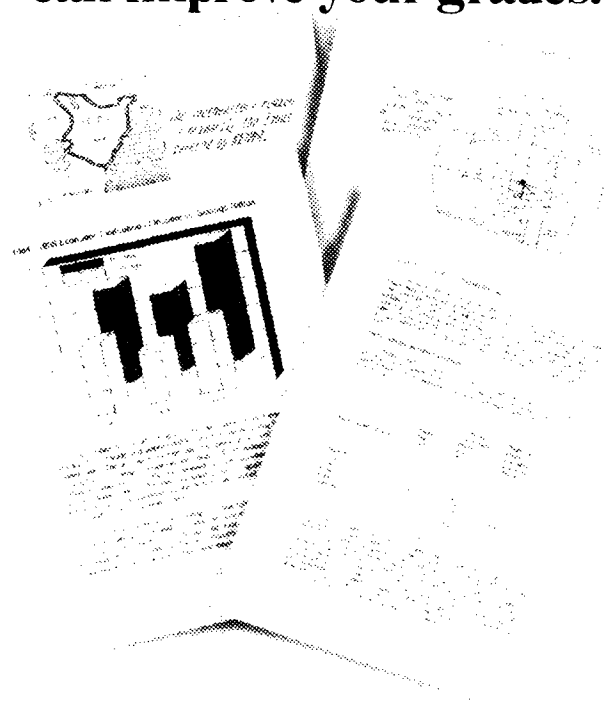

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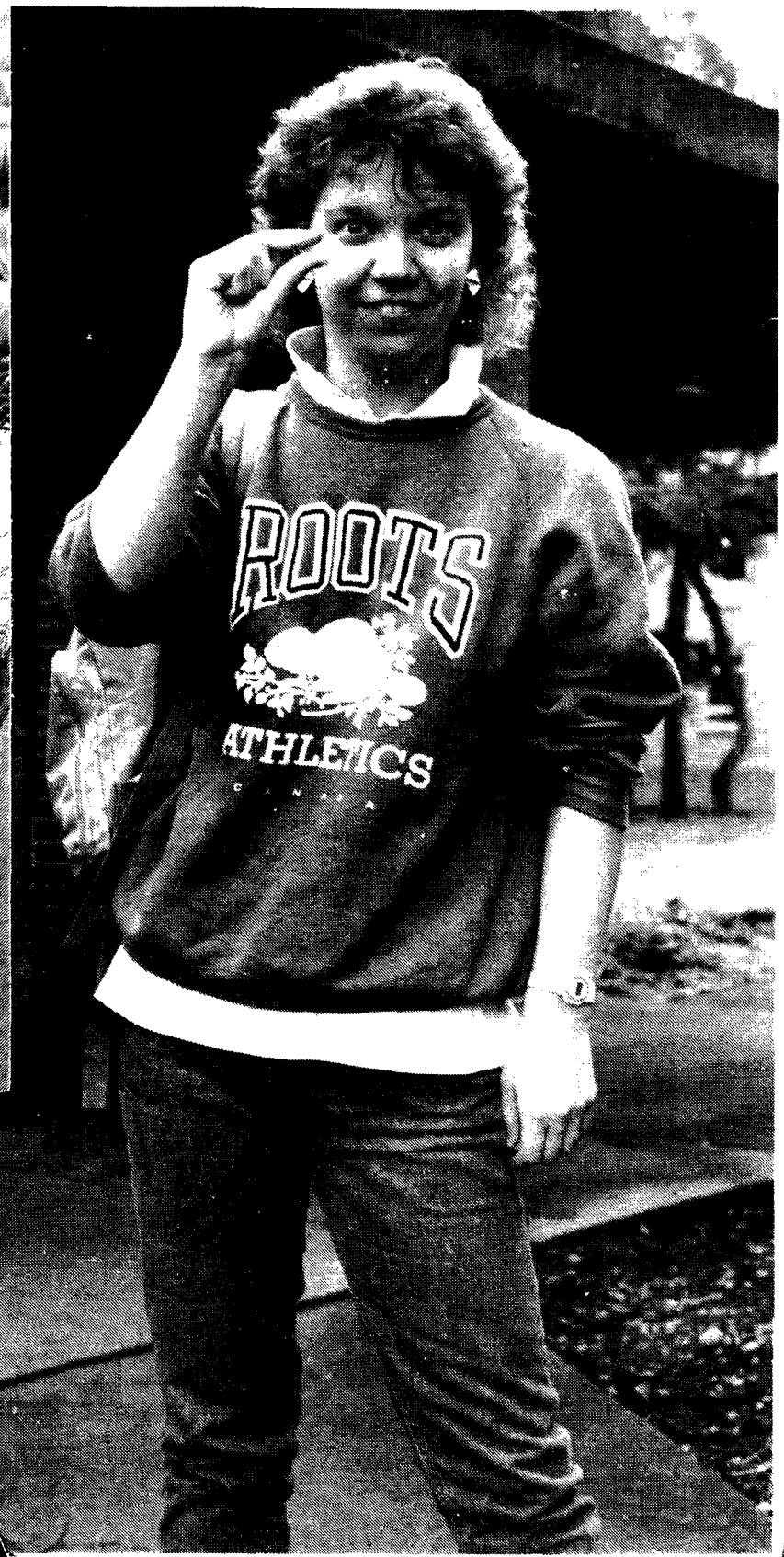

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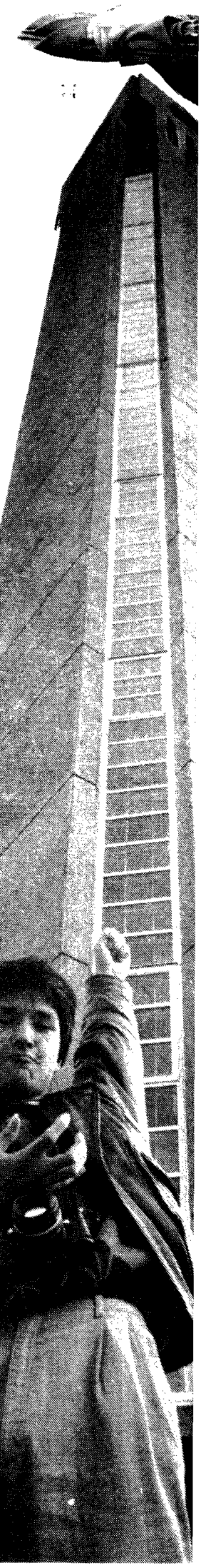

