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Our production night is fully staffed.

But tonight, we come together only to produce a fiscally responsible four page leaflet.

The Ubyssey Student Newspaper must contain 40 per cent advertising in order to be "fiscally responsible."

In other words, a 40 per cent ad content will cover the printing cost of this newspaper. Tonight, that means running four pages. Thus we have renamed ourselves, for this issue, The Ubyssey Student Leaflet.

If we had run eight pages of newsprint we would have only been at 23 per cent ads, going approximately $700 over budget.

During this term we have run two papers with about one-quarter ads. This has been an oversight on the part of the editorial collective.

For the past two years, The Ubyssey has run high percentages of ads in some papers in order to be able to save up money for special issues or when there are lot of articles to go in the paper.

This year The Ubyssey has not had the opportunity to save up ad money because fewer ads have been made available to the paper.

As our publisher, the AMS is responsible for soliciting our advertising. The more ads that are solicited, the more pages that can be run, the greater the student voice can be on campus.

Those ads have not been forthcoming. For whatever reason, the ad sales have been way down all year. And, since yesterday was our ad representative's last day, ads were particularly low for this issue.

Therefore, we are now limited to printing eight-page and tonight, four-page fiscally responsible micropapers.

For the past two issues, we have had to hold writers' stories for later publication. This is a problem because it takes away the incentive to produce good quality copy.

Tonight, we have been forced to hold an entire issue: ironically, this leaflet should have been a special issue focussing on the role of media in our society. A lot of work goes into producing a special issue and all this energy has been lost.

Our production chalkboard is filled with stories, art work, and photographs. New and old staffers have invested long hours researching, interviewing, photographing, developing, drawing, cutting and pasting.

We do not like our current situation. As a student's newspaper, The Ubyssey encourages all students to partake in the journalism experience. We want to be able to print the work of all our writers, our photogs, our graphic artists, experienced and inexperienced.

The energy of volunteers is what keeps this paper up and running. It is extremely hard to keep this energy at a high level, or even keep new volunteers interested, when we have to hold copy and photos and can't produce the quality we would otherwise be capable of producing. The result is a downward spiral in quality, reader interest and future ad revenue.

It adds up to a disaster for The Ubyssey. For students, it could be the loss of another opportunity to learn the skills or gain the experience that we can pick up only at a student newspaper.

In light of the current financial dilemma that the paper is in, The Ubyssey needs support more than ever. Students must get involved in running every aspect of this newspaper.

The Ubyssey should exist to provide students with an opportunity to learn all aspects of running a newspaper. Get involved, become a part of the solution. This is your newspaper, after all.

Student groups protest Campus Times

by Lucho van Isschot

The Campus Times is under fire.

The UBC New Democrats, the International Socialists and UBC Students for Choice are holding a rally today to protest The Times' recent publication of an advertisement for Holocaust denier David Irving.

The ad in the October 27 edition of The Times announced an appearance in Vancouver by David Irving, a British neo-fascist lecturer.

Irving promotes the beliefs that the Holocaust has been exaggerated, that Hitler did not personally order the extermination of Jewish people during WWII, and that Auschwitz was built after the war as a "tourist attraction."

Irving is being deported from Canada and has been refused entry into the United States.

David Black, a representative of UBC's New Democrats, was angry that the ad ran in The Times, and has helped to organize today's protest.

"It is interesting that South African president DeKlerk won't let David Irving into the country, but The Campus Times thinks it is all right and that this guy's opinion should be heard," Black said.

"This rally is to let people know that The Campus Times doesn't represent the students, as they say they do," Black said. "Aaron Drake, who has read about David Irving, and knows what he's all about, still ran the ad."

"We're just trying to let the students know what The Campus Times is all about. They try to come off as objective, but they aren't objective at all—they're quite right wing.

"There is a certain responsibility which comes with being a member of the press, and I think he went well beyond the bounds of that," Black said.

"If Drake had said that he didn't know who Irving was, and he ran the ad just because someone came in and paid for it, well that's stupid. We can excuse stupidity," Black said. "But he freely states that he has read Irving's book. So he knows what David Irving is about. By running that ad, Aaron Drake made his own judgement that what David Irving has to say should be heard by students."

Aaron Drake, editor-in-chief of The Campus Times admits that The Times made a mistake.

