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THE UBYSSEY

April 2, 1981

Editor: Verne McDonald

"They were all against me from the start! All of them, even the printers!"

Captain Weed, as Verne McDonald was known to the crew of the S.S. Ubyssey, plunged a shaking hand deep into his pocket and pulled out two joints which he began to roll nervously in his hand. His head bent down into the folds of his uniform, he looked up to the editorial tribunal of senior officers for sympathy.

Tribunal head Ralph Maurer sat impassively, his mind on sports trivia as usual. The other members — Steve Howard, Kathy Ford, Peter Menyasz, Kevin Finnegan, Chris Gainor, Greg Strong, Merilee Robson and Mike Bocking — squirmed in their seats and tried to avoid the gaze of the demented captain who had lost command of his paper in the scandalous affair known throughout Canadian University Press . . . The Brain Mutiny.

"It was one man against an entire newspaper," Weed whined. "From the day the word 'No' nearly stole my command from under me in the editorial elections I knew I was in for rough seas." Weed's befuddled, dope-addled mind wandered back, back, back to September, when the crew of the S.S. Ubyssey had straggled on board. . . .

Ensign Glen Sanford, a naive youngster from the island, rushed on board yelling "Scoop, scoop, stop the presses, hold page one" as he slammed into Chief Petty Officer Bill Tieleman, who was cleaning beer bottles off the cluttered deck of the old rag. "Don't be so hasty to jump aboard this rustbucket lad," said the salty old sailor. "This is the S.S. Ubyssey you know, with the toughest, meanest, craziest captain to sail the seas high." Sanford had heard of Tieleman, a one-time member of the brass who'd been demoted back to The Ubyssey for an act of insubordination about which he refused to talk. Just then Captain Weed appeared. "Mr. Sanford," he screamed, "is it Ubyssey custom to walk around with your zipper down?" Sanford blanched, then said with a dopey smile, "Sorry Captain, I assumed I'd zipped it up."

"You can't assume a *goddamned* thing at The Ubyssey," shrieked the enraged captain, "not a *goddamned* thing! Get that idea out of your head right now. For that I'll have you docked 10 bylines."

Sanford cast a baleful eye at David Robertson and Stuart Davis, the two Photogs, Second Class, who the captain had previously punished by reducing their photo credits to two point Universe light. Both looked away, fearful of the captain's violent wrath.

"Tieleman," said Weed, his voice subdued again, "send Charles Campbell, the supply officer, up to my quarters with some hash, or grub, on the double. And have Nancy Campbell tied to the mast and flogged with an em ruler until she learns to lay out a centre spread the way I like it."

"Aye, captain," replied Tieleman with a shudder. Lieutenant Campbell could do no write in the captain's eye and was in for a rough voyage, he thought.

Working his way through the old rag to Campbell's desk he passed the reporters' phone pool. "I can't believe that crazy kook," Gene Long said to Arnold Hedstrom. "Weed assigned me to do a story on the effects of paraquat poisoning on the nervous system of lizards!"

"You think that's bad," replied Randy Hahn. "I have to figure out how much white blotter acid it takes to make a rat think he's a novelist!" Craig Brooks, the lumpy quartermaster who'd just been transferred to The Ubyssey from the H.M.S. (Horrible Marlee's Ship) AMS, piped up. "Captain Weed told me if I ever turned in another story with a lede that sucks, he'd give me Baby Hughie bylines for the rest of the war!" he wailed.

Tieleman shook his weary head and continued further astern. A press gang consisting of Kent Westerburg, Steve Palmer, Alice Thompson and Arne Hermann were hard at work scraping the ice out of the fridge for the sixth day in a row. Geof Wheelwright and Ann Gibbon were engaged in far dirtier work, trying to dredge the scummy sludge out of Captain Weed's latest editorial. Keith Baldrey, Debbie Wilson and Dave Balderstone, three smarmy swabs, were on special assignment, setting up an art gallery on board that would contain Captain Weed's precious art collection, all his own works, of course.

While Tieleman searched for Campbell, Captain Weed and his tyrannical executive officer Steve McClure sat high above in the captain's quarters, a pungent smoky aroma filling the room.

"Now listen Steve," Weed said in a slurred but amiable tone, "at The Ubyssey a commanding editor gets a chance to make one mistake — just one mistake, that's all. They're just waiting for me to make that one mistake. I'm not going to make that mistake and nobody on this rag is going to make it for me!"

McClure knew what the captain was talking about. If the old hacks ever found as much as a single typo on board they'd tear Weed's head off.

Weed rolled his two joints endlessly in his hand as he continued. "There's some on this ship that would dearly love to have me make that mistake, see, but I won't give them that pleasure. Lori Thicke would swoon if I forgot to put the masthead on page four. Kerry Regier's been trying to get me sued for libel all year. That little hack even slandered a piano to try and see me suffer. And Greg Fjetland told Chris Fulker I'd join the B.C. separatists if they were led by Al Sorokal Those pencil-pushing little bastards will do anyting to get me court martialled."

"Anyway Steve, that's why I'm making you Page Friday editor. In that position you can edit the hell out of any one of those mutinous swine, chop bylines and stifle democratic discussion." McClure beamed radiantly as the captain took a deep toke. "Right cap'n. First thing I'll do is put Shaffin Shariff on the drive-in movie beat. James Young can review comic books and Evan McIntyre can cover a Chuck Mangione concert." McClure giggled ominously. "Heather Conn will be assigned to interview Kurt Preinsberger and Helen Yagi can take photos of a Bee Gees concert. And best of all," he snickered wickedly, "I'll make Tom Hawthorn serve burgers at the McDonald's his sister the capitalist manages!" McClure and Weed fell off their chairs laughing at the thought of Hawthorn burning his spindly little arms on the fryers.

Suddenly there was a knock on the door. "Captain Weed," called Pat Burdett, "there's a disturbance on the main deck." Weed rolled his bleary eyes and staggered out. He soon covered both ears, as did everyone else on board.

"MORNING CAPTAIN WEEK," said Mark Leiren-Young, bowling the captain and several crew members over with a 90 decibel blast.

"SURE HOPE I CAN GET THIS STORY IN BY DEADLINE," continued Leiren-Young, a novice reporter assigned to The Ubyssey by the Horatio Hornblower Memorial Institute. "Hyphen-hyphen shut up," Weed screamed back, fearing the lad could force marine weather authorities to issue a gale warn-

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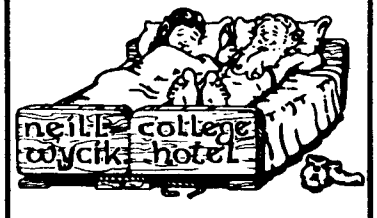

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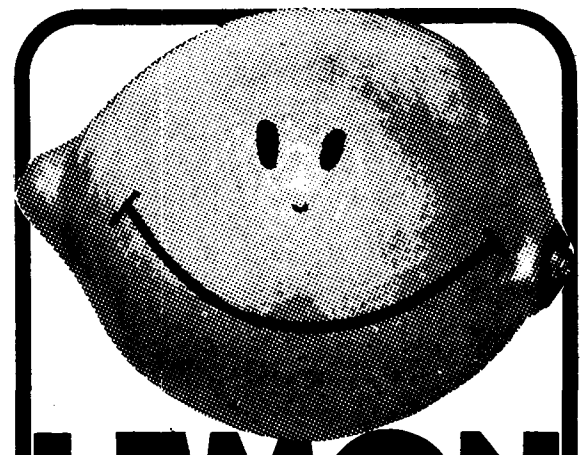

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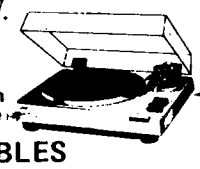

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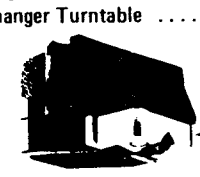

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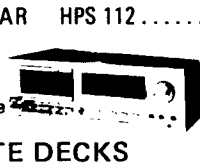

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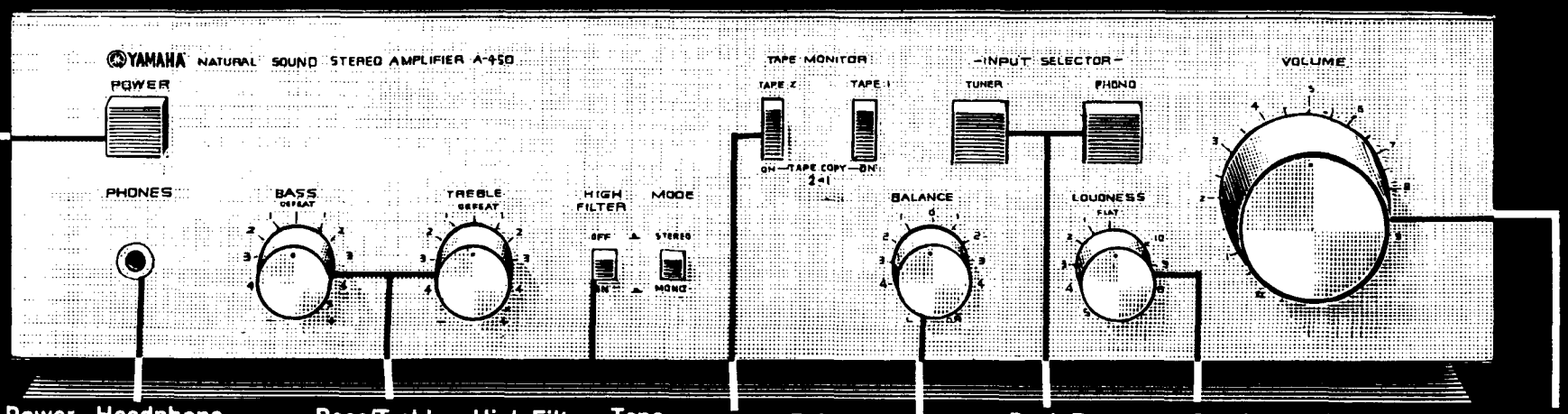

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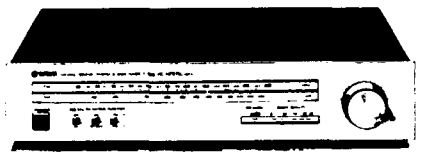

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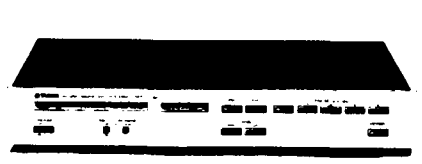

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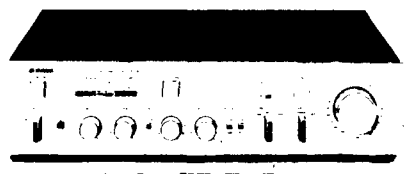

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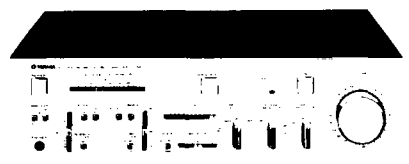

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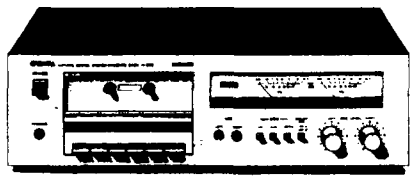

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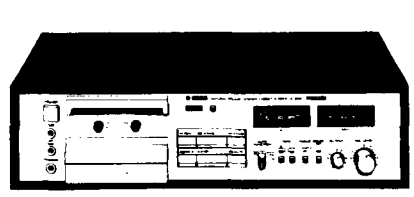

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The grad grind — one year after

Welcome to the age of the three piece suit

By ARNOLD HEDSTROM

Columns of pensive faces file intc rows before the judgemental body to accept their predetermined fate.

The room is hot. One by one names are called and the figures clad in black robes advance and kneel before the prefect as if asking for mercy or forgiveness. It is too late for either.

He, without hesitation, delivers a blow to your head and says, "I admit you."

You have just graduated from UBC. Was it worth it all?

Most people attend university to get a job. And recent statistics show that most do find jobs upon graduation.

Statistics Canada figures say the national unemployment rate for university degree holders in June was 7.1 per cent. For other post-secondary graduates the figure was 9.2 per cent, while for the 15 to 24 age group as a whole, the rate was 15.3 per cent.

Futhermore, a survey conducted by UBC student services of 1980 graduates from UBC shows that only three per cent of all graduates, a figure that has steadily declined since 1975, were unemployed six months after graduating. Many, 23.7 per cent, chose to continue with further studies while 71.7 per cent successfully assaulted the job market.

General patterns emerge.

It is the professional schools whose graduates generally go directly into the work force while many students from arts and the pure sciences take additional training in advanced or professional programs.

Another pattern. Those who leave with professional degrees readily get jobs which relate directly to their studies. Those with a liberal education most often do not.

Governments have been telling us that for years. In 1978, the federal government compiled a report on the activities of 1976 university and college graduates from across Canada.

Statistics Canada surveyed 29,609 graduates and found two years after graduation 83.5 per cent found full-time work. Only 42 per cent felt their jobs related to what they had studied. An amazing 20 per cent said that their education had no bearing at all on their job.

A similar Ontario education ministry report found 56 per cent of graduates complained of underemployment — education which exceeds what is necessary for the job.

Since the mid-'70s, post-secondary education has been criticized for not training students for the job market. The criticism is fueled by reports which compile disturbing figures such as those from Statistics Canada and the government of Ontario.

For example, Statistics Canada March 25 released a report which, by reworking its original 1976 data, came up with some astonishing and disturbing conclusions.

"The message of most graduates after two years of coping with the work world is plain: at universities, as well as colleges, they want job related programs that match the needs of the labor market," the report concludes.

The report criticizes academics who argue that education should be separated from labor market needs, stating that programs should be oriented more then ever toward employment.

It asks if taxpayers should pay for studies that don't relate to jobs and then pay again for retraining graduates so they can get good jobs.

The recent student services statistics on UBC grads and federal employment statistics counter Statistics Canada data.

Overall a university education is valuable. To be sure some graduates are in fields unrelated to their studies and many more are not satisfied with their jobs. But no relationship has yet been established between the dissatisfied and the underemployed.

While governments have been criticizing the university system, the media has also popularized the notion that hordes of students are becoming job conscious, rejecting denim, hard drugs, sex and rock and roll in favor of disco, alcohol, and three piece suits. Maclean's magazine in June 1979 said the age of protest, peace vigils and civil rights was being replaced by academic diligence and economic survival.

Maclean's said catch phrases of the 60's and 70's like "power to the people" were being replaced with "Go for it!" Maclean's chronicled the age of narcissism and campus conservativism.

The relationship between campus radicalism and the search for jobs is not supported by anything more than coincidence either. Maybe campus radicals are waiting for problems more critical than the economic ones they face after graduation to rise in protest.

Nevertheless, the debate on whether universities should train students for jobs or educate for social and cultural awareness is still alive.

Most academics argue that universities can and should do both. And while admission into commerce and engineering programs has steadily increased, enrolment in arts, sciences and other non-professional programs has not plummeted, indicating students feel the university plays an important role in both areas too.

"People who go through arts are aware that their employment opportunities are different," says David Bernard UBC Canada employment center manager. "It is just a little bit easier in a professional school."

Part of the reason it is easier for the professional school graduate is that technical skills are sought by large corporations and governments. They spend money to attract those skills to their operations.

"There is no question that if you come into an interview without the technical skills, you need to make up for it in personal skills," says Bernard.

So really there are two classes of graduates at UBC. The job market treats each differently.

In the professional schools employment is increasingly handled through the campus recruitment program. In forestry, 80 per cent of the graduates in 1980 found jobs by that process, says the CEC annual report. Student services data shows the B.C. forest service hired 16 graduates. B.C. Forest Products hired six. A host of firms like Crown Zellerbach, Weyerhauser and Pacific Logging each hired one or two new employees by recruiting.

A similar pattern occurs in commerce where 65 per cent of the articling positions for chartered accountant candidates are filled by recruiters coming to campus.

In chemical engineering, again, 65 per cent were recruited, predominately by petroleum companies from Alberta. Mechanical and electrical engineering both had 48 per cent of their graduating class get jobs by this process.

The industries which recruit the heaviest are the ones where demand for technical graduates is most competitive. The manufacturing sector hired 391 UBC graduates, services to business like financial firms, another 282, petroleum and mining, 184 and governments 143, according to CEC data.

"In the 1960's and 1970's we had it easy," says Robin Mossman, human resources planner for Texaco Canada. "Now we've had to step up our brochure and add a bit and become more professional in our approach."

Recruiting starts in the fall with campus interviews and continues through to the spring. Corporations send out teams of interviewers who cross the country going from campus to campus searching for quality recruits. Not only do the corporations compete, but each campus itself tries to push its grads over those of other universities.

Bernard says that an important function of the CEC is to coordinate the recruitment program with the university. To accomplish this they have faculty and student employment representatives from each faculty and some departments.

Inter-campus competition includes giving recruiters a warm welcome and assistance so they'll return following years. The CEC, for example, negotiated to have the faculty club made available for receptions and meetings with graduates. The CEC provides interview rooms and schedules them. The corporate recruiters simply show up and interview.

The CEC is doing good business. There was a 30 per cent increase in placements from UBC from recruitment and direct listing from 1979 to 1980.

"We want our (UBC) graduates to be the best possible," says Bernard. There are skills that count in a competitive job market regardless of faculty or training. The CEC, in conjunction with the alumni association, also sent pamphlets to each graduate on those topics.

Recruiters look primarily for graduates from professional schools. It is in the professional schools where the specialists are found. A student in marketing by choosing that form of education indicates his or her desire to work in the field.

But some look for graduates in arts and science. CEC tries to encourage recruiters to interview graduates other than those in professional programs for some jobs but does not push employers.

"We have to do that by demonstration," says CEC career counsellor Leslie Bain. Once employers start seeing that other graduates fit into their hiring plans they will look for more of them.

"Arts students should use their options (in class work) to their advantage — take a computer science course," says Bain. "Most recruiters look at graduates in three areas: academics, job experience, and citizenship skills."

Education is important but other factors should be developed too. "There is an important path in forming an employment portfolio. Sacrificing wages for a summer to get a job related experience can help," said Bernard.

To emphasize the importance of summer job experience Bernard says that recruiters from corporations try to hire third and fourth year students to get students thinking about their firm. CEC placed 691 students in summer jobs through recruitment in 1980, a 74 per cent increase over the previous year.

Employers are looking for a certain type of person as much as they are looking for certain technical skills. A basic knowledge is assumed but most employers who recruit or hire directly are willing to train the graduate.

Commerce and engineering graduates do not have the monopoly on appealing personality traits. Why don't others go for these jobs?

"Some arts students don't find the employers very acceptable," said Bain. Many students simply do not want the corporate world. The good news is that jobs are not exclusively available through recruitment and CEC. Bernard says there are jobs for arts students. "It takes that person longer. They have to do more research on their own skills."

They also have to get out and pound on doors and sell themselves. The Financial Post estimates that 60 per cent of all jobs found by graduates are not advertised. They are filled by speculative letters and direct visits to the employer's office. Many employers are not large enough to recruit so they simply list or wait for offers.

For students who continue in a masters program, the 1976 Statistics Canada survey shows that the graduate can expect to have a higher salary and a more closely related job as a result. Bob Cornish, a government statistician, says employers are choosing masters degree holders over bachelors even though they don't need the qualifications for the work.

Today university students face a challenge. The same challenge as students faced yesterday and tomorrow. That of deciding what to do.

Many decide to go to professional schools. Why shouldn't they? Statistics Canada says 95 per cent of graduates in business management, health, engineering, and computer sciences get jobs.

If you want more information on the options available contact the CEC, student services, or a faculty or department representative. You might also try the Job Career Fair sponsored by too many organizations to list.

It takes place April 23-25 at the Downtown Education Center. A new idea may emerge or maybe your old one will be confirmed.

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ing. "Have him gagged and bound to the bow until we run into heavy fog," Weed ordered. Looking around in a foul mood, Weed caught sight of Jo-Anne Falkiner and Scott McDonald watching birds off the starboard side. "You insolent ink-stained wretches," he cried. "I thought I told you to account for every sports cliche on this rag."

"PLease don't slam, hit, rap, maul, dunk, smash, top, rip, bomb, bash, batter, blast or beat us," they pleaded in unison. "All cliches are present and accounted for and are on the sports page right now." "Kay, kay," said Captain Weed, apparently mollified. "But just remember, never assume *anything* at The Ubyssey."

Weed walked over to where Julie Wheelwright, the rag's bosun, was laying out a page. "What the hell are you doing with these new typefaces and, and white space?" he bellowed, spittle dripping into his goatee. "I thought it would improve the paper's look," she said. "Thought! You *thought!* You're not paid to think. You just do as you're goddamn told and don't go thinking, or else," ordered Weed.

"Begging your pardon Captain, but no one on The Ubyssey is paid," Wheelwright shot back with a smirk. "Get that woman off the desk immediately," he yelled at Ken Swartz. "I won't take any questioning of my orders, even by people who know more than I do."

Weed continued his tour of the main deck, stopping at the clipboard that held all previous editions of The Ubyssey. He casually leafed through them until suddenly his face contorted into a purple rage.

"Where the fucking hell are the copies of the Feb. 19 and 20 editions? Every member of this crew knows they're supposed to be right here. And they're not, goddamn it to hell! I'll have you all flogged and keelhauled around the SUB! I'll have you covering debating club meetings! I'll even have you covering senate!" The crew flinched at this last threat especially. Weed became totally apoplectic, foaming at the mouth, pounding his fists on the filing cabinet, stomping his army surplus boots on the deck. No one had ever seen him go so far over the edge. Was this the man entrusted with command of the S.S. Ubyssey?

Finally Mike Belegus, a visting officer from the S.S. CUPOTT, which had just seen heavy action in the Youthestream Sea and had sunk the advertising carrier H.M.S. Killoran, approached the demented Weed. "get a hold of yourself captain," he shouted. "There were no editions those days! It was the mid-term break!"

Weed looked like he'd taken a proton torpedo in the midships. "No issues? Mid-term break?" He stopped and thought for a moment. "Don't confuse me with the facts," he resumed with a full head of steam. "I know they exist and I'll find copies of them if I have to do a skin search of every anus on board! And speaking of assholes, where's John Mackie and Paul Yaskowich?"

"Captain, Mackie's been transferred to Winterpeg and Yaskowich is now captain of the S.S. Arts, a racing yacht," answered Gray McMullin, who actually looked a bit green, but not Larry Green.

"Kay, kay," Weed said as he pulled the two ever present joints out of his pocket and began rolling them in his hand. "Now hear this. I'm giving you all 48 hours to come up with those two editions or else the beer fund will be confiscated for the rest of the trip." Gord Wiebe and Craig Heale shuddered at the thought of a beerless crew trying to navigate The Ubyssey in rough seas. The rag couldn't even get out of port on less than a couple of cases, let alone dock at the printers.

"Alright, if that's the way he wants it, fine. But that's the last Perspectives piece I write for him," said Phil Resnick to George Hermanson, the rag's chaplain and chief intellectual influence. Larry Bibby said nothing but the way he played with his X-Acto knife left little doubt about his mutinous intentions. Denylo Shumuk, who'd been held in the brig since 1942 was the only one who wasn't complaining.

In his cabin, Captain Weed was finishing off the last of a magic mushroom quiche specially prepared for him by cook Yvette Stachowiak. He ordered Heesok Chang to report to him. "Chang," he said, "I trust you. You haven't been aboard long enough to be influenced by these supercilious scribes. I want you to find those missing editions. Listen to scuttlebutt, see where they've hidden all 30,000 copies. Make sure you check in all the desk drawers." "Aye, aye, captain," Chang replied with a dubious look. Clearly, he thought, Captain Weed is exhibiting all the signs of a textbook psychotic paranoiac. Chang knew what he was talking about, having taken Psyc 100. But to doublecheck, he went to see the professor, Gary Brookfield.