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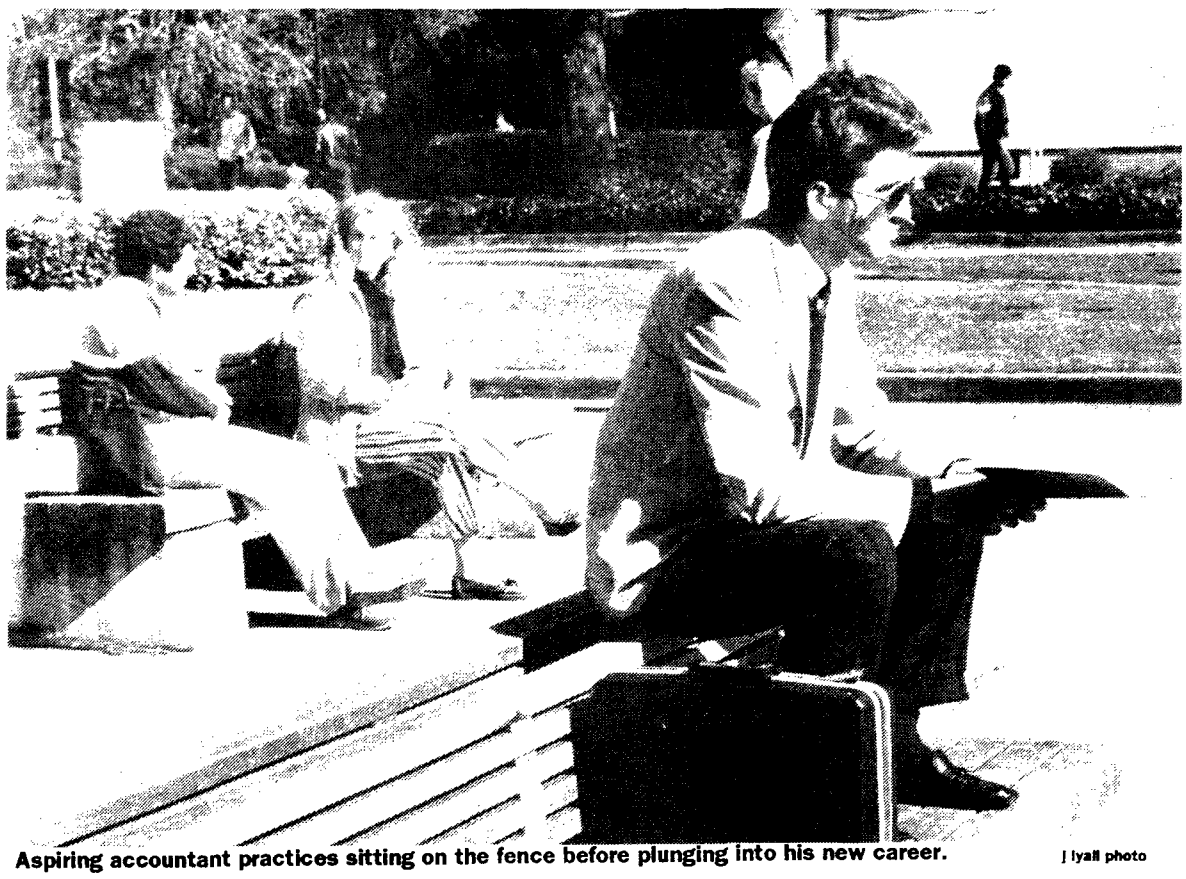

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Caldicott returns to Canada

By James Young

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Starting April 8, Canadian students will have an opportunity to see the woman who is probably the world's most famous peace activist.

Dr. Helen Caldicott is returning to Canada to promote the Canadian Peace Pledge Campaign, which aims to make defence policy a major issue in the next federal election.

Caldicott, an inspiring speaker who can move her audience from laughter to tears and back again, has awakened many listeners to the threat of nuclear war and the need to work for human survival.

"Our generation was born for one reason," Caldicott says. "We were born to save the world."

During her upcoming tour, organized by the 375 member Canadian Peace Alliance , Caldicott will offer her advice on "making Canada a world leader for peace."

Caldicott will be in Victoria, April 8 (Tel.384-1930).

An activist since 1971, Caldicott campaigned against French nuclear testing in the South Pacific and uranium mining in Australia.

In 1980, she gave up her position on the faculty of Harvard medical school to found Physicians for Social Responsibility, a group which later received the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1982, she gained stardom and notoriety in the Canadian film "If you love this planet." A National Film Board release, the film won an academy award as the year's best short documentary.

The U.S. state department did not share the academy's enthusiasm, however, and labelled the film "propaganda of a foreign agent."

The author of "Nuclear Madness" and "Missile Envy," Caldicott says she experienced "a state of clinical shock" after a 75 minute interview with U.S. president Reagan in 1982.

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Superior Service

But material is just too rich

By John Gray

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"When the marines landed here in '58 they were greeted by people drinking Daiquiris on the beach. They invaded a beach party," says David, one of the characters in Service, a new play by Vancouver playwright Steve Petch about personal and professional betrayal in the Canadian foreign service in 1967 Beruit.

The play opens at a Bon Voyage party for Margaret (Donna Carroll White), one of the diplomat's wives. Also attending is her best friend Liz (Brenda Robins), whose husband works for the consulate too. The easy talk between the charming and bubbly British Margaret and the oh-so-Canadian Liz quickly draws us into the play.

Next to arrive is Liz's husband David (John Dolan), a man who drinks to deaden the feelings from a consulate job that "makes you care too much, then makes you cynical."

Then there is Margaret's husband Michael (Hardee T. Lineham) who tries desperately not to buy into David's cynicism. With his idealism he counters David's views that the only job of the Canadian foreign service is "Fagging for the Americans in their megalomanic adventure", and that the only function of the Canadian Secret Service is a perpetual witch hunt for "sexual and political undesirables". He arrives with the young and attractive Quebecois accountant, Sylvie (Brenda Pennock) sent to audit the Consulate.

