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Kenny gunning for librarian

Firing bid follows Schwarz protest

By SUE VOHANKA

Administration president Doug Kenny has threatened to dismiss a law librarian for protesting the October visit of South African MP Harry Schwarz.

And the librarian, Al Soroka, has charged that Kenny is initiating a "witch hunt" and attempting to make individuals' private lives and political views conditions of employment at UBC.

In a Dec. 22 letter to Soroka's lawyer, Kenny threatened to discipline Soroka by dismissing or suspending him. "In view of the serious nature of the allegations made concerning Mr. Soroka's participation in the disruption of Mr. Schwarz' lectures . . . I am obliged to pursue the matter further," the letter said.

When Schwarz attempted to give several lectures at UBC, he was drowned out by demonstrators chanting, "Fascists have no right to speak." A committee led by supporters of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) organized the demonstrations against Schwarz.

Soroka, an outspoken supporter of the CPC(ML), said in an interview Monday: "My conduct was above reproach — it was no worse than what takes place at every political gathering.

"If my continued employment is dependent on my private life and political views, there isn't anybody who can't be attacked (by the university administration). It's a sinister precedent. It's a witch hunt in which the charges are extremely vague.

"My position is in jeopardy."

Soroka added: "The significant thing about my case is that I'm being used as an example — if you incur the displeasure of the university president, kiss your job goodbye.

"For me, principles are more important than my job. I don't like being put upon by this arrogant emperor of the university."

In a statement delivered to the home of a Ubyssey staffer Tuesday, Kenny said: "I have received formal complaints that some members of the university community participated in the disruptions of the lectures given here by Mr. Harry Schwarz in October, 1976.

"At the time of these incidents, the senate unanimously passed a resolution deploring such disruptions . . . I fully agree with the position taken by the senate.

"These complaints are being looked into carefully.

"The issue is whether a member of the university has actively interfered with another person's freedom of speech at the university. The issue is not any individual's political beliefs or private activities."

In a brief interview Wednesday, Kenny refused to elaborate on his statement. "As you know, I do not talk about personnel cases. It's been a longstanding policy of the university not to talk about personnel matters."

Asked to respond to Soroka's view that his interference was a result of his political beliefs, Kenny said: "I only respond to behavior, not to beliefs."

Soroka said Kenny has not made any charges to himself or his lawyer. "He (Kenny) has never alleged anything except that I was there (at demonstrations against Schwarz)."

UBC head librarian Basil Stuart-Stubbs said in a Nov. 18 letter to Kenny that arts dean Robert Will and law dean K. M. Lysyk and "members of their faculties" advised him that Soroka actively participated in the demonstrations.

"If the facts as reported to me are correct, then I, as a librarian and as the university librarian, deplore Mr. Soroka's conduct, in that he appears to have interfered with Mr. Schwarz's right to speak freely and publicly," the confidential letter said.

Stubbs' letter added that Soroka's conduct contravened the Canadian Library Association's policy on intellectual freedom, and recommended that he and Kenny meet with Soroka "with a view to ascertaining the facts of this matter, in order that the university may determine what further steps, if any, should be taken in respect of same."

Kenny notified Soroka of the meeting in a letter dated Nov. 23.

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November 18, 1976

President Douglas Kenny
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Dear President Kenny,

I have been advised by the Deans of Arts and Law and by members of their faculties that Allen Soroka, Assistant Law Librarian, actively participated in some of the disturbances which took place at lectures given by Mr. Harry Schwarz, under the University's sponsorship.

If the facts as reported to me are correct, then I, as a librarian and as the University Librarian, deplore Mr. Soroka's conduct, in that he appears to have interfered with Mr. Schwarz's right to speak freely and publicly. I subscribe to the Canadian Library Association's Policy on Intellectual Freedom, which states in part:

> "Every person in Canada has the fundamental right, subject to reasonable requirements of public order, to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity, and to express his thoughts publicly.... Both employees and employers in libraries have a duty, in addition to their institutional responsibilities, to uphold these principles."

With this in mind, I feel compelled to draw this matter to your attention, and to recommend that we invite Mr. Soroka to meet with us with a view to ascertaining the facts of this matter, in order that the University may determine what further steps, if any, should be taken in respect of same.

Yours sincerely,

Basil Stuart-Stubbs

Basil Stuart-Stubbs
University Librarian
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HEAD LIBRARIAN'S LETTER . . . started ball rolling

B.C. gov't to hire 650 UBC students

The provincial government will hire 650 UBC students to work on university research projects this summer, UBC research administrator Richard Spratley said Wednesday.