Brookfield was down working on the rag's nuclear reactor, trying to get Warp 6 out of it. He was acknowledged as the psychological expert on board, having correctly diagnosed Jim Hunter as a schizophrenic with illusions of grandeur. "Heesok," he said, "a psychotic paranoiac would have the following symptoms: rigidity of personality, feelings of persecution, unreasonable suspicion, withdrawal from reality, perfectionist anxiety, an unreal basic premise and an obsessive sense of self-righteousness."

When Chang came to, he realized the entire crew was in grave trouble. Captain Weed was a dangerously demented man. He set out to find Eric Eggertson, a kamikaze pilot with 60 missions under his belt. He rushed into the darkroom, where Eggertson was teaching Naomi Yamamoto, Sue Lemieux and Ross Burnett how to make test tube babies out of darkroom chemicals. While Chang tried to dry Eggertson out, Captain Weed was pacing in his quarters.

"McClure," he fretted, "we're both pseudo-anarchist crypto-fascists, so I know we see eye to eye. Look at this telex from the old hacks and see what you think."

McClure scanned the communique. "Commanding officer of the S.S. Ubyssey will submit in person, repeat, in person, written report on latest fiasco involving bylines given to Gail Shaw, Len MacKeve, Gerre Galvin and James Giles." The telex was signed simply Rushton. McClure's moustache quivered nervously. Drug Rushton had been executive officer of The Ubyssey many years before but stories of his inhuman cruelty were legend. He used to eat reporters like Nancy Trott, Hilary Stout, Joe March and Eddie Wilde for breakfast. "You call this despicable piece of festering parrot guano a *story?*" he would ask of people like Janet MacArthur, Liz Pope, Ward Strong and David Firman. If Rushton was upset with Captain Weed it was serious indeed.

"Sir, I assumed Rushton was pleased with The Ubyssey after we beat his old record for steaming out of the printers," said McClure hopefully. Captain Weed beat him about the head mercilessly with rolled up newspapers. "You snivelling toad," he screamed at the top of his lungs. "How many times have I told you, never assume *anything* at The Ubyssey, not one goddamned thing!" McClure hadn't seen Weed so mad since Mike Brand and Evan Gill had forgotten to lay out the captain's letters page before he woke up at 4 bells.

"There's only one thing to do," Weed said in a panicky voice. "We set sail for Pango-Pango immediately. Tell Lawrence Panych, Brad Fisher and Dave Connell to batten down the bylines. Order Steve Rive and John Penhall to hoist the yellow flag of journalism. Get Jennifer Ryan and Judith Harms to trim the 'Tweens. John Bouttelle, Cris Slon and Julie Ovenell can semaphore the Hot Flashes. James Hutson, Terry Litt and Pat Ireland will stoke the boilers with back issues and Xan Chen Liu, Warren Kowbel and Jeff Klein can confine the classifieds to their quarters."

Captain Weed chuckled to himself at the thought of a visit to Pango-Pango, home of Jan Bryans, Raymond Heneon and Elena Miller. Beer in Pango-Pango was imported by undersea pipeline from Bavaria but still cost less than at the Pit or the press club. Drugs, of course, were free. It promised to be better than a Ubyssey banquet. In a burst of niceness, Weed ordered a round of grog for Sandy Filippelli, Melinda Ng, Maggie Moonie, Wendy Cumming and Grandee Englehart for not showing their faces for months.

As the S.S. Ubyssey steamed on lookout Nigel Findley he screamed "Land ho!" and Pango-Pango sprang into view. But as Captain Weed walked the bridge, eager to dock, a commotion caught his attention.

"Down with authority! Power to the press proles! Eat the editors! Cooperatives rule okay!" were the shouts coming from below. Suddenly onto the bridge burst Julie Wheelwright, Nancy Campbell, Glen Sanford in zipperless pants, and Eric Eggertson, who had sobered up at last. All were armed to the teeth with sharpened pencils, oversized em rulers, proportion wheels and a bag full of white space.

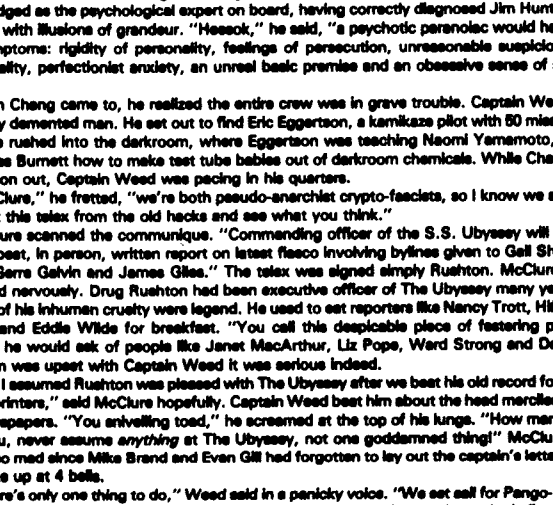
"Your days are through, Weed," they yelled, seizing the captain and McClure. "With the crew behind us, we're taking over as an editorial collective. No more high-handed hierarchy. No more autocratic emperors. No more late night calls to the printers." The cheers of the mistreated crew roared in the background as Weed sneered. The Gang of Four set Weed and McClure adrift in a dinghy. Eventually they were washed up, back in Vancouver.

When The Ubyssey finally docked at Pango-Pango the eager crew lined up to go ashore. Thenb Campbell's voice boomed out: "The crew is confined to quarters until further notice for missing the first editorial collective deadlines." A cry of anger went up. Arnold Hedstrom went to the bridge to speak for the crew. "Excuse me comrades," he said, "but we assumed once the captain had been overthrown, things would be more egalitarian and cooperative on board."

"Listen Hedrom and listen good," replied Wheelwright. "You can never assume a thing at The Ubyssey, not a *goddamned* thing."

"Correction," added Sanford. "The one thing that everyone can now assume at The Ubyssey is that some editorial collective members are more equal than others."

"Oink, oink, oink," agreed Campbell and Eggertson as the four of them went ashore at Pango-Pango, ending the strange saga known as . . . The Brain Mutiny.



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Admin threatens future for family housing in Acadia huts

By GLEN SANFORD

They say UBC has some of everything. That includes slums.
—student after walking through Acadia camp residence

Low-cost family housing at UBC is an endangered species.

The university administration is currently investigating the feasibility of tearing down the Acadia camp huts and replacing them with more efficient, high-density housing.

And while the administration shuffles through its bureaucratic steps to demolish the camp, the huts are slowly deteriorating.

The converted second world war army huts have been called slums on more than one occasion. Many of the buildings suffer from mould, mildew and mossy roofs. Some have dry rot.

But to 97 students with families, Acadia camp is home.

"I would be happy to live here for ever and ever," says one resident. Others agree, saying the huts are ideal for bringing up children. However, because of their age, the huts require more than average maintenance but residents say the low cost and healthy atmosphere make it worthwhile.

"Many couples could not afford to come to university if it weren't for the huts," says one resident. "I know I couldn't." Adds another, "I can't imagine getting the same quality at this price if the huts are torn down." (The average price of the huts are $70 to $90 rent per month.)

Gail Bexton, co-president of the Acadia camp tenants association, says, "Most people living here love the area; the camp has a feeling . . . there's the sharing that goes on in the neighborhood. You can really count on your neighbors.

"If the huts go, it'll be lost."

But most residents acknowledge the inevitable destruction of Acadia camp. The question is when. And what will replace them?

UBC's administration has established an ad hoc committee, headed by services vice-president James Kennedy, to start a preliminary study on the feasibility of demolishing Acadia camp. It will eventually lead to a formal investigation.

Kennedy says one reason for establishing the study was that the administration does "recognize that the university has serious problems in recruiting faculty and staff due to housing prices in Vancouver."

He says the university is not committed to demolishing the huts, but is seriously investigating replacing them with high-density living units which would still ensure affordable housing for at least 100 families as well as house faculty and staff.

"We're trying to look toward developing the land for the best use of the university community," he says.

But Acadia residents are concerned that the structures the administration has in mind may not be conducive to family living. "I don't want to bring my children up in an apartment," one resident says.

Others say they do not want to be lumped into the same living quarters as single students, who tend to lead dramatically different lifestyles. But it appears moves to remove the Acadia huts will take "quite a while." Facilities planning director Grahame Argyle says, "We certainly wouldn't see the huts going in any great hurry."

"It's very easy to look at proposals for land use," he says, "the problem is to make it fly economically. There's a lot of games that have got to be played. First, there's the market situation. Second, there's government funding. It's a tricky thing."

He says the "game" is difficult to play because "the government certainly isn't in the business of giving out great big subsidies."

He adds: "The rentals enjoyed at Acadia camp now are hard to meet. We're trying, but we may not win."

Meanwhile, the huts are not getting any better. Because the future of Acadia camp is so uncertain major repairs or renovations on the camp are being ignored. One hut, suffering from dry rot, was simply closed down.

If the administration waits long enough, they will eventually avoid the dilemma of handing out eviction notices to hut residents. Instead, they'll simply become unlivable.

Several residents say if their huts are in need of repair they are afraid to approach the housing office. They're threatened with higher rent or eviction.

As one resident put it, it is a Catch-22 situation. Residents are afraid to get their huts repaired so they are slowly becoming slums, and this adds to the administration's goal to take the huts out of service "little by little" as they fall into disrepair.

Acadia camp has plagued the administration for years. In 1968 The Ubyssey quoted then housing director Les Rohringer as saying the huts would be demolished by January, 1969.

But The Ubyssey also quoted residents as saying they "ignore its somewhat decrepit appearance" because the atmosphere is very desirable.

Province columnist Eric Nicol once said: "UBC's army huts have seen more service in the war against ignorance than they ever saw in the war against Hitler."

With the looming threat of the extinction of low-cost housing for families, UBC's army huts and their residents now face their greatest struggle against ignorance.

CAMP THREATENED . . . houses 97 families

HUTS DETERIORATE . . . admin waits

Poets probe sorrow

By HEATHER CONN

"People are hopeless things to repair."

Her statement jars, ringing of bitter recognition. It settles painfully in a listener's consciousness, too frightening to accept as truth.

While she speaks, her reading voice breaks as if carrying a too-hard-to-be-forgotten emotional burden:

You honey-lover.
You pinball
machine. You
who threw me minutes
as if they were loose change.
And I grabbling for them
like a hungry dog.
Things end here.

The words are those of Rosalind MacPhee, a poet who lives in Lions Bay, B.C. She is reading from Maggie — a book of blank verse that has become a Canadian bestseller. It addresses the collapse of a marriage, a woman's breakdown, her attempted suicide and subsequent hospitalization. It is harsh, strong and sensitive, yet full of fear and self-destruction.

MacPhee is one of eight women who presented material last week at a women's poetry reading at Simon Fraser University. Her delivery was powerful and intense, her emotional frankness strikingly conveyed in lines such as "I speak with the deadly excuse/ of a wife" and "I pull him/ like a piece of old shrapnel/ from my life."

MacPhee's poetry describes the disturbing process of maintenance and repair of the human machine. As revealed in the other poets' works, this is our life's prime occupation. We constantly attempt to mend relationships, to renew ourselves, to restore happiness and "fix" our emotional minds in a healthy condition. Yet it is often a dismal, torturous course.

Each poet spoke of a different sorrow. Some shared their joy of selfhood. Their voices were diverse — some wistful, soft, at ease, others angry, defiant and bold. Yet all expressed a synthesis of female existence; theirs was a unifying theme: the effect of landscapes, of physical and emotional environments on women's definition and perceptions of themselves.

The hardships of rural life for women in northern Alberta have molded the thoughts and words of poet Leona Gom. She began to write poems as a child because there were few social diversions on an isolated farm. Today, she is a feminist

MacPHEE . . . emotionally frank

who advocates socialism and teaches English and women's studies at Douglas College. She carries with her deep memories of her rural experiences:

"I don't have one memory of my parents showing any affection. They were too busy for work," she told 25 people in a science complex lecture hall. "The only time there seemed any emotion was when my mother was hitting my father."

From her book Land of The Peace she reads:

Her blows would rock his body,
landing solidly on shoulders, back
and legs,
the dust whitening the air;
And me standing back,
a child, inarticulate,
watching the blows fall
and his body absorb them,
in that fine tension
of their understanding,
that easy balance
of their practical love.

Gom's narrative poems reveal the sex-defined differences in farm tasks; brother hunts while mother chases chickens. In a poem entitled Four We Knew she describes the fate of four farm women — one hemorrhaged to death by chopping wood before childbirth, another was stabbed by her nine-year-old son when she disobeyed his orders, another hanged herself in the barn.

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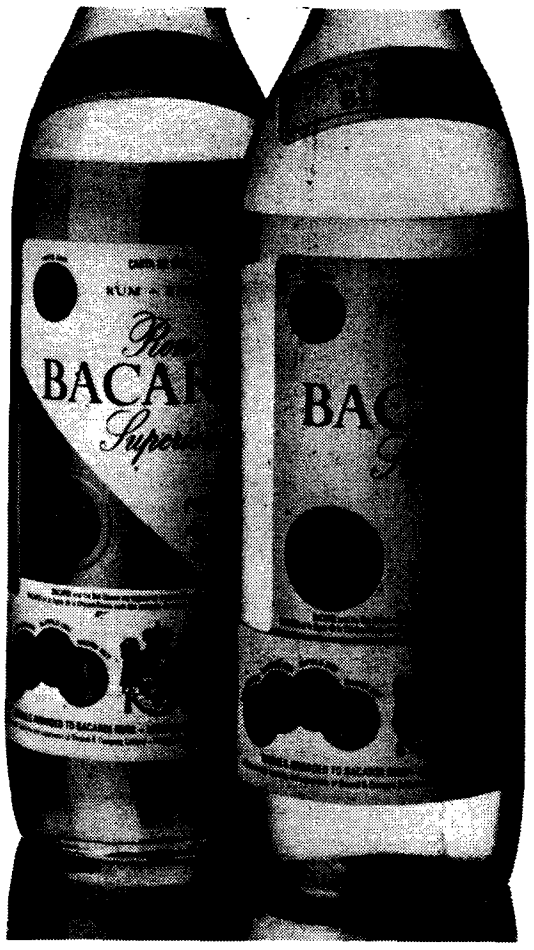

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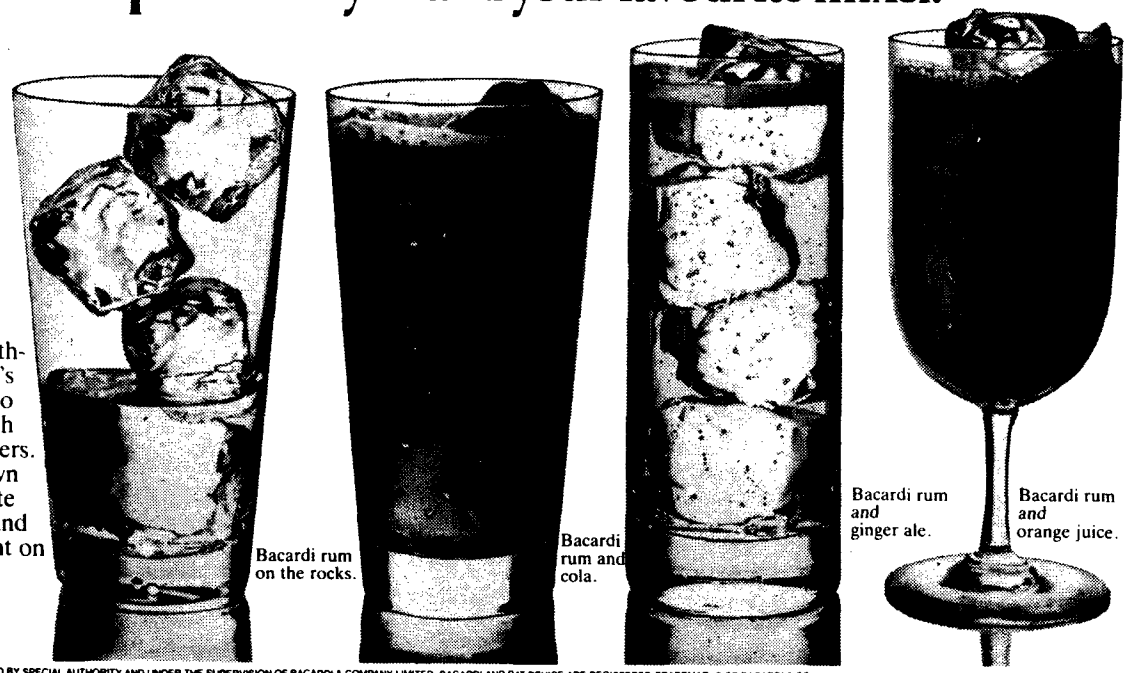

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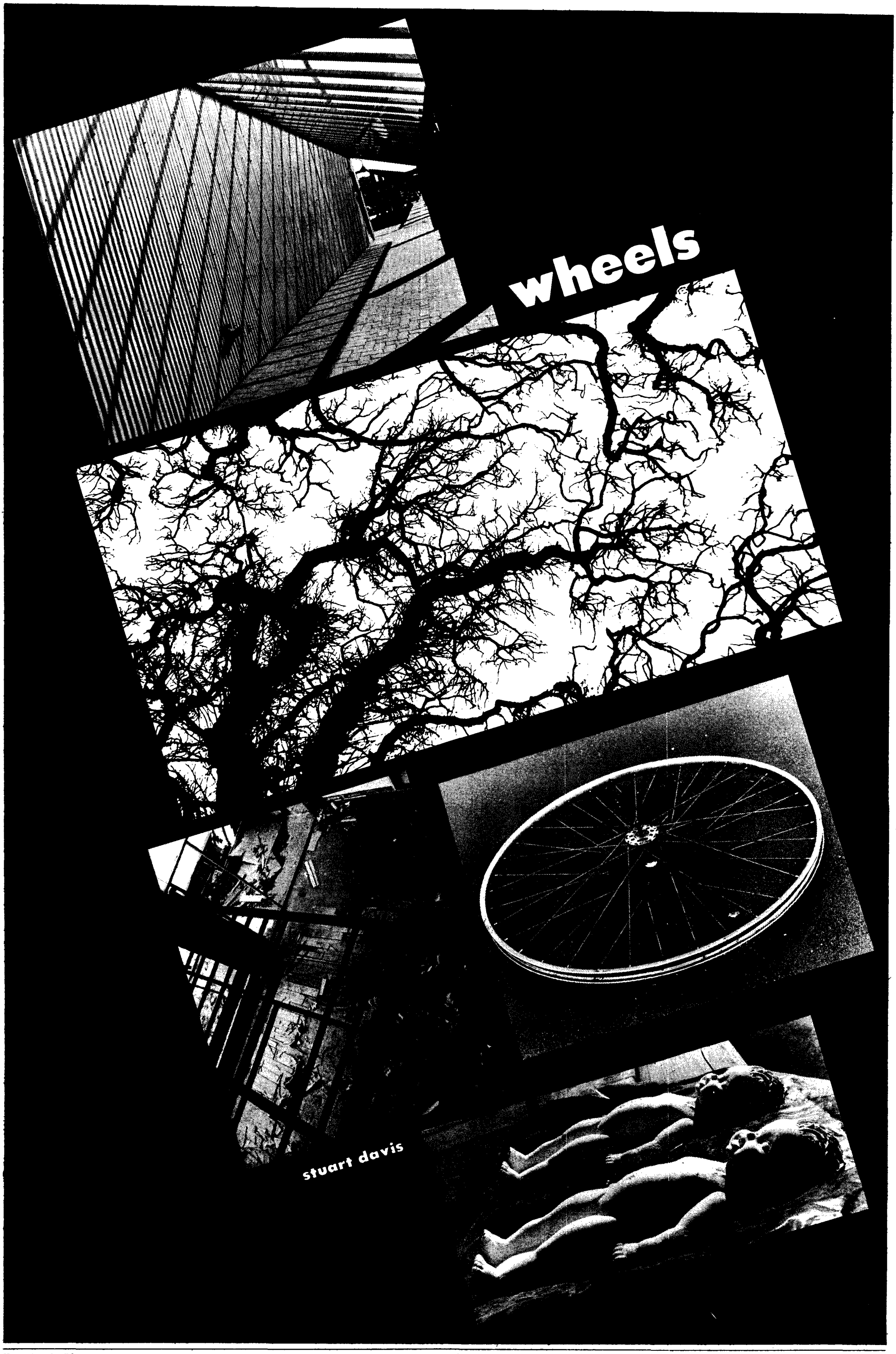
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Winners and Losers

By SCOTT McDONALD

The UBC athletic year started out in the summer with the appointment of Rick Noonan as the director of the men's athletic program. Noonan had just come off a year as manager of the Canadian Olympic hockey team. His female counterpart is Marilyn Promfret. These are the two people who decide the emphasis and direction of UBC athletics.

The first team to begin play this school year was also one of the worst — football. Unfortunately for UBC, football is also one of the sports that the athletic office promotes quite heavily. The sports world must think lowly of UBC if all that the school can produce is a 3-5-1 team whose coach hides behind excuses like "We are rebuilding" and "We have had a lot of injuries." In their biggest game of the year, coach Frank Smith's charges got blown out of Empire Stadium 30-3 by the Simon Fraser University Clansmen.

The women's field hockey team also started early in the school year but it met with considerable more success than not only the pathetic football team, but also any other UBC athletic team this year. The Thunderettes finished first in three Canada West tournaments and then defeated York University 1-0 to win the national title. As well, three players were named from the Gail Wilson-coached UBC team to the tournament Eleven all star team. They were Dana Sinclair, who scored the only goal in the final, Robyn Sinclair and Mary Reid.

Another winning first term team was the Thunderbird soccer squad. The 'Birds had a highly successful collegiate season in which they lost only one game. Unfortunately for the team that single loss was to the University of Calgary, whom they ended up tied with for the league title.

Graduating fullback Eric Jones was named to the Canadian first team and league scoring leader Gordon Johnson and halfback Marty Stein were named to the Canada West team.

A sport that had a lot of trouble this year at UBC was basketball.

The women had their worst year ever. They went the entire college season without winning a game. It is hard to pin the blame on any one person for this futile attempt at forming a team. The only person who cannot be blamed for the dismal season is forward Kathy Bultitude. Bultitude finished the season as the league's sixth highest scorer and was named to the second team of the Canada West all stars.

The men's team was more successful than the women's team but only marginally. They finished with a 9-11 record which left them justifiably short of the playoffs. The team was led by centre Bob Forsyth, who had the difficult task of being the team's big man while giving away height to most of the other centres in the league.

It is getting depressing talking about UBC disasters but here is yet another. To say the Thunderbird hockey team had a good season would be like saying that Roman Polanski likes older women. The 'Birds ended up with a 5-17 record which left them in last place. The team's biggest claim to fame this year is that they knocked the University of Alberta Bears out of the playoffs for the first time in 18 years, but this means nothing when you do not make them yourself.

The 'Birds did have some outstanding individual players, though. Bill Holowaty and Jim McLaughlin led the team in scoring and Ron Paterson was an overworked standout in goal. All three of these players were chosen to represent Canada at the World Student Games.

The UBC volleyball teams represented the school well in college play. The men played .500 ball while women were excellent. The Canada West format in volleyball requires the teams to compete in three tournaments. The men placed fourth out of six teams, yet their play was above that level.

The women placed second in two of the tournaments and won the third. This earned them the right to compete in the Canada West championships. They lost in three tight games to the University of Saskatchewan, who were the eventual Canadian champions. Sandy Silver, the Thunderette coach, deserves most of the credit for her team's performance. Her up-to-date knowledge and methods have enabled her to turn out entertaining teams and skilful players.

Another strong team at UBC this year was the men's rugby team. It not only bested its college rivals in Canada but also had a successful tour of California where it outscored its opponents by an average of 25 points a game. The 'Birds also retained a share of the prestigious McKechnie Cup which was won for besting the top representative sides in B.C.

As well rugby player Robin Russell shared the award for top male athlete with hockey star Jim Laughlin.

The gymnastics team placed seventh in Canada. The team was led by the incredible Patti Sakaki who was the Canadian women's champion for the second year in a row. Sakaki was also named the UBC female athlete of the year. The men's stalwart was Glen Harder.

The swimming and diving team was also overlooked somewhat this year. But it should not have been. It was one of UBC's more successful teams with a third place finish in the Canadian championships. The team

UBC RUGBY . . . good showing

was led by a sterling performance by Mike Blondal who placed first in one event and second in one other.

Other lesser noticed sport teams that represented the school very well were the men's and women's ski squads. Both teams won in their Northwest College league. Outstanding members of the teams include Kathy O'Sullivan, who won several combined titles and Bruce Hilland, who was the men's combined winner. As well Ole Anker-Rasch was the cross country winner. Both teams did exceptionally well considering they had no snow in B.C. to train on.

The UBC wrestling team placed fifth overall in the Canadian National Championships. Martin Gleave was the national champion in the 134-lb. class, Rob Jones was third at 126-lbs. and Lee Blanchard narrowly lost in the finals at 167-lbs.

One other UBC athlete who brought honor to himself and UBC was Rick Hansen, named B.C.'s disabled athlete of the year for the second year in a row.

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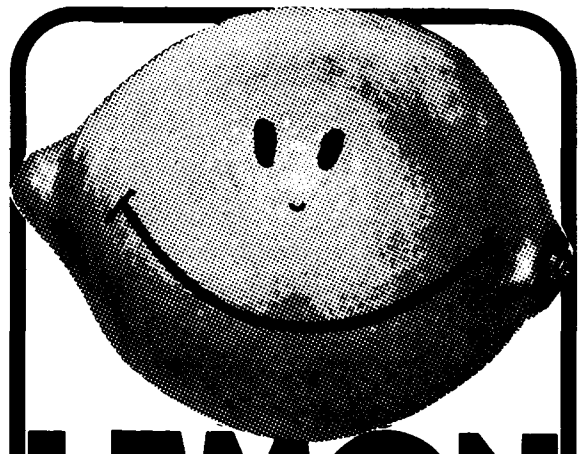

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The fading dream of farming in B.C.

UBC students want to farm but speculators stop them

By NANCY CAMPBELL

Not every student in UBC's faculty of agriculture wants to become a farmer. But for those who do, farming in B.C. is an unattainable dream, which is quickly becoming a nightmare.

"The land values just aren't agricultural values," Gord says bitterly. The agricultural land reserve system is doing nothing to stop speculators, who are the main force behind spiralling land values. "As long as speculators know there's a chance the land can be released from the ALR, they'll buy it," he said.

"You can't get a farm unless you marry it, inherit it or go into debt for the rest of your life," agreed Anne. Although she badly wants to farm her own land, she is preparing to go into farming extension work as an alternative. She would act as a liaison between government research and farmers, actively assisting farmers in planning their crops and livestock, but without a chance of owning her own farm.

Ken has accepted the reality of farming in B.C., but he's not happy about it. "No one's going to come out of here, unless they win a lottery, and start running their own place. Sure I'm disappointed. It would be nice to go out and put in a lot of hard work on my own place. But it's a dream."

Ken said he'll leave UBC this year and try to find a job managing a farm. "But I'd jump at the opportunity to own a farm, believe me."

Three students who want to become farmers can't become farmers. Gordon stands the best chance of eventually owning his own farm because he will return to his family's dairy farm in the Fraser Valley when he graduates this year. The only child in the family who wants to continue the family business, he is confident that one day he will replace his father as the farm's owner.

But for Anne and Ken, and the other agriculture students affected, the future holds nothing but working with or for other farmers, never being one. Why?

The biggest reason, they say, is the current Agricultural Land Reserve system. Conceived and created by the NDP government, the ALR was designed to counter speculators by freezing agricultural land. In principle, it's a good system. Agricultural land, assessed at agricultural rates, is far cheaper than residential or commercial land, with their potential for high-density development. Tell speculators the land cannot be developed for any other purpose than agriculture, and it should discourage them and keep the prices down.

But the system hasn't worked because appeals can be made to the ALR commission or provincial cabinet. And as long as a healthy doubt exists in speculators' minds that their farmland can be turned into prime residential land at prime rates, they will continue to buy farms and let them rot.

Dave is quiet when he tells his story, but there is a lot of pain in his eyes. "When my father died we had to sell the farm — there was no way my mother could run it with young kids. We sold 107 acres for $125,000. Four years later the new people sold it to some speculators for $350,000. They're a doctor and a dentist; they bought it for pure speculation. They don't use it. The barns are falling apart, the land is getting ruined, except for a few fields rented out to some vegetable growers who don't give a damn about the rest of the farm.

"Pissed off? Of course I'm pissed off. There's no way I can possibly buy back our farm, even in its present condition. I've applied to be a rangeland manager in Kamloops instead."

The recent Spetifore case has highlighted the problem, and focused public attention on the rapid loss of arable farmland from the reserve.

A series of controversial decisions almost removed 523 acres of Delta farmland belonging to Socred supporter George Spetifore from the ALR. Although a closed session of the Social Credit cabinet approved the land's removal, the Greater Vancouver Regional District eventually voted narrowly in favor of retaining the land's agricultural zoning.

Admittedly, when the 11,661,600 acre ALR was created in 1972, there were many farms and potentially arable land left out, and some marginal land left in. With the return of the Socred government, the ALR is being "fine tuned" to correct these inequities. But to these agriculture students the "fine tuning" process seems to be motivated not by a sense of preserving good farmland, but of removing good farmland to the financial gain of speculators, developers and partisan supporters.

Since 1972 the ALR has had 82,374 acres added to it, but 120,351 acres removed for a new net total of 11,623,623 acres as of April 1, 1980.

The pressure to remove good farmland comes not only from the government but also from the municipalities, where urban encroachment is used as a weapon.

Joe said his friends had a feedlot in Langley, but were eventually "hassled out of existence" by the municipality. "There were these subdivisions encroaching on the feedlot, and the people didn't like the smell of manure, or the noise, or anything, even though the feedlot was there first. So the municipality had all these inspectors come around every week, checking for this, imposing new rules on that. But they still couldn't put them out of business.

"You know how they finally got rid of them? They said the feedlot was a non-agricultural business and got them off the land that way. What a joke. A feedlot is one of the most basic agricultural businesses you can get!"

The students all agreed the ALR could be a workable system if the possibility of appeals is ruled out. Otherwise ranches will continue to go for $1 million, an impossible amount to pay off when you're only turning over $60,000 annually, Ken said. "There's no way you can make it," he said glumly.

UBC agriculture dean Warren Kitts is more optimistic for the future, however. "Getting into farming is terribly hard, and I can't find an easy answer. Students have to prove to the powers that be that they can become good farmers and then I think the government will assist them."

But there's a good future for all of the 414 undergraduate aggies at UBC, Kitts says. "We had 77 graduates last year, and only four are unemployed right now," he said.

"The future of agriculture in this province is extremely good. I think it needs careful managing however, or high food producing areas will be lost." Kitts said there is a need for more people in agriculture, agribusiness and agriculture related areas. "The quality of productive land in Canada is diminishing because of erosion and deterioration. Canada as a whole has a problem in ensuring food production. We are not as rich in the production of food as we think we are."

The next few years will have real problems because of the marked number of senior people who are retiring early, Kitts said. Not enough people are being produced to fill those positions, making it a "bright future" indeed for students entering the field, he said.

For most agriculture students farming is not the future. Kitts said some use their degrees to go on to other programs at UBC such as law, medicine, education or business administration. The majority go on to jobs in agribusiness, research or planning. "The list is long," Kitts said. "We have students going into jobs such as brewer control, milk control, food marketing, industry laboratories, developing new products, land reclamation, regulatory systems, experimental studies, and fundamental research."

He expects enrolment in his faculty to increase because people are finally realizing the extremely high value of food, which is "becoming more important than energy." Kitts sees a 'rosy and enjoyable' future for agriculture students.

But what about his students who want to become farmers? "If they're so intent to go farming, they'll get there somehow."

His students don't share the same confidence, however. They say changes have to be made to the system now if there is to be a future for them. And since they perceive speculators to be the basis of the problem, they want speculators to be hardest hit.

"Speculators make profit without putting in any effort. There should be a 100 per cent capital gains tax imposed on them to stop land sales for profit," says Dave.

A better solution would be to force speculators to pay all back taxes on land in the ALR, Gord said. "It should be that you don't pay taxes on land while it's in the reserve, but you pay them when it's pulled out of the reserve. The beauty of this system is that it makes the land harder and harder to pull out, but if you really want to develop it you'll come up with the money somehow."

All the students feel a farm bank is needed in B.C. When farmers decide to retire, they could sell their farm to the government, which would lease it to young farmers and eventually sell it to them if they proved their commitment to farming. Saskatchewan and Quebec have both implemented the system, and the students are enthusiastic about the results.

Perhaps the biggest problem with arable land is its image as a marketable commodity, rather than a trust to grow produce and livestock and maintain the land for the future, Dave says. "A farmer should be there to work the land and pass it on in the same shape. He should make profits from the stuff he produces, not from the land. What it boils down to is that you can never own the land, only what it can offer you."

"Something has to change," Gord says. "Not all farmers have kids who want to get into farming." But for those people who do want to get into farming, there is no farm bank or effective agricultural reserve to help them.

"You can't really go anywhere else and find it easier," Ken said. "We have to improve what's happening here in B.C."

There are some signs of hope for the future. Kitts said professional associations and agriculture faculties are working more closely with the government to coordinate planning and policy. And the B.C. government has said it wants to increase B.C.'s self-sufficiency in food to 65 per cent from 43 per cent by 1985, which indicates some planning is in progress.

Food is a basic human need, more basic than rapid transit, more basic than energy, more basic than tunnels under Georgia Strait. It's not a profitable business for those who care, but it's a necessary business which is currently being stifled by poor policy planning. Ken, Anne, Gord, Dave, Joe — they are but a few faces in the growing concern over agriculture's future. Farming may seem to be a boring, dead-end existence to most people, but to these students it's a future they want to have.

"It's what I want to do," says Gord. "It's a good job, a steady job, no big wages and a real sense of security. But it's a job that will always be there."

'Something has to change'

UBC aggie protests only part of the solution

Building bridges with poems

From page 8

The last was beaten every Sunday after church "for the sins of Eve, her husband said,/ it says in the Bible."

The poet admits that farm women and prairie people, not city dwellers, will probably best identify with her poems. But both she and MacPhee say they hope to bridge class barriers and demystify poetry; they aim to make it understandable and accessible to the average person. (MacPhee will be appearing at UBC in May at a conference for the Canadian council of teachers of English.)

CONN . . . "so much is in flux"

Gom's poetry is simple but technically good. It confronts patriarchal traditions, unfair double standards and the often troublesome relationship between mother and daughter. She says:

"I think my mother is a little bit afraid of my poetry, afraid that I'm making fun of her. But she's changed a lot since my father died. She was totally dominated by my father and has had a really hard time just becoming an individual.

"She feels really sad that they couldn't have been equals. When my father was dying he told her 'I wish I knew then what I know now.' It wasn't until he died that he realized they weren't equals."

A woman's right to equality and assertiveness in interpersonal relationships is the theme of local poet Rose-Marie Tremblay. She reads with strident tones, her writing style crisp, angry but controlled. Her words challenge male pretences with biting and ironic remarks.

As she writes of an encounter with a man Pierrot: ". . .close by stands a man in brown and further on is Harlequin grinning like a fiend. The prickles have slain the ugly prince."

As a Vancouver surrealist, Tremblay's poems contain grisly images that evoke decay and disruption. She uses dead animals as disturbing but effective metaphors, such as cats impaled on a picket fence. She writes both English and French poems which provide a literary fullness in which few poets can indulge.

in the hills
maize plants
become men
and women

Poet Jan Conn, too, writes on the edge of surrealism, creating people and landscapes as interchangeable metaphors. Her summer work as an entomologist in the Interior and her travels in the West Indies, Wales, Mexico and South America, provide a stimulating setting for her words.

Of Chamula, Mexico, she reads:

in the hills maize plants
become men and women, dancing
around a jaguar of stone.
behind each one a gravestone
with wings; dried stalks
rattling in a voice
made black by a century of suns.

Conn's poems on relationships are sensitively interwoven with natural images. In A Question of Position she begins: "after three hearts explode/in a hallway/of mirrors and knives/anger remains points/and twigs on the skin of dreams/that only the single mind/retains a private dialogue/with a tree outside."

As organizer of last week's event, sponsored by SFU's departments of English and women's studies, Conn says a women's poetry reading offers a special, unique perspective.

"These are women who at the moment are really conscious of trying to change themselves and society by continually redefining themselves," she said. "It's very exciting. They're questioning everything. So much is in flux."

In particular, the poems of K. O. Kane explore the dark corners of the human psyche and name the negative aspects we hide. Many people are afraid to enter the deep unconscious of their own minds, yet Kane confronts this directly. In a lyrical-narrative voice, she examines relationships from an existentialist viewpoint.

While reading, she grips the podium, then steps back, moving her foot and arm to the rhythmic beat of her words:

they gathered
the strings and the voices
the beat, knuckled to the wind

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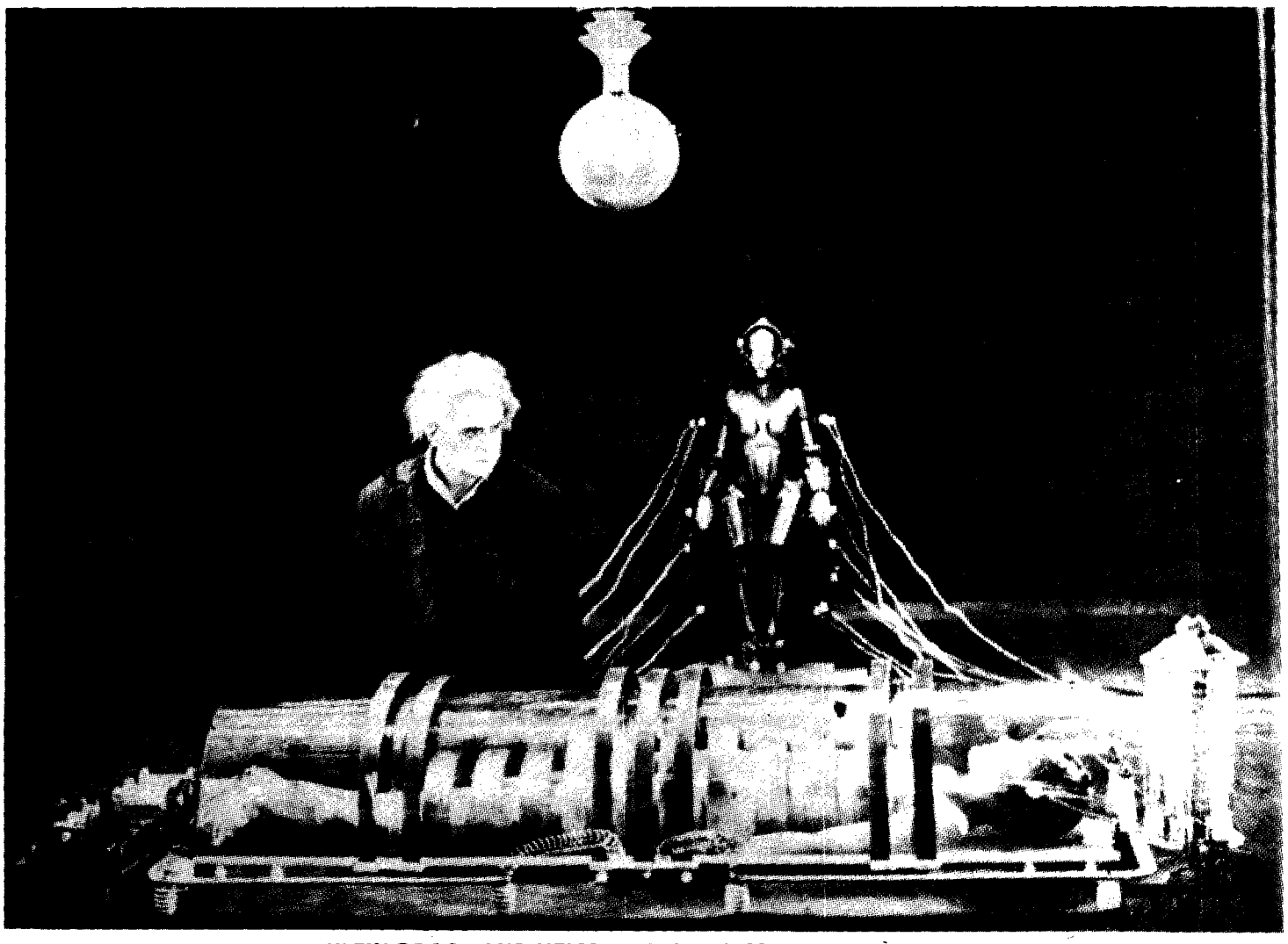
Horror history full of twists and turns

By SHAFFIN SHARIFF



KLEIN-ROGGE AND HELM . . . in Lang's Metropolis

Horror.

There isn't a film genre as general problematic and undefinable as the horror film. The horror film is not only the creepie-crawly monster movie, like The Wolfman and the Blob, but also the suspense thriller, the mystery thriller, and at times takes the form of black comedy, like Roman Polanski's Culde-Sac. What one defines as the horror film ultimately depends on individual tastes.

But at their most basic level, horror films have an archetypal appeal. Good horror films and even bad ones manage to have almost inexplicable popularity.

To belong to the horror genre, a film need not be totally frightening in nature. For example, only some parts of the film may be suspenseful or horrific. And there need not be a primal beast loose in the society portrayed by the film. The beast, as horror filmmakers have come to tell us, is within us. One of the messages of the Lord of The Flies is precisely that: at the heart of each individual lies a lasting evil temporarily covered by civilization.

The horror film grew out of the early expressionistic German films like F. W. Murnau's Nosferatu and the earlier The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, directed by Robert Wiene. The surrealistic sets of these films, and of Dr. Caligari in particular, are much acclaimed by cineastes, though the sets were necessitated as much by restrictive budgets as creative imaginations.

A decade after the pioneer movement started by the German cinema, Hollywood caught on and has never loosened its grip on the horror film since. In 1925, Universal Studios, then a struggling company, released The Phantom of the Opera, with Lon Chaney in the title role. Phantom has been copied many times, most recently by Brian De Palma's Phantom of Paradise.

The German cinema wasn't stagnant, although Nazi suppression became evident in 1933 with the banning of Fritz Lang's The Last Will of Dr. Mabuse. While Universal was making The Cat and the Canary, Frankenstein, and Dracula with Bela Lugosi, German directors like Lang, Wiene, Dryer were making classics such as M and Vampyr.

The Hollywood horror film came of age with such films as the Bride of Frankenstein, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and The Cat People, to name only a few. A small landmark in the history of the horror film may be the British-made Dead of Night, a compilation of five stories with an ingenious link.

A curious fusion took place between horror film and science fiction, an off-shoot of the horror film in the 1950s. But as early as 1926 there was Metropolis, the wildly brilliant film by Fritz Lang, starring the evocative Briggitte Helm. Metropolis meshed horror film elements with a science fiction theme by showing the absolute evil of a future machine-dominated city. (Actually, Metropolis was Fritz Lang's vision of a futuristic New York.)

CHANEY AND PRICE . . . and friend in The Haunted Palace

But it wasn't until the '50s that science fiction combined with horror and became a genre in its own right. Cheaply-made but imaginative B-grade budget films like The War of the Worlds, The Invasion of the Body Snatchers (a classic), The Incredible Shrinking Man, and The Fly are some examples.

A dominant force in the low-budget horror genre was Roger Corman and his erratic adaptations of Edgar Allan Poe's story. There was a formula to Corman's films: take a spooky castle in a Gothic setting, introduce two innocents (preferably a young man and a woman with blonde hair), and trap them in a beastly environment inhabited by a madman (read Vincent Price).

Price appeared in almost all of Corman's Poe adaptations, including The Fall of the House of Usher, The Pit and the Pendulum, The Haunted Place, The Masque of Red Death, and The Raven. In Corman's films, humor is an essential part of the horror film, though not always intentionally. Most of the Corman-Price collaborations are cult films. The Fall of the House of Usher and The Pit and the Pendulum show up periodically on television and it's to Corman's credit that these films appear even more frightening in the privacy of one's own surroundings than they did in the theatre.

Corman is not just an important figure in the development of horror film but also the history of the cinema in general. Corman and his company, New World Pictures, are credited with giving contemporary filmmakers like Francis Coppola, Martin Scorcese and Jonathan Demme their first breaks.

Other filmmakers were also caught up in the horror cycle. Hitchcock was the most stylish of these directors, having made numerous suspense-thrillers. The crowning touch to Hitchcock's career was Psycho, which some people (not many, though) refer to as Hitchcock's blackest comedy. Robert Aldrich was also successful with his film, Whatever Happened to Baby Jane, with Bette Davis and Joan Crawford. The 1961 film The Innocents with Deborah Kerr is also notable for its frightening hold on the viewer.

The '60s were an uneventful decade as far as the horror film was concerned, with Beach Blanket Bingo prototypes tampering with the horror film in ludicrous and fortunately temporary film cycle.

Perhaps the most eventful return of the horror film came with William Friedkin's 1973 chiller The Exorcist, which had audiences returning to the theatre to see the film over and over again. The Exorcist was also nominated for best picture, although the director and the producers tried to cover up the fact that it was Mercedes Cambridge who did the devilish voice-over for Linda Blair, and not Blair herself.

The horror cycle started by The Exorcist hasn't ended yet. Brian de Palma carried on the suspense-thriller tradition established by Hitchcock, with Sisters (1972), Obsession (1975), and Carrie (1977), the frightening story of a girl (Sissy Spacek) who unleashes her telekinetic powers on her fellow high school students. De Palma's latest is Dressed To Kill, a stylish thriller about guilt, sex, fear, and murder.

But the late '70s also saw a disturbing trend in horror films. John Carpenter's Hallowe'en (1977), a taut thriller about three female high school students pursued by a deranged killer, started a highly disturbing trend in the horror genre: the exploitation film.

Directors of horror films have always liked using teenagers in their films: teens make for a good draw at the box office. An example is the 1956 Steve McQueen feature, The Blob. But lately, filmmakers eager to make fast bucks have been using teenagers (and especially scantily-clad young women) to make some of the most gruesome and purposeless thrillers.

In a film like Hallowe'en, and some of the earlier horror films, the emphasis was on the victim and his or her plight. Current films like Friday the Thirteenth (holidays and superstitions are always good at the box office), the camera adapts the viewpoint of the killer. Consequently, we are no longer being asked to identify with the victim, but with the killer. Other horror offshoots include Terror Train and My Bloody Valentine, both of which were financed by Canadian money.

As long as a market exists for these exploitation films, unknown filmmakers will continue to make them. The B-filmmakers of the '50s had a sense of responsibility and imagination which is sorely lacking in contemporary filmmakers.

Fortunately for caring movie audiences, good horror films are available if one takes the time to look for them. John Carpenter's Hallowe'en is one example, and De Palma's Dressed To Kill is another. Though a film like Prom Night has overtones of the exploitation picture, it is a notable Canadian attempt to rework the formula established by Hallowe'en. Ridley Scott's Alien (1978) is another example of a brutal, frightening, and chilling throwback to the horror-science fiction film two decades ago.

Canadian talent does exist, and some believe it is most readily exemplified by a young director named David Cronenberg, who has developed a cult following. The director of such films as Shivers and The Brood, Cronenberg's latest picture is Scanners, about telepathic individuals with the ability to blow people's minds and make people explode. Shot with off-sync dialogue, Scanners is an original attempt.

But the problem that plagues Scanners also troubles most horror films today. Though some of these films may be an exciting and frightening trip, they fall short of being satisfying. Even a film as well made as Dressed To Kill has an unsatisfactory conclusion. If one looks back to Hitchcock's films or a film as recent as Hallowe'en, one cannot fail to notice that they're complete, satisfying films.

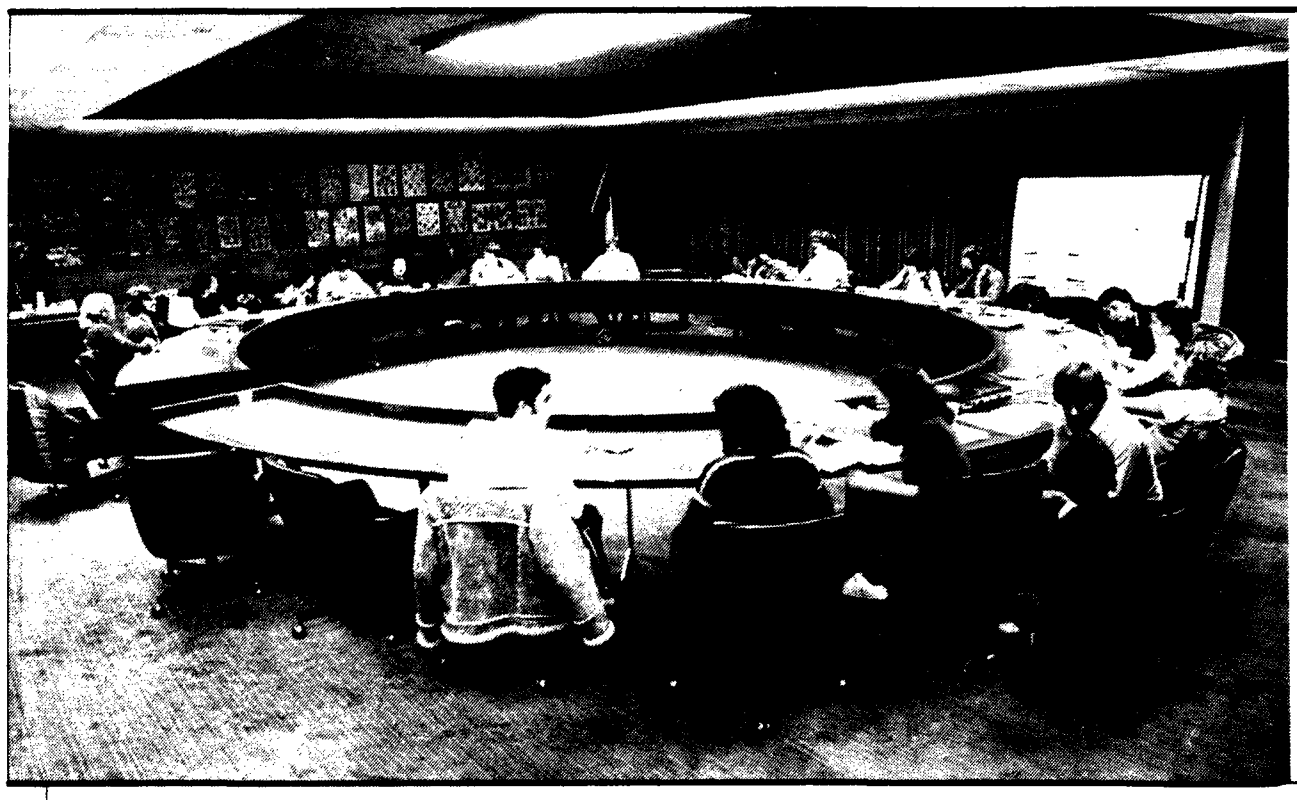
It's as if horror filmmakers are incapable of coming up with original endings to their formula films. Stanley Kubrick's much-awaited The Shining was a worthy attempt to make a statement about the timelessness of human evil, but it too failed in the end.

The Funhouse, by the director of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, a revolting film, is a fine sendup of exploitive horror films in which the viewpoint of the camera is identified with the killer. A woman entering a bathtub with a translucent shower curtain is tracked by an unknown "killer" in a mask. While the suspense builds up to the fateful moment of the woman's stabbing (Psycho revisited), we forget that the "killer" is no more than the young woman's younger brother, who's playing a prank on her.

But The Funhouse, like many of its contemporaries, also fails. The director takes too long to set up the gimmick — four teenagers trapped in a funhouse in a carnival — and the ensuing blood and gore is meaningless.

Horror film fans need not lament the apparent decline of the horror film in recent years, an example of which is the dreadful Final Conflict, the latest, though not the last chapter in the Omen trilogy, despite advertising claims. A remake of The Cat People is currently in the works, and Phillip Kauffman made an excellent remake of Don Siegal's 1958 Invasion of the Body Snatchers in 1978. Many of the old classics, like Dead of Night and The Innocents show up periodically on television, and they're worth staying up for. You might also try writing to a local station or the CBC or PBS, if you're a member of public television, to request a movie.

Who knows? There may even be a knock on your door one day, and your most bizarre nightmare will begin to come ture. . . That is the stuff the best horror films are made of.



Student council never managed a unified front against an executive bent on promoting its own pet plans and projects

Ups didn't match downs in 1980-81

By VERNE McDONALD

For UBC students this year the trouble started well before classes began.

Summer jobs have become perennially difficult to get and once again students' earnings did not increase at a pace that could equal inflation. Women were hardest hit, earning less even though more of them found jobs.

A steadily tightening housing shortage hit crisis proportions in Vancouver even as students were writing exams last spring. By August the situation for many was desperate and the value of their earnings and limited student aid was further slashed by skyrocketing rents, which rose up to 20 per cent in a few months.

Tent cities were proposed at all three of B.C.'s major universities, as 2,600 students at UBC and another 1,000 at Simon Fraser University were turned away from campus housing. Across Canada, conditions at other institutions were almost as bad. People were forced into substandard temporary housing, sometimes for months, before finding permanent places to live at maximum rates.

Meanwhile on the UBC campus, more unpleasant surprises were waiting. The time was coming for the board of governors to implement its new policy of indexing tuition fees to equal 10 per cent of the university operating budget. Even this financial shot in the arm would come too late for an administration becoming uneasy because of the provincial government's refusal to meet rising educational costs.

As department heads settled into their jobs for the winter session, among their first tasks was outlined in a memorandum from administration president Doug Kenny. The university had to cut back $2.1 million; their job was to point out where the axe should fall.

Another unpleasant surprise was what the students' Alma Mater Society was prepared to do about these problems facing students: nothing.

The majority of the AMS executive were engrossed with private projects of their own: spending $1 million on renovating the newly paid off SUB, committing hundreds of thousands more to a south side centre which, as it turned out, the students didn't want; and ingratiating themselves with the university administration in the hope it would join them in a common front after years of bowing with barely a murmur to government pressure while willingly passing costs on to students.

Given a weak and divided student council lacking the confidence to confront executive decisions, particularly a council diminished in numbers during the summer session, the executive found themselves in effective control.

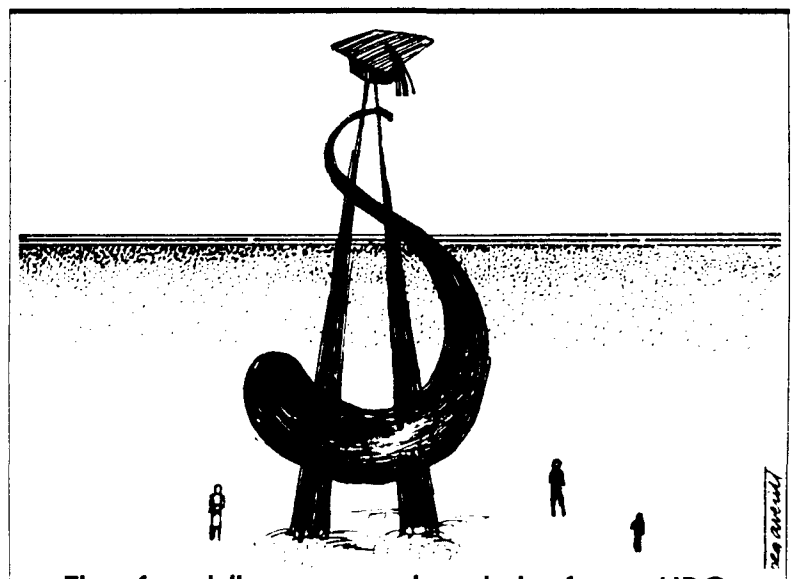
With AMS president Bruce Armstrong and finance director Len Clark leading, important decisions affecting fundamental AMS policies were placed before council at a time when most students, along with the majority of the AMS organization of committees, clubs, constituencies and services, were absent.

Motions during the summer included moves to remove the authority of the staffs of The Ubyssey and CITR and place it in the hands of student council, and reducing the budget of the women's committee by 90 per cent, only a year after the past work of the committee had earned it status as an AMS service organization. While the council threw curves at student organizations that could represent themselves only with difficulty, the building plans went ahead swiftly and without student involvement.

Clarke's stab at the women's committee budget was only a taste of how he considered his training as a commerce student as far more important than his responsibility as an elected servant of the students. He accepted a recommendation for Pit prices to go up 15 per cent in August at almost the same time that he received figures showing the Pit made a profit of $70,000 last year, about twice what had been expected.

With the return of the students to campus, things heated up. The women's committee, as CITR and The Ubyssey had done in May, put a stop to council plans to hamstring it. Agriculture students hooted Armstrong down when he tried to sell the south side centre package.

Others at UBC were disgusted by the lack of support the AMS was giving to the tuition fee and education cutbacks committee as the board of governors announced that tuition fees would rise 13 per cent at a university where millions of dollars worth of services were being cut. After failing to prod the AMS executive or the two student board of governors representatives into taking any but the faintest of actions, students started working on their own.



The fee hike came too late for a UBC administration uneasy because the provincial government refused to meet rising education costs.

At the board meeting Nov. 5 the AMS executive stirred itself to make a statement. Students attending listened in surprised silence while Armstrong, neatly attired in a vested suit, proposed to the board that fees be tied to the cost of living index in Vancouver rather than the university budget, a doubtful move considering the rise in the index for 1981 was likely to be significantly higher than 13 per cent.

Others argued that fees be frozen until student aid was increased for the first time since 1977. The board listened politely, went in camera after a cup of tea, then hiked the fees 13 per cent.

A number of students walked out of the meeting feeling angry and betrayed; in the coming months they would revitalze the tuition fee and education cutbacks committee into one of the most active and hardest working of AMS committees, taking over the responsibility of representing students where the AMS executive and council had abdicated it.

The constant attitude of the executive to each issue was to embrace a partisan concept and resist all suggestions for compromise. In the first two months after classes started the AMS leadership had planted doubts about its integrity in summarily pulling out of the Association of Student Councils and excluding themselves from the voice in its affairs they professed to be seeking.

They had also irritated interested students by stubbornly pushing the SUB renovations while brooking neither opposition or suggestions for improvement.

By Christmas, students were restive and the executive were an embattled group. Support for the building proposals was slipping and rumours of a $200,000 surplus were circulating among lean-budgeted subsidiary organizations along with proclamations from Bruce Armstrong that the AMS would continue to collect its $15 building fee even if students voted not to go ahead with building projects.

Though the main problem for UBC students was dealing with division and disagreement among themselves, there were problems enough from elsewhere as well. Social Credit MLA Jack Davis issued a report alleging B.C. is being inundated with foreign students who crowd out the native born. Suspicion immediately was aroused that the provincial government was attempting to prepare the introduction of differential fees for out of country and even out of province students.

There was also an indignant response from people who remembered only too well the W5 furor of the year before when the television program broadcast film of Chinese Canadians portraying them as foreign students.

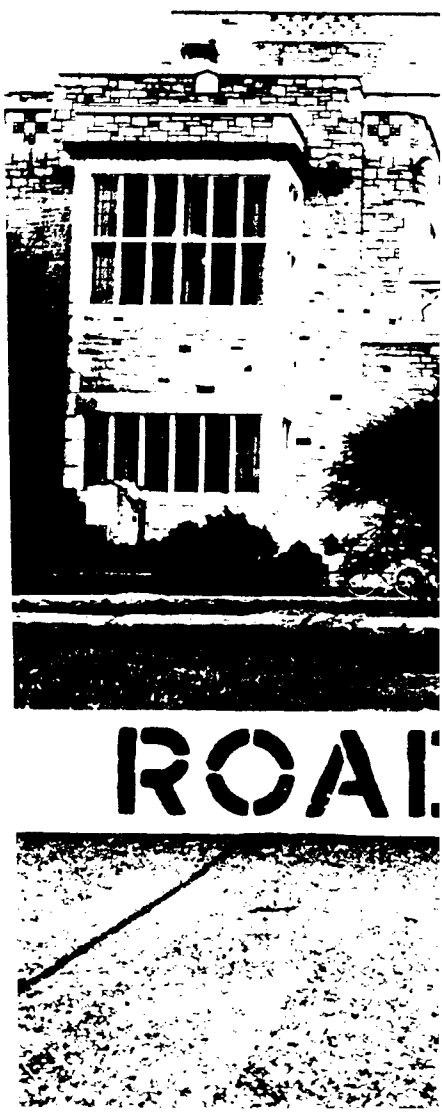
Students charged Davis had made a similar blunder in making his estimates, while the universities ministry and university presidents flatly denied there was an excessive number of foreign students. Davis' report was howled down.

Teaching assistants, too, were threatened. The administration continued to view the fledgling Teaching Assistants' Union as would an 19th century mine owner and talks dragged through the fall. The appointment of a mediator from the B.C. Labor Relations Board helped, but talks stalled again on the clauses regarding academic freedom, grievance procedure for sexual harassment and union security.

By the Christmas break, UBC was a pessimist's paradise. The TAU was considering forcing the administration's hand with a strike vote. Increases were promised in residence rates to go with the tuition fee hike. The $200,000 AMS surplus Len Clarke had engineered in 1979-80 was announced and students responded with a resentful backlash. "There is concern on everybody's part that there is that much of a surplus," said then vice president Marlea Haugen.

The turn of the decade, however, saw students beginning to shake loose of the apathetic outlook of the late 1970s and there was the promise of change and improvement.

News was coming in from across Canada about increasing protest aimed at the common enemy of decreasing value and quality of education and students at UBC were ready to participate. The education cutbacks committee,



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SON SHRINES FOR FOX

Plucky lad gets hand from government

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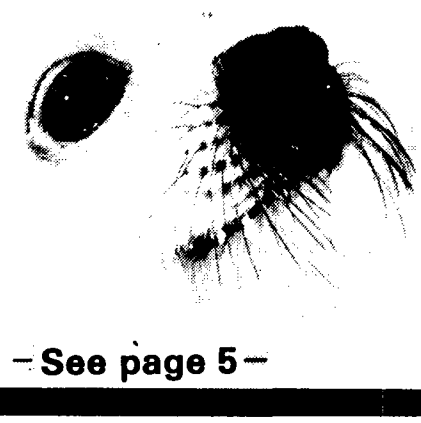
Potato fertilizer fate for PEI seals

'Humanitarian' action by islanders is actually scheme to use seals as low cost spud growing aid!



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The Empire strikes back

Milk-snatcher Thatcher revokes Statute of Westminster — Canada now part of U.K.

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Quotes we like

"On the whole, I'd rather be in Arlington."
—Ronald Reagan

'KGB OK' — UK VIP Bolshie prince sets sights on Siberia

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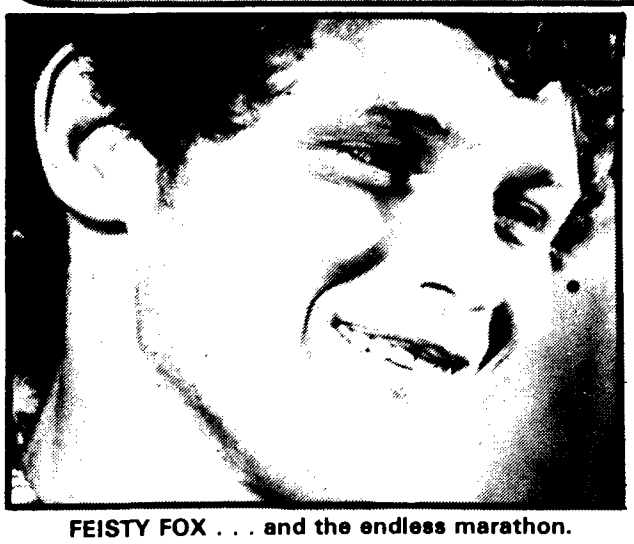
DRUGGED BUT STILL SMILING FOX PREPARES FOR MORE WONDER DRUGS

Our hero Terry shrines on



FEISTY FOX . . . and the endless marathon.

The thoughts of every Canadian, young and old, rich and poor, healthy and diseased, are turned right now on a hospital bed in New Westminster where reclines the centre, the essence, of the Marathon of Hope.

Canadians will never forget. And the memory of Terry Fox will live through the coming ages, thanks to plans announced yesterday by Marathon of Hope hangers on.

More than $4 million of the $20 million that has so far poured into the massive fund is to be set aside at this point in time in order to build a series of shrines across Eastern Canada along the route of the Marathon of Hope, with monuments to the plucky pitiful protagonist who pulled it off to be built in major cities along the way.

In his hospital bed, befuddled by the bewildering array of drugs required to treat his tragic illness, Terry Fox himself was filled with modest wonder when told of the plans.

"Why would they want to do that? I don't think that's necessary at all,"said Fox.

And the fund keeps growing, too. Companies from Imperial Tobacco to Sudbury International Nickel can be seen advertising on television for the Marathon of Hope and some of those companies have made token cash contributions as well.

Meanwhile, the boys and girls at Rum Bay High School near Truro, N.S. are well on their way to starting a new fad among the youth of the Maritimes by raising money selling false artificial legs, which have really caught on among the running set.

"What with the coal mining and steel production around here, you never know when you're going to need one," said one of the students. "These are fully adaptable to actual use, at little cost."

Fox seemed disturbed by the report, but was quickly assured that all the proceeds from the students' project were going to the Marathon of Hope.

International hero Kenneth Taylor said Monday the Marathon of Hope must continue. He proposed Governor-General Ed Schreyer have his right leg amputated and begin the Marathon again from Northern Ontario where Fox was forced to abandon it by the roadside.

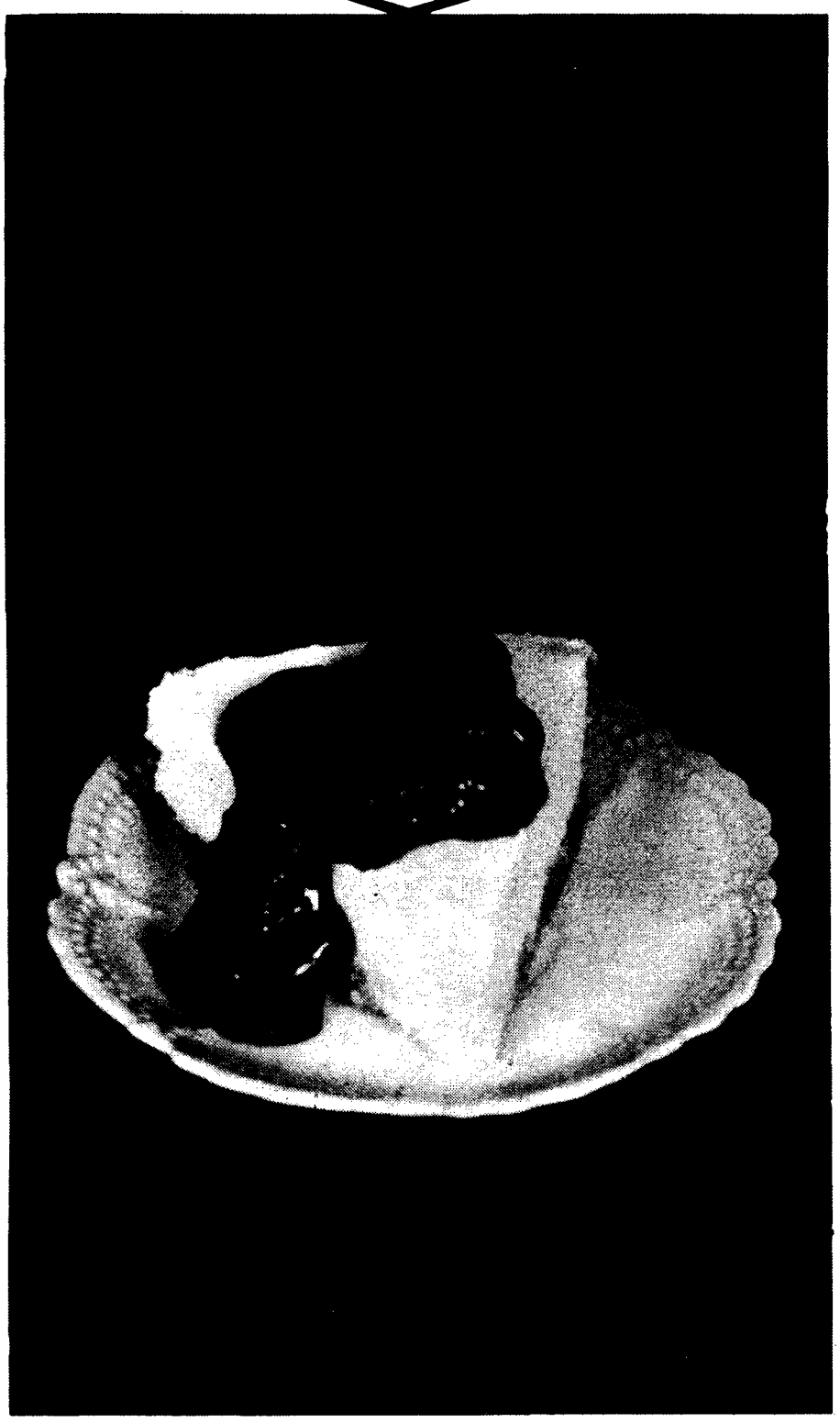
"I would do it myself," said Taylor, "but imagine how it would bring this country together if our head of state would participate. Besides, it's about time the Governor-General did something of real use for this country and cutting off his leg would be just the thing."

"That's horrible. Why would he say such a terrible thing?" Fox commented just before reporters were rushed from the room so the bighearted hero could receive medication.

F. STOP FITZGERALD Cheesecake

What a sweet thing!

F. Stop found this delicious cutie in Drago's Donuts and Deli, where she works as temporary window dressing. Strawberry blonde Betty Butterfat has vital statistics of 218 calories per 4 oz. serving and likes pastry cooking, parcheesi and "hungry guys." She says she likes to take life in big bites. Scrumptious, for sure!



Charlie seeks long, winding road to Moscow

It's 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' no more for Britain's Prince Charles. Instead they're calling him 'Charles the Red' in Whitehall this morning after the latest disclosure in the ongoing British security crisis revealed that the royal heir has been working for the KGB for the last 14 years.

According to author Chapman Pincher, whose account of double dealing and treason in the British intelligence service has set the world on its ear, Charles was first recruited to the Russian cause during an international polo tournament in 1967.

"Charles was introduced to a high-ranking KGB official by his great-uncle, Lord Louis Mountbatten," says Pincher in the latest sensational instalment of his continuing spy expose which also accuses showbiz mogul Sir Lew Grade, pop star Paul McCartney and all the headmasters of Eton since 1923 of receiving Russian rubles by betraying Britain.

Charles reportedly kept his Kremlin masters in the know about the personal lives of the Royal Family for years after KGB agents told Charles of the existence of a film showing him and an equine companion behaving 'intimately' in a Leningrad riding stable.

"That's a horse of a different color," a harried Charles told reporters as he boarded an Aeroflot flight for Novosibirsk this morning. "We and the gelding are just good friends."

Charles now becomes the first Prince of Wales in history to abdicate the ancient position but he's still a young man with a head full of ideas and plans.

"Until we can set up Britain as an autonomous republic within the Soviet Union we shall remain in Novosibirsk in a flax cooperative," said Britain's regal renegade this morning. But the royal 'we' doesn't include Charles' sweetheart Lady Diana.

"I don't want to be just another Christina Onassis, tagging along after my lover into exile. I might have no past but I sure want to have a future in the swinging debutante set. Besides, they don't have Lady Di cuts in Novosibirsk," the jilted consort-to-be said from her Pimlico pad.

The rest of Britain's unpredictable Royals were said to be in shock after hearing the news of the Marxist monarch-to-be except for 'randy Andy' Prince Andrew, next in the line to the throne now that older brother is a fellow traveller.

"Frankly I'm, I mean We are delighted," said the de facto heir this morning. "Charles always was a bit of a Bolshie anyways."

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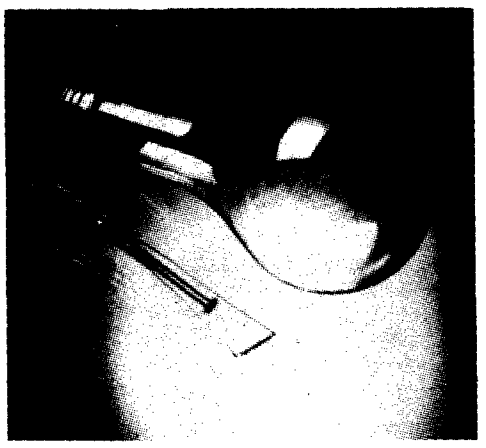

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Welcome to Vancouver's new, exciting and most interesting newspaper. Welcome to a new part of every Vancouverite's day, a new aspect of our beautiful community and a high quality piece of journalism on top of it all.

Today and in our coming issues, we'll have the news that's easy, breezy and pleasing, the real news you all want in a handy tabloid format. Our staff is eager, hard-nosed, dedicated and will keep their noses to the grindstone providing you with up-to-date facts about things you hardly ever knew existed. We'll leave no Pathetic Press file uncovered to bring you whatever it takes to fill a newspaper.

Why does Vancouver need another newspaper, you ask? Well, that's a complicated question and it's best to just think the Board of Directors at Southam knows best. But should anyone still have doubts, here's an awful lot of good reasons for introducing another paper when one of the established two is slowly dying.

First, there's the matter of competition. Should the Southam Son make the mark it should as a third pillar of public service there won't be any competition. Since all three of us down at Pathetic Press are one big happy family, there's no danger one of us will be crushed by competition from the others. Everyone will save money by having the presses going 24 hours a day and we can split up the advertising market neatly so there'll be no danger of advertisers having to shop around among unreliable competitors.

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We won't bother you with opinion, befuddle you with analysis or bewilder you with bipartisan coverage. We won't rock the boat. We'll hand you the news straight. Straight from the American news services. Straight from press releases. Straight from recycled columnists, who are happy enough to say any damn thing we want, so long as they don't have to work on The Province.

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A message for anti-life libbers

LETTERS OF THE DAY

WELL, GOOD SHOW, chaps, glad to see the new rag afloat. Pretty soon we'll be finished listening to those raving crackpots out there and we can get back to the good old world of corporate newspapering we all know and love carnally. But we'll probably all end up working for you out there anywhere (or vice-versa) so don't worry — we'll announce the appointments LATER.

All Of The People
Ever Connected With
The Kent Commission,
3045 miles above the
northern tip of
Ellesmere Island

(Thanks for the info, it's good to know who your friends are.)

HEED the cry of Susan Nelles! She is the savior of the dead-who-are alive! Hers is a great cause deserving the support of the whole country and indeed of all the people of the world, at least those over 18 years old.

Argyle Crouch
Chairman,
The Society for
Post-Natal Abortion

(Susan's the kind of spunky filly we enjoy tracking down, Argyle. Watch for her column here next week.)

I HATE to bother you guys. You are no doubt as busy as busy can be getting your new baby delivered. (That's a joke, Son. That, to make it obvious, is another.) But I'm confused. I was surprised and humiliated enough to find myself in The Province. Where do I send my column now?

Allan Fotheringham

BUG CRAWLINS

Bug is back!

What? Old Crawlins is back again? You bet. Seems they can't keep a good man down.

Who are 'they'? Why the left-lib types who've invaded city hall and a host of other organizations in Canada, including the Salvation Army, the KKK, the Vancouver City Police Force, and the WCTU. All these groups are now havens for the kind of bleeding heart liberal do-gooders that dominate the media in this country.

And the truth is, Crawlins is running out of media. Again. Dammit, the Southam Son is the best thing to happen to journalism since Cecil Rhodes bought the old Transvaal Crossburner.

But the people ask me, Bug, they say, why are you casting your lot with another big Toronto-based newspaper chain?

There were reasons. I decided it was worth being accused of opportunism when I signed on with the good ship Southam Son if only to be able to warn Canadians about the danger facing our country today. And I'm not going to mince words, like some of my colleagues, who make their living avoiding the obvious. Instead in this column I'm going to call a spade a spade. There, I said it.

There are far too many garden implements around here for my liking. Everywhere I see them. Why can't the average working Joe, like me for instance, walk barefoot through the park without having to dodge all manner of spades, shovels, hoes and rakes? But people who don't take abuse easily, like the Toronto police force, know how to deal with rake-wielding left-lib horticulturists.

You've got every right to defend yourself against the garden-variety terrorists who are now at this very moment teaching your children Gujarati, zero population growth and the Baader-Meinhof version of the Kama Sutra in our schools.

And there's not a damn word being said about it. Except by that troublesome guy, Bug Crawlins.

And so I've cast my lot with the good folk here at the Southam Son because I know the only way to stop the left-libbers is to exasperate them every day here by talking down to their supposed allies, the glorious working class, as they read this muck on their way to work at the back of a sweaty, overcrowded B.C. Hydro bus.

Crawlins still takes the bus every day, you know. He's not afraid to rub shoulders with the common man. He rides the bus. But I write the column. And I belong to Southam.

ASTRID PLAIN Horoscope

Aquarius (Jan. 19 to Feb. 25) — You are independent, friendly, willing, original, faithful, loyal and intellectually inclined. You have a progressive outlook, but at times can be tactless, rebellious and unpredictable.

Pisces (Feb. 29 to Mar. 21) — You are humble, compassionate, emotional, sensitive, adaptable, receptive and kind. At times you can be careless, vague and easily confused.

Arachne (Mar. 10 to April 10) — You are impatient and don't like standing in lines. You are a monetarist, always wanting as much money as you can, but are not so greedy as to put other non-monetary concerns before the desire for money. Because of your imbalance of humors, you often do not get along with some people.

Aries (April 10 to April 20) — You are enterprising, courageous, energetic and dislike restrictions on your life. At times you can be selfish, impulsive and quick-tempered.

Taurus (April 21 to May 21) — You are a reliable person with a strong sense of values. Because of your tendency to be boring, greedy and stubborn, you are adept in business. You are trustworthy and persistent, but can lack flexibility.

Gemini (May 32 to June 31) — You are adaptable, versatile, intellectual and witty. Your spontaneous decisions tend to be logical, leading to a flair for conversation and writing. Several famous writers have been born under this sign, so you are not alone.

Cancer (June 23 to July 15) — Like many other signs, you are also kind, sensitive and sympathetic. Your powerful imagination leads to a strong paternal instinct. You can become snappy, hyper-sensitive, and can try often to hide inner weaknesses. You can be easily flattered and untidy.

Leo (July 25 to Aug. 23) — The sun in the fifth house makes you a creative and powerful person. Like Leo the Lion, you are a good organizer, broadminded and creative, but can at times be power-mad, conceited, dogmatic, bullying, pompous, snobbish, intolerant, or have fixed opinions.

Virgo (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) — You are a meticulously tidy person at times. You have also been known to be messy. A fussy worrier, you are often worrying about money, food or sex. Your tendency toward abnormal conventions leads to many things, or it may go nowhere.

Libra (Oct. 15 to Oct. 13) — You are a charming, pleasant, easy-going, but at times pathologically violent romantic, with highly refined ideals. You can be indecisive, resentful and changeable, which explains why so few people were born under this sign.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23) — You are imaginative, discerning, subtle and determined. You can be jealous of other people, especially when your spouse is committing adultery. You can be secretive and suspicious, although less often than other signs.

Sagittarius — (Nov. 25 to Nov. 25) — You are jovial, optimistic, versatile, open-minded, adaptable, sincere and frank. You are prone to being boisterous and tactless. You breathe through your nose but in the near future will breathe through your mouth occasionally.

Capricorn (Dec. 1 to Jan. 20) — You are reliable, determined, ambitious, prudent and patient. You have a sense of humor, which is proven by the large number of comedians born under this sign. Your imbalance of bile humors leads to a rigid outlook that can either be pessimistic or optimistic at times. Your miserly tendency is created by your selfish desire not to waste money.

Pierre pushes piercing profiles

World famous fashion designer Pierre Cardin is tired of today's feminine fashions, deciding instead to create clothes for America's aggressive career women. Practical for both the office and the street, the sharp ensemble, with or without bows, should help the libbers get their point across.

JERRY RUBIN

Stock phrases

Bullish on pillage

Alberta premier Peter Lougheed has announced the Alberta Heritage Fund is in the process of acquiring controlling interest in the British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation at $5.75 a share.

"I'm sure glad we waited 'til now to buy it, rather than taking up Bill Bennett's initial offer of $6.00," Lougheed told 500 oil company executives in Edmonton Wednesday.

"Alberta could do with a couple of lumber companies, after all, we can't build houses out of oil, can we?" he asked.

Lougheed would also end BCRIC's interest in Kaiser coal. "I don't see why the Alberta government should compete against itself by continuing something as crazy as alternative energy. The only alternative I advocate is to either buy my oil at world prices, or freeze in the dark — harghh harghh ha," the 'Albertan autocrat' quipped.

"We can bleed the east for Albertan oil, and when that runs out, we will have B.C. coal to ransom to the east," Lougheed said. "Besides, that way we can give Edgar Kaiser three and a half percent of nothing," he added.

B.C. Premier Bill Bennett responded to the challenge. "If that's the way they're going to play, I will have to reiterate my policy that B.C. is not for sale. We'll just have to, erhhh . . . we will suggest to BCRIC they borrow money to buy the Alberta Heritage Fund. That will show them cowboys we mean business, erhhh . . ."

This threat does not worry Lougheed. "I guess I will have to go down to the bank and withdraw some petty cash to buy B.C.," he said.

Go bus-t

The Bank of Canada announced Wednesday the bank rate would no longer be indexed to the interest rate for 90 day treasury bills.

Bank Governor Gerald Bouey said the new rate will be tied to the Wintario winning ticket number. The new rate will be kept secret, thereby allowing banks to set whatever rates the public can be taken for.

The secret rate will also be tied to the back of an Ottawa Transit Authority bus. Banks desiring to find the rate will be allowed access to bus depots, so they may have a head start over the public in trying to find the rate.

Bouey hailed this chance as a return to "laissez-faire free-enterprise economy."

New paper

Anne Murray, recently elected chief executive officer of Southam Newspapers Ltd., announced Wednesday Southam has purchased the University of British Columbia student publication The Ubyssey.

The deal, consumated late Tuesday night between Murray and the UBC Alma Mater Society vice president Peter Mitchell, was for one dollar and three future journalist draft picks.

Ubyssey editor Verne McDonald hailed the purchase: "We've known for years that Southam was just an extension of The Ubyssey, this just legitimizes it."

FLAMES LAWSUIT

Warm tripe

What does a hackneyed Fleet Street sports writer, who likes to write in metaphysical circles, know about hockey? Well sweet fuck all, but I have observed the phenomenon of the inner being grasping for soul-satisfying theoretical understanding. And today that is more of a certain hockey player slandering people of different ethnic backgrounds than his.

First, a little about the player. He is an honest hockey player who says what he believes and believes what he says. He is also immensely talented even though his statistics do not show it. As he so aptly puts it, "I get more points than those players who can take me in a fight, and I can beat the piss out of those players who get more points than me."

So needing a poignant column for the first issue of this tabloid (it's beginning to feel more and more like the old country every day), I turned to a fine hockey player who is becoming more and more of a friend every column and asked him what he thought of scoring sensation Wayne Gretsky.

He said, and I am sure many knowledgeable hockey fans feel, "The little puke is a goddamn fag. He has his teammates protect him, and you cannot get a good slash in without some goon stepping in to look after their boy." As well this smooth skating leftwinger added that there were too many Ukrainians in Edmonton.

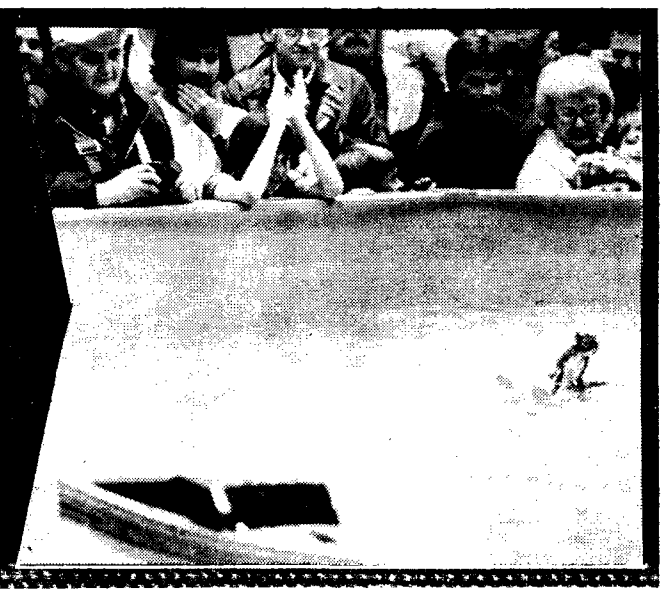
My hockey friend then eloquently gave his opinion of Tony "Zero" Esposito, the star goalie of the division rival Chicago Black Hawks. "He's a wop and his brother is a quitter." He also said Esposito is washed up and the only reason he is still in the league is because he is playing with an inferior team like the Hawks. My fine passing hockey friend just snarled when I so wisely and coolly mentioned that the Hawks were ahead of his team in the standings.

There is a greater victory than just beating your opponent by a greater number of goals. And it is this victory, the one where everyone knows you beat your opponent both mentally and physically, that not only offers guidance to the deprived youngsters from the Properties and Shaughnessy but also fulfills the needs of society as a whole.

In a further attempt to sell papers and justify my being here, I will interview Nelson Skalbania tomorrow and try and bait him into calling women athletes "dykes."

Squirrel goes nuts, skis to please

Rocky, late protege of Bullwinkle, gave up flying to take up water sports in Miami.



soon to be renamed the accessibility committee, was reopening long dormant contacts with the British Columbia Federation of Students. That organization was itself in the midst of organizing coordinated protests across the province against government plans for moving control of colleges from the community to the government, raising fees drastically and slashing whole courses and programs at community colleges.

After consumer advocate Ralph Nader visited UBC in late November, hundreds of students attended an organizational meeting to set up Public Interest Research Groups in B.C. Gathering momentum quickly, the idea would become the centre of much controversy as PIRG supporters put together plans for a $5 fee referendum for the organization in the spring.

The new year began with disappointment for many. TAs defeated a strike vote, crippling the union at least for this year and forcing it to accept the administration's terms on union security.

After a low voter turnout demonstrated students' lack of confidence in their ineffectual representation on governing bodies following the tuition fee debacle, the AMS was hit with a marginal rejection of the SUB renovation plans. More than a few students made it clear the rejection was more because of the attitude AMS executives had displayed than disagreement with the desirability of some sort of SUB renovation.

This was reflected in the vote, which saw a large number of people voting against the more dispensable underground plaza while favoring the courtyard expansion to relieve the pressure on club space. Nor did the resentment end there as opposition was still rising against the AMS executive's position that the $15 fee could still be collected.

The AMS had other problems, too. General manager Bern Grady's contract was not renewed and he became one of five key employees to leave the AMS this year. Last year had seen the leaving of the AMS publications manager and the Pit manager, who had been the third in as many years. Negotiations with unionized AMS employees took far longer than expected as workers accused the AMS of taking a hard line.

B.C. colleges and universities in the meantime were one by one hit with the increases that had been preceded by the fee hike at UBC. The SFU board of governors ignored an angry student delegation and followed UBC's lead by raising tuition fees 13 per cent. At Capilano College, a boycott by faculty and students failed to delay a hike of 21 per cent.

Reports that the federal government was considering cutting its funding to provincial govenments for education by half, or by about $1.4 billion, were followed by an announcement from the provincial government that it was cutting 5,000 summer jobs. While one government was ready to slash at the financial base of the institutions they attended, the other trimmed students' means of obtaining a partial livelihood.

The attempts to alter an ever less desirable status quo seemed to be getting nowhere. The elections for student representatives to the senate and board of governors had seen the cautious elected on moderate platforms, while joke "platypus" candidates nearly took office. Stan Persky's second bid at becoming UBC chancellor as an alternative to corporate mogul J. V. Clyne fared no better than his first.

Though both the new student council and the new AMS executive showed promising signs of a more responsive student government than the one they replaced, a lingering mistrust remained among the student population. Yet another referendum was forced, this time to abolish the building fee.

BCPIRG organizers had also made a referendum necessary, collecting 4,300 signatures on a petition requesting support for their $5 fee. Again, after only a month, referenda were the big news.

Student interest in issues such as PIRG, SUB referendums and education cutbacks was quickly growing, and the number of students who registered their opinion by voting was larger than any time in several years. Ironically, by the end of the year both PIRG and the AMS had been confounded by student decisions resulting from this revived interest.

BCPIRG, after progressing so far so quickly, met with too much opposition and was just barely defeated. Students resoundingly rejected the building fee for which there were no building projects.

Probably the most positive event at UBC this year was when students at last organized a rally against education cutbacks and inadequate student aid and brought their concerns to Kenny at his office. Though the action could not be followed through this year, it provides hope that next year students will be better prepared to meet the problem of declining accessibility to education directly.

For students across Canada, it was another downer year. But, just as the aristocratic tendencies of this last year's AMS roused students to reject their pet ideas, government negligence of the problems of education in general and students in particular has caused a groundswell of dissatisfaction in colleges and universities.

Students are realizing that the value of the education they are working so hard for is eroding. They could be getting ready to work just as hard to defend and demand their right to quality post-secondary education.

The rally provided hope students would be better prepared next year to fight education cutbacks and decreasing accessibility.

BCPIRG quickly formed and gained momentum after consumer advocate Ralph Nader visited campus

UCBC crawls into your life

By STEVE McCLURE

The Universities Council of B.C is a nebulous creature. Relatively few of us are aware of its existence but its decisions affect everyone attending B.C. universities.

UCBC is the intermediary body between the ministry of universities, science and technology and the universities themselves. The council's main task is to determine funding levels for UBC, Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria, and it takes much of the heat off the back of the provincial government as each university competes for its slice of the education pie.

UCBC has eleven members, most of whom are from the professional and academic communities. None are active faculty members and are appointed by the provincial government for three year terms of office.

Until recently the council's activities attracted little attention. But in future the council's role could become more political as competition for funding between professional faculties gets more intense. And students at UBC are becoming more vocal in asking the council to take into account UBC's special financial needs.

The operating grant for B.C.'s three universities is determined by the provincial government and is introduced each year in the spring budget. In 1980-81 this amount came to almost $240 million, not including special funding projects such as UBC's $3 million medical expansion project. UCBC allocates money to the three universities according to a formula previously agreed upon by the council and the universities.

Last year UBC asked for almost $153 million but got $132. How much UBC will ask for this year is anybody's guess at this point.

"It's premature to ask," said Michael Shaw, UBC vice president for academic development.

Both senate and the board of governors have set up committees to report on UBC's needs for the coming fiscal year but administration officials are reluctant to say what they'll be asking for. "It's a delicate task," says Shaw.

But members of the Alma Mater Society executive are less reluctant to state their views. They and others feel UBC has not been getting a fair deal from UCBC and they want to see the situation improve.

"We really got the doggie bone this year," says James Hollis, AMS external affairs co-ordinator. "Our $2.1 million dollar shortfall could have been negated in the discretionary allowance."

The discretionary allowance is the five per cent of the operating grant allocated to the universities by UCBC which in not covered by the formula that determines how the other 95 per cent is divided.

UBC got just over $5 million in discretionary funding in 1980-81 but according to Hollis this amount should have been $7 million so as to reflect the higher operating costs of UBC's professional faculties. But instead of taking into account UBC's special funding needs, the council decided to award the discretionary part of the operating grant solely on the basis of the enrolment-based formula.

Of the present formula Hollis says: "It's disproportionate. There is some allowment for professional faculties but not enough."

Others who criticize this formula include the UBC Alumni Association, which in a preliminary brief to the council dated Mar. 1981 claims that ". . . the allocation of existing funds . . . does not effectively recognize the full breadth of programs — especially higher cost professional programs — offered by UBC."

Critics charge the absolute level of funding allotted for B.C.'s three universities is too low, pointing out the percentage increase in funding for UBC in 1980-81, 8.7 per cent, was well below the inflation rate. By comparison, SFU and UVic received increases of 10.25 and 13 per cent respectively.

According to Hollis, SFU and UVic asked for the enrolment based formula to be applied to the discretionary portion of the operating grant. "We're arguing for a larger share of the discretionary portion to compensate for budgetary deficiencies," he says.

But still the central problem remains: how much does it cost to educate a medical student compared to a first year arts student? The answer is obvious, a lot more, but how much this should be taken into account by the funding formula is a controversial point.

According to Dr. William Gibson, UCBC chair, each university has special funding needs but he says he is willing to listen to UBC's side of the story.

Gibson says he is concerned about the fate of programs such as UBC's engineering faculty, and claims "The amount going to engineering per student is less than for each arts student. We do want to build up the engineering faculty at UBC but UVic needs some lead time." Plans for an engineering faculty for UVic are currently in the works.

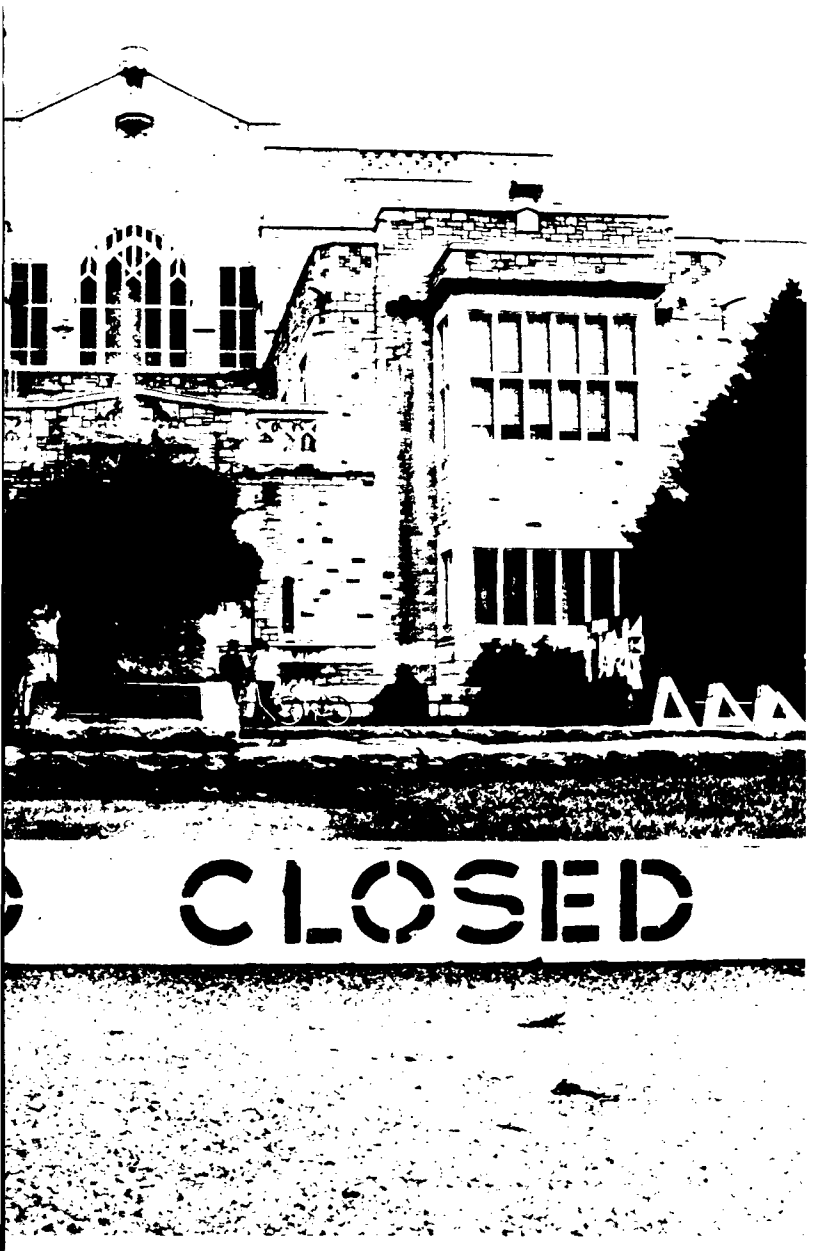
"One engineering student is worth four arts students in numerical terms," says Hollis, however. Hollis and AMS president Marlea Haugen question the wisdom of building another engineering school in B.C.: "Why have another engineering school if UBC is running on outdated, outmoded equipment?" Hollis asks.

However, Gibson and the council can only pass on the decisions made already in Victoria. "The ultimate buck stops at the government's desk," admits Lee Southern, Gibson's executive assistant.

But UCBC can make itself heard in Victoria in a way that other groups can't. Haugen and Hollis met Gibson two weeks ago to discuss the situation and have been invited by Gibson to attend the Outlook conference held by UCBC in October to discuss educational priorities.

"We've heard from professors in the past," says Gibson. "But without students you wouldn't need universities."

So it's up to students to make their feelings about education cutbacks known to UCBC and the government, because otherwise UBC will, in the words of the Alumni Association ". . . pay an inordinate price for its own record of achievement."



Landscapes and other relationships

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to call you out of the jungle
to bring you back
in the open and named

In a romantic vision, Carolyn Zonailo delves into female sensibility in erotic relationships with landscapes. Her language is rich, sensual and evocative; flowers and a garden become central metaphors. A sunflower turns sexual. A woman's nipple is a "bud to nip in its prime." A maiden declares: "I want to bloom inside you." "Protruding stamens" match a woman's desire.

Zonailo's 10-part poem The Dreamkeeper is especially erotic, using the metaphor of a Zen rock garden to explore the inner meaning of nature. In another poem, she defines nature's opposite and artificial state; it is embodied in a Midas lover with cold passion who seeks sex with a woman as a mirror of himself.

For those who accuse feminists of being devoid of humor, Zonailo read a poem that mocks the western movie macho-ness of Missouri Breaks. In classic sarcasm she states: "When I decided to fry the dildo you said: I like a woman with balls."

Rather than condemn men as fools, poet Erin Moure chooses to seek kinship with other women in her poems. She writes many for specific women, expressing a shared closeness of experience. In Dedication Without a Poem she reads:

. . .it is for women who lean
in washrooms, smoking cigarettes, arranging babies, holding wet hands under the blower
. . .
Also it is for the women in their hard-hat office with no hard hats and two telephones. . .
I don't have a dream for them or a job, or a sandwich or a country where they can go, with their family where everything changes, the old life stops & only a few remember.
Because it doesn't stop, it goes on without permission.
What there is is not enough, says the woman.

Her poems address the daily lives of women, the "washed out loneliness," the "nothing to drink but coffee" days in a Vancouver winter rain. She writes of a woman living in a home set for demolition while her husband is dying of leukemia. As a VIA Rail worker, she describes a frightened, penniless woman who leaves the train without a destination. Moure reads: "Take pity on the wandering soul/who keeps the bond of being human."

Despite her poetic empathy with woman's plight, Moure denies that she writes deliberately for a female readership. "I don't write poems just for myself. I consider that I write public poems, for both men and women."

The private experiences of an urban child, both precious and poverty-ridden, become public testimony in the poems of Helene Rosenthal. Now a UBC sessional lecturer in the English department, she grew up the daughter of Jewish immigrants in Toronto just before and during the Great Depression. Her words express the racism and alienation she faced. When she asked her father "why don't they like us . . . they called me a dirty Jew and then I knew."

Rosenthal's reading is moving and sincere. She smiles while revoking her first love with a "bionic boy," feeling "arpeggiod ecstacies" in a poem entitled Rhapsody of a Fire Escape. She tells of her new-found eminence once she is accepted, as a girl, into the "male world of intellect"; it is a superficial, male-given illusion of status that all women experience.

The grim reality of female existence was evident in the words of all eight poets; some revelled in its escape and glorified self-definition through the sensual and surreal. Yet all acknowledged physical and emotional landscapes in heightening their perceptions. Nature is their ally, not another foe.

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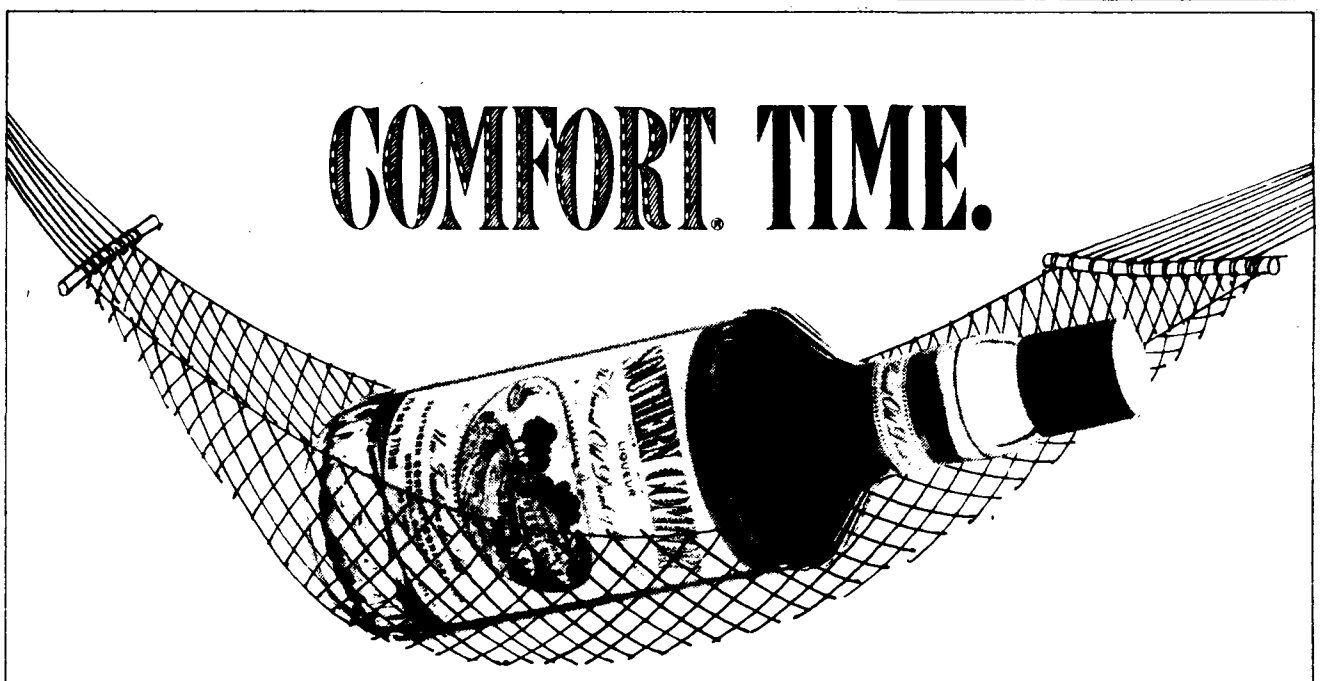

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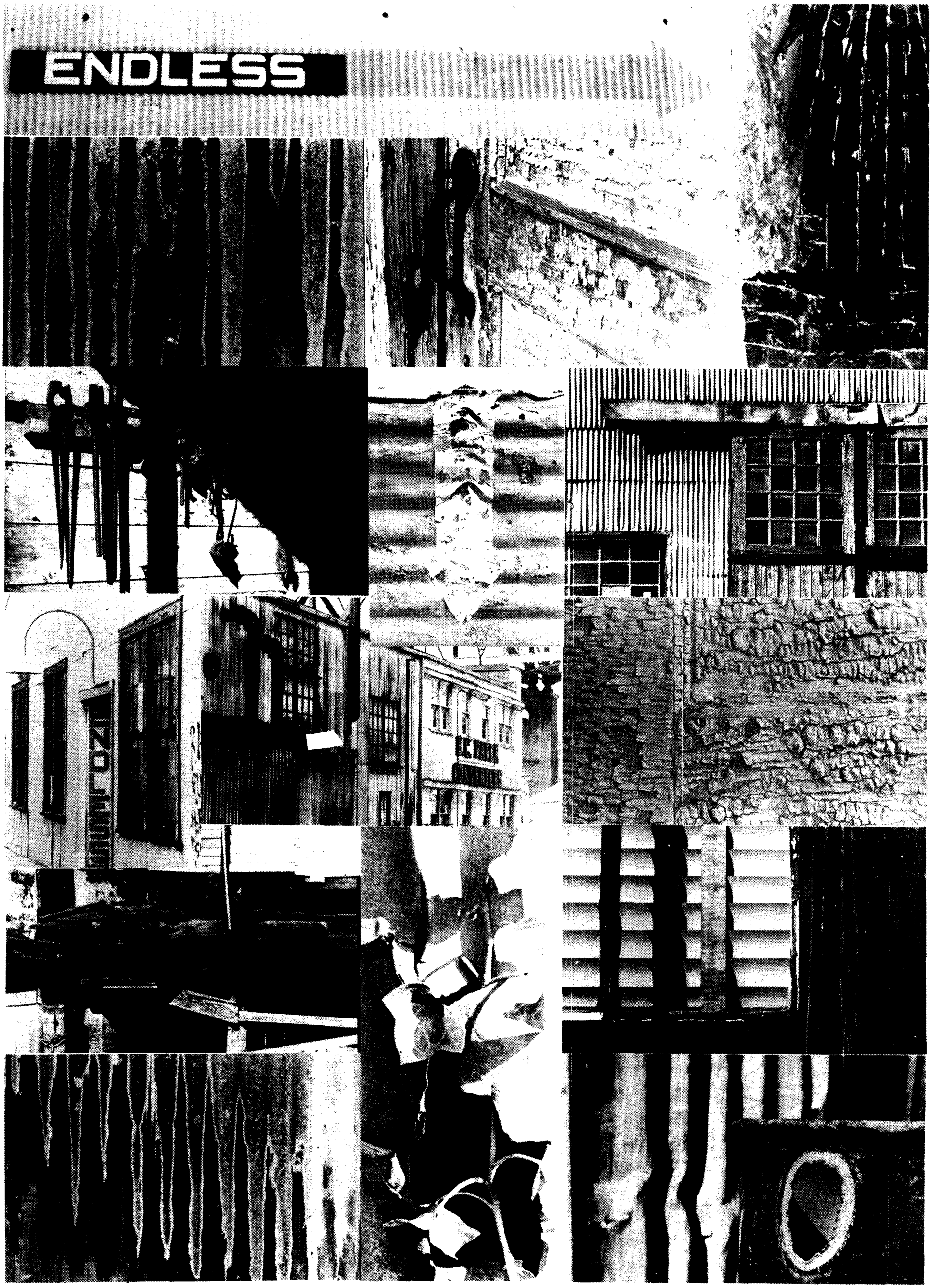


Don't let it die

The 1980-81 school year is one which can be labeled, in a word, encouraging.

It was a year when, in spite of insipid leadership from the Alma Mater Society, student activism experienced a rebirth at the grass roots level.

Student council concerned itself with building southside centres and expanding SUB — more ways to increase already ridiculously high surplus revenues.

But early in the year two students circulated a petition protesting the board of governors ill-conceived policy of indexing tuition to 10 per cent of the university operating budget.

The petition was signed by over 1,500 students.

It led to the formation of a new AMS standing committee on tuition, student aid and accessibility and culminated with a successful rally and march on the faculty club and administration president Doug Kenny's office.

When students march to the administration and faculty to give their opinions in person at least they know the message is delivered.

Another encouraging sign that students are not going to sit out the eighties as they did the seventies was the bid by students to establish a student run public interest research group on campus.

The referendum to establish BCPIRG was defeated narrowly. However, 4,300 students exercised their democratic right. How many years has it been since that many students voted in an AMS referendum?

This spring agriculture students marched on Victoria to protest the provincial government's agriculture policy.

Student activism is encouraging. It is encouraging and it is needed.

Next fall when students return tuition will be 13 per cent higher, food prices won't decrease and if you can find an apartment, or any form of accommodation, you'll be paying more for rent.

If students don't keep a watch on big government and big business who will?

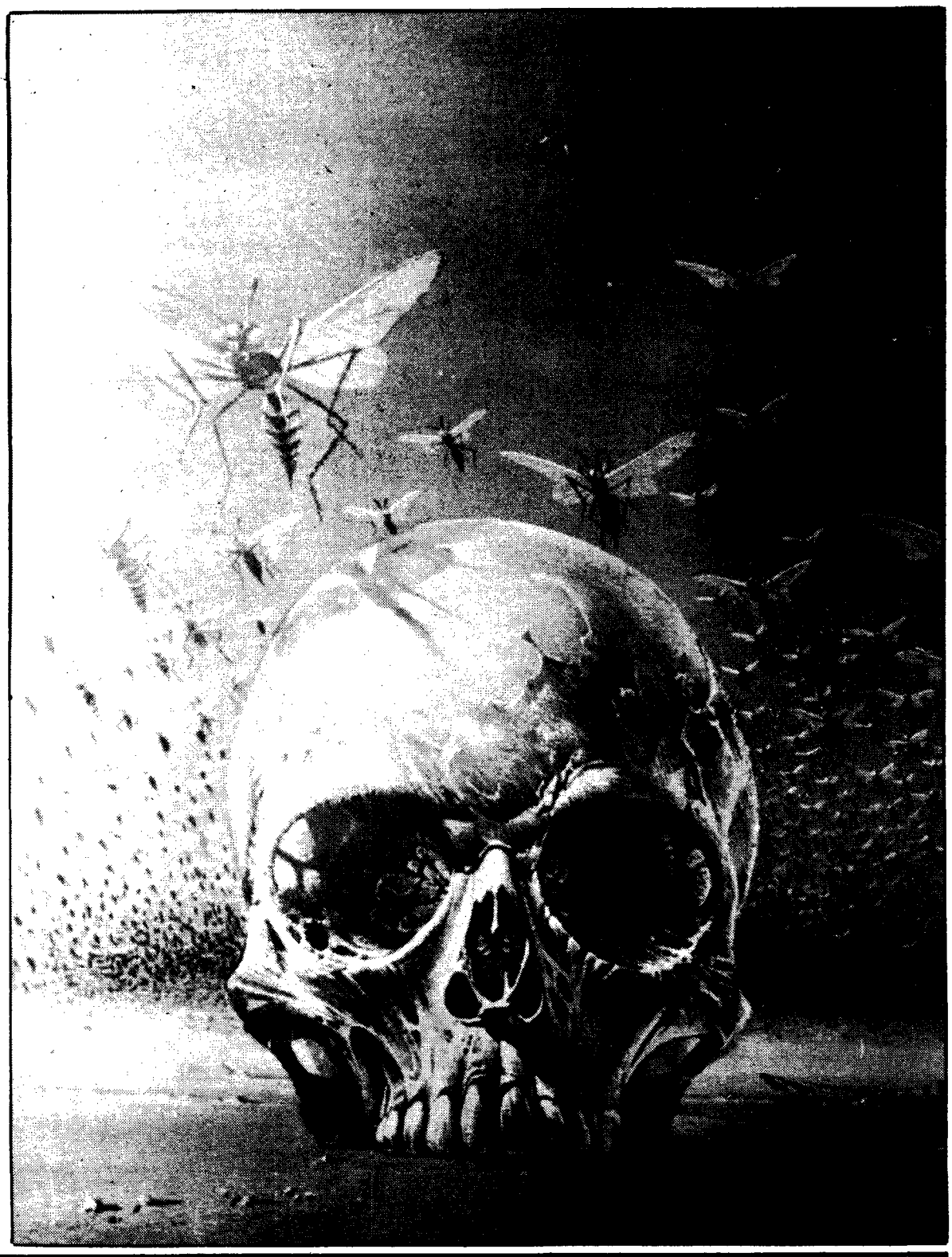
How soon will it be before the Spetifores of this province blanket the lower mainland with housing developments?

How soon will it be before post-secondary education is priced out of existence?

Student activism is growing, but it is easy to let things die over the summer. Students turn their energy towards earning enough money to return in the fall. A task which in itself will not be easy given the provincial government's job cutback program.

We hope students continue to address the issues that face education and society as a whole. Stay aware durng the summer, and be prepared to fight in the fall.

Maybe even student council will get involved. If they start giving students a hand instead of acting as a hinderance, students can really start accomplishing things.



Letters

Be grateful, our butter is not rationed

"For everything there is a season" — a time to protest and a time to be grateful.

Students have voiced many protests during the last year in the pages of this newspaper, but it is hard to recall seeing many letters of thankfulness. This situation must leave an unsuspecting visitor on campus with the impression that we students are being continuously harrassed by our professors, attacked by our fellow students, and hounded by governments of all levels.

Furthermore, we all live in tents, none of us can find a job in the summer, no student politician has even one redeeming quality, and it only rains in Vancouver.

Such a visitor must feel that students have nothing to be grateful for, but this is certainly far from the truth. We are, indeed, the most fortunate in the world — it's just that we never speak up when we notice that.

The indexing of tuition fees is an issue that illustrates our unbalanced attitudes quite well. Our fees are indexed so that we pay around 10 per cent of what it costs to educate us, but — while students are admittedly in no position to pay any more — do we never give any thought to the other 90 per cent of our education costs?

Likewise, we're not surprised when a student writes to The Ubyssey to complain about the SUB hamburgers, but how often does one write to praise the Bus Stop cafe's rather delightful baron of beef sandwich? How often do we Canadians take the time to be grateful for our food at all?

Again, we are the best off in the world — our butter is not rationed like in Poland, we can drink (and enjoy!) our water without boiling it like in Mexico, and we don't have to stand in lineups waiting for a meagre handout like in Uganda.

While we live in a society that must be concerned with diets and exercise to burn off the many calories that we consume but don't need, there are millions of others on this planet for whom it is impossible to even get enough calories to survive. We've done nothing to deserve such a position in the world, and we must do our best to equalize the situation.

But the first step is gratitude. Once we cease focusing on our problems so single-mindedly, and realize how fortunate we really are, then we can begin to show our thankfulness by reaching out to the others.

I, for one, feel very fortunate as I make my way around campus on an average day. The air is a little chilly in the morning as I get ready to come to UBC, but I've always got enough clothes to keep warm. The bus ride onto campus gives the chance to chat with friends, or to curl up against a window and doze for a few minutes, and it's always possible to look up and see the mountains poking their snowy heads above the houses.

On campus, the surroundings are also beautiful. The air is fresh, the trees stand firmly and give shelter from both sun and showers, and a relaxed atmosphere hangs over the groups of students moving about.

I can also feel content knowing that I am going to classes that I have chosen to take. No person, or government, has tried to make these decisions for me; no one has discouraged me from mixing French and political science courses into my math and computer studies. I'm able to exchange ideas freely with professors who know their material thoroughly, and students who bring thoughts and opinions from all over the globe.

I can reach into my lunch bag at any time and pull out an apple to munch on my travels, or I can take some of the jangling change from my pocket and snack from a vending machine.

And so the list goes on: there's a pool to swim in, music to treat my ears to, and an art gallery to treat my eyes to. There's the joy of wrestling with a difficult concept in my studies for many hours, and then beginning to grasp its spirit and see how if fits into my previous knowledge.

Every day is full of such events for all of us, but too often we only see the pitfalls on the jogging trail and miss the birds dancing around us.

We've found time to protest when we realized that things were unfair for us, so I hope that we can also find time to feel grateful when we notice the many things that are wonderful in our lives.

Tony Wind
computer science 2

'Store your apple cores, kiddies'

On behalf of myself, and I hope every other student at UBC I would like to say thank you to all the workers who have kept our campus so clean and litter-free in the face of all the striking that continues on the "outside." As our beautiful (and once fairly tidy) city slowly sinks into the depths of the piling garbage, like so many other large cities, UBC has maintained its beauty.

Since "we" students love to rally and protest everything that happens out here so eagerly, why don't we instead focus our efforts in another direction? Why don't we all just sit back, relax (but not for too long!) and try to enjoy this beautiful campus where we are so fortunate to be getting our education (or whatever else we had in mind.)

And during our (very brief) period of relaxation we should all think of thanking the workers who have helped maintain it so well. I mean, when was the last time you thanked a UBC groundskeeper? Think about it.

And for all you "rally-goers" and "committee-makers" who are disappointed with this uneventful letter I have a suggestion: In the event of a situation where there is nothing to boycott, protest, rally or form a committee about you could start up a club, committee or whatever to raise funds to get more garbage receptacles installed all over the campus (CRFMGRC: Committee to Raise Funds for More Garbage Receptacles on Campus).

Aren't you tired of carrying your apple cores, sandwich wrappers, etc. from one class to the next so as not to litter the grounds? Let's give those groundskeepers a helping hand (and a few more garbage cans to work with!)

Linda P.
commerce 1

Letters

Assassins are 'morally irresponsible'

It is very seldom that any item in our student newspaper moves me to write to The Ubyssey but a classified advertisement placed in Tuesday's paper (March 17) gives me cause for some unease about the moral vision of certain people here at UBC.

The advertisement in question was placed by the "UBC Assassin's Guild" and invited students to become involved in "an assassin game." This game, I assume, is of the same type that is quite popular in several universities in Eastern Canada and the United States, i.e., the participants are divided into "assassins" and "targets" by the game's controller and the assassins then have some specified length of time to assassinate their assigned targets through the use of toy guns that fire plastic tipped darts.

Points for the originality and the style of an execution are awarded in addition to those points gained for a successful "kill". At the end of each round the role of each participant is reversed and new targets are issued to the new assassins.

My objection to this sort of game is two-fold. First, the advertisement clearly invites students to identify themselves with the "exciting" role of the assassin.

By inviting students to fantasize that they are assassins and by rewarding the successful game players with points and, presumably, respect, the organizers of this game see murder, or in this case the plotting of murder, as some sort of glamorous activity in which a university student can assume the role of an assassin, stalk and kill his target, and experience some kind of vicarious excitement in the process.

Clearly then, this game channels the participants thoughts towards a destructive and sadistic frame of mind. Such attitudes and the conditions which encourage them should not be condoned, especially when we find those attitudes in an institute of higher learning where construction, and not destruction, should be uppermost in our minds.

The second of my two objections to the "assassin game" I regard as even more serious than that of the first. This game, as I mentioned before, asks students to identify themselves with the assassin, and while that kind of role identification is bad, what is worse is that those people participating in the game are not asked to imagine the consequences of an assassin's act.

A "target" is killed and then, of course, the game is over and the students can return to their normal activities. The participants do not continue on with the game past the kill and imagine a distraught widow (or widower), the anguish bereaved children might feel, or the political consequences that the killing of an important politician might entail.

These consequences are what a real assassin's bullet might have and this game suppresses that part of real life. In short, students do not fully imagine or explore this "assassin game" and so participants knowingly or unknowingly try to escape the moral consequences of their actions and thoughts.

This kind of escapist thinking is shoddy, limited, morally deceitful, and at its core extremely contemptious of the value of a human life.

Why do I bother with this sick little game and try to identify its premises and consequences? Well, I don't like to see the type of thinking this game represents flourish because the incomplete moral vision displayed by the organizers and participants of this game often breeds other, more deadly, acts of moral shortsightedness later.

Also, for more personal reasons, I detest the game because it reminds me of an acquaintance of mine (whose name needn't be mentioned) who some years ago was brutally murdered by a gun-wielding assassin who was motivated by a political cause that had its origin halfway round the world in Eastern Europe. This murder was no game (although the type of thinking involved in it is quite similar to that promoted in the game) and it makes my blood boil to see my fellow students at UBC trivalize murder by setting up this game.

I hope other students will refrain from participating in this "assassin game" and remember that it and its participants are promoting a view of the world and of human activity that is morally irresponsible and is thus dangerous to us all.

Robert W. A. North
arts 4

Boycott Japan

With its plans for our coal and farmland, the present government in Victoria shall certainly earn itself a place in history. Not content with merely following the tradition of its predecessor, it is going all out in a program of economic ruin.

No longer is it good enough to give the foreigners sole access to our coal. Now we are paying them to take it. No doubt British Columbians will soon be subsidizing those who export our minerals, raw lumber and sea foods to Japan.

How much longer will Japan's thriving industries be supported by our tax dollars and natural resources?

As long as the NDP or Social Credit is in power, the foreigner will continue to profit off of our rightful heritage, while we are left with chronically high unemployment and inflation. Since these two liberal parties are internationalist in perspective, then it is unreasonable to expect their leaders to be truly loyal to B.C. All they care about is following the text books of foreign philosophies.

What B.C. needs is a government that doesn't see our resources as a means by which to satisfy "world demands" or "Japanese needs". The human and material resources of this land must be thought of as the key to our great potential. They must be used to maximize self-sufficiency and put an end to the present state of vulnerability.

Far too often the long term interest has been subordinated to the temporary propping up of the welfare state. For this reason all British Columbians must show their opposition to the proposed north-eastern coal deal. If we don't do something now then the government will only be encouraged by our silence.

Bill Bennett will get the message if we make Japan bleed. This can be done if British Columbians boycott all Japanese goods.

The boycott shall commence with a rally outside of the Japanese consulate at 1177 West Hastings St. All students are urged to attend this gathering which will take place on Saturday, Apr. 18, at 2:30 p.m.

If you are interested in carrying a placard or participating in the organization of this boycott, then please contact us. Put your name and phone number on a piece of paper addressed to me and bring it to Room 1507 of the Biological Sciences Building.

J. C. Burdon
science 3

Ubyssey democratic

When I first became involved with student politics three years ago, I believed the Ubyssey staff was an elitist clique of people who got their thrills out of libelling and unfairly attacking everything and everyone in sight.

During my three years on council, this attitude mellowed only slightly. As my term of office as director of administration came to a close, I thought, hey, what about joining The Ubyssey and seeing what it's all about. Will they take an ex-hack, one they attacked numerous times in editorials and stories? I said what the hell, and decided to test their old adage "anyone can join the staff as long as they're willing to work."

Well, now from the other side, I have a few things to say to those that criticize both The Ubyssey and the AMS. If you don't like either of them — get involved and change them. I found The Ubyssey to be amazingly democratic, beyond my wildest imagination.

Shortly after joining the staff, in fact the first day, I was voting on placement of stories, the pictures and (gasp!) the editorials. Every staff member, whether a member for a day or seven years, gets one vote. After no time at all I was writing page one material and occasionally writing editorials, and all this from someone who got 50 per cent in English 100.

Now that I've looked at life from both sides, I have one thing to say to those armchair critics: "If you don't like The Ubyssey join the staff. If you don't like the AMS get after your rep. If you don't like your rep, boot him or her out, and run for election yourself."

Craig Brooks
AMS director of
administration 80-81

Democracy depends on brain power

'Provincial leaders are grabbing our resources'

perspectives

By LAWRENCE McDONALD

The greed of politicians will never be satisfied. Federal and provincial leaders are grabbing and grasping Canada's resources while continuing to pump furiously at the human resources through ever more complex levies of taxes.

As their coffers become more full and their greed becomes greater, return to the citizens in the form of services becomes less, welfare being the first to suffer. It is greed combined with cowardice when the first people to be hurt are the very old, the infirm and the very young.

If ever a politician was capable of uttering a word of truth, I would credit it to Lester Pearson, who during one of his campaigns against John Diefenbaker said: "The system of government must be changed." The problem is though he was duly elected, he did nothing to bring this change about, thus showing a politician must always return to hypocrisy after speaking the truth.

How can real change come about? Perhaps instead of sophisticated social and political systems we should return to an unsophisticated concept: democracy.

I mean democracy as an absolute; in the past several centuries the meaning of the term has been corrupted.

A brief review of the history of representative, or parliamentary, democracy shows that what was once unfortunate necessity has become entrenched as sacred and inviolable principle. The physical limitations that were part of a less technologically advanced and poorly educated society, with inadequate means of communication and travel, forced the early instigators of democracy after the age of kings to use the representative model, alienating the people from the decision-making that suffrage was supposed to make theirs.

By now Canadians have become among the best educated people in the world and we continue to spend a large amount on educating ourselves. Yet every election sees the politicians coming out of their holes in the comfortable warren lined with taxpayers' dollars and sing: "Hi jiggy jig, stupid little pig. Follow the band, fall in and follow the band." Whereupon all citizens of all walks of life are expected to leave their intellects behind and run to polls to make their 'X' — the symbol of the illiterate.

At that point the people are left at the mercy of the self-worshipping public relations experts who can ignore the people's wishes because our government adheres to long outmoded practises instituted when it was impossible for most of the population to have any direct access to power.

Today, however, through telex transmission, telephone cables and microwave, cable television and communications satellites, we have a society where all people, no matter how remote, can be in contact with one another instantly at any time. Each passing month sees this system improve and become more universal.

There is no reason why the people of Canada cannot now participate in their government directly and allow the politicians who have become professional leeches on the body politic to return to working for a living. We can break down the pyramid hierarchy which persists from the system of absolute monarchy and reinstitute the tribal circle of absolute democracy.

The executive, rather than be chosen among the bumblers who now legislate our laws, will be a 'brain trust' conscripted, if necessary, from among the experts in the various fields of public and financial administration. The chairman should be a highly qualified political scientist. They will concern themselves with the efficient execution of the wishes of the people.

The people will make up the legislature. Through a communications system owned and operated by themselves, and financed by the monies that now go to Parliament, they will examine the business of government and make their wishes known through plebiscites or referenda carried out electronically at specific times through telephone, radio and cable television networks.

Communities would meet together to discuss issues and programs, and their communication system would provide them with information from the facts available on a domestic emergency to discussions of foreign affairs to suggested means of organizing and raising interest in community and individual participation in government.

Qualified members of the community would form the community's executive 'brain trust,' and provinces, regions and the country as a whole would each have their selected experts to take care of necessary, specific tasks assigned by the wishes of the people they serve. The executives would be coordinated through the communications system and the people themselves would make all legislative and policy decisions.

Why not run our own government? We profess to be democratic; let us then implement democracy. The means are now here and we only require the will to do so. When humankind conquered space, it was proclaimed a giant step. Now is the time to take as titanic a step in our political progress.

Lawrence McDonald is a former UBC employee now retired and living in Nanaimo. Perspectives is a column of analysis and opinion open to members of the university community who do not belong to the staff of The Ubyssey.

Tuition is not the issue

The issue of cutbacks in education funding is a large and serious one, associated with the overall economic situation, the willingness of the general public to pay for the civilized luxury of an academic community, and the attitudes of the current government. The issue can, and should, be discussed at length, but not here. I mention it mainly to distinguish it from the related, but separate, issue of rising tuition.

Protest against increasing tuition fees usually centres on the idea that some potential students will be unable to attend because of the financial barrier. The fact is that fees are a relatively small part of the cost of attending university.

To live in a dwelling that is not a threat to health or sanity, to eat healthfully, to be warmly (not even fashionably) clothed and shod; realistically, this is at least $3,500 for eight months — this year.

Medical insurance, medical uninsurables, transportation, books and supplies add up, and this is without considering the "luxuries" of entertainment and participation in social and cultural events.

Most students cannot earn enough in the summer to pay for the academic year, a situation aggravated by the sessional (as opposed to semester) system that UBC continues to follow. And the student aid program does not deal realistically with these economic necessities.

Most of us who overcome these financial problems — with parental support, or by lucking into high-paying summer jobs, or both — will be able to stretch our resources to cover a raise in tuition. One hundred dollars is still a fair bit of money, and I'm not going to enjoy paying it out either.

There is, and has been for a long time, an enormous financial block to accessibility of education: the real obstacle of finding the money to live for eight months without working more than a few hours a week (which even student loans recognizes as less than ideal.)

So let's work on the problem of cutbacks, by all means. Let's work for a more realistic student loan structure, more low income housing, a more flexible yearly timetable. But with these at stake, we cannot afford to waste time and energy on the relatively minor issue of increased tuition.

Margaret Copping

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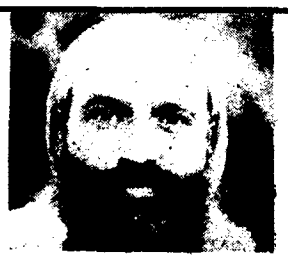

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Referendum — BCPIRG plans to try again

I am writing to thank all those students who took the time to vote "yes" for BCPIRG. Of course, I along with the rest of the BCPIRG steering committee, was disappointed that the referendum was narrowly defeated, but when I reflect upon the activity of the past few months, I realize that it wasn't all in vain.

Last November, very few people on this campus had ever heard of the PIRG concept, yet after only four months of organizing, more than 2,100 students came out and demonstrated their support for this concept. We lost this year, but we intend to try again.

As well as disseminating PIRG information to students, via posters, pamphlets, information tables, petitioning, and speaking to some classes, the steering committee was able to build the foundation of BCPIRG. Although our 50 pages of constitution and by-laws came out a bit late for the majority of students to read, they have been sweated through.

Several meetings for this constitution were held on campus to enable student input, and we will likely follow this same procedure in September for the constitution for the UBC local of BCPIRG. A constitution is also required for the UBC campus branch of the provincial society. Both the constitutions will have the controls required by the B.C. Societies Act.

To those students who criticized the BCPIRG provincial constitution: come out and participate in this one! We are not irrational in our actions, and we do listen to other points of view. This is neither the time nor place to discuss the funding mechanism, but we welcome all constructive criticisms and suggestions. Just contact a member of BCPIRG, or drop a note in our mailbox, SUB box 70.

We also would welcome any questions students may have about BCPIRG. One of our problems in this year's campaign was that we weren't sure of the objections and criticisms to PIRG as they weren't brought directly to us. It is hard to combat rumours.

We feel we ran our campaign fairly. We always said we wanted a refundable fee, and our aims and methods were open for all to see. We are not trying to fight students, but rather to involve them.

It is hard for many of us to understand that some of our fellow students don't trust us, and they don't want to allow us the chance to be an effective research group in areas of public concern. As Francis Janes pointed out last week in a letter to the Ubyssey, students are also a legitimate part of the public, although unfortunately many of them don't realize it.

Is it really too much to ask students to spend $5 on something in their own interest, especially when they do have the option to support it or not?

This summer some students will be setting up a resource centre here on campus. They will also be working on next year's campaign. A lot of discussion will be taking place, and we welcome all ideas. The BCPIRG Organizing Club at UBC has tried to be open to all students and ideas, but it is up to you to come to us and to let us know how you feel.

Many of us have learned a lot this spring, and we invite all interested persons to join in this learning process. Contact us through SUB box 70.

Sharlein Smith
arts 2

Evil, murdering, lying 'a must'

Anything that resists the combination of American capitalism and military dictatorship is evil, and therefore we are obliged to use any tactics at all to exterminate this dreaded disease.

The end is the consolidation of the status quo and the annihilation of communism, the means are torture and assassination. Profit comes ahead of social reform, and if millions of poor people and intellectuals don't grasp this fact then they'll just have to take their chances on whatever exists for them after they've been wiped off this earth.

Nothing will stop us pursuing our current policies in El Salvador — or anywhere else where some dirty commie group is trying to subvert the noble traditions of our country. If we have to forge a few documents to legitimize our efforts, so be it.

We've saved — since 1960 — over 18 countries in Latin America from becoming democratic — a domino effect all capitalists and military elitists can be proud of. Now in El Salvador the people are being brainwashed by slogans that suggest it's not God's fate that they are poor and undernourished.

Lies. All. With the help of moral visionaries like Alexander Haig and the Central Intelligence Agency you can be sure we will save El Salvador from the diabolical intentions we see manifest in Nicaragua.

Jeane Kirkpatrick (New US ambassador to the UN) is right: if we had been more decisive we'd still have those two paragons of tradition and proper authority in power — the Shah and Somoza, two saints who now from heaven look down upon the thousands of martyrs screaming in hell — obviously the dupes of revolutionary ideas injected in them by the devil himself.

One must lie to save the truth. One must commit murder to uphold life. One must do evil to preserve good.

These are the principles we follow in safeguarding the interests of the free world.

Robin Woodsworth Carlsen

Mature problems

There are many of us who have experienced the loneliness and frustration of being mature or returning students at UBC, and we are sick and tired of having to find everything out the hard way.

It is for this reason that we have formed a club called The Returning and Mature Students Association. We, the members of the RMSA, welcome any mature or returning students to join our association if they long to experience a sense of community with other students at UBC.

In fall '81 the RMSA will be organizing drop-in meetings every Tuesday lunch hour for any students who want to join in. A meeting area is in the process of being selected.

We wish to discuss the academic and emotional needs of those students who have been out of the educational system for some time and who want to make their adjustment period as pleasant and stress free as possible. A barbecue is being planned for July.

For information, call 228-1890 or 988-5307.

K. Sanford
secretary, RMSA

Jesus Christ is alive

This past semester 432 UBC students participated in a university religious survey conducted by Campus Crusade for Christ. The 13 question survey dealt with their religious background, present spiritual interests, and in particular, their opinion to the question, "Is Christianity relevant in the university today?"

While 70 per cent of the students polled have been, or are presently members of churches or religious groups, there were varied opinions over who Jesus Christ was. Thirty-eight per cent consider Christ to be the Son of God, while 47 per cent consider him to be only a great historical figure. Only two per cent consider him a myth, while 13 per cent are unsure.

Thirty-eight per cent of the students consider that the significance of Christ's death was to pay for mankind's sin. One out of five were unsure what significance Christ's death had.

In answer to the question, "The Bible teaches that Christ rose physically from the dead. Do you think he is alive today?" 32 per cent said "yes", 28.4 per cent said "No", and 30.3 per cent said "he is alive only in spirit." 9.3 per cent were unsure.

While 62 per cent of those polled sense a spiritual dimension to their lives, only 35 per cent feel the need for a more personal relationship with God. 51 per cent have no need for a more personal relationshi- God while 14 per cent are undecided. Although most faculties are similar in spiritual interest, educational students seem to have a greater interest in knowing God, with 49 per cent of those polled indicating that desire.

Women seem to have more spiritual interest than men, at least according to this survey. Forty-two per cent of the women polled feel a need for a more personal relationship with God, compared to only 25 per cent of the men, although more men (18 per cent) are undecided.

In answer to the central question, 62 per cent believe that God should be relevant at least sometimes in university classrooms.

Campus Crusade for Christ

Hunt is on

HELP! I am involved in a scavenger hunt. One of the items that I have to find is lyrics of Ballad of a Young Man as sung by Helen Ramsey.

I have written to the Library of Congress, copyright division, over 50 record finders on both coasts, several radio stations and numerous magazines and unions connected with the music world. No success.

Perhaps one of your readers has heard of the song and/or the artist and would write to me at the address below. A prompt response would be appreciated as there is a deadline involved.

Thank you.

Mignon Diane Lauber
120 West First Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Outgoing gears aren't sexist

To C. Menzies:

Regarding your letter to Dave Janus in The Ubyssey Mar. 24, there are several points I would like to comment on:

You imply that science students are academics, while engineers supposedly are not. Well, I've been both an honors science student and an engineer, and I've found the engineering curriculum to be far more demanding academically. In fact, I've often found that science students are often given a more superficial treatment of some subjects (physical chemistry is a good example) because they don't have the mathematical background to understand a more rigorous treatment of the material.

Regarding student involvement and spirit, I've found that the EUS promotes these far more than the SUS ever did. No, I do not drink 40 beers, or go in for anything terribly rowdy, but I've felt more a part of the EUS in this one year than I ever felt a part of the SUS. The gears are friendly, outgoing and — surprise, surprise — not sexist. More than I can say for the SUS.

Einstein wasn't a gear, but the men and women who designed your car, your house, the bridge you cross every day, the mine that produces the metals you use, et cetera, were.

Brenda Street,
engineering 1

Blame SUS mess on me

To Dave Wong:

Didn't anyone ever tell you that family skeletons are kept in the closet? I suppose by writing a letter denouncing SUS executives you preclude yourself from being a lazy asshole.

The fact is, none of the executives (even you) were lazy or ignorant — the troubles in running science are far reaching and stretch back many years. After all, SUS executives of previous years were not branded self-seeking egotists, yet they faced and reacted to the same problems in the same way.

How can anyone expect to run science when the structure lacks basic unity and organization? If the blame must be placed on someone it should rest on me. Isn't it the president's duty to whip fifth wheels into action?

To Dave Frank: Good luck in reorganizing SUS.

To Dave Wong: Wear your heart on your sleeve as much as you want, but don't drag our dirty laundry in public.

Rusung Tan

Fraud necessary

Every Saturday for almost two years a single mother on welfare will be incarcerated in Oakalla. For the alleged crime of ensuring that her child had adequate nutrition, and clothing by earning just over the allowed $100 a month for 18 months, Florence Kemp has been sentenced to serve 90 days in Oakalla, and perform two hours of community work a week for the duration of her sentence.

At the time Florence was charged, her welfare cheque was $440 a month. The Senate Poverty Line for a family of two in 1979 was $706 a month. To make up the difference, Florence worked as a homemaker for $4 an hour.

You don't have to be a genius to understand the problem of attempting to live on the inadequate wages usually paid to women. You also don't have to be a genius to understand the dilemma that Florence faced in juggling the welfare cheque between rent, food, and the clothing needs of herself and her daughter.

What is ironic about the sentencing is that it ensures that Florence will remain on welfare. For her work as a homemaker, she has to be bondable. Because she now has a criminal record, it will be difficult for her to get and maintain a job in which bonding is necessary.

Florence had to defraud the ministry of human resources to survive. Mothers dependent on a welfare cheque have to do this to survive under the present system. Friends may help out with a few extra dollars to cover the cost of food. Women do babysitting and don't declare their cash incomes.

Nutritional guidelines from the provincial Ministry of Health estimate in November 1980 that it costs $162 a month to adequately feed an adult female and a child. This amounts to 36 per cent of Florence's welfare cheque.

By providing inadequate benefits, the ministry of human resources is encouraging women to break the law and defraud welfare. A more positive position would be to change the G.A.I.N. Act, Schedule B, Section 6b, so that people on welfare could earn sufficient income to adequately feed, clothe, and provide shelter for themselves and their children. Raising the earned income allowed would be one way in which the ministry could ensure that it is not defrauded.

Vancouver Status of Women is launching an appeal defense fund for Florence Kemp. She needs money to pay for her appeal as Legal Aid will not cover the legal costs. Send in whatever you can afford to:

Vancouver Status of Women
1090 West 7th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.
V6H 1B3.

Gillian Marie
Vancouver Status of Women

Letters

Some 'astounding' leaps

I am writing in response to the letter in The Ubyssey Mar. 24 by John Sparks 'What is justice?'.

There are many things wrong with your letter and its contents, John. The most glaring error is that you are guilty of exactly what you accuse the student court of doing: jumping to conclusions by "leaps and bounds". Some of your leaps are quite astounding.

You state that it is clearly not the place of the student court to adjudicate disputes involving theft or assault. Then whose place is it? Since you give no supporting reasons or evidence I can only conclude that you are talking through your hat.

I arrive at the same conclusion for the statement ". . . it is inconceivable . . . that the student court would revoke privileges from every student who commits a minor assault or petty theft at UBC." How is that so inconceivable? I bet the student court has at least considered revoking privileges from every student it has convicted. And that's the big point you missed. How many of these culprits are convicted?

If no thieves are caught and no victims of assault complain then how can anyone be convicted? From your flights of logic you conclude that Robert Waite was convicted in a "display of solidarity with the homosexuals . . ." and that "the charge would never have been contemplated . . . had the complainant not been a homosexual." You are quite wrong.

Robert Waite was convicted because Mark McDonald chose to complain and Waite was arrogant (or stupid) enough to hang around the scene of the incident until someone came along to arrest him. If every bicycle thief waited around to see what happens they would all be convicted and punished too, the same goes for cases of assault. To say that Waite was convicted because MacDonald is a homosexual is surely stretching things a bit.

You are more than welcome, John, to state your opinions and beliefs as this is what makes a free country, but please don't shower us with your conclusion jumping prowess and pretend that it's logic.

Philip Hall

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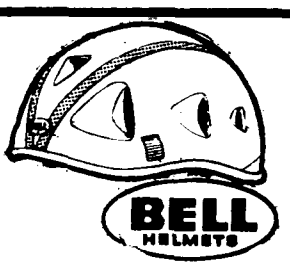

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Haugen must consider some questions

By CRAIG BROOKS

Can you take 22 units during the winter session, work in Fort St. John for four months and still be Alma Mater Society president?

Legally, the answer is yes. But can you be effective? This is the question current AMS president Marlea Haugen should ask herself, because that is exactly what she wants to do.

freestyle

In January, when Haugen was vice president and running for the presidency, she tried to convince student council the president need not be present during the summer. Council overwhelmingly disagreed with her and passed an almost unanimous motion making it an "impeachable offence" if the president did not work for the AMS during the summer.

Ironically, one of Haugen's only supporters was newly elected engineering representative Peter Mitchell, who was elected AMS vice president later that month.

With the duty of the president to coordinate the society and ensure policies of council are implemented, being away for one-third of the term of office, a time when much of the work of the society is done, is unacceptable.

However, Haugen has partially seen the light. Whether it was council's January decision, or her own initiative, only she knows.

Haugen has now "compromised" with council, a group she is supposed to lead. She will work downtown 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week, and will be at UBC on weekends and nights.

Considering that another duty of the president is to liase with the general manager and staff on behalf of council, how can she do this if the staff go home at 5 p.m.?

Student council meetings require preparation time (especially when the president is chair), letters must be written, agendas made, policies implemented, public statements made, etc. Many of these duties must be done by the president according to AMS bylaws. They cannot be done at midnight when no staff or fellow executives are around, so will they get done?

The simple answer is that Marlea's multiple hats won't fit.

The result will be worse than the mess last year when Haugen was out of town all summer. She will show up, and without the background of other executives, try to participate in the day to day running of the society and the planning for the next academic year.

Executives who perform her constitutional duties while she is away will face her often hot-tempered wrath if they should do something "wrong," as according to her gospel. Haugen's decision has not only left the AMS without a leader for the summer, but has placed the other executive in a rather uncomfortable position.

Marlea — it just won't work.

Haugen should either give up all AMS involvement during the summer and work out of town, or take a full-time job with the AMS. Otherwise, a half-assed job will undoubtedly result.

PRESIDENT HAUGEN . . . downtown while AMS without leader

Haugen also plans to take 22 units in the next winter session. What is going to suffer — her duties as president, her studies, or both?

Last year the executive complained bitterly about Haugen's inability to find time to do anything other than ordering donuts for council meetings. Cheques weren't signed, general meetings weren't organized, etc. This work either never got done, or was dumped onto other already overworked executives.

Fellow executive members Peter Mitchell, Bill Maslechko, Jane Loftus and James Hollis should not front for Haugen's inability to find time, for she created it herself.

People elected to AMS positions should make whatever sacrifice necessary to perform the job

Haugen should learn that people elected to AMS positions should make whatever sacrifice is necessary in terms of outside summer jobs, number of courses, etc. to perform the job they are given a mandate by the students to do.

Executive positions should not be for the purpose of rubbing shoulders with administration or alumni people, it should be for serving the students. Please Marlea, learn that before you get impeached.

Don't blame me for electing her. I thought a platypus could do a better job.

Craig Brooks, a member of student council for three years and AMS administration director 1980-81, wrote the above for Freestyle, a column of opinion for staff members of The Ubyssey.

letters

Our present vision of love is perverted

What's wrong with us? How can we be so blind when the answer is right in front of us? Intimate love (between a man and a woman) was never intended to be as it is today. I am writing in regard to all Mr. Preisperger's comments as well as that filthy and obscene article in The Ubyssey Feb. 27. 'Women explore the erotic.'

Intimate love was originally designed by God to be something beautiful. God had this purpose in mind when he designed man and woman in all aspects so that they could enjoy each other's company and replenish the earth. At the same time God made them equal.

Unfortunately we have cast off intelligence so as to become fools with the false perception that we are actually wise. We've done this through several ways such as claiming that both sexes are not equal, soiling or cheapening the beauty of sex through pornography, lowering our value(s) of one another and not loving one another as Christ commanded us to, and finally allowing our selfishness make a list of requirements before entering a relationship or a marriage. Perverted is the word I can now find to describe our present vision of love. Alas, there is hope. We need search no more.

The Bible contains a complete set of guidelines for men and women to live by. Whether or not you reject or accept Christianity and the Bible, consider Acts 20: 35, which says that Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Why did Jesus say this? Was it to impress people with his intellectual wit? No. Jesus said this because he knew that we all get a greater satisfaction out of giving than receiving, be it through financial aid, advice, friendship, labor, et cetera.

Now imagine what our relationships with others could be like if we entered them with the attitude of making the other person happy. Think of what our intimate relationships and our marriages could be like with this goal in mind.

It is not a servant that we establish a relationship or a marriage with. It is another thinking, feeling, living human being of the same sex (not referring to a gay relationship here) or the opposite sex. We share our time with this person and care about them.

That person is special to us, especially if the relationship is an intimate one, or should be. If this is not the case then we seriously ought to evaluate our morals and our whole way of thinking.

Obviously my statements may appear to come from the Dark Ages to some people. It is these people especially, as well as everyone else, I appeal to that we have perverted and turned around the area of love. We've sought so many new horizons, ideas, et cetera, that we no longer know what is right or wrong. If we could consider and possibly put into practice what Jesus says we'd soon find our relationships with members of both sexes, and our marriages, becoming more harmonious and meaningful.

Allow me to conclude by pointing out that this is not a call to accept Christianity. The purpose of my letter is to offer an alternative to the vain nonsense that has appeared. I'm not saying one has to accept Jesus, but just give him and his guidelines a fair chance to work in your life.

There are many people around who can testify to a healthy marriage thanks to Jesus' help. The rewards are abundant and just lying in wait for those who seek them. We can't go on seeking answers in the dark on a road that leads to despair and destruction. We have the solution and its up to each one of us to decide between happiness or despair.

Consider my advice and give Jesus a chance, a fair chance.

A concerned Christian
education 4

Trots call for class struggle in El Salvador

In a bloody drive to eliminate all opposition, the U.S.-backed Salvadorean junta has murdered 14,000 workers, peasants and students. Reagan, Haig and Bush are escalating Carter's anti-Soviet war drive and El Salvador is the launching pad.

The imperialists talk about "Soviet subversion" while they send millions in lethal "aid" to the junta butchers. It's a pack of lies, but their threats of blockading Cuba are real. Reagan has his own domino theory: flex U.S. military muscle in El Salvador and Nicaragua and then on to Cuba.

Behind Cuba stands USSR, military powerhouse of all the states which have overthrown capitalist rule. At stake is not only the plight of the viciously oppressed Salvadorean people, but the threat of imperialist war with the USSR as the main target. Defense of Cuba and the USSR begins in El Salvador!

Reagan has forced a situation in which the alternatives for the Salvadorean masses are victory or death. But while the workers and peasants fight heroically and at terrible cost the "progressive" bourgeois politicians within the Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR) stand ready to cheat them out of decisive victory.

The FDR, a popular front ranging from left groups to the Catholic Church to former junta members, is allied with the Second International of Willy Brandt and Ed Broadbent and seeks rapprochment with imperialism, a so-called "political solution." The FDR tries to paper over the sharp class divisions and it appeals for international mediation rather than fighting for military victory.

The strategy of popular front alliances has time and time again led to bloody defeats for the workers. The Chilean working masses elected Allende's Unidad Popular (UP) government believing that it would represent their class interests. Yet almost from the beginning the UP proceeded to consolidate the position of the military elite (including Pinochet), arrest workers and students attempting to stop rightist demonstrations and shoot peasants who occupied the haciendas.

By 1973 when Pinochet's forces staged a coup d'etat, the workers had already been disarmed politically and militarily by Allende's popular front and were massacred by Pinochet's junta.

In the 1936 Spanish civil war, the workers were armed to fight but were disarmed politically when the popular front Republican government turned on them in the name of defending private property. This paved the way for the victory of Franco which proved to be the opening shot of World War II.

These lessons, of defeats that should have been working class victories, are lost on most of the left. From the reformist Communist Party to the NDP-loyalist Revolutionary Workers League to the muddled New Leftist In Struggle!, with their assorted front groups and solidarity committees, our local opponents on the left have relegated themselves to the political sidelines, cheerleading for class collaboration. While they enthuse over the FDR, it has been left to the Trotskyist League to raise the banner of proletarian independence and workers revolution.

Under the prodding of the U.S., the various Central American right-wing dictatorships have drawn together to "roll back communism." The military victory of the leftist rebels against these reactionaries would deal a stinging blow to Reagan's plans for global counterrevolution.

Decisive victory depends on relentless class struggle, led by a proletarian Trotskyist vanguard, against all wings of the bourgeoisie in El Salvador; and the establishment of worker and peasant governments throughout Central America.

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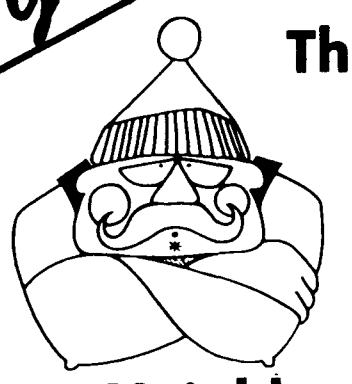

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That's a pretty hard act to follow, but here goes:

Bent, a play about the Nazi persecution of homosexuals, is held over till May 9 at the Seymour St. **Arts Club theatre.** You can get tickets at the Arts Club theatre itself or at the Vancouver Ticket Centre, 687-4444.

Out here on campus the UBC symphony orchestra and the UBC opera chorus are presenting a version of **Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte,** the second-last opera the master wrote. Performances are at 8 p.m. each evening, starting tonight, till Tuesday, in the Old Auditorium. For more information phone 228-3113.

That totally wonderful person **Philip Candelaria** is going to be playing his music, played on the classical guitar, that the Simon Fraser University paper The Peak said "transcends the old masters." Saturday, April 11, Presentation House, North Vancouver.

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Cristine Coyiuto, who began playing the piano at age three, and has since done many wonderful things with pianos, will be playing in Vancouver this month. She can be heard at the **Koerner Hall,** April 11, and her program will include **Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Schubert,** and **Coulthard.** Tickets are available at the door and the Magic Flute, $6 for normal people, students, $5.

The **Vancouver Natural History Society** is presenting a film, Black Tide, on the eighth of April.

Every once in a while we get these press releases from far corners of the world, but you never see them because they are irrelevant. But for those of you heading down Montana way this weekend, the Wildlife Film Festival is on April 8 to 12. The films will be shown at the Montana Rooms and the University Center Ballroom, on the third floor of the University Center at the University of Montana, Missoula, Mont.

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CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Election results: president, Henry Ip, publications officer, James Ko, internal vice-president, Dexter Cheng, external vice-president, Grace Sun, treasurer, Anda Li, cultural convener, Barry Fong, and sports, Jackson Wong.
Some executive positions are still open, for further information contact CSA officios in SUB 235.
Year end bash, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Skyline Hotel.

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

GAY UBC
Year end party with refreshments, noon, Cecil Green.

RETURNING AND MATURE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Whine and cheese party, a new club open to all interested mature students, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Grad Centre garden room.

FRIDAY

ISMAILI STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Optimal learning lecture by Dr. Hassam, for all interested students, 9 p.m., Darkhana Jamatkhana.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
IH fitness awareness week, Holistic arts and sciences centre offer a yoga and fitness demonstration, noon to 2 p.m., upper lounge, International House.

GAY UBC
Year end dance: this year's theme, "clone ball," prizes for the least original male, female and androgynous clone, 9 p.m. at the Grad Centre ballroom.

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

MODERN RHYTHMICS ASSOCIATION
Western Canadian Rhythmics competition, admission is free, 5:30 to 10 p.m., War Memorial gym.

SATURDAY

B.C. ORGANIZATION TO RIGHT RACISM
Ban the Klan rally to honor International Day Against Racism, and the 13th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, 1 p.m., Oppenheimer park, one block north of Main and Hastings.

SUNDAY

CCCM
Meeting for extended care service, 2:15 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

WEDNESDAY

CCCM
Community dinner, continuing through April, 5:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

UBC FINE ARTS GALLERY
Chicago cartoonist Nicole Hollander, author of three books including Ma, Can I Be A Feminist and Still Like Men? talks on the image of women in cartoons, 8 p.m. Woodward, IRC lecture hall 3.

Hot flashes

Feminist funnies

The image of women in cartoons will be addressed Wednesday at 8 p.m. in IRC 3 by Chicago cartoonist Nicole Hollander.

She is author of such books as Ma, Can I Be a Feminist and Still Like Men?

Until April 24, except for the Easter weekend, a caption contest for a feminist cartoon will be held in the fine arts gallery in the basement of the Main library.

Mature rated

Are you mature?

If you classify yourself as a mature student, or have returned to school after an absence, the returning and mature students association would like to have you as a member.

There is a whine and cheese party today from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the garden room of the Graduate Students Centre.

Get involved

Your chance to get involved in the Alma Mater Society is going, going, going. . .

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Commissioners are the chairs of the major standing committees of student council. Positions for program, teaching and academic standards, student housing, and student accessibility committee are now all open, but close tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Applications can be found in SUB 238.

Tax for peace

All those in favor of a peace tax raise your hands. Good, now all you have to do is show up at the slide show Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and the potluck Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

These events are being sponsored by the Peace Tax Fund Committee and are being held at the Quaker meeting house at 1090 W. 70th (at Oak) this weekend.

Liquid surplus

Alma Mater Society services director Bill Mitchell said Wednesday morning that all students are invited to attend the AMS executive beer bash this Friday at 4:30 p.m. in SUB 252, 254 and 262. The AMS will be repenting all their previous sins by giving away the liquid refreshments for free.

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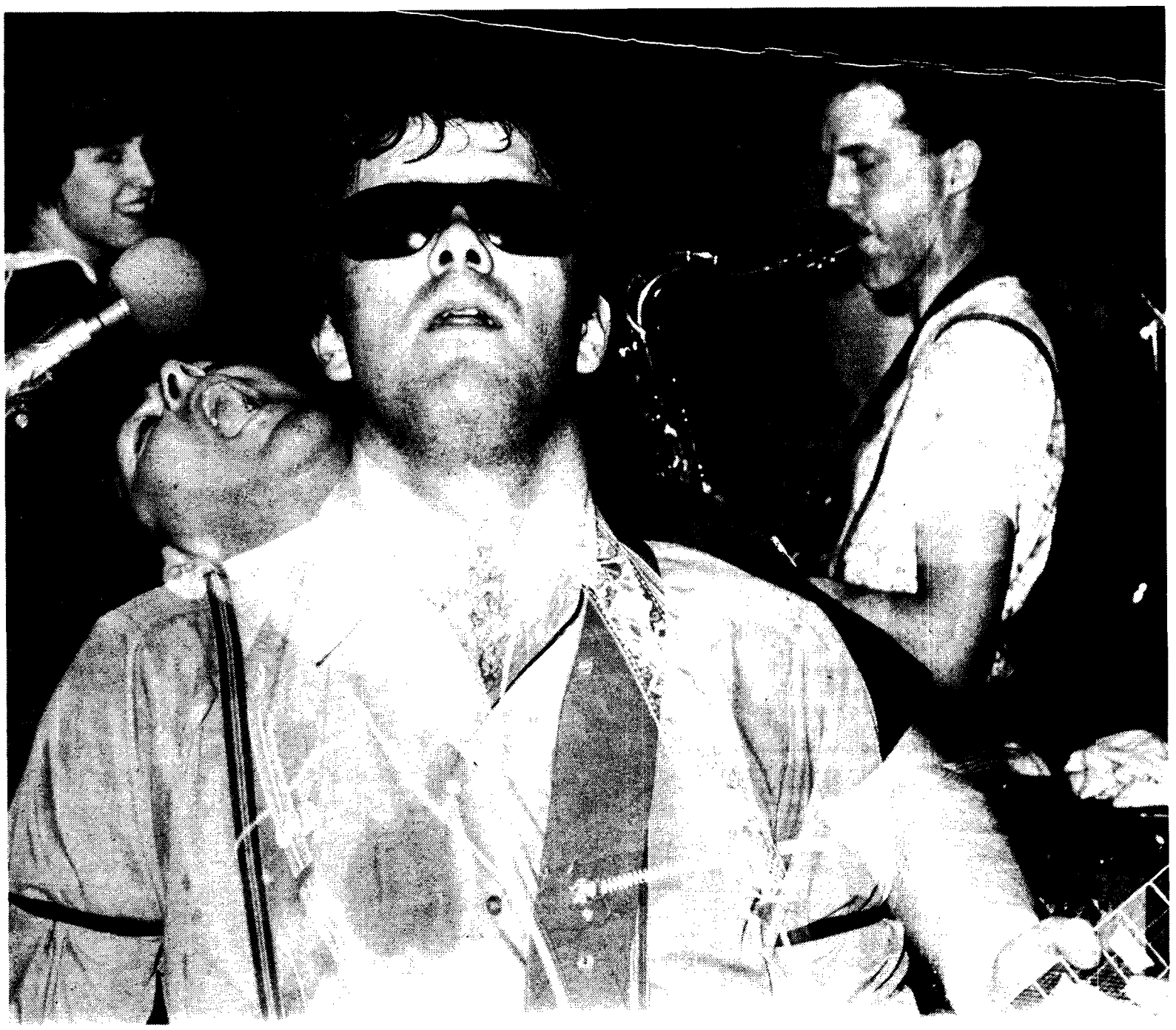

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STUDENT PUNK band from dark side of planet Claire take Pit stop on earth. The Invaders dropped by long enough to collect first prize in the fog show, which was 20 hours recording time in a local studio. Invader victory was debated due to their inability to materialize into single earthling image, band is devoting its studio time to charity. Invaders beam down Thursday night for victory performance in Pit.

By ERIC EGGERTSON

The Universities Council of B.C. last week rejected a move by Simon Fraser University to start a four year engineering program, instead proposing the UBC program be expanded and a new school be started at the University of Victoria "when appropriate."

In a letter to UBC administration president Doug Kenny, UCBC outlined its report on engineering in B.C. which recommends the university expand its present program to accommodate a maximum of 2,500 engineering undergraduate students. There will be an estimated 1,850 engineering students in the 1981-82 year.

Proponents of an SFU engineering school were disappointed by UCBC's decision. The SFU board of governors held a special closed meeting Tuesday night to discuss UCBC's recommendations.

The UCBC report, which has not yet been made public, recommends that first UBC and then UVic expand their facilities to educate engineers. The reasons for this recommendation are unclear. UVic, like SFU, does not currently have an engineering faculty.

The SFU board appears to be upset about the reasons given by UCBC for rejecting SFU as the site for a professional engineering faculty. The board will look into establishing an engineering science department aimed at producing high technology researchers in the engineering field. SFU does not have any professional faculties.

The UBC engineering program has been expanding annually, partly due to a general demand for engineers in B.C. "There's a terrific crunch for engineers," engineering undergraduate society president Lance Balcon said Tuesday.

Response to the proposed increase in students was "pretty positive," Balcon said. "Everyone can see it will be good for the faculty (of applied science)," he added.

Applied sciences dean Martin Wedepohl said he was "very pleased" about UCBC's recommendations. Wedepohl said he hopes increased funding will go "hand in glove" with the proposed increase to 2,500 students.

He added the increased number of engineering students does not have any relation to a recent move to reduce requirements for graduation in applied sciences from five to four years. He said he felt too many engineering students are "being bored stiff" in first year physics and chemistry courses which review grade 12 material.

Professional engineers responded favorably to the increased number of engineering students, but expressed concern about UBC's change to the four year system used by most other Canadian universities. "The association and many members are extremely concerned about a dilution of the engineering degree," said Phil Seabrook, Association of Professional Engineers of B.C. president.

Balcon said he agrees the quality of education going into a degree will probably be lessened. "That may or may not affect the final quality of the engineer," he said.

Guerrilla strike threatens negotiations

Canadian University Press

Contract talks between Simon Fraser University's student society and its 20 staff exploded Monday with charges of sabotages against student negotiator Bill Litwin.

The staff, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, threatened strike action by Wednesday after negotiations, consuming more than 24 weeks and 200 hours in meeting time, promised no settlement by the union's Monday deadline.

And when union negotiators proposed three weeks leave for guerrilla training and job protection while in jail, Litwin headed first to the local media, and then to the labor board for a mediator.

"When it was proposed March 12," Litwin said, "my comment was 'you can't be serious.' And they said, 'We wouldn't include something we weren't serious about.'

"I'm assuming that because of their comments that, yes, this is a serious clause."

Although the clause has not been withdrawn, student negotiators are ignoring it, Litwin added.

"There is a problem as to whether such leave is within the Criminal Code of Canada."

Union negotiators were outraged at Litwin's statements on the closed talks. Staff member Hank Benoit said the proposal "wasn't even a joke."

"There's only two explanations for Litwin's action: either he's too stupid to tell a silly proposal from a serious one, or he's deliberately trying to sabotage negotiations," he said.

Another staff member, resource secretary Gene Beauthien, said the proposal was tabled in jest to clear the tension resulting from long and "paranoid" negotiations. "Everything we put on the table was treated with extreme suspicion," he said. "We put this on the table as the ultimate absurdity, to point out the extreme paranoia."

Beuthien said the student negotiating team "chose to release spurious charges to smokescreen their position because they have no defence on the issues."

He said staff negotiators twice asked for and were denied opportunities to speak at student society meetings where negotiations are discussed in closed session.

Litwin's statement came as a surprise to at least one student negotiator, although Litwin claimed he had consulted student society president James Crawley on the matter. However, Crawley said he was surprised by the contents of the statement.

Union members agreed late Monday to mediation. "We want a contract," Benoit said, "but we're not going to give them a blank cheque. Forum is spending money all over the place and they haven't even looked at our monetary proposals."

Twelve non-monetary articles are still outstanding in negotiations, such as union security, health and safety, and discipline.

PIRG vote not binding at SFU

Canadian University Press

Although Simon Fraser University students voted overwhelmingly to support a Public Interest Research Group at their campus, the fledgling organization could still face opposition from the SFU student council, which must give it final approval.

"There's nothing in the student society constitution which says the referendum results must be binding (upon council)," said SFU student society secretary Gene Beuthien.

"PIRG is going to have to rely on Forum acting in good faith and expediently to implement the mandate of the constitution," he added.

Students voted 687 to 252 last week in favor of paying $2 each per semester to support the student-controlled group.

PIRG organizer Clark Roberts said the group's recent defeat at UBC will not hinder the SFU chapter in organizing this summer.

Negotiations will begin next week for office space and a contract with the student society, he said.

Roberts said the SFU PIRG will contact community groups across B.C. this summer, informing them of the organization and asking for research suggestions and results.

The information will be compiled in a research resource centre at SFU. Roberts said the research will try to find a "fresh aspect" on social issues.

"In order to make intelligent decisions on what direction our society should go, we need information apart from sources with vested interests," he said.

SAC cusses undergraduate society

An example should be made of commerce undergraduate society errors, a member of the Alma Mater Society student administrative commission said Monday.

Terry Breen was speaking against the appeal of a two-month SUB room booking suspension handed CUS in March.

CUS booked the SUB ballroom three times during March, but failed to use or cancel the bookings each time. A SAC policy of suspending booking privileges for groups failing to use bookings was implemented because of the first CUS incident.

"If we make a policy, we have to follow through," Breen added.

CUS spokesperson Don Hamagmi called the incidents "misunderstandings." He said the new CUS council, which took office March 1, was not responsible for the mistakes of the previous council. "We weren't aware of the bookings for March," Hamagmi said.

AMS administration director Bill Maslechko disagreed. "The new CUS council was aware of their last booking a week and a half before the event was to have occurred, but did not cancel the booking," he said.

Many undergraduate societies and clubs have changed executive over the past month with no booking problems, except commerce, Maslechko added.

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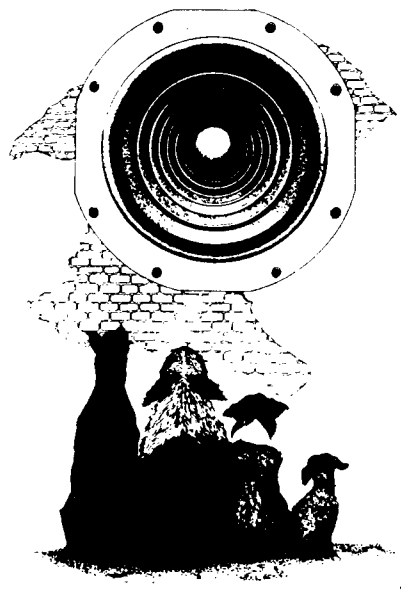

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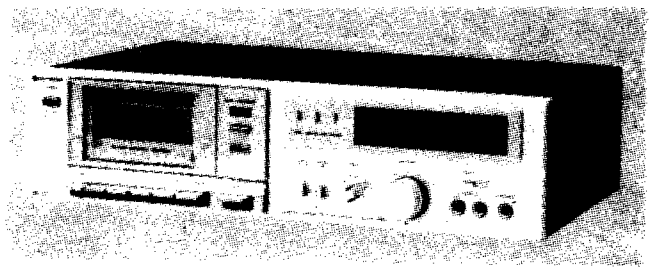

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