Service combines well the agony of idealism soured and the drama of betrayal, with a great deal of witty dialogue and an almost bedroom farce tone that moves the play along quickly. The actors exploit their material to its fullest and all give good performances under the tight direction of Pamela Hawthorn.

The play's only fault is that its material is just too rich. There is hardly enough time to create anything deeper than thumbnail sketches of most of the characters; we never get more than a glimpse of their motivations. We want more insight into Margaret's casual contemplation of leaving her wedding ring at home while on vacation from her husband, and into Michael's quickly deteriorating idealism and his final battle not to be consumed by David's cynicism. Also, the play's two hour format doesn't leave enough time to complete the connection between the characters' sexual betrayal and their proffessional betrayal.

But in the end, Service makes its point clearly and we are still left with something to think about after the curtain goes down.

SQUEEZE, tamed by time

By Ann Rogers

"Squeeze sucks, man," this scary-looking teenaged girl snarled at us on the bus, overhearing where we had been. She pointed her hair across the aisle to another teenager and said defiantly, "We like metal." Smiling indulgently at the heavy metal nymphets I said, "Oh, really? Gee, when I was your age, going to a Squeeze concert would have been unspeakably cool. Those halycon days of New Wave, where have they gone?"

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"You kids ever heard of Joe Jackson?" I asked. Glassy-eyed, they shook their heads.

"Too bad. Well, Squeeze was really hip back then. They didn't even have a hit North American single. They were clever, charming, the critics' darlings, destined for stardom ... and then, in the grandest of pop traditions, they broke up."

By this time the nymphets, having found a punk rocker to torment, were ignoring me. But the Squeeze story continues. Six years later, they've resurfaced with the original line-up more or less intact and a new album, Babylon and On, climbing the charts. The years have not diminished the significant song writing talents of Chris Difford and Glenn Tilbrook. But they have lost their freshness, their revolutionary clout. They are a mainstream band now and as a result sound rather, well, dated.

It was therefore fitting that this Squeeze comeback was held in the guilded stodginess of the Orpheum where ex-teenagers like myself could enjoy the music without suffering from the juvenile need to rush the stage and have Jools Holland sweat on me. Nope, instead I sat back in the comfort and privacy of my own plush seat and allowed Squeeze to ooze pleasantly into my ears.

Instead of playing the new album in its entirety, they played lots of old stuff for those of us growing long in the tooth. Conspicuous by their absence, however, were Squeeze anthems like Up the Junction and Cool for Cats, that Difford used to sing lead vocals on. He was consigned to guitar, whereas Jools Holland, who carved out a post-Squeeze career for himself as a British pop eccentric, put on a show of his own. He shunned the peg-legged patent shoe look of Difford and Tilbrook and hopped around on stage looking like an Amish gangster. He even performed a few songs himself, which were rather pedestrian R & B numbers. Jools is such a showbiz personality in his own right that he is no longer content to sit behind the piano.

Sound was a problem throughout the evening. Tilbrook's smooth, angstful voice was often buried under the twin guitars and rhythym section which was a sham, because if Squeeze is known for anything, it's their great lyrics. Holland's piano was also overwhelmed and new keyboardist Andy Metcalfe may as well have stayed in the hotel to watch Superchannel for all the good he did.

Still, none of this prevented the audience from showing genuine enthusiasm about jumping up and down 62 times as the band played the same power-chord 62 times. As audience participation games go, this one was pretty silly. But 1800 people jumping up and down in the Orpheum says a lot about Squeeze. They aren't all that cool anymore, but they're still kinda fun.

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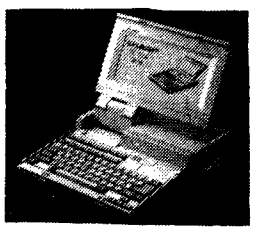

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Yuppie reggae

Mickey Mouse replaces tie-dyedcreations

By Roseanne Fryall

It was a first for Vancouver - yuppie reggae from Paris.

Alpha Blondy bounded onstage in his squeaky clean Mickey Mouse shirt, trendy leather baseball cap, and acid washed jeans, looking like an aging Beastie Boys fan. Only the armchair Rastafarians in the crowd and the thick ganga fumes suggested reggae.

But hey, man, when the band started to play everyone knew this was the real thing.

MUSIC
Alpha Blondy
The Commodore Ballroom
Tuesday March 8

Within seconds Alpha and the Solar System transformed a calm and collected Vancouver crowd into a pulsating mass of reggae revellers. Their distinctive mix of West African rhythms and Jamaican instrumentation carried the mood late into the night.

