THE UBYSSEY

Inside:
ON FIRE

Referendum challenged

By Jennifer Lyall

The Alma Mater Society referendum on rec fac was improperly conducted and should be declared invalid, says a student who has gone to the AMS Ombudsoffice with his complaint.

"The AMS was one-sided in their promotion of the issue, and as a result the referendum is biased," said Keith Davidson. The AMS should have provided students with information about rec fac, but instead they engaged in a propaganda campaign, he said.

Davidson specifically objected to pro-rec fac articles in the Informant and to advocacy advertising: "They paid for ads on the buses that said not simply 'vote' but 'vote yes.' "

"I understand that over a thousand dollars of student money was spent on those two things alone."

Because the information they received was biased, students could not make truly informed decisions and so the referendum was illegitimate, said Davidson.

"I don't believe the yes vote represents student opinion," said Davidson. "The whole thing was influenced by the yes-campaign. Those who opposed it didn't have an equal opportunity to state their views because they didn't have access to funds to publicize their position, nor did they have the advantages of a large organization to assist in the campaign."

"I've talked to a lot of people who opposed it but there was no organized campaign for us to give our support to," he said. "It was very much a bunch of individuals opposing the AMS."

AMS president Tim Bird did agree that the AMS should not have run such a partisan campaign, but he argued that the AMS was not the only guilty party. "I was appalled at the way almost everybody handled it," he said.

"When it becomes clear that The Ubyssey was not objective, when you see individuals actively soliciting no-votes right beside voting stations, when you see yes and no posters being torn down across campus—why point fingers at the AMS alone?" asked Bird. "Almost every group involved threw the rule book out the window."

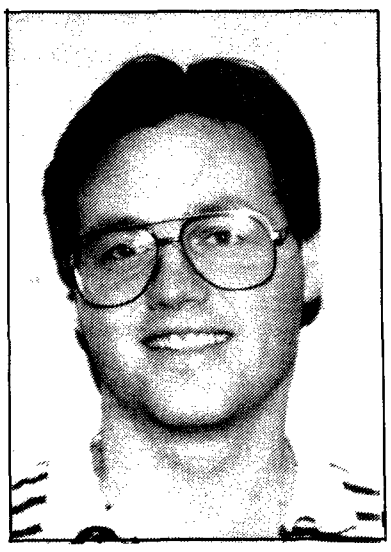
But none of the sleaze ultimately affected the vote, said Bird. "Overall a completely untainted referendum would have yielded the same percentage majority of yes votes but the turnout would have been much lower."

"If you're going to call the referendum off you have to ask, did these mistakes sway the referendum by 2000 votes? I think you'd have a tough time convincing people that it actually did."

Bird denied the allegation that voters didn't get to hear the arguments against rec fac. "Between The Ubyssey and The Informant both sides were covered," he said. "I think the students who were at all interested had ample opportunity to understand all the issues."

Davidson has asked the AMS Ombudsoffice to "review the entire referendum process to see if the way the AMS went about it was unfair."

"It's pretty much an ethical question, which puts it squarely in the jurisdiction of the Ombudsoffice," he said.



AMS President Tim Bird

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The Ubyssey overwhelms the mind of yet another student

Lewis preaches environmental planning

Former U.N. Ambassador visits UBC

By Greg Davis

The world is moving into a period where the risks of environmental disaster are more menacing than ever, former Canadian United Nation Ambassador Stephen Lewis told a capacity crowd at UBC Friday.

And in the western industrialized states, over 80 percent of the world's resources are being used by 25 percent of the world's population, said the former Ontario NDP leader.

The poor countries that are being told to cut back industrially for the environment's sake while their aid is decreasing and debt is increasing, said Lewis.

"There has to be some kind of equity between First and Third worlds," he said, adding that the West must share the burden with the developing nations.

The former ambassador was outraged at the situation facing developing nations, where much of the arable land is used for commercial exports to help pay back the high interest debts that are owed to the wealthy countries.

Rainforests then fall victim to peasants seeking land of their own to till and end up destroying the ecological balance, said Lewis.

Lewis praised the World Commission on Environment and Development Report entitled "Our Common Future" which stresses the link between world economic development and environmental salvation.

Lewis said the report shows "the problems inherent in sustainable development. How do you get the Western governments to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels?"

Sustainable development is the level of production that can meet the world's needs without destroying the fragile ecosystem.

"If you are strongly attached to the growth ethic you are not going to be able to manage an effective cutback. Never again can we engage in programs of economic growth without measuring the consequences to present and future generations," said Lewis.

In order to manage sustainable development effectively, Lewis said there must be a high degree of political will. "We've put billions into megaprojects in the energy field, but a smidgen of that into alternative means of energy. I don't see any evidence of the political will being seized with the urgency of it all," he said.

A stronger commitment to the United Nations and an easing of the austere conditions imposed on some countries by institutions such as the International Monetary Fund are steps the Brundtland report and Lewis see as vital.

The relationship between development and the environment is now being universally recognized, and there must be a connection between disarmament and the environment, said Lewis.

Lewis said trillions are spent on arms while the problems of starvation and pollution continue due to world disorganization and procrastination.

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UBC Personal Computer Club
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AMIGA Meeting - 11:30-1:30, SUB 111

Jewish Students' Association/Hillel
Hebrew University Information Display & Speaker, noon, Hillel House

Jewish Students' Association/Hillel
Hot Lunch, 12:30 pm, Hillel House

WEDNESDAY

UBC Personal Computer Club
ATARI meeting, Noon, SUB 211.

Lesbian Discussion Group
Meeting, 12:30 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre Lounge

Jewish Students' Association/Hillel
Jewish Studies Discussion Group w/ Rabbi M. Feuerstein. 12:30 pm, Hillel House

Graduate Student Society
Live Jazz & Blues with Peter Huron & Tony Wilson, 6:30 - 9:00 pm, Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

UBC Student Ministry
Sign Up for "Friendship International Christmas Program"; phone Sheila Jones 261-6182 before Dec. 1st.

Zen Meditation Society
Meditation and Instruction
3:30 - 4:30pm,
Grad Centre Penthouse

THURSDAY

UBC Personal Computer Club
I.B.M. Meeting, Noon, SUB 211.
MAC Meeting, Noon, SUB 215.

UBC Stamp Club
Last trading session, Noon at UBC, Angus 221.

UBC Student Ministry
"Focus": Heading Home: Havoc or Harmony; panel discussion. Noon, Angus #417.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Dagwood Lunch and Christmas Party (Bring a dollar for lunch). Noon, Family and Nutritional Sciences, Rm. 30.

Association of Christian Clubs
Rally, Noon, SUB 207/209.

Jewish Students' Association/Hillel — Latke Lunch & talk on Hannukah, noon, Hillel House.

Jewish Students' Association/Hillel — Israel: Dancing. 12:30 pm, Hillel House.

University Christian Ministries
Come join us as Rob Powell talks about Christmas vs. Xmas. 12:30, Brock Hall 302.

Newman Club (Catholic University Students Assoc.)
Speaker: Monica Guest, 12:30, St. Mark's College.

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FRIDAY

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SAILING CLUB

On Saturday, December 31 the UBC Sailing Club is looking for designs for window stickers and a club logo. If you are the talented artist who blows the mainsail off the executive, you could win a free day cruise on the club keel boat! Competition is open to all members and entries close Saturday, December 31. Information available at Room 58 SUB between 12:30 to 1:30. Or call Ken Ou at 228-4321.

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ARC

ARC, a UBC undergraduate literary magazine published for students by students that provides a forum for student writing from all departments, is still accepting short stories, essays, poetry and plays, along the theme of "Heroes" for the 1988-1989 issue contest. (General submissions welcome too.) All submissions should be handed in the ARC letterbox in Buchanan Tower 397 by January 3, 1989. Contacts: Jon Derksen at 224-9927 or Rob Sherwood at 263-5908.

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Campus cup recycling proposed

By Ilona Biro

The Alma Mater Society has ushered environmental issues into its own arena, and is on its way to creating a recycling program that would see students reusing coffee cups.

A policy that has been successfully introduced on other Canadian campuses allows students to bring their own coffee cups to the university where they can 'fill up' for a nickel less than the price of a coffee purchased with a throwaway cup.

Tim Bird, AMS President, says he thinks the idea of using biodegradeable cups, (five cents more expensive than cups currently being used), and instituting a 'bring your own cup' policy are good ideas. But he said the main problem is one of standardizing the sizes of cups that people bring to campus in order to charge a fair price.

One solution to the problem of standardizing coffee cups brought for a fill up would be to arrange for plastic cups to be made and sold. These types of cups are used at UVic and in Gage, and pay for themselves after a week or two of drinking coffee at the reduced price.

Tim Bird feels that the AMS will be able to switch over. "If we set a precedent, then we'll have a lot more leverage in trying to get UBC Food Services to follow suit".

With a full time student population of around 25,000 students, having 5 cups of coffee a week, with 30 odd weeks in an academic year, there are well over 4,000,000 coffee cups being filled, consumed and thrown away at UBC each year.

Styrofoam, once thrown into a landfill, takes the span of several generations to break down. The alternative disposal method, incineration, is equally destructive, emitting chemicals into the air and further heating an already overheated and fragile atmosphere.