Spratley said the provincial labor ministry's summer employment program will provide money for the jobs.

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The program will employ UBC students for two to four months at wages of between $550 and $750 a month, he said.

However, another provincial government job program for UBC students has been turned down by the university.

Financial awards officer Byron Hender said Wednesday a work-study program to employ 11 students in part-time work at UBC has been cancelled because the university did not have time to set up the jobs.

Spratley said the 650 jobs, part of the labor ministry's youth employment program, will be open to first- and second-year students while in previous years, only third- and fourth-year and grad students could get jobs.

The program has been operating for two years but with different names each year.

Spratley said the provincial government has not finalized the budget for the program, but he expects it will be larger than last year's budget of $1.2 million.

The research projects providing the jobs are developed within different departments and have included projects such as the free legal aid program and the electric car built by UBC engineers, Spratley said.

The projects usually begin with interested students who present an idea to their department, although some departments develop their own projects and recruit students to help run them, he said.

"Each faculty on campus has a proportion of funds depending on the size of the faculty," Spratley said.

Students interested in starting up a summer project should contact their department heads for information, he said, because the program is not official yet and application forms will probably not be available before March 1.

Spratley said first- and second-year students will be paid $550 a month, third- and fourth-year students, $650 a month and grad students or professional faculty students with a degree, $750 a month.

Spratley said the program suffered a 30 per cent cutback in funding last year but this year's budget should be about equal to 1975's.

The program employed 537 UBC students last year, he said.

Hender said the $11,800 given to UBC for the work-study program will be returned to the government so it can be used by other institutions for student jobs.

He said UBC may participate in the program next year when the details are worked out.

"We're certainly not saying we're not interested. In fact we're very interested," he said.

Rally will proceed despite SRA squabble

By DOUG RUSHTON

The struggle of students against tuition increases is in danger of being overshadowed by their elected representatives' infighting and quibbling.

The student representative assembly voted to officially oppose any tuition increase, to organize a rally opposing an increase, to spend up to $10,000 to voice opposition and to strike a committee to "build" the rally.

Since then:

- The duly struck rally committee's first meeting was attended by some 65 students interested in working on it — an unprecedented turnout.
- The rally committee hired four full-time organizers.
- A group of SRA executives has discovered the committee did not have the power to hire anyone, nor to spend more than $150 without approval from an SRA meeting;
- The four full-time people who were never technically "hired" in the first place have now been "fired";
- One of the four, student senator Pam Willis, chairwoman of the rally committee, has "resigned" from the position she wasn't hired for in the first place;
- The same four are still working 12 or more hours a day, three of them wondering if they'll ever be paid;
- Several SRA members have demanded, and received, a special SRA meeting tonight to clear up the technicalities the SRA ignored when it first decided to hold the rally and spend up to $10,000;
- Some SRA members are upset because many SRA representatives have ignored the tuition committee's meetings;
- Some of those who have ignored the committee's meetings claim there has been a lack of SRA input and are worried it is being "taken over by a bunch of lefties."

Despite the confusion, the tuition committee will still meet at noon today in council chambers on the second floor of SUB. And any students who want to work on the rally to fight tuition increases are urged to attend.

The four organizers lost their jobs Tuesday at a meeting between AMS president Dave Theessen, AMS finance director Herb Dhaliwal, AMS secretary-treasurer Bill Broddy, and AMS general manager Bern Grady.

"We decided that to do it (hire anyone) properly, we'd go through a formal hiring

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On fee increases

SRA seeks legal opinion

The student representative assembly is seeking a legal opinion about whether Anti-Inflation Board regulations apply to tuition fee increases.

But local AIB official Jim Ross said Tuesday it is unlikely tuition fees are covered by the wage and price control program which can limit price increases to eight per cent.

Ross, assistant to AIB regional director Dave Chapman, said tuition fees are probably not covered because they are part of the university budget.

Despite Ross' opinion, Moe Sihota, student representative on the board of governors, said the Alma Mater Society has a good chance of obtaining a ruling that tuition fees are covered.

"We've got a pretty good case," he said.

He said students have a moral and legal case because their wages are limited by the AIB regulations while their costs — such as housing and transportation — are increasing above the guidelines.

Ross said education is a provincial responsibility, according to the British North America Act, and as such is exempted from the federal-provincial agreement which forms the basis of the AIB.

But he said he hopes the university will keep tuition fee increases within the regulations and do its part to fight inflation.

Ross admitted students might have a moral case against tuition fee increases in excess of eight per cent, but pointed out there has not been a tuition fee increase at UBC in 10 years.