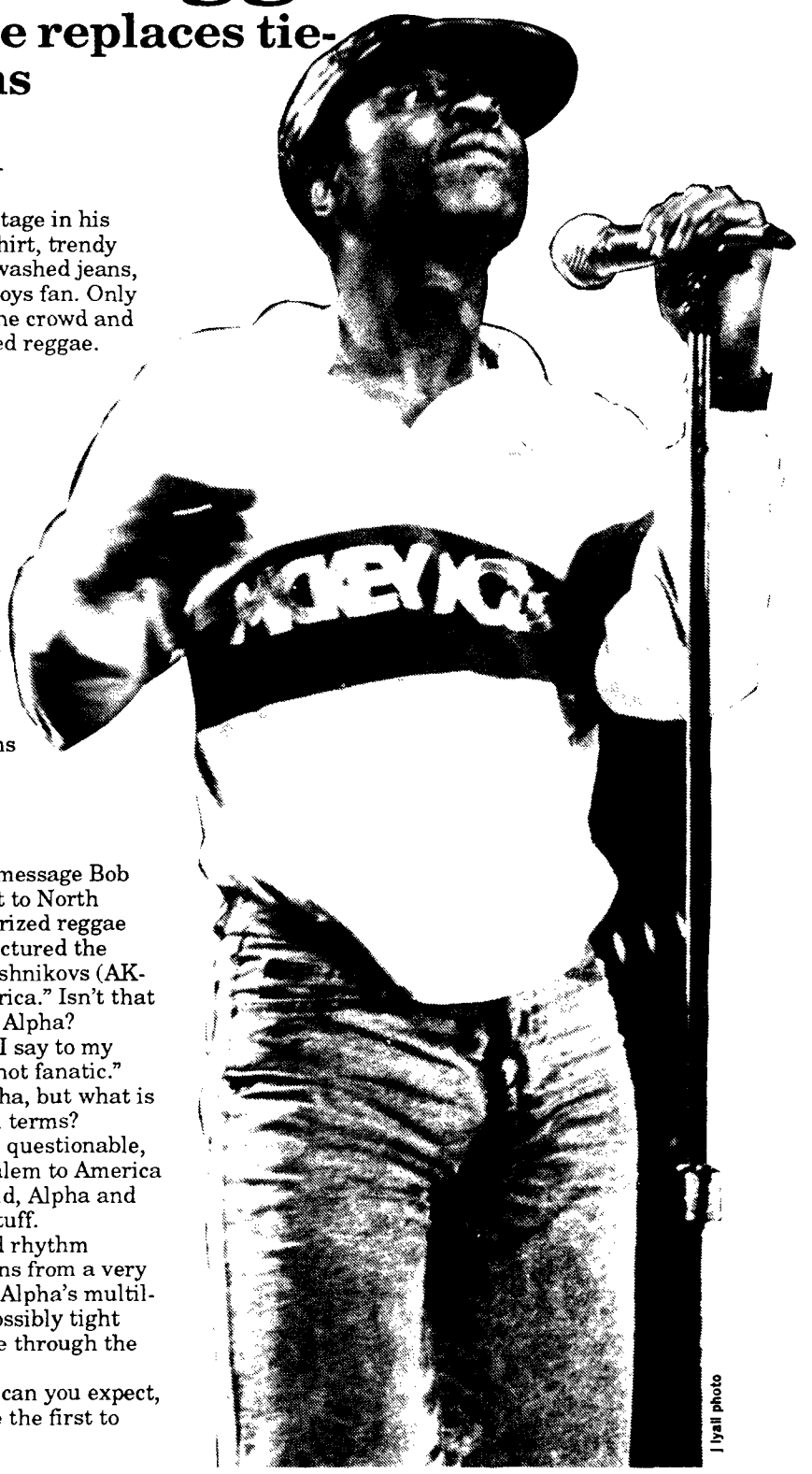
Still, the music didn't have the hard-driving revolutionary message Bob Marley and the Wailers brought to North America when they first popularized reggae music in the seventies. Alpha lectured the crowd on African politics: "Kalashnikovs (AK-47s) are not the way to build Africa." Isn't that a bit simplistic and misleading, Alpha?

He got even more serious: "I say to my brother Africans, be moderate, not fanatic." Maybe that's the way to go, Alpha, but what is moderate and fanatic in African terms?

But where the politics were questionable, the music was not. From Jerusalem to America Break the Neck of this Apartheid, Alpha and friends delivered high quality stuff.

Solid winds, an experienced rhythm section, and those good vibrations from a very Rasta bass man combined with Alpha's multilingual delivery. Even with impossibly tight jeans, the man could really glide through the tunes.

Marley it wasn't. But what can you expect, it's the eighties. Alpha would be the first to admit that.



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Out with Fearing

Challenging musical stereotypes

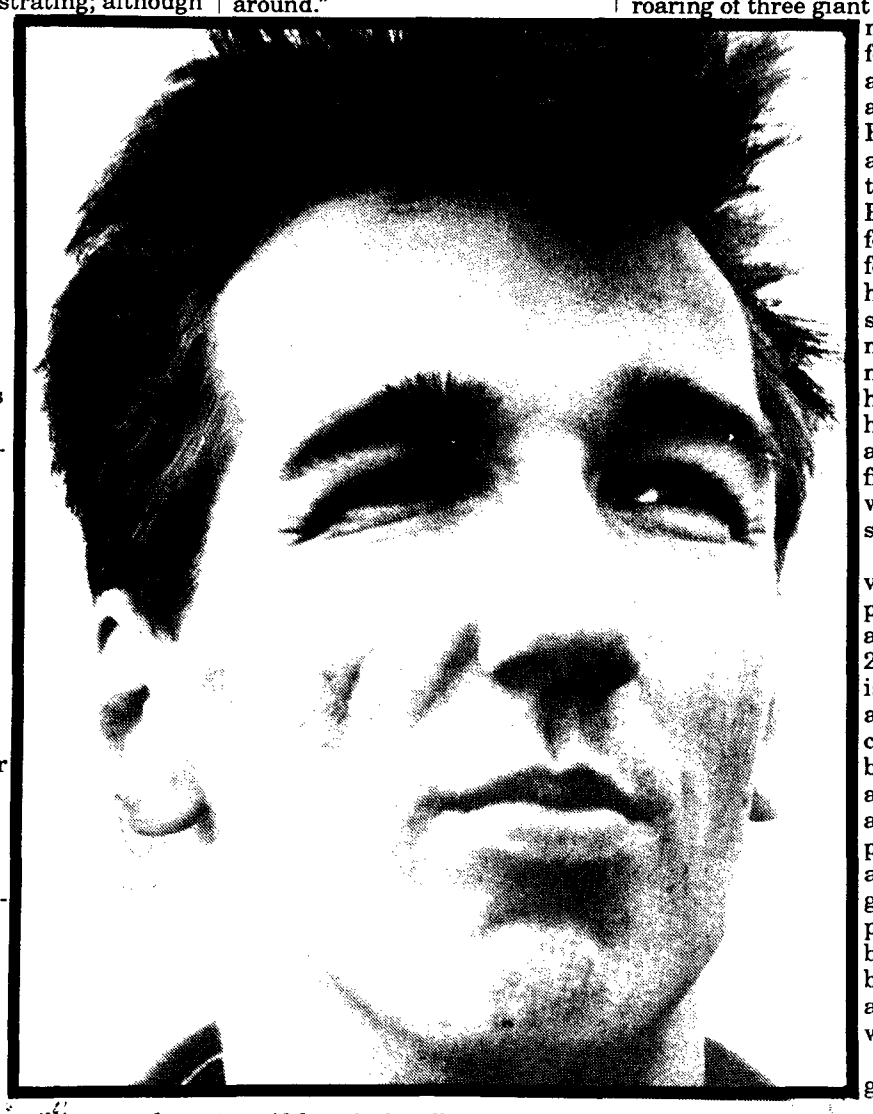
By Ann Rogers

A gust of wind blows Stephen Fearing into The Aristocratic Cafe. He lights a cigarette, orders corned beef on rye, takes a second to compose his thoughts and then burns

INTERVIEW
Stephen Fearing
Folksinger

with an affable intensity for the next hour. Initially, talking to him is a bit frustrating; although relaxed, he seems determined to avoid giving a straight answer. His conversation is peppered with qualifications and contradictory phrases: "songwritng is a long slow process which sometimes goes very quickly; the welfare system is bad, but we're lucky we have it."