"In retrospect, it was pretty poor judgement on our part," Drake said.

"We aren't claiming ignorance. It's not justifiable," he said. "We are taking complete responsibility for what we did. Ignorance is not an excuse."

Drake is not surprised that his paper is being criticized for having published the ad. And he believes that the criticisms are justifiable.

"They're perfectly justified for being upset. I'll be happy to show up at the rally and apologize," he said.

Drake said that he has already extended his apologies, on behalf of The Times, to Zac Kaye, executive director of Hillel House.

"As far as I know he was satisfied [with our apology]. They were quite disappointed with us for what we did—which is understandable."

But protesting groups are still concerned about the ad.

"I think that it's a positive development that The Campus Times has apologized, but this is much more serious than a simple typographical error," said David Joffe of the International Socialists.

"They [The Campus Times] have had a pretty reactionary stance on most issues at UBC starting with the strike. It's good that they have decided to come out against the fascists, but people on campus should realize that many of [The Times'] arguments about the rights of women, lesbians and gays, and minority groups have helped to create an atmosphere in which the ideas of people like Irving can take hold," Joffe said.

"The fact that the Nazis are trying to advertise on campus is a reminder to all progressive groups on campus that we have to be ready to take on all of their racist and anti-Semitic arguments, and not let them have a platform at UBC."

The rally is scheduled to take place today at 12:30 on the south side of the SUB plaza.

SIOBHAN ROANTREE PHOTO

Members of CIAU field hockey teams from New Brunswick, Toronto, Alberta, York and Victoria gathered at War Memorial Gym on Thursday afternoon for a welcoming ceremony as UBC hosts the CIAU Championships this weekend at Eric Hamber.

Thunderbirds seeking another national title

by Stan Paul

Under the wing of coach Gail Wilson the women's field hockey Thunderbirds will be seeking their 6th National Championship at Eric Hamber Turf Field (33rd and Oak) Nov 6-8.

The T-Birds enter this year's tournament as strong second place finishers in the highly competitive Canada West conference, behind their arch rivals the Victoria Vikettes. UBC and Victoria met in the championship final in Halifax last year with the 'Birds prevailing 1-0 in penalty strokes after overtime failed to break a 0-0 deadlock.

The '92 T-Birds are led by two-time All Canadian Sam LeRiche and Junior National Team members Helen Birchall, Lisa Eastman and Sarah Franks.

LeRiche is the mainstay of the Thunderbird defense as Coach Wilson says, "the backbone of everything this team does." Returning from a year's absence because of injuries are former All Canadians Penny Cooper and Leslie Richardson. They will be providing support to starting rookies Laura Prellwitz and Marnie McComb.

The Thunderbirds play their round robin at 1:45 pm Friday Nov. 6 against the University of Alberta, and at 5:15 pm against University of Toronto. The bronze medal match will take place at 10:00 am Sunday Nov 8, with the Championship match to follow at 1:00 pm.

Championship Weekend

Canada West Football Championship—The T-Birds finished first in CWUAA play with a 6-3 victory. The T-Birds meet the University of Calgary Dinosaurs in the Canada West Final on November 7 at 1:00pm. The Football 'Birds are currently ranked fourth in national standings.

Canada West Men's Soccer Championship—The defending CIAU champion and current conference leading T-Birds, with a 8-1-1 record, meet the Victoria Vikings (6-1-3) in the conference final on November 6 at 1:30 pm at OJ Todd Field. The T-Birds are also currently ranked first in CIAU play.

Canada West Women's Soccer Championship

The women Birds, with a record of 8-1-1, are tied with McMaster for first place in the CIAU, and are hosting the Alberta Pandas in the Canada West Championship on Saturday Nov 7 at 11:00 am at OJ Todd Field.

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So Frances Foran told Siobhan Roantree that today was the first day of the rest of her life. Doug Ferris exploded his myth all over the place, after which Miranda Alldritt and Sara Martin collected the scattered debris which Philippe Tierney attempted to put back together. Amongst this chaos, Sam Green left and got the vans while 'small e'llen 'small p'ond just was, and Yuki Kurahashi i forgot. While Lucho van Isschot pointed out the sucking chest wound in Denise Woodley's imagination and Paula Wellings frazzled Stan Somethingelse typed and muttered to Gumby while Liz up a tree came down to find Ted Young-Ing posed for the center spread in the invisible twelve page paper so Martin Chester got fed up and went to the airport with the guy from the Manitoban. Jim Conley got real confused and tried to arc weld Dawn Mitchell to Helen Willoughby-Price. Chaos reigned supreme and the Ubyssey was sponsored by the number five.