Some companies use chlorofluorocarbons to "inflate" styrofoam in the manufacturing process. This method of producing styrofoam is especially dangerous since chlorofluorocarbons are one of the primary causes of ozone destruction.

The UBC Environmental Interest Group (UBCEIG) began looking into the problem of waste food containers on campus and discovered that UBC Food Services uses cups manufactured by Canada Cup which do not use chlorofluorocarbons in processing, as was feared.

But the problem of space in city landfills is mounting, and styrofoam and similar disposable food containers form a large percentage of the garbage mass, taking decades to decompose.

Joan Bratty of the UBC Environmental Interest Group, says it's incredible to use exclusively paper and plastic food containers and utensils in a campus restaurant like Tortellini's.

"I would rather see recyclable paper products than plastic and styrofoam, but it would be best to see a return to china and silverware. Aside from purely aesthetic reasons, the rejection of completely disposable food packaging would indicate that students are concerned about their direct individual responsibility for the environment."

As well, much of the food at UBC that is packaged for 'easy take-out and disposal' is never actually taken out of the restaurant anyhow. What we once called 'take-out' packaging is now considered normal food packaging in campus restaurants where most customers eat on the premises. Also, student-run food operations are quicker to change than private businesses, which usually have to see a decline in profits before they'll change their environmentally unsound business practices.

"A lot of it is education," said Bratty, "and that should be part of the AMS's function-to make students aware of their environmental impact". The context is global, but as the saying goes, the action has to begin locally.

Recently the EIG sponsored a Recycling Day in SUB, and within the space of about 6 hours, several hundred signatures were collected on a petition encouraging UBC Food Services to support the 'bring your own cup' for a discount concept. "If we had a campus-wide petition, you'd really get a good response", said Bratty.

The EIG will be presenting a report including the petition to UBC Food Services and Student Council in January, in the hopes that a campus food packaging policy change will follow soon after. Indeed the day may come when a UBC student receives a UBC plastic coffee cup in his registration package, encouraging an ecologically sound campus-wide policy.

McGill assault charges dropped

MONTREAL (CUP)—No charges will be laid in the alleged rape of a woman at a McGill University fraternity party.

"After having studied and analysed all of the facts, we are not able to say that a criminal act was committed," crown prosecutor Louise Villemure said of the decision.

"It is unfortunate for the young woman who is involved. But we still need proof. No one can give us the essential elements that can prove that a criminal act took place."

The incident allegedly took place during rookie initiation of rugby players at Zeta Psi — McGill's oldest fraternity — on September 22.

A 19-year-old McGill student said she was raped by three members of the frat while 10 others watched from the doorway.

"Thirteen guys are all corroborating each others' stories and they are all fraternity brothers. It's my word against theirs," she said.

The Concordia University Womens' Collective is asking students to sign a petition calling on the Crown to re-open the case.

"We believe that all women have the right to be safe from rapists and have the right to protection under the law," said Melanie Kerridge, a member of Concordia's Womens' Collective.

"I want justice to be done," the student who laid the complaint said after the Crown's decision was announced. "They did something wrong and I want to see them punished for it. I'd like to see the Crown re-open the case and look if there are other similar precedents so they can be brought to trial.

"I want my day in court".

"I really can't describe the way I felt after. I knew I'd been raped but I was in a kind of daze. It was as if the whole thing happened to a third person. Nothing had sunk in emotionally. I didn't know how to classify the whole thing."

"Everything finally hit me at the McGill home coming game."

"I heard these awful songs that men were singing and went home and cried all night."

The woman said she was given the impression that if the case had gone to court, it would have been very difficult for her.

"There was the implication that three of the best defense lawyers in Montreal would be on the case and would make me look like a whore."

McGill students Robert Wexler and Marcus Knill, and Concordia student and Zeta Psi alumnus David Moffat, were suspended from Zeta Psi after the incident.

SUB arson suspected

The bowels of the Student Union Building were set afire in a suspected arson attempt last Saturday night, sending eleven firefighters to quell the blaze.

The major problem was not the flames, however, but the gushing sprinkler system which flooded the lower plaza, causing damage to aquasoc, the varsity outdoor club, and peace club offices.

Arson is suspected as burning newspapers and two other small fires were found outside the Intramurals office in South plaza.

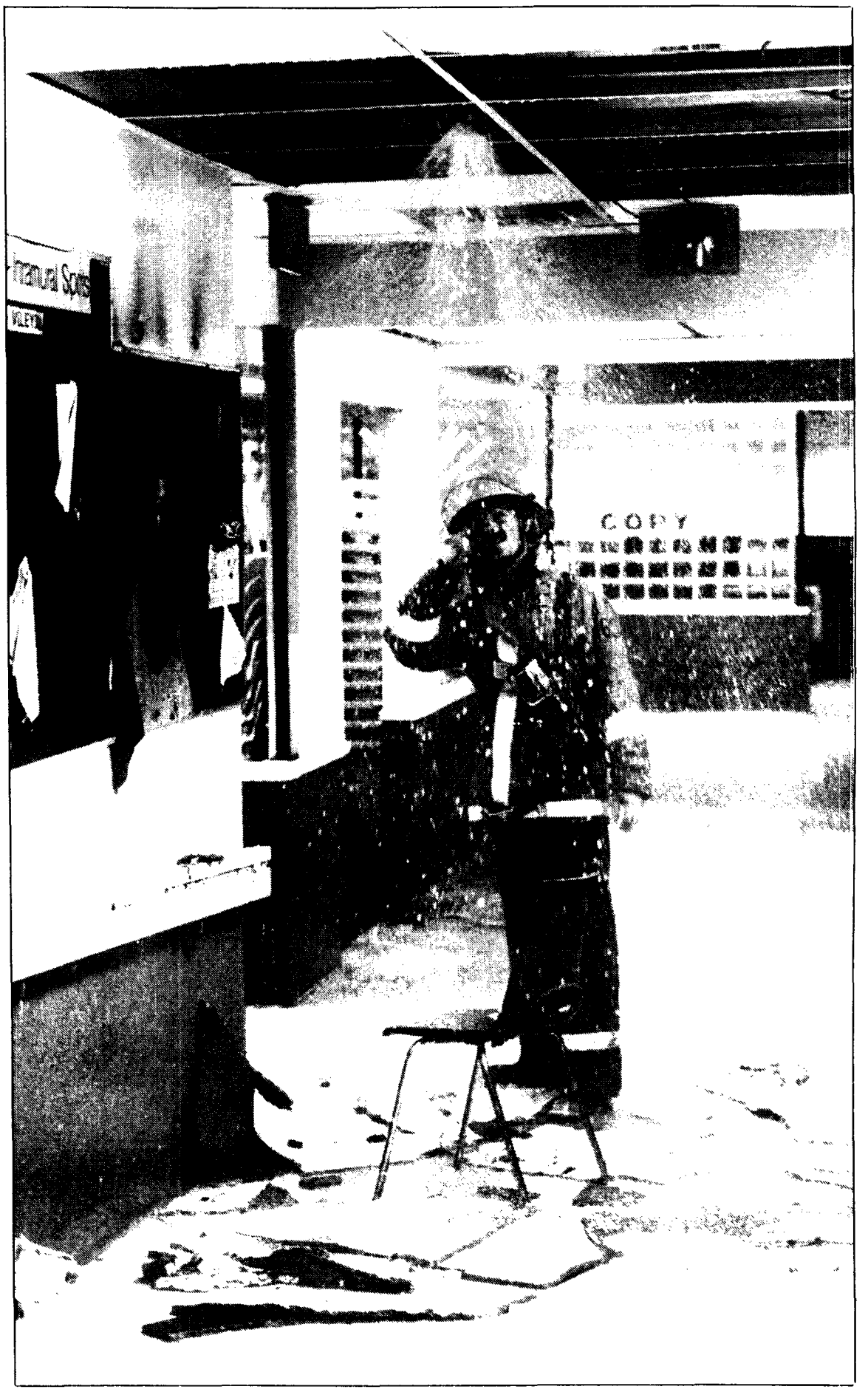
The Photo Society's display case and Intramural sports' cork board was also set ablaze, which activated the sprinkler system.

Because the on-off valve to the sprinkler head was hidden by a ceiling tile, the water had to be turned off at the main.

When the sprinkling dwindled, water had seeped its way to the Thunderbird shop, 3 feet inside the arcade, and into the copy area—missing the machines themselves.

The mess took over one and a half hours to clean up with a wet vacuum.

This is the second attempt at torching the same area of SUB, but no serious damage was done in the summer incident.