But ambiguity is what Stephen Fearing is all about, and his intensity is derived from a strong sense of purpose, a clear vision of what he is doing and why. He is out to challenge people's preconceptions, to explode stereotypes within music, about music and about life itself.



"If people are willing to take a risk with their ears," he says, "if you can convince them that it's valid and they should listen, then you can have a good time."

Fearing is elusive because he does not want to be categorized and dismissed.

"The whole thing is to bring folk music kicking and screaming into the 1980s."

His first album, Out To Sea, has just been released (it will be launched officially tonight with a concert at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre) and he hopes that people will have difficulty labelling it.

Although assisted by the likes of Spirit of the West and Connie Kaldor, Fearing says "we've deliberately tried to make the cover look different, so people won't say 'Ah, that's a folkie album—you know, campfire tunes of the west coast.' The whole thing is to bring folk music kicking and screaming into the 1980s."

He credits bands like The Pogues with doing much to convince people that "it doesn't matter if you're playing an accordion on stage, the instruments don't matter. You can still stomp around."

Although the album is said to be political in tone, the songs are about the politics of existence, not just general issues.

"What the hell is a love song?" Fearing asks rhetorically. "I don't think you can avoid politics. it should not just be the arena of the newspapers. It should be sung about in an intelligent, symapthetic way, not just 'we hate the Government' but 'why?'"

Fearing's greatest talent lies in taking such well-worn themes as poverty and nuclear war and writing about them with the acuteness of personal experience. Having experienced the poverty of life on welfare in Vancouver's east end he penned a song which begins, "On Welfare Wednesday money floats to the scavengers below/ just enough to keep you moving, pulled down by the current's filthy undertow." shadow pictures on Vancouver sidewalks inspired another album cut, August 6th and 9th.

Vancouver born, Fearing spent many of his formative years in Ireland. He headed to the States where he gained his first experience performing at a place called The Malt Shop. A dishwasher by day, he finished his shift, changed his clothes and climbed on stage with his guitar, where he competed with the roaring of three giant malt machines for his audience's attention. He eventually returned to B.C. where for the past few years he has struggled to make a name for himself and his music, and has finally met with some success.

A veteran solo performer at the age of 24, Fearing is very aware of the connection between audience and performer and his live gigs are perhaps the best place to become acquainted with him.

"I love to get up in front of, say, a rock band," he explains. "It can be horrible, utterly depressing, but it can be fun. It's not the volume of the music, after all, it's the intensity, the energy. You can surprise people."

"What the hell is a love song?"

With the exposure that comes from having a full time manager, a record label, a publicist and a tour, Stephen will have ample opportunity to surprise people in the coming weeks: a challenge he obviously relishes. So if you're feeling at all inclined to risk your ears, head down to the Cultch tonight. Fearing is a pretty safe bet.

R.I.P.

At the pinnacle of an illustrious career Divine is dead, of asphyxiation in his sleep. The 300 plus pound actor, who can be seen in the new movie Hairspray, was best known for things he ate in a number of John Waters' cult movies, including Pink Flamengos, Female Trouble, Polyester and Lust in the Dust. He first appeared in a male role in 1985 in Allen Rudolph's Trouble in Mind when his career began its climb into the mainstream. The man with no taste but lots of talent will leave shoes (and dresses) impossible to fill.

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Editorial

Orgasmically speaking

Orgasm: n., violent excitement, rage, paroxysm; culmination of sexual excitement esp. in coition.

For men, sex without orgasm is a disappointment. For many women, heterosexual intercourse with orgasm is a rarity.

Many women are capable of orgasm only if they are assertive enough to teach their sexual partners what pleases them. However, instead of worrying about pleasing themselves, most women are more concerned about bringing their male partner to climax. If their partner doesn't ejaculate, a woman's self image can plummet. Lack of female orgasm is not necessarily the fault of the man in the relationship but the fault of a society that has taught women to be passive.

The orgasm is an intimate microcosm of the position of women in society as a whole. Through society's insistence that women be passive, women are not only denied the ultimate sexual pleasure, but they are denied the pleasures and achievements that result from assertiveness. Men are rewarded for speaking out, for expressing their views and for acting rather than observing. (They get to orgasm.)

Women too, can receive this reward, but only at the risk of sacrificing their femininity. The closer a woman is to reaching a position of power (ie. "on top") the further she is from maintaining society's perception of an ideal woman. (Only Jane Fonda can do both and even she's considered a bitch.)

It is true that both men and women are concerned with their physical self-image but the media influences the self-image of women to the point of their own self-destruction. Anorexia nervosa, a condition where people starve themselves to the point of severe emaciation to look thin, is exclusive almost only to women.

The feminine image that women feel a need to live up to is wrecking their sex. Assertiveness and achievement shouldn't make a woman less feminine - they should breed equality.

THE UBYSSEY

March 1, 1988

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If Michael Folkes hadn't known better he could have sworn that Jennifer Lyall and Steven Scrimshaw were engaged in inverse osculation with Otto Lim, the squeaky Ross McLaren, and Katherine Monk acting as judges awarding points for physical endurance and artistic impression. "It's a three point must system," screamed Tim McGrady and Ilona Biro at a twitching and convulsive R.D. Shore."If that's art then we're a Central American guerilla army," shouted James Young, Jeff Silverstein, Peter Craig and wee wee Peter Francis in a tartan flavoured four part harmony. "If you don't like it, don't taste us,"sang Chrises Dodd and Wiesenger as they dove into the sweaty throng. Deanne Fisher and Mandel Ngan suddenly became fearful and called the police only to be arrested for crimes of fashion. Chris Fraser, Gordon Clark, Allison Felker, and Martin Dawes groggily pulled their ink-stained bodies from the pulsating mass only to be freshly accosted by the wild eyed and rubber limbed Kyoko Oka, Alan Goldman, John Gray and Thomas Walher each brandishing contact cement and burlap lingerie. Seen picketing nude and uttering anti-feminist dogma nearby were Kevin Harris, Ann Rogers, Alex Johnson and Roger Kanno.