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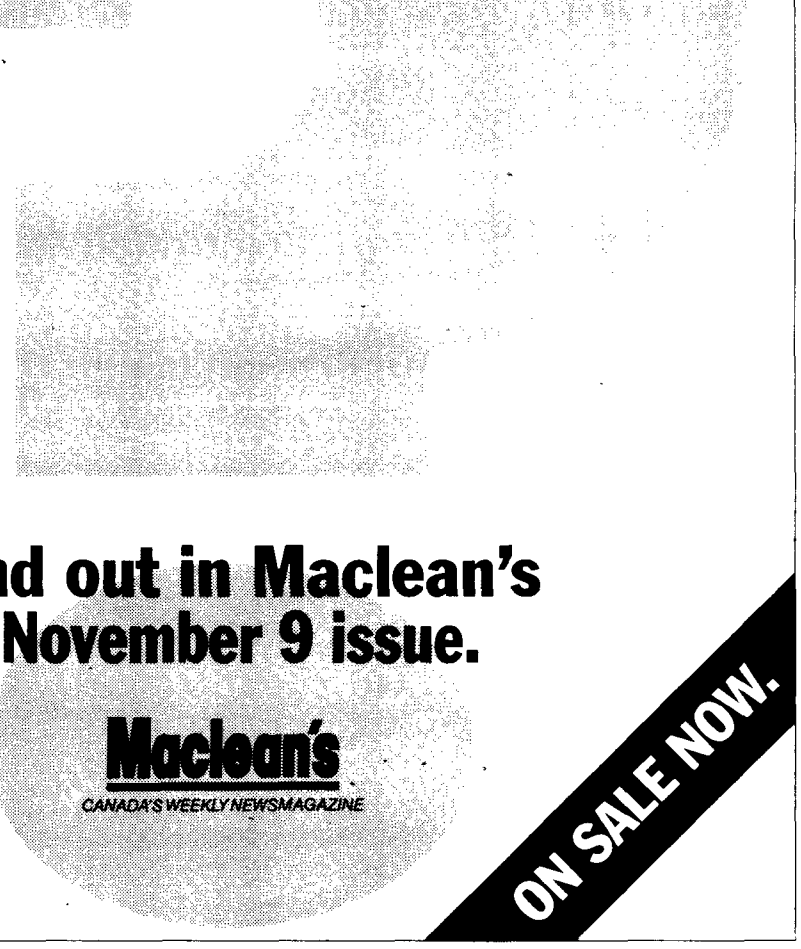

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OPINIONS

Letters

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It wasn't Mr. Mulroney's fault

I am equally deeply offended by the remarks made by Ovide Mercredi (grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations) calling all Canadians who rejected the Charlottetown Accord as racists and bigots who were unwilling to change the status quo. I voted No, not because I feared the equality of Canada's aboriginal peoples and their inherent right to self-government, but because I did not agree with other parts of the Constitutional Agreement. I believe in a strong, effective federal government with the power of Disallowance and Reservation (could have been used to strike down Quebec's Bill 101), and I believe in aboriginal self-government and self-determination. However, I do not believe in the power of the provinces to "opt out" of federal programs, which are designed for the national good of our country, and I do not believe in Quebec as being the only distinct society in Canada.

Canada has three distinct societies; the aboriginal peoples of Canada, who were on Canadian soil long before the Cartier's voyage and would have done extremely well without European intervention; French Canada, and English Canada - the two founding fathers of Confederation. If these three distinct societies were recognized in the Charlottetown Accord, would it not have solved the question of equality?

Whether or not one voted Yes or No to the compromise, the Charlottetown agreement was a compromise between then provincial governments, Native leaders, and one federal government. People voted no simply because they were poorly informed, and when one know little about something or someone, there is usually a negative reaction. Canadians also voted No on the reputation of Brian Mulroney, thinking that the Charlottetown agreement was a Mulroney deal. It was not! It was Primarily a deal between the provinces, except for Brian Mulroney's goal for economic reforms, set in the Constitution package. If anyone is to blame for the failure of this compromise, then blame your provincial premier for not promoting it. The one who promoted the deal, namely Prime Minister Mulroney, had little to do with its failure.