Another reason tuition fees are not covered by AIB regulations is that the university is a non-profit institution that uses fees only to help meet its costs, Ross said.

Sihota said the AMS expects to obtain a legal opinion before the March 1 board of governors meeting where the board is expected to make a decision about fee increases.

Six per cent elect arts reps as slate wins

Six per cent of the students from UBC's largest faculty, Arts, elected four students Wednesday to the student representative assembly.

Sharon LeBlanc, Carol Nielsen, Arnold Hedstrom and Sheila Lidwill were elected by the 323 students out of the 4,900 eligible voters who voted. In 1976 only three per cent of the arts students elected their SRA reps.

LeBlanc, who topped the poll with 185 votes, ran in a slate with Nielsen and Lidwill which opposed tuition fee increases and supported the women's centre, an arts anti-calendar and an arts newsletter. Four other candidates were defeated.

Science students also voted Wednesday for their SRA reps out of nine candidates, electing Glenn Driscoll, Anne Gardner, Brian Knight and Gary Waters.

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Indoor pool still needs money

A recommended $1 million grant from the provincial government will still leave UBC's covered pool $500,000 short of its goal, fund raiser Doug Aldridge said Wednesday.

"If the money is approved, we will be able to operate the pool," Aldridge said. "But it would be only the changing room and the water."

The extra half million is required for the exercise area, the whirl pool bath, a mezzanine floor, pool tiles, air conditioning in pool offices, an outdoor patio, water chemical and heating equipment and landscaping.

Last week the Universities Council asked the education ministry for $1 million for the pool and about $2.5 million for the proposed library processing centre.

The council, which acts as a go-between in money matters for the government and B.C.'s three public universities, rejected a UBC request that the government also be approached for funding for the half-built Asian Centre.

The features are not part of the first- or second-stages of the $5.2 million pool's construction, he said. The first stage, to be completed in April, involves construction of the frame and foundation.

The 10-month second stage will involve construction to make the pool usable.

The $500,000 will be raised through donations from UBC staff, alumni and from corporate contributions. But the corporate campaign will not be begun until this fall, he said, when the economy is expected to improve.

Construction on the Asian Centre at the west end of campus will likely not resume in the near future, he said. "I guess it will stay as a high priority and when next year's (provincial) grants are made, I expect it will be funded," said Aldridge.

Fund raisers are discussing funding with governments and private foundations, Aldridge said, but no major fund raising effort will begin until the economy improves.

The centre, which has received money from foreign governments, particularly Japan, is $3 million short of its $5 million goal. Construction ceased on the centre in late summer 1975.

Administrative services vice-president Chuck Connaghan said Wednesday the university got "pretty well" what it asked for from the council.

But he said, "It's still sitting on the minister's desk. It's not over yet."

Discussing the Asian Centre, he said, "when the economy turns around, we will pursue an active (fund raising) program."

Connaghan refused to say which buildings are now in the planning stages because he said the plans are useless until approved for construction by the education ministry.

"All we're doing is drawing up plans and we've a list of priorities," he said.

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KITE-EATING TREE stumps unidentified campus sportsman in search of his projectile. Kite (not visible in photo) is not visible because this man is actually pruning tree. Tree's bark is worse than bite.

Hospital termed 'unnecessary'

By HEATHER WALKER

The B.C. Health Association has called the decision to build a $50 million hospital at UBC unnecessary and said that it may take money away from other hospitals in the province.

The hospital will "add acute beds to an area that already has enough, if not too many," the BCHA report says.

The BCHA is a group of B.C. hospital administrators who advise the provincial health department on health care in the province.

The hospital will provide 240 acute-care beds and is part of the planned expansion of UBC's medical school.

Vancouver already has 3,200 acute-care beds, the report says.

"It is generally accepted that 4.5 acute beds per thousand citizens offers a satisfactory level of health care," the report says.

"The trend is towards even fewer and in some areas is now 4.25 — because of changes in recent years that offer patients the same, and often better, care.

"Contrasted with the target of 4.25 acute beds per thousand population . . . Vancouver now has 7.3 acute beds per thousand population."

The hospital may also not be the best way to provide training for medical students, the report says.

"One of the flaws in the proposed hospital is that it has a limited community to serve. It may well find itself well supplied with everything but the patients appropriate for teaching family medicine.

"The UBC campus is not the centre of a typical urban community and is inaccessible to many densely populated parts of the greater Vancouver area."

The number of acute care beds already existing in Vancouver is sufficient to