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Duck defender says Daffy caption daft

This is an academic point at best, but the duck pictured on page 5 of your March 8 issue is clearly a female mallard. The caption beneath the photo incorrectly tags the bird with the male moniker of "Daffy".

J.B. Hohm
Arts 3

Sorry — the person responsible has been beaten with a rubber hose and sent to a gender determination seminar in Maillardville. -ed.

Fetus autonomous, claims reader

I would like to encourage Gwyn Cathyl (Mar. 4) to be brave enough to go one step further with the moral issue at stake: pregnant women's continued perception of their unborn sons' or daughters' bodies as property.

Tracy Conlin
Agriculture 4

Tribal council corrects student's allegations

I am writing to correct some allegations about our aboriginal title case made by Alex Doll in his letter published in the Feb.17 Ubyssey. The Gitskan and Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs are presently asking the Supreme Court of B.C. to confirm their ownership and jurisdiction over 22,000 square miles of northwestern B.C.

Mr. Doll said that the federal government had offered a cash settlement for the land and that I had put a three trillion dollar price on the deal. Neither statement is true. Witness after witness in the trial of our case has emphatically said that they want the government off their land, not a monetary payoff. In addition, I have publicly said that it is pointless to discuss cash settlements because the provincial and federal governments could never afford the true value of the land even using their own criteria.

Like many judges, lawyers, and politicians, Mr Doll has not yet learned to listen to what we say.

Gitksan-wet'suwet'en
Tribal Council
Don Ryan,
President

Thirgood updates stats

In my March 4th reaction to Dr. David Suzuki's talk I contrasted the staff levels of the B.C. and U.S. Forest Services. I have been taken to task by one of my colleagues for understating the staffing of the USFS. To set the record straight, the most recent (1986) figures are 33,000 permanent and 15,000 temporary employees, with a cadre of 5,500 professional foresters. Additionally the USFS has 300 soil scientists, 240 landscapes architects, 240 hydrologists, 500 wildlife biologists and 130 fishery biologists.

These figures only serve to throw into greater relief the different leagues in which BC and American public service foresters operate.

J.V. Thirgood
Professor

Promo participants thanked

On behalf of the School and College Liaison Office, I would like to thank those students, faculty, and staff who took part in the photo session for our promotional poster of Thursday, March 3, 1988.

The poster, which we expect to be ready in about one month, will be distributed to secondary schools and colleges in the province. The poster will feature the students, faculty and staff who comprise the UBC community.

We regret that not everyone who was photographed will appear in the poster. However, we will be sending those who participated a copy when it is ready.

Martin Cocking
Liaison Officer
School and College Liaison

Forestry and Engineering clash over renovated cairn

Last Friday, some Forestry students demolished the cairn. The cairn is, rather, was the three faced concrete structure with a red E on each face in the middle of Main Mall boulevard between CEME building and the coffee shop, the Barn. It symbolized the spirit of UBC by each faculty painting their colours on it in their special week. The cairn was associated with the engineers - E for Engineering.

Monday was a sad day for the engineers. The cairn was gone. More than a cairn, Engineering is a spirit, as strong as ever, but the loss of the cairn is still a loss. I feel it's a loss for UBC too. Seriousness aside, though, we laugh at the Foresters so the Foresters can laugh at us. Only this time, they have to pay the damages.

As a background, there is a "deep" heritage behind the cairn. Underneath the cairn lies a buried Omar (the Forester's car). The Foresters tried to prove something by demolishing that which was above them, but, hey, uncapping the site just doesn't raise the dead.

Rest assured, the cairn will be replaced! But that means we'll need another Omar to bury.

Michael Meszaros
Mech. Engineering.

It has been quite interesting to observe the reactions of the engineers to the destruction of their Cairn. For the most part, it has been one of acceptance of the fact that after years of being the most antagonistic and belligerent faculty on campus they have themselves "been gotten". Some engineers were even laughing about it. With the way they treat other students, they have been waiting for this to happen for years. The fact is that forestry students were not the only ones to consider this, just the first ones to act.

Forestry students do not expect this to go unchallenged; we can take what we dish out. Unfortunately, it seems, some engineers can't. Certain engineers have threatened to lay charges for what they call a classless act. This definition of class comes from a faculty that stole the Forestry car, Omar 9, during Forestry week and smashed the windows, tore the interior, poured paint over the inside and in the carburator (etc.). Is this the definition of classy? We don't seem to remember any foresters whining about this. The car was just returned to running order and driven the rest of the week.

Tuesday morning we were treated to some rather pathetic threatening letters posted in our building. These do not worry us much except that, considering the content of these threats (having to do with guns and the wrath of God), the author of these signs should consider medical help.

By putting up the Cairn and acting in a continually antagonistic way towards other students the engineers have asked for and set up the Cairn's eventual destruction. This is a fact they must accept. If you dish it out, you have to be able to take it.

By the way, if you have ever wondered what has happened to Omars 1-8 some of the newspaper articles have been saved over the years and are posted in different locations in the Forestry building - some people can take and even appreciate a good prank. Perhaps some engineers should consider the possibility that 9 Omars = 1 Cairn.

Dave Christie
Forestry 2

Israel and the PLO: time for mutual recognition

One of the abiding features of the Arab-Israeli conflict has been the dedication of the protagonists to mutual denial. Arab states denying Israel's existence and Israel denying Palestinian existence.

For the first twenty years of its existence Israel was faced with a united Arab front of opposition and rejection. The Palestinians could not accept the loss of their country and their forcible dispersion. The Arab regimes could not accept successive military defeats which they saw as a negation of their newly won independence from their colonial past.