Joe M. Vales

Propaganda 1, The Ubyssey

I am writing in response to the article "Native Law Student Boom at UBC" written by Mr. Chung Wong which appeared on page 15 of the October 14, 1992 issue of The Ubyssey. As a student in the faculty of law, I was extremely disappointed in the way Mr. Wong presented the article. After reading it and discussing it with other members of the Faculty, I went to see Mr. John Burrows (Director, UBC Native Law Department) and talked to him about the article, what he actually said, and what he thought of the way the report was written. He told me that while he actually did say what was quoted, the conversation was edited and rearranged so that it was constructed to be highly negative overall.

The article clearly presented the UBC Law School in a poor light. While it is true that there is a record number of First Nations students entering the faculty this year, Mr. Wong focused solely on the negative issues involving native students in the faculty. Mr. Burrows assured me that he spoke at length about the advances and progress made in both attracting and integrating native students in the faculty. Mr. Wong chose to ignore all these positive achievements and only presented the negative side of the story. A truly professional reporter presents stories in an objective and informative manner. This means telling both sides of the story and not projecting personal views or agendas into the text. By stating that resentment still lingers and intolerance of First Nations Peoples is prevalent at UBC Law School, without mentioning any of the many positive aspects, Mr. Wong has belittled the efforts of people like John Burrows and the rest of the Faculty that have endeavored to make the UBC Law school the highly integrated, culturally diversified centre for legal education that it is. There is a very big difference between increasing awareness of social issues and printing unsubstantiated stories.

In closing, I would like to add, that it is my experience, all be it brief, that the students at the Law School all interact on a very friendly and amiable level. I have seen no cases of racism, bigotry, or intolerance. This regrettably does not mean that such cases do not occasionally arise, but I am certain that such instances are the exception, not the rule, as Mr. Wong unfortunately tried to indicate.

Carl B. Burgess
Student

Oppressed Llamas in Zimbabwe, what a great story idea!

Welcome to a typical issue of our beloved Ubyssey. Pick up one from the huge stacks that you know won't get read.
Here's what is inside:

Blah Blah Blah Anti-Free Trade politically biased article Blah Blah Oppression of Guatamalan rice farmer Blah Blah More Whining about the evil University Administration Blah Blah Well-timed anti-fraternity editorial designed to undermine Rush efforts Blahhhh Remorse for the loss of John Lipscombe Blah Blah Blah Nifty guide to safe sex with same sex partners Blah Blah Blaming the oppressive up-to-no-good capitalists by the tree-hugging eco-warriors Blah Politically Correct Language Blah Blah Oppressed Llamas in Zimbabwee Blah Blah Blah Oppressive Government Policy Blah Blah Oppressive AMS Policy Blaaah How girls can masturbate with cucumbers Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah! $2500 well spent for that issue. Can't wait for the next one later this week.
If you want this to end sign the petition that the UBC Young Conservatives are circulating and say NO to the Ubyssey! Our office is SUB 249D, come anytime. If you really want something done about it,
Don't join the Ubyssey, Join the Young Conservatives!

Jason Saunderson,
Physics 3,
Vice-President,
UBC Young Conservatives

Propaganda 2, animals

The recent bombardment of misinformation (propaganda?) that medical research, specifically the testing of pharmaceutical products, on animals is a fraud is becoming tedious.

Mariann Horvath and Lisa Penny say that the reason why they (and others, I suppose) are antivivisectionists is because there is a "fundamental and biological difference" between humans and other animals; therefore the effects of drugs in non-human biological models will not be the same in humans.

Doesn't everyone who graduates from high school have to take a basic course in biology? The fundamental biology of all mammals (in fact, all cells) is the same. That's why if Ms. Horvath and Ms. Penny were to visit a veterinary clinic they would find that most of the medical supplies used there (IV fluids and anti-shock drugs, antibiotics, anaesthetics) were developed for and are used by human medical doctors.

Perhaps, to appreciate the fact that it is because of in vivo technology that they may never need to fear an untimely death, Ms. Horvath and Ms. Penny also need a history lesson. Science is a progressive, not a fraudulent nor sadistic principal. If in vivo studies did not provide useful information, they would not be done.