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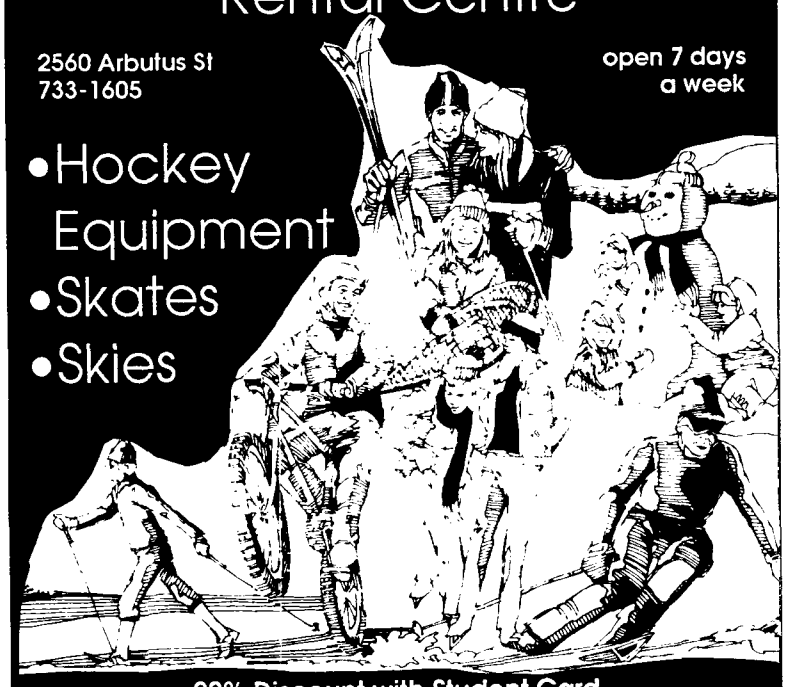
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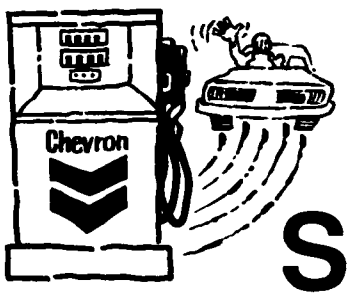

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Dalhousie strike ends

HALIFAX(CUP)—Spanish professor John Kirk calculates that each of Dalhousie University's 10,000 students is owed $150.

The 700-member faculty association—which walked-out Nov.4—came to a tentative agreement Nov.21.

Now Kirk is urging students to write to the university's president, requesting $150—the amount he calculates they're owed due to loss of course time.

The faculty union and the administration agreed that the academic year will be lengthened because of the strike.

Denis Stairs, Dalhousie's academic and research vice-president, says it is up to individual instructors to adjust. However, professors will not be paid to teach work missed during the strike.

"The administration refused to change the term and the exam schedule," said faculty spokesperson Carolyn Savoy. "You can't expect to double the workload for students in the next two weeks—they would have nervous breakdowns."

Dalhousie student council president Juanita Montalvo said making up lost class time will be hard on students. She said 40 per cent have part-time jobs and now face heavier workloads.

The union is recommending that its members ratify the tentative contract this week.

President David Williams wouldn't release details until after the vote, but said women's salaries will be increased to parity with their male counterparts and younger members will receive large pay increases.

The agreement includes an across-the-board salary hike, but there is no cost of living clause.

Book burned at U of T

TORONTO(CUP)—For sale: one book. Slightly burnt.

Don't be surprised if you see an ad to that effect somewhere soon, after an unidentified pyromaniac slipped into the University of Toronto bookstore Nov.17 and torched a copy of Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses.

Bookstore employee Nicholas Pashley was the first to notice something was amiss.

"Two or three of my colleagues and I started sniffing around," he said. "There was a smell of butane in the air."

The book was discovered smouldering on a pile of books in an alcove, where someone had brought it from a main display area.

Michael Jackel, a bookstore manager, said The Satanic Verses may have been targeted for what some have called its unflattering portrait of the Muslim prophet Mohammed. The book has been banned in India and South Africa.

McGill rag banned

MONTREAL(CUP)—The engineering students' newspaper at McGill University was closed down by the dean of engineering Nov.17.

This month's Plumber's Pot "was the straw that broke the camel's back," said Pierre Belanger. "There have been scurrilous issues in the past and we go over it with the editors. They say it won't happen again, but it happened again."

Belanger's ban stipulates that the paper cannot be published until at least next May.

The issue's theme is "battle of the sexes." It features articles such as "The top ten reasons why women advance faster than men in the work force."

Pot editors said they were surprised by the controversy. "The Pot is a satirical and humorous paper," said Ritu Varma, the newspaper's only female editor. "It is not supposed to be taken seriously, but people who complain about it being sexist don't realize this. It's like comparing the Benny Hill show to the Globe and Mail."

At the University of Toronto last week, 611 of the 827 engineering students who voted decided to let their paper, the Toike Oike, live without any changes in structure or content.

There were 2,500 eligible voters. The referendum determining the fate of the newspaper was called after U of T president George Connell expressed "disappointment and disgust" over the content of the October 10 issue.

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objective questions, without suggestive language. By using party rhetoric, Johnston says he will be able to tell which of the manipulatory initiatives the parties use have an effect.

"The parties do their own market testing, and have become very sophisticated, so that when a politician is on the podium, the campaign organizers are sure that what he says will get the appropriate response," says Johnston.

Once the campaign people have decided what works, they push it as hard as they can, Johnston says. "What happened to the Liberals, was that they just ran out of money. The Tories spent one-quarter of the total campaign budget on advertising in the last week alone--that's another disturbing thing--because they had the money, there wasn't equal time."

"The networks can allocate equal time, but the parties can buy over and above that," he says. And the Tories splurged on their campaign--enough to rival the amount of television advertising beer companies buy in the summer. Up to 700 gross rating points can be reserved, but the Tories used up all their options, and bought 1000 points."

Johnston says campaigning is one big advertising account. Most parties will either get their own agency together, or they will go to to one of their choice. And the biggest irony, Johnston says, is that the NDP went to an American agency for all their material this year.

But Johnston says his main concern is the effect the polls and party propaganda have on the media.

"We will try to make the media more aware of their own views and how they are being manipulated," says Johnston, who hopes to write a paperback aimed at journalists with the data he collects over the next few months.

"We hope that the stuff we find will reach journalists so that they have a body of findings that they can use as a context for the next election. Journalists suspect they are being manipulated, but they don't know how."

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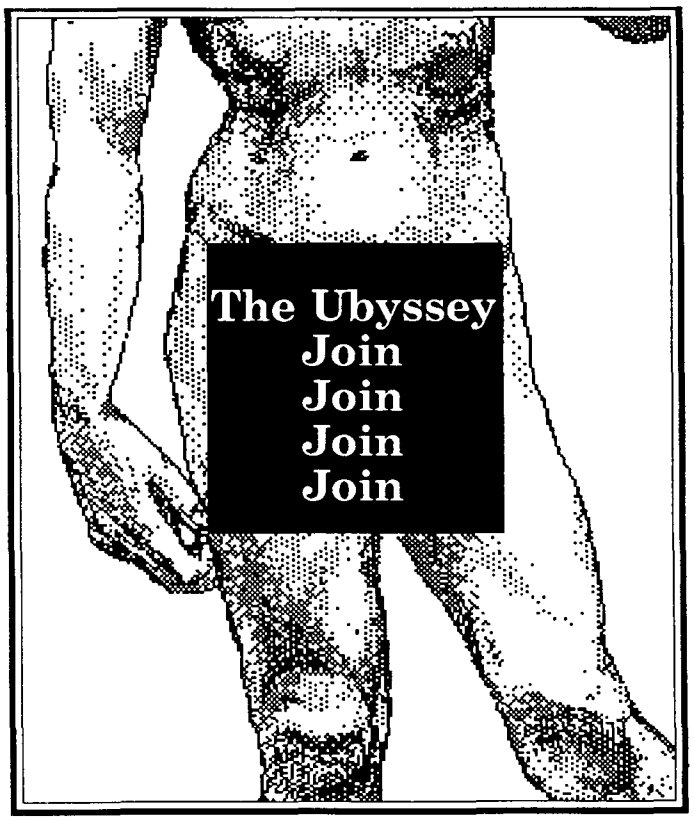

Provincial report glosses over education access

By Gordon Clark
Canadian University Press

VANCOUVER (CUP)—A B.C. government report on access to post-secondary education raises a lot of questions but has no answers, say critics of the one-year study.

The report, titled Access to Advanced Education and Job Training in British Columbia, was prepared by a government-appointed committee and presented to Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen at the end of the summer.

The report, released last month, examined five major issues: institutional capacity and program quality; literacy and adult basic education; under-represented groups; admissions, transfer and articulation; and university degree programs outside the Lower Mainland and Victoria.

Critics of the report say it only summarizes weaknesses in the post-secondary education system they've been discussing for years without offering new solutions.

"The thing we liked about it was it identified the big problems, but it didn't offer solutions, specifically, it didn't mention money," said Canadian Federation of Students Pacific Chair Robert Clift.

Clift said he was concerned the document focussed too much on the open-learning system, where students in remote areas watch television lectures and mail in their assignments. He said the system, while useful in some cases, shouldn't replace traditional on-campus learning.

"It comes up again and again in the report," Clift said.

"Certainly open learning has some advantages. But distance learning has a 50 percent drop-out rate and 25 percent of students don't hand in their first assignments. It clearly shows it's not for everyone," he said. "Nevertheless, the government seems to be pushing it."

Barry Jones, New Democrat advanced education critic, echoed Clift's concerns.

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"I have a fear that what is a valuable tool in the interim will become part of the system," Jones said. "They should not be seen as an alternative to traditional face-to-face teaching methods."

The report also didn't answer the big question in post-secondary circles—where in the province Victoria will fund a new degree-granting institution. Both Prince George and Kelowna have bid for new institutions.

Clift said it's clear the government has a lot of pressure to fund a new facility, but he said he was concerned about the government's funding of existing institutions.

Jones was equally worried: "I guess one of my concerns is it doesn't address the issue of quality of existing programs."