Israel also relied on a strategy of denial. Denial of Palestinian existence - one of Zionism's earliest slogans said that Palestine was a land without a people -; denial of Palestinian rival claim to Palestine; and denial of the legitimacy of Palestinian national aspirations.

The magnitude of Arab defeat in 1967 forced the Arab regimes to come to terms with some unpleasant realities. The debacle exposed the bankruptcy of the Arab approach to Zionism and marked the end of the Nasserite brand of Arab nationalism. For the Palestinians, it highlighted the imperative of self-reliance, and galvanized their aspirations into assertive Palestinian nationalism.

Traditional Arab and Palestinian attitudes toward Israel began, in the early 1970's, to undergo important modifications. Nasser no longer talked of "Arab liberation struggle", and accepted to replace the policy of denial with a policy of accommodation. Thus he endorsed, shortly before his death in 1970, US Secretary of State WIlliam Rogers' peace plan which called for peace between Arabs and Israelis in return for Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in 1967.

The Palestinian position also has undergone significant changes. Although the PLO covenant theoretically calls for the liberation of Palestine by "armed struggle", reality has long overwhelmed dogma. In their Palestinian National Council meetings and in several public statements, the Palestinians have affirmed their willingness to accept a state in the West Bank and Gaza and to recognize Israel and live peacefully next to it.

There is little doubt that the PLO represents and embodies Palestinian national aspirations. Various opinion polls show that 90 to 94 per cent of Palestinians in the West Bank declare the PLO to be their only legitimate spokesperson. Moreover, the international community has

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long recognized the PLO's right "to press for self-determination and to be the Palestinians' sole legitimate representative". The United States, Canada, and Israel are isolated in a minority position ignoring that reality.

The Israeli position toward the Palestinians continues to be one of denial. Current Israeli policy is, as a French reporter recently put it, "a string of no's": no to Palestinian self-determination, no to negotiation with the PLO, no to an international peace conference. But the policy of denial has not fared any better than the policy of systematic dispossession, forcible dispersion, and collective punishment. Like a phoenix, Palestinian nationalism keeps rising out of the ashes.

Moreover, the Palestinian existential and historical experience has been regularly thrusting itself upon the collective consciousness of the North American public. The simple but powerful daily images of Israeli repression of Palestinian nationalism are focussing attention on the centrality of the Palestinians to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

To their credit some Israeli figures are coming around to that realization. Former superhawk retired Chief of Israeli military intelligence Yehchafat Harkabi used to be one of the fiercest opponents of any dialogue with the PLO. By 1986 he had become a harsh critic of the policy of denial. Harkabi urged the Israeli government to understand that "to demand a settlement of the conflict without the PLO is tantamount to not seeking a settlement at all."

There is some urgency to the matter. The rapid expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank may make a negotiated peace a more elusive prospect. Meron Benvenisti, former Israeli politician turned city planner, documented Israeli seizure of Palestinian land in the West Bank. His 1985 study, Land Alienation in the West Bank, warns that "Jewish presence in (the West Bank) is so extensive that it precludes the possibility of a peace settlement based on a return of the West Bank to Arab sovereignty."

By ignoring these issues and uncritically supporting Israeli positions, Israeli's friends are doing it a disservice. They are encouraging a failing policy of denial and undercutting those Israeli leaders who are calling for negotiation with the PLO. George Ball, former US undersecretary, holds the US responsible for "block(ing) any UN resolution compelling Israel to bargain in good faith to exchange territory for peace as provided in Security Council resolutions 242 and 338."

Arab and Palestinian policies of denial have failed and adjustments were made accordingly. The international consensus , the Plo and Israel's Arab neighbours have called for a negotiated settlement at an international peace conference. Such a settlement would guarantee Israel's security needs and satisfy the Palestinians' legitimate right to self-determination. The Israeli policy of denial is failing and can only be maintained at an applaling cost in human lives and continued suffering. Mutual recognition between and the PLO is a better alternative.

Dr. Safty teaches French in Coquitlam and lectures in Political Science at Simon Fraser University.

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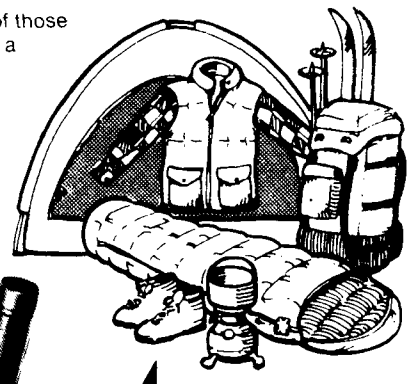

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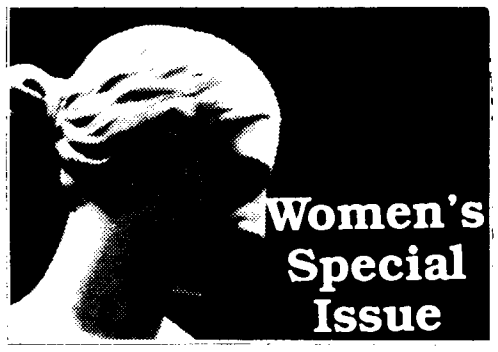

Lesbians choosing motherhood

by Peter Francis

The baby babbles contentedly on the floor as her mother, Mary, (all names have been changed) recounts the difficulty leading up to her conception.

It was almost ten years ago that she first decided she wanted to have a baby, but being a lesbian, there was a large roadblock in her path: where to get the semen necessary to conceive that much wanted child? Alita shared the problem, and so did Lina.

Lina was the first of the three to tackle the problem. Involved a dozen years ago in a stable relationship, she and her partner decided they wanted to raise a child.

"We didn't know where to go," she says. "We were referred by the Women's Health Collective to a doctor (who had access to a sperm bank). He interviewed us for a half an hour before agreeing to go ahead." The focus of the interview was on the stability of the relationship and their preparedness to raise a child. A few years later, she returned to the same doctor and was inseminated herself.

According to the women, very few doctors are willing to help lesbians become pregnant. That assertion is confirmed by the receptionist at the obstetrics and gynecology department at Grace Hospital.