I hope that anyone who is thinking of contacting an animal rights organization will look deeper into the issue than Ms. Horvath and Ms. Penny have, and not blindly accept what they are told. The real frauds are the antivivisectionists. The don't care about people or animals; they only care about expanding their business (which is, incidentally a multi-billion dollar one).

Corina Dyck
2nd year AgSc.

Fairness in Racism

In my geography 101 class about a week ago, a person walked into class wearing a shirt which had, "I was a White American, but I gave it up in the interests of humanity" emblazoned on it. Undoubtedly many people find this gutbustingly hilarious. However, if this sort of little joke was directed at members of the visible minority, how many would find this so amusing? If someone wore a shirt which read "I was a Native Canadian but I gave it up in the interest of humanity", or "I was a Black Nigerian..." there would be a public outcry (and rightly so). How is it then, that it is considered funny to hate and degrade White Americans and then try to exclude them from humanity because they are white and American?

Many people have learned to accept that racists and bigots are too ignorant to know any better. These people have had to put up with racism directed at them and their families for years by selfish bigots... The person who is wearing this shirt however is worse than those bigots. This person claims a higher level of intelligence by saying that they are doing something "in the interests of humanity". After doing so, they attempt to exclude White Americans from humanity because of the colour of their skin and their nationality.

Lets try and be fair when we talk about racial equality. If you do not like a group of people for some reason, keep it to yourself. Remember, a dislike for a group of people due to the colour of skin and their ethnicity is bigotry. (That works for White Americans just like it works for Black Americans, Oriental Chinese, Native Canadians, etc., etc.,)

Jason Hayes
Forestry 1

The Alma Mater Society Ombudsoffice is currently seeking Caseworkers for the Winter Session

The function of the Ombudsoffice is to represent the student complaints within the U.B.C., and the AMS administration.

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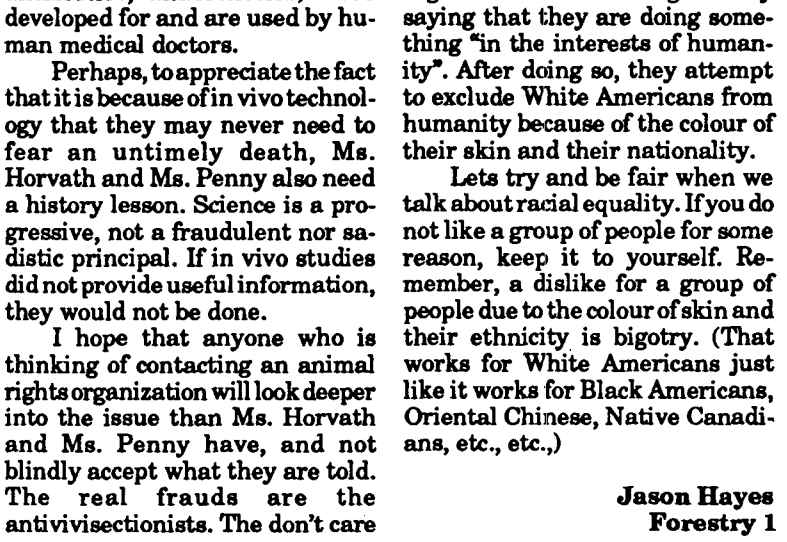

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Political bias distorts the facts

by Adam Rabiner

Why is it that anti-Zionists resort to inventing "facts" in order to complement their fictional and distorted views of the Arab-Israeli conflict? None of the anti-Israel writers that frequent the pages of the Ubyssey have ever explained the truth about the root causes of the conflict or control of Arab/Palestinian land. After all, it was the Palestinians along with all Arab nations that in 1948 fought against the UN's decision to create both independent Jewish and Palestinian states. This would have given the accepting the UN partition, they, together with the armies of six Arab nations, immediately attacked the new Jewish state. Thus, the Palestinians and the other Arab countries can rightly be blamed for igniting the 44-year Arab-Israeli war (conflict) that exists to this day.

Israel is constantly criticized by pro-Palestinians who mistakenly believe that the Jewish State's actions in the 1967 were not justified. Prior to the six-day war, Syria and Egypt massed their forces along Israel's border, and just days before the war, the governments of those countries made their intentions clear: "Our basic objective will be the destruction of Israel." [Abdel Gamal Nasser-President of Egypt and head of United Arab Republics]; "We have decided to throw you (Jews) into the sea for good!" [Syrian Gov't radio]

Israel, knowing better than to take these threats lightly, did what any country would do — It defended itself. It surprised Syria and Egypt (which had both declared war on Israel) with a pre-emptive strike. The Israelis did

Perspective

not want the Palestinians nor the Jordanians (who controlled the Palestinian West Bank) to get involved in the conflict. As soon as war broke out, the Jewish State sent a note to Jordan's UN representative assuring the Jordanians that Israel would take no action against the Jordanians/Palestinians unless Jordan attacked first. The Jordanians responded to the note by shelling Israel from the West Bank. Israel successfully warded off the Jordanians and took control of the land through an act of self-defence.

The country's occupation of the land taken in the 1967 war has been the focal point of the criticism against the Jewish state by Palestinian sympathizers. But none of the pro-Palestinians are willing to admit that the Israelis were forced to take control of West Bank in order to safeguard against any further attacks against its narrow, densely populated country. Because Israel was only 9 miles wide before the 1967 war, this new territory helped to secure its borders and lessen the Arab threat.

Until the Arab world accepts Israel's right to exist (only Egypt has officially done so), and until the Palestinians create a more moderate organization than the PLO to help them gain independence (Arafat's PLO was formed three years before the '67 war, with the intent, as mentioned in Articles 15 & 19 of the PLO Covenant, of destroying Israel) the Jewish State has every right in the world to maintain strict control of the occupied land. Yasir Arafat, accepted by most Palestinians as the defender of their cause, has called Jews "dogs and filth" and has states the PLO's goal: "Peace for us means the destruction of Israel, and there can be no compromise." If this sentiment rests with the majority of the Palestinians (as is evident in the growing number who are threatening violence if the peace talks continue) then Israel best not allow for a hostile Palestinian state at its door.

These are the facts! Check them out.

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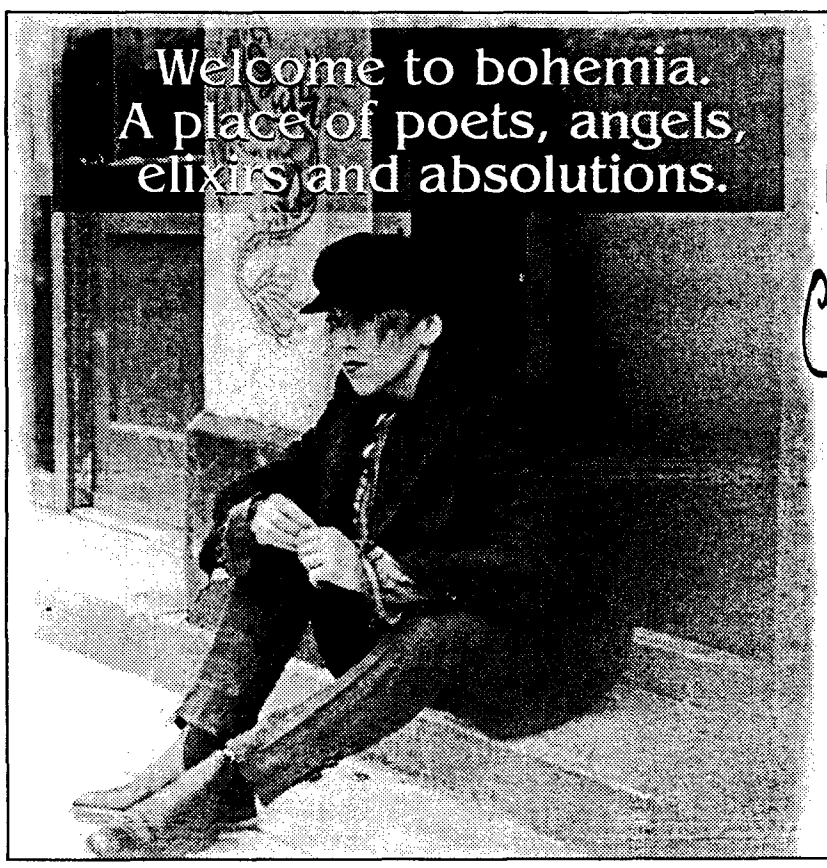

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