He said existing facilities are underfunded and need new equipment, adding the government would have a difficult job juggling funds for new programs with renewed support for existing ones.

Both Jones and Clift said the document should have addressed the issue of getting more women into advanced education, adding funds are needed to support day-care facilities on campuses so women with children can go to school.

Jones said the Social Credit government had a "dismal" record for education funding during the 1980s when it practised economic restraint. He said the government enjoyed a $129 million budget surplus during the first six months of 1988 and could afford to fund education.

"They recognize post-secondary education has been treated badly and they have to do something about it."

Sheila Munro, an advanced education ministry official, said Hagen will announce in the new year where new funding will be spent. Both Jones and Clift said they were taking a wait-and-see attitude.

"That's all we can do at this point," said Clift.

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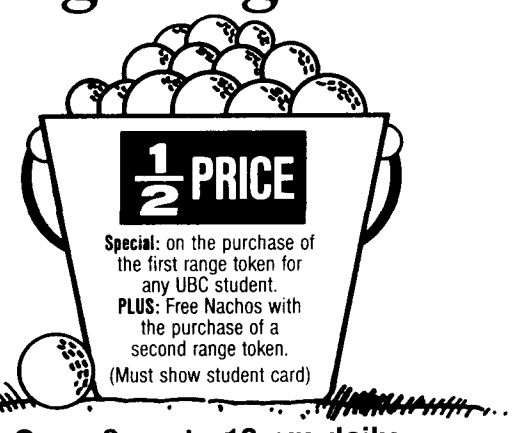

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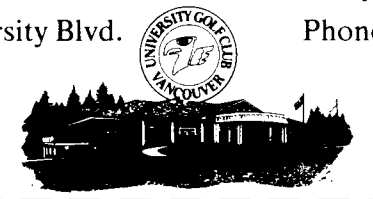

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Puckster 'Birds eye first

By Laurie McGuiness

UBC varsity hockey team split a pair of games this weekend in Saskatoon, beating the University of Saskatchewan 4-3 on Friday before losing the rematch Saturday 5-4.

Friday's game was not as close as the score indicated as UBC led 4-0 at one point, but the Huskies made it appear close by scoring their final goal in the last ten seconds on a power-play resulting from an illegal stick measurement.

Saturday's game featured power-plays by both squads as UBC went 4 for 9 with the man advantage while Saskatchewan was 3 for 8.

Keith Abbott scored his fiftieth career goal in the losing effort.

Only four of the Canada west teams are playing this weekend creating a situation where UBC could vault into first place with a pair of victories over Brandon—providing Manitoba and Alberta split their weekend series.

The 'Birds host Brandon for a pair of games this weekend at the Thunderbird arena, where action starts both nights at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for students.

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Brandon	3	8	1	7
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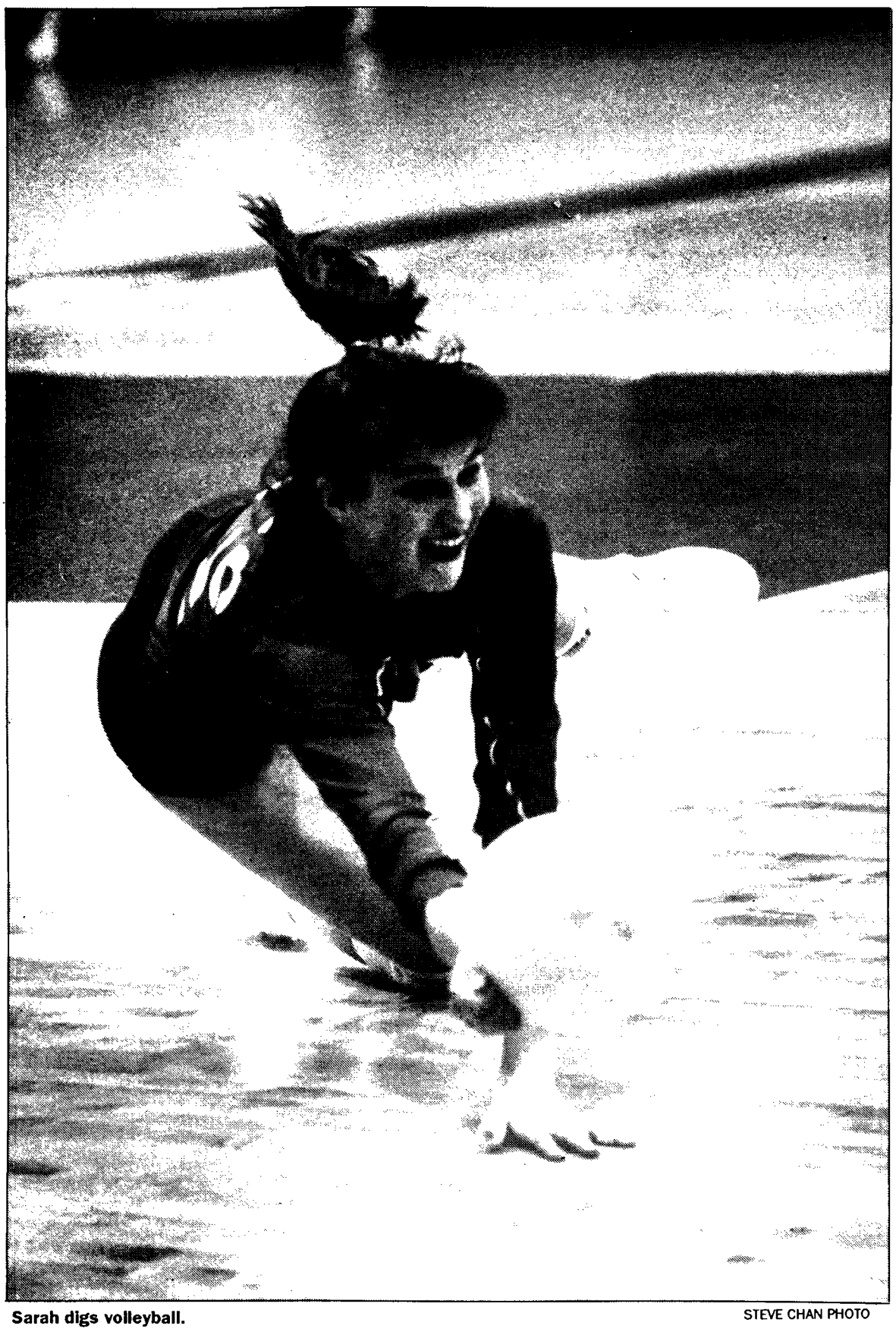
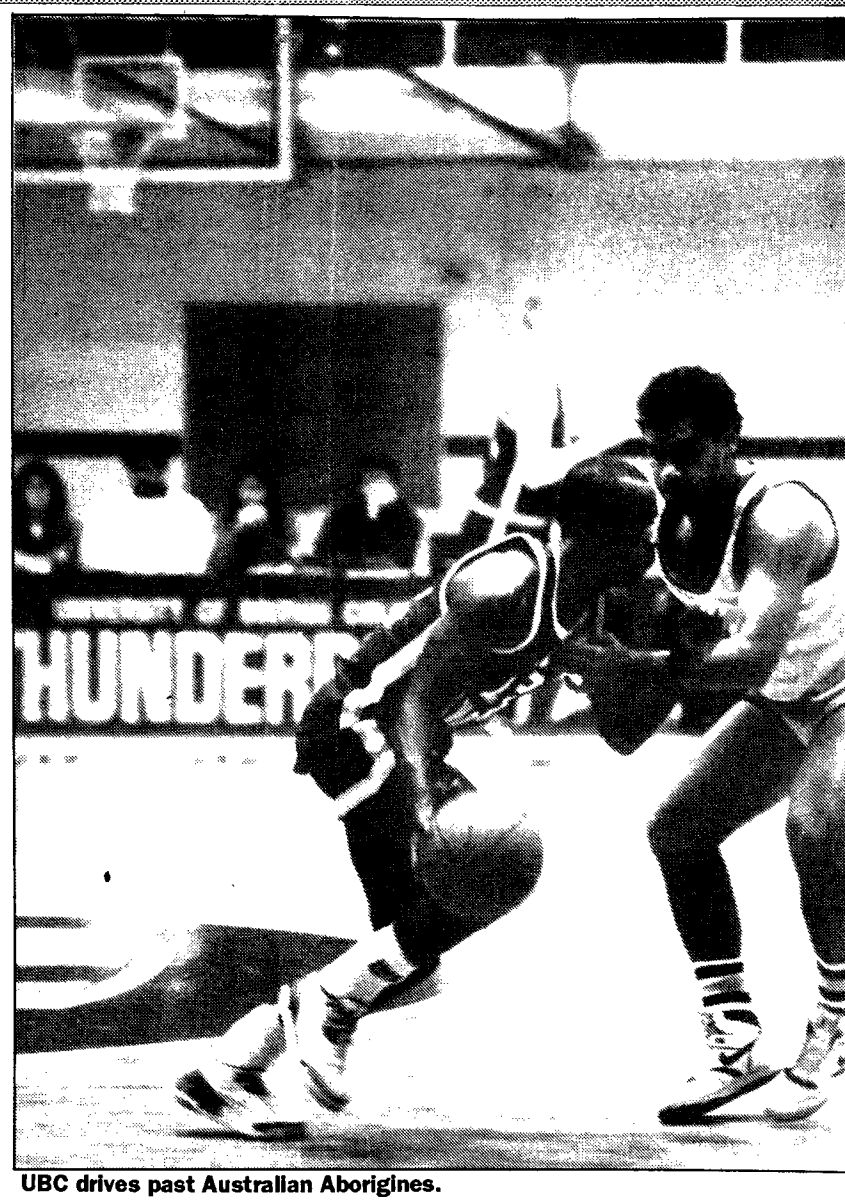


Sarah digs volleyball. STEVE CHAN PHOTO



UBC drives past Australian Aborigines.

'Birds volley on

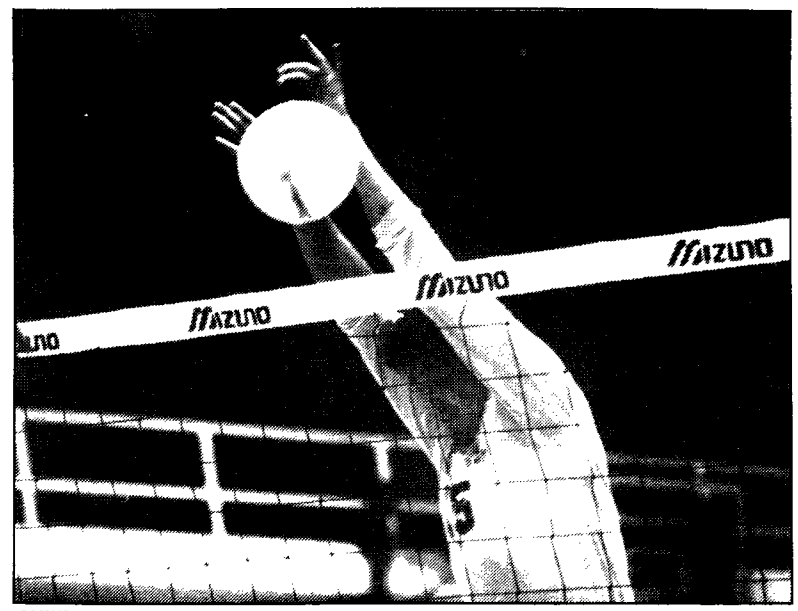
UBC Volleyball players faced tough opposition from the Dinos of Calgary at War Memorial Gym last weekend, with only the women pulling off a single victory.

The Dinos, top-ranked team in the nation, won both men's matches 3-2.

The crowd was treated to some of the best volleyball in North America with close play and lots of rallying. Calgary won the Friday night match 15-12, 13-15, 15-17, 15-11, and 15-7. Saturday's match was just as close as the five games dragged on almost until Sunday before Calgary won 14-16, 15-4, 12-15, 15-5, 15-13.

The women were more fortunate, splitting the weekend series with the Calgarians.

The female volleybirds lost the opening night match 3-2. The return engagement on Saturday was a reversal with UBC winning by the same 3-2 score.



Williscroft thwarts Dino spike. STEVE CHAN PHOTO

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Birds split with Dinos

By Joe Altwasser

The Thunderbirds found more than the prairie weather cold this weekend, leaving below zero cowtown with a 0-4 record. The Basketbirds lost Friday night 84-62 and the rematch Saturday 77-65.

Once again the T-Birds' shooting was suspect as they managed only 37 percent from the field.

Women's coach Bev Smith says the team got off to a bad start on Friday when they came out flat, something "you can't do against them," said Smith.

"Calgary is a very good team both inside and out, and the result was they blew us out by 22 points," said Smith.

Saturday the 'Birds made some "defensive adjustments" to attempt to contain the red hot Calgary women, and resulted in reducing the victory margin to 12 points.

Tessa Velg earned coach Smith's praise for her steady play, leading the 'Birds with 35 points over the weekend, including a team leading 17 on Friday night. Raj Johal was UBC's top scorer Saturday with 19.

The Basketbirds travel to Saskatoon next weekend to play the University of Saskatchewan hoopsters before starting their holiday break.

UBC men left the oil patch gushing after a series split with the highly touted Calgary Dinos.

Friday night the 'Birds upset the Dinos 79-70 in a close match. Acting coach John Ritchie said the key to the T-Birds' success on Friday was the control of the boards. "We held their big guy Venia to only six points," said Ritchie with a smile.

Saturday's game saw the Dinos regain their composure, in a 102-82 slaughter of the 'Birds. But Ritchie was not displeased with the T'Birds' performance and said, "We played well in the first half and were only three points down, but they blew us away in the second half from the three point line."

Ritchie's comments concerning the loss was that it was not as much a result of poor UBC play as it was of the hot shooting of the Dinos.

"John Pease hit 7 out of 9 three pointers on us," moaned Ritchie. "This forced us to move out on him which opened up defensive problems inside."

In closing, Ritchie said that he was not satisfied with the loss, but with the tough competition this year any victory on the road is a bonus.

The Thunderbirds travel to Saskatoon for their last match before the holiday break. The men also travel to Toronto to play in the annual York invitational over the holidays.

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aham Fell (#75) races for the finish.

By Joe Altwasser and Linda Diano

The Canadian national cross country championships held at UBC this weekend went off without a hitch. And although it was not a CIAU event, the meet attracted university athletes from across Canada.

UBC athletes were well represented. In the senior men's race Olympic team member and MBA student Graham Fell finished second to John Halvorsen, a Norwegian studying at the University of Ottawa. Fell's second place finish puts him on the national team for the 1989 world championships in Stavenger, Norway.

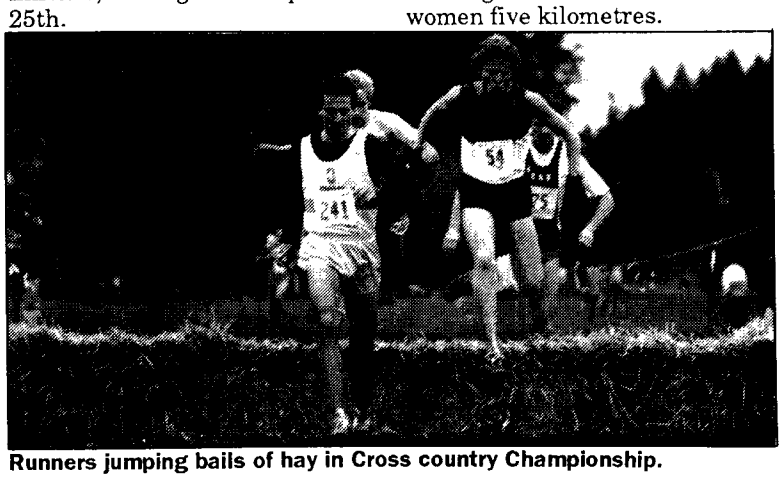
Al Klassen was UBC's second finisher, coming in a respectable 25th.

Rounding out the UBC team were Larry Nightingale taking 33rd spot, Mike Moon 47th, Christen Audet 57th, Brian Klassen 66th, Tim Ziegler 68th, and John Newland 71st.

The senior women's race was won by Lucy Smith of Dalhousie. The previously unheard of athlete stole the lead in the last three kilometres and never relinquished it, despite a last minute charge from Seoul finalist Debbie Bowker of Victoria, who took second. Jill Purola of Toronto was third.

The top UBC finisher was Teresa Rind, who placed 26th.

The course was set out over a two kilometre loop with the men running 12 kilometres and the women five kilometres.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Merchant fails to deliver

North Vancouver's FTS production takes risks

by Kathy Chung

The lights are still down, but suddenly laughter can be heard in the theatre. Two giggling girls breeze through the lovely set of marble columns, arches and ramps. The laughter is infectious and before the play has really begun, the audience is already chuckling to itself. Citizens of Elizabethan Venice emerge and soon the stage is filled with gay and lively people rushing through the city.

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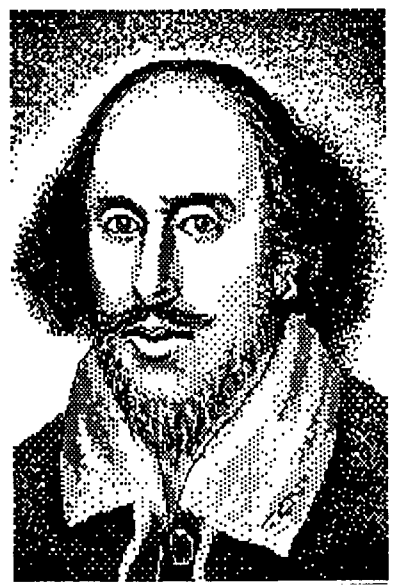
The spirited prologue to The Merchant of Venice embodies the festive tone the actors manage to forge so well, - but the frivolity may have gotten to their heads and made the thespians forget that behind every smile there is a tear.

FTS gives a traditional production of Merchant with period costumes, and a classic set with some effective lighting. But one senses that the company's stronger suit is the production of comedy rather than bringing out the more mirthful aspect of tragedy.

Deborah McKay as Portia does well in her cocky impersonations of numerous suitors. Michael North's Gratiano is witty and charming, while Bill Miner and Mark Wiersma are simply hilarious as Morocco and Arragon. Dave Wallace's Launcelot is a wonderfully proper wit and knave, and Andrea Rankin is very good as Old Gobbo, Launcelot's father.

The major problem in the production is with the central characters. Antonio, Portia's rival for Bassiano's devotion, is played with too much severity and detachment. Donald Robinson seems to have taken com-



A fairly recent photo of reclusive playwright Shakespeare

pletely to heart the professed sadness of the character. Portia is also amazingly cold and unexpressive as a romantic and strong woman. Gary Chappell has just the right touch of the youthful prodigal in his Bassanio, Portia's favoured suitor, but it takes a while for him to warm up to his character.

Antonio, Portia and Shylock make a very sombre trio. Each character speaks with a monotone at an unvarying pace.

What is missing in the serious and tragic scenes is a sense of passion and intensity. The actors seem uncomfortable with their parts, lacking the free, easy sense of speech which comes with confidence.

Director Don William makes some unusual staging choices. Many speeches are performed with the characters facing away from the audience. Also, characters often speak to each other without looking at each others' eyes. The audience is unable to detect any real response or sign of communication which helps to reveal character.

FTS gives a traditional production of Merchant

The performances improve in the second half of the play. Chappell's Bassanio really comes to life during the comic scenes where he chooses the correct casket and wins Portia's hand. There is a lovely moonlit interlude between Jessica, Shylock's daughter, and her Christian husband, Lorenzo, played by Sherry Toreson and Stephen Fanning. This scene moves with a bitter-sweat tenderness.

Shakespeare is rarely performed in Vancouver and every production gives us a fresh interpretation of his work. The FTS production has its flaws but also its bright moments. At half the price of a Playhouse production, it is well worth a visit to Presentation House in North Vancouver.

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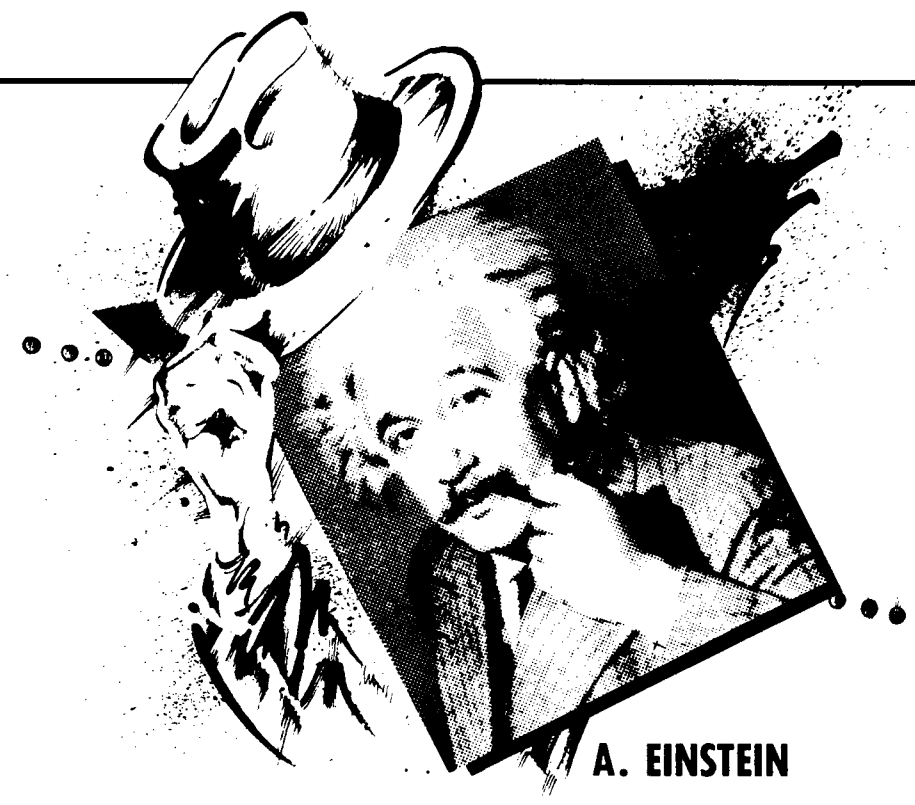

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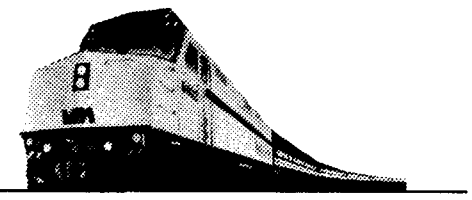

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To their game ...

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Field Hockey
- Gail Wilson's Hockey Birds took the silver medal at the CIAU Championship at McGill University

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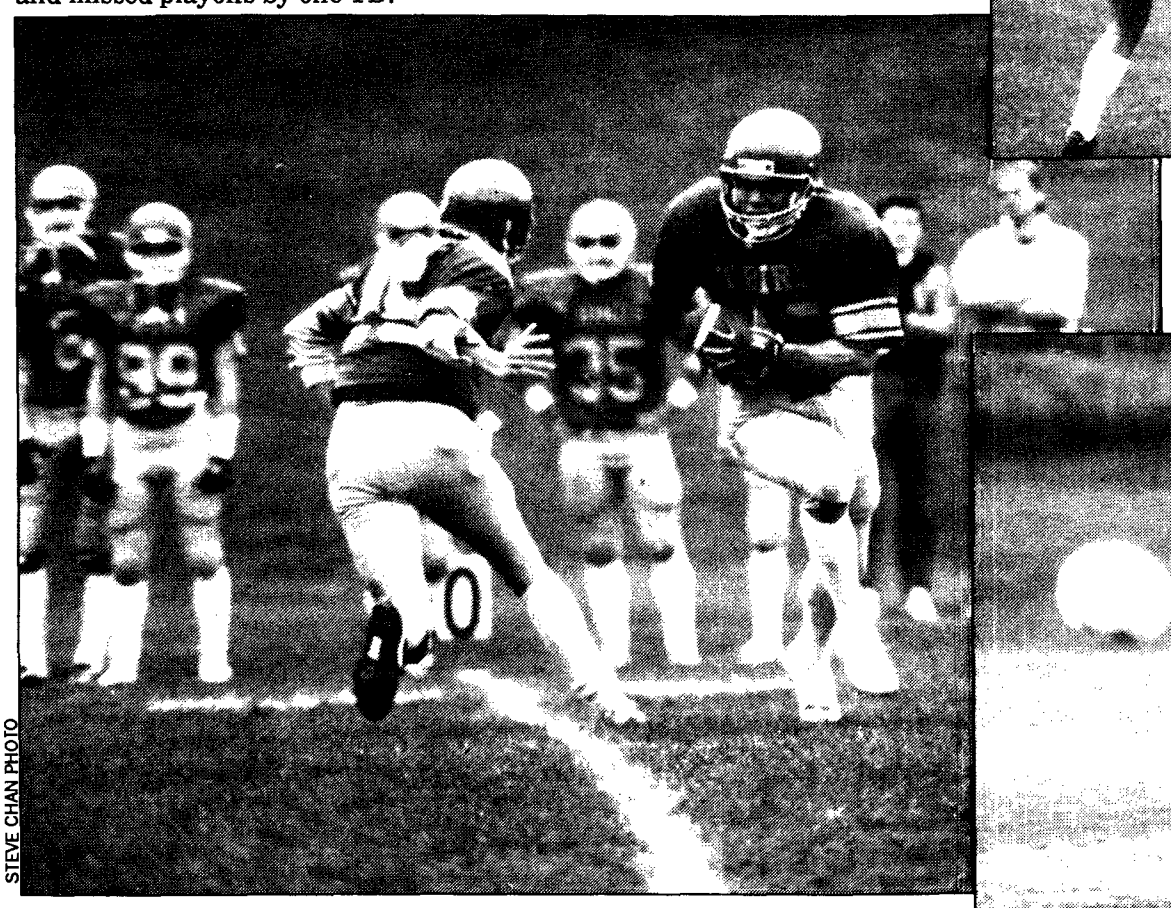
Rugby
- The always tough rugby team pummels a Seattle club team earlier in November.

Soccer (women's)
- The Women's Soccer team staked a claim on a silver in the Canada west losing out to Alberta by one point.

Football
- UBC embarked on a year of rebuilding and missed playoffs by one TD.



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Soccer (men's)
- Burns shows form.

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Editorial

What about the morning after?

The New York Sunday Times ran a story about free trade this weekend. The United States and Canada enjoy "an unusual and genuine intimacy," but it is overshadowed with a "lingering sense of mistrust and sneakiness on both sides."

Under free trade Canadians and Americans will be groping in the dark--perhaps a titillating experience, as the economists' wet dream of a free market economy grabs them from behind and surprises both parties.

But the simple fact remains--Americans do not understand us. They never have. Why do we think that after two hundred years of ignorance the United States will look up North and say, "Hey, look at that neat place--let's appreciate them, and let them stay the same. We'll just watch and spend money. All we'll take is pictures."

That's what they said about Yellowstone National Park--a haven of true unspoiled wildness, complete with salt and pepper giftiques.

And as we fondle the lump of change in our front pockets, we may hunger for more. Something bigger, more satisfying--bills, and lots of 'em. And Brian Mulroney can tell you, greed speaks loudly.

But one thing remains--the risk. And as a country of puritans, cloistered in our colonial habit, we will not like change. We will feel sullied in the end.

Whether free trade proves to be our rite of passage, coming of age, or just an uncomfortable and messy intrusion remains to be seen. So maybe we, as a nation, should sit down on the front stoop and usher in the new era with a sigh and a cigarette, while it still has a "te" at the end.

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Barb Wilson got to go first because it was agreeed upon that she was a goddess even if we were all atheists. Ted Aussem showed us the neat trick he could do with a crisp $50 bill, which made him a celebrity of sorts. Alex Johnson wailed in dismay at something Ted refused to describe in any detail. Inmate Katherine Monk once again evaded the long arm (not to mention...) of Robert Groberman. Deanne Fisher was intent on enlarging David's anatomy, sure that this would bring in new staffers like gangbusters. Olivia Zanger had greasy, if slightly soft, hands the whole evening long. Joe Altwasser disappeared and then reappeared just as he was about to get blasted for disappearing in the firstplace, and then picked a back molar. No, no... it was a front incisor, and he was able to remove a soggy taco chip in the delicate operation. We were all SO relieved. Greg Davis just disappeared. Jennifer Lyall just got blasted. What else is new? Chung Wong...T-O-N-G-U-E. You figure it out. Mandel Ngan grunted, snorted, barked, scratched—basic lumpophobe behavior. Steve Chan was the eternal Nice Guy, prompting Ilona Biro to nominate him for The Nice Guy of the Week Award, which consisted of a phone call from Gordon Clarke to his Mom telling her what a Nice Guy we all thought Steve was. "Da Bumm! 'E's no suna myn!" was the only quote we could get from the woman overcome with emotion. Ernest Stelzer suggested a really gross way to mix drinks which proved to one and all that soon he would fit in just fine.

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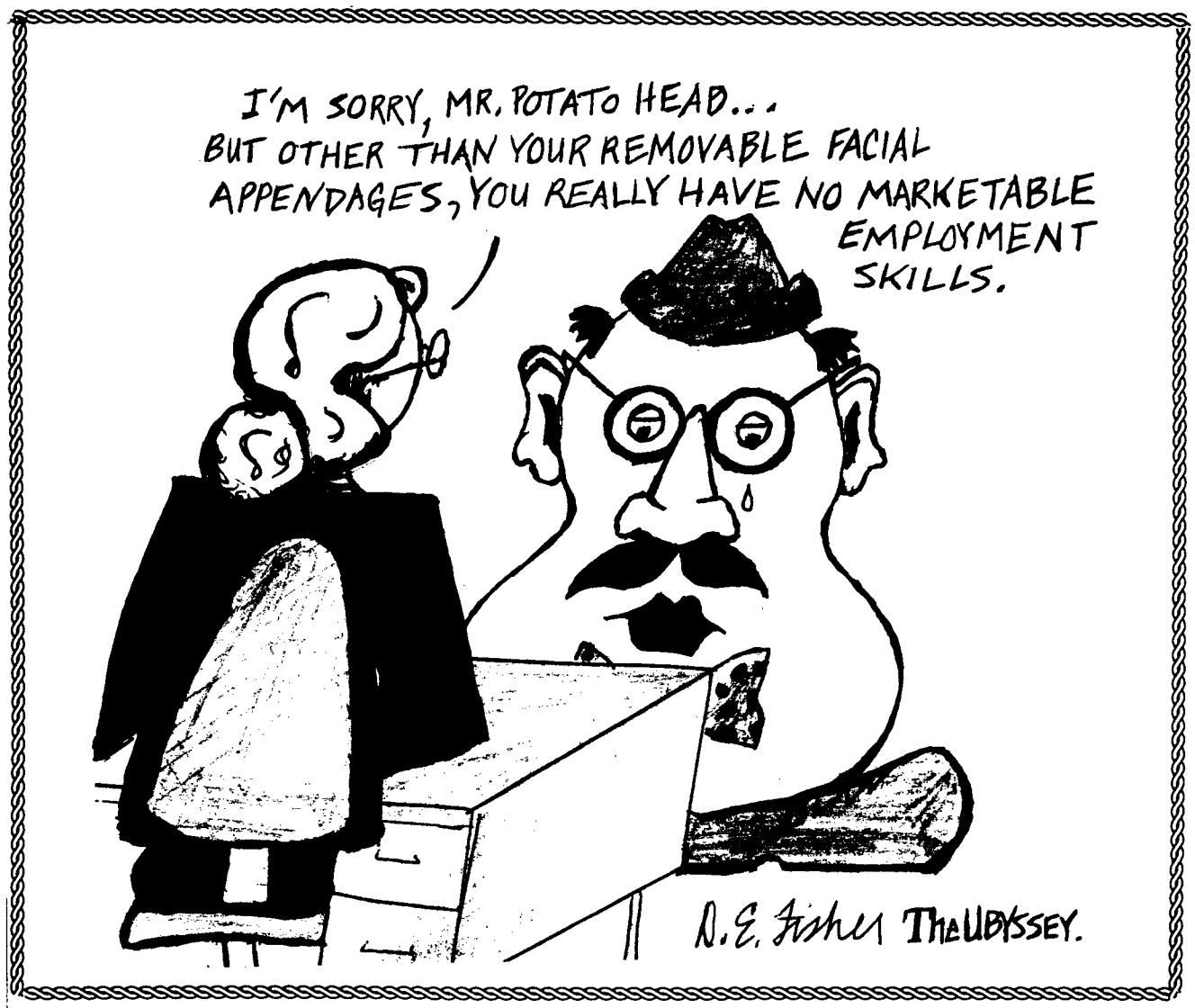

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No favors for Natives

Your article "Natives Face Heavy Bias" is itself very biased, as there are several matters that you aren't considering.

First of all, to give separate education to native Indians would in many places prove to be disastrous. The student of traditional ways and values may be important, but this would serve to take time away from more accepted studies, as well as reducing options.

Secondly, it seems to me that the goal behind a second language needs to be defined. I believe that a second language is needed so the people may effectively communicate with more people. Many Indian villages have languages which aren't even spoken an hour's travel downriver.

I would also like to ask how "...textbooks and materials with racial bias in the classrooms..." are biases. The material studied currently is a reflection of our society and doesn't say or imply in any ways that I know of that other cultures are inferior. Does anyone in the faculty of education disagree with me?

The question of whether the culture should be preserved should also be asked. We have made little if any effort to keep the Elizabethan and Mesopotamian cultures alive, why should the culture of the British Columbian Indian be preserved?

Lastly, the "social problem" of the Indians is indeed a problem. The Indians have recently been exposed to extreme culture shock: from the hunter/gatherer age straight into the atomic age. To have the problem disappear we must either completely absorb them into the present-day society or completely lock them out. The absorption is nowhere near complete, and a separate schooling system would make the fence that is being walked higher and harder to jump off.

I realize that what I have stated may not apply to all places and situations, but it is very applicable to many communities.

Michael Doll
Engineering 1

Religious war rages

Perhaps because he is unfamiliar with the literary conceits of Enlightenment reformers, Joe Devoy misreads John Locke's sly remark that toleration is the "chief characteristic mark of the true church" at face value and so misses Locke's ironic intent. Locke gives a peculiar meaning to the ambiguous word "true," for he does not mean "historically actual" but "ideal" only.

In speaking of the true church, Locke was not describing historically, but chiding morally. Joe Devoy is not the first to confuse description with prescription. Locke resembles modern socialists who contrast ideal "true socialism" with failed, actual socialist regimes.

In Locke's "letter Concerning Toleration," the twin appeals are to human fallibility and the need for civil peace. These appeals sound attractive and modern to us, precisely because they are secular, not scriptural.

Living in a century of religious wars, Locke knew really there was NO "mutual toleration of Christians in their different professions of religion." His irony is immense and resembles that of Voltaire in "Candide" and Montes-quieu's "The Persian Letters."

The prosecution prevails.

Greg Lanning
Law 2

T. A. Union blasted for donations

On November 24, the T.A. Union (CUPE Local 2278) voted to donate $100 to the new abortion clinic. It was also agreed to withhold 8 cents of the donation for each opposing letter received from union members. This is an unfortunate sidestep of the issue. By law, the union may vote to use their funds (1% of each T.A.'s salary) for almost any purpose. It is inconvenient for a referendum to be carried out every time they make a decision, so a majority vote normally consists of the few people who have time to attend union meetings.

Article 6 of the collective agreement between UBC and CUPE states: "there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion practised... by reason of... nonmembership or activity in any political, religious, or labor organization." I fully admit that the union is within its legal rights in giving this donation. However, in so doing it discriminates against me as a Christian and a paying nonmember of the union.

This union exists to negotiate our contracts; in this regard it has a right to take a portion of our salaries. In my opinion it has no moral right to spend our money in any other way. The union denies me a voice because I am a non-member, and yet I cannot and will not become a member of an organization which uses money for a purpose I abhor.

This "catch-22" situation could be so easily and peacefully remedied! There is sure to be at least one person who has a reasonable objection to any particular donation. If indeed the union wishes to welcome all its beneficiaries as members, why not dispense with donations completely? I don't think this would have an adverse affect on the union's operations, and certainly would be a step toward reducing the tyranny of the "majority."

A final word to union representatives: you are under a great obligation to people when you are using their money, even when it is given to you by law. Please be careful, and thoughtful.

Stephanie Isbell
Graduate, Chemistry

Kurt wracked with self-doubt

The savage personal abuse prompted by my piece on sex-role behavior in the Pit left me a little sad, though hardly surprized. Honesty about interpersonal relationships is threatening to some people.

I will briefly reply to charges of being a misogynist, a self-proclaimed sexual guru, and a sexually frustrated psuedo-intellectual.

To the charge of misogyny I plead not guilty. I'm deeply fond of women and happen to regard sex and other forms of intimacy as life's sweetest meaning-giving joy.

To the charge of being a self-proclaimed sexual guru I can only reply that all sexual gurus are self-proclaimed and have a healthy obsession with sex as their main qualification.

The charge of being a sexually frustrated psuedo-intellectual does sting a little. Yes, I've had periods of sexual frustration and doubts about my intelligence, but on the whole life has been kind to me on both counts.

I love a good discussion. My foes are welcome to contact me through the Philosophy Department.

Kurt Preinsperg
Philosophy Grad Student

Give the axe to social programs for a smiling Canada

I feel it is necessary to respond to Scott Bramhill's letter of rhetorical crap in the November 15th issue. Scott Bramhill asks why social programs are not mentioned in the Free Trade Agreement?

The answer to this is that the Mulroney government was not prepared to negotiate until the United States took social programs off the agenda. The article also mentions that the Progressive Conservatives secretly yearn to eliminate all social programs. It is this kind of blind logic used by Scott Bramhill that allowed Ed Broadbent to use his medicare scare tactics during the election.

It is true that there are some necessary forms of social programs, such as welfare for single mothers, but would some elimination of social programs be so bad? It would allow the deficit to drop as a result of decreased government expenditures, allowing the tax burden presently encountered by Canadian citizens to diminish.

It is time the abuses of our social programs are stopped. But I guess the problem individuals sharing Scott's attitude have in cutting some social programs is that they plan to use them in the future, on one of those Unemployment Insurance Commission ski team winter packages.

Lastly, he mentions free enterprise in the same breath with social programs. Is your idea of free enterprise an economy under a heavy burden of government expenditures? The whole problem with your logic, Scott, is that you have been reading the newspaper too much. You should try to form your own opinion, not adopt the media's.

It is about time the bleeding hearts realized the Canadian economy is a resource base exporter, and the only difference between the Canadian economy and a third world economy is our Gross National Product per capita. The free trade deal might be the best solution to our resource base problems.

Greg Schuler
Commerce 3

T-cup ignored due to staff shortage

Hats off to those of you on The Ubyssey staff for once again making the decision to cover matters of personal importance as opposed to events that are of interest to many or most of the student population. I'm sure that most people are much more interested in seeing you degrade students you dislike instead of having any write-up whatsoever on the T-Cup game of Nov. 17.

Two points. First, while you were out taking pictures of guys in dresses did you happen to notice that there was a football game in progress? If so, did you notice anything different about the players? Did you notice that there happened to be a lot of very interested people watching the game?

Secondly, the T-Cup game was originally scheduled for Nov. 3 and I asked The Ubyssey staff, a number of times, that some notice of the delay be posted in the paper. I was told that this was not very likely. Why? Many people enjoy watching the game. Do these people's interests not concern The Ubyssey staff? Whose interests do concern you other than your own? Oh, that's right! I was told that you would run a story if it involved a game between the gays and lesbians vs. the environmentalists.

Instead of jumping at an opportunity to degrade a targeted group of people, why not cover university events. The T-Cup game has a thirty-five year history at this institution and is an extremely unique event. It is not every day that a bunch of women put on helmets and shoulder pads and play tackle football. You should make some attempt to act like a real paper even it it means stooping to the wishes of the masses.

Dave Christie
FNS Coach

You are what you wear: Santa the Red

This has gone on too long! It has become clear that the western media is suppressing news of the most heinous Communist plot ever to be unleashed on western civilization. Yes, I am of course speaking of Santa Claus, or "dyed maroz" as those commies call him.

This character was developed to undermine the entire capitalist system of merchandise without remuneration, on the basis of those individuals being model citizens of their society. This attempt to subvert our traditional focus on self-gratification as the primary goal has had some effect already.

Unfortunately for the Bolshevik cause, overall sales were stimulated beyond the wildest dreams of our capitalist leaders and they decided to preserve this hideous creation. So, this Christmas season, do your bit to stem the tide of the Communist world and buy, buy, buy!

David Way
Science 4

Walkers warned of doom and gloom

I have a piece of advice for all evening strollers and joggers: make yourself clearly visible to vehicles!

This past Saturday, at approximately 7:30 p.m., I witnessed a scene near the Fairview Crescent residence which could easily have ended in tragically. A young man who was dressed in a dark track suit and slowly strolling on the road narrowly escaped being struck by a vehicle travelling about 50 km/h. Neither the stroller nor the driver was solely responsible for this near-mishap; however, an important point was indicated.

All evening strollers and joggers should wear light colored clothing or, better still, reflective arm or leg bands, in order to be clearly visible to drivers. These measures are simply a form of self-preservation because, let's face it, there is no such thing as "perfect" drivers. Using a little common sense can mean the difference between life and death.

Shelley Brooks
Arts 3

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UBC professor dissects the Canadian voter

By Katherine Monk

The Canadian political parties spend a lot of money trying to get our vote, but their tactics may be brainwashing the electorate rather than educating them about the issues. Researchers are trying to find exactly how much influence their political propaganda wields on our marshmallow minds.

UBC political science professor Richard Johnston is in the second stage of a three-stage, $360,000 study measuring the sway of electioneering and commercial polls. Other studies have been done in this area, Johnston says, but nothing as comprehensive or long-term as the one which he and three fellow political scientists have undertaken with the financial help of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

His team is looking at how much time the parties bought on television and in print, how much air the parties received, how the polls were aired, and where. "Every morning during the campaign, I would devour the Globe–looking at how much coverage the parties got, and what kind," Johnston says.

He says the press was relatively balanced in their reporting, but editorially there were clear party biases. "There's no question the Globe and Mail was pro-free trade, while the National and the Journal were mildly anti-deal, with CTV–somewhat less sophisticated–pro-deal."

Johnston's study is unique because it includes French Canada sampling, which Johnston says is a result of personal interests coming together with professional ones. "Everyone involved with this project has a grandparent who was French-Canadian," he says over his paper-laden desk.

What most commercial polls lack is the time to spend with the subject, says Johnston, which means the essence of the voter's beliefs is only glossed over.

"We've interviewed 3600 Canadian voters, for up to 40 minutes per interview, and stretched out over the campaign. That means we have a complete record of the campaign, where everything is controlled," Johnston says. "We can measure events directly–like the debate."

Johnston says the television exchange changed the profile of the whole election. In accordance with what the polls said, the Liberals lept ahead after the confrontation, but they could not hang on to the lead. And Johnston says the simple fact that the Liberals dragged at the end of the campaign goes against the theory of any sort of "bandwagon effect".

The bandwagon effect refers to the phenomenon of voters following whoever is in the lead in a given poll.

"The evidence suggests that there was little or no truth to a bandwagon effect. If it were true, the Liberals should have rolled through. And you can't attribute the Liberal gain to the polls either–because the polls were against them."

Johnston disagrees with the European approach of blacking out poll results ten days before an election, because he says "nothing has been shown–as of yet–to show that the polls have a perverse influence on the electorate."

And censoring the polls would also mean depriving the voters of a chance to vote strategically. "In this last election, in order to beat the free trade deal, it was important for voters to know who was ahead--and vote strategically, instead of party loyalty."

Johnston says his research has found a way of isolating the influence of the party propaganda by including it in the survey questions. Some of the respondents were asked questions based on party advertising campaigns, like "is John Turner only trying to save his job?", while others were asked

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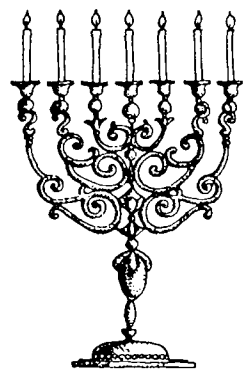
UBC prof Richard Johnston studies the influence of electioneering and polls on Canadian voters



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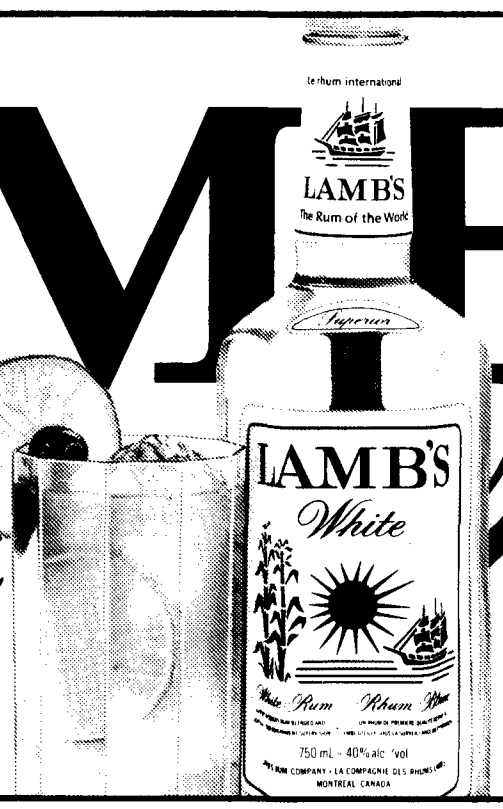

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