"I only know of one gynecologist in private practice who deals with donor sperm," she says, although she refuses to release that doctor's name. Lina says the doctor who helped her become pregnant is no longer providing semen to lesbians after pressure from the college of Physicians and Surgeons.

But Dr. A.W. Askey of the college denies this.

"It is not our job to set up guidelines. It is the individual responsibility of the clinic."

For Alita, a sperm bank was a last resort. She already had a child from a previous heterosexual relationship, but she did not want to have sex with or allow parental rights to a man.

"I don't use doctors, I wanted to create a ritual around getting pregnant, and I wanted the biological support of the father." She began her own campaign to find a man willing to donate sperm, making up a medical questionnaire and soliciting likely candidates.

"I started doing crazy things, like when I was working at the food co-op I would go up to men I knew with a mayonaisse jar and ask them to donate." She laughs. "That tended to freak them out." At one time it was common to look to the gay community for support in insemination, but the AIDS fear has caused women to be more hesitant about accepting semen from gay men. Lina still feels uneasy about having used a sperm bank, because when she got pregnant in the early '80's AIDS tests were not routine, and there is no medical information kept on the donors.

As we talk, Mary returns from feeding Rona, who has gone to sleep. Her search for a father was also a long and complicated one. It began while she was living in a small community outside of Vancouver. She started a direct campaign by mailing a letter to male groups in the community. She received only one positive reply - from a man who had had a vasectomy who replied that he would donate if he could.

Her search was slowed as she spent more energy in the development of her musical career.

She returned to Vancouver, telling her women friends that she was looking for semen. She contacted a number of men and met with them to discuss the possibility of their donating sperm. Only one was interested, but he wanted to preserve a degree of anonymity by being one of three men who donated at the same time so none would be sure of which was actually the father.

Unfortunately, he was not willing to help her look for the other two.

More time passed until finally Gus, a male friend of her roommate, knowing she wanted to become pregnant, called to volunteer his services.

"I had known through Isis that Mary wanted to get pregnant," he says. "At first I didn't want to do it. I felt that it would be too hard to not be emotionally involved with the baby, but as I grew to know Mary better, I saw how good she was with children and how much she wanted to have a baby. Now I feel like it is the best gift I ever gave anyone."

Mary and Gus met and discussed the possibility that he would donate sperm to her, and at the time of Mary's next ovulation, they got together at her home.

"I had a sign hanging, with the words 'Welcome to my womb'" Mary says, "and Gus had written a poem. We did a ritual and made love. Two days later we made love again."

Mary became pregnant right away.

"It's funny," Gus says, "Mary asked me to have a sperm test and I approached my doctor for that, but he told me that they were unreliable. It would have been prudent to have an AIDS test, although I think it is unlikely that I have been exposed to the virus."

Alita was eventually referred by a friend to a man who was in a relationship. He agreed to provide the semen, knowing only that it was for a lesbian.

"I wanted it to be anonymous," Alita says, "but we did meet by accident." For five months she tried to get pregnant. When she was fertile, friends would pick up the semen and bring it to her, where she would use a syringe to introduce the sperm into her womb. After several failures,and fearing that the problem was related to the time delay between his ejaculation and her insemination, she tried inseminating herself in a van parked in the alley behind his East Van home. Again, failure.

"Then I left it for over a year."

The following year at winter solstice Alita renewed her efforts to become pregnant.

"We had a ritual and I jumped over the fire and wished for a baby. That was my wish for the coming year." She started taking her temperature daily (to detect ovulation) and asked her doctor to be referred to the doctor who had inseminated Lina. Her doctor merely offered her literature.

Access to a sperm bank is no easier for a single woman. According to the receptionist at the UBC Obstetrics and Gynacology Department at Grace Hospital, nobody in the department provides donor sperm for women. Vancouver General Hospital refers inquiries for sperm to Shaunessey General Hospital, and Shaunessey General Hospital refers to the ob/gyn department at Grace. Grace strictly does in vitro fertilization, which means working with heterosexual couples where there is a biological problem preventing her from conceiving in her uterus. The children conceived through this program are the so-called 'test-tube babies.'

Returning to Vancouver after a short absence, Alita ran into the man who had been providing her with sperm.

"I sat down with him and asked him if he knew who he was talking to." He did; although the sperm donation was supposed to be being done anonymously, one time a friend picking up the semen had let her name slip.

"I pointed out that the reason I was doing it anonymously was that I was afraid of someone trying to get access and parental rights." They talked about writing up a contract, but Alita was advised by legal aid that a contract would not be legally binding, and because it would establish that the man was actually the father of the child might be against her interests. So no contract was made.

Gus and Mary also considered the legal implications of his donation.

"My sister is a lawyer, and she advised me against this, suggesting that Mary may eventually sue me for child support, but I know that she has much more than me to lose if this ever came to court."

He also feels that besides his friends in the lesbian community few people support his decision.

"I've been accused of giving my child away, and one female friend even suggested that I had no moral obligation to keep the agreement I've made with Mary to give up any parental rights. Although I would never do that."

When Alita met her donor again, she had to act quickly as she was due to ovulate in a day. He said he would think about it. At the same time, she had spoken to a gay friend who she thought might be willing to help. He said no. She called her donor the next day, he said yes.

She went with a friend to his house.

"I waited while he jerked off, and he left it in a teacup. I went into the room and inseminated. Then I skipped a day and did it again." She was leaving town that night, and soon discovered she was pregnant.

"But it only lasted ten weeks." Miscarriages may be more common in inseminations, she says. Hers was incomplete, so despite her desire to avoid the medical bureaucracy, she had to go to the hospital.

When he hadn't heard from her after their insemination attempt, he figured she must have become pregnant. When he heard that she had miscarried, he offered to try again.

"I had just become lovers with (her current lover) and had spent the whole day in bed with her. She asked me 'Do you need any help?'" Her lover and Lina did a ritual that night as she inseminated herself and Chris was conceived.

As we talk, Alita's lover enters the room with Chris,a beautiful two year old who pulls himself up onto his mother's lap. He toddles around the room, playing with the toys. He picks up an empty beer bottle and Alita gently takes it away from him saying "Not for babies."

"Not for babies?" he repeats. He doesn't know or care where he came from, but as he snuggles into his mother's arms there is no doubt that this is a wanted child and a much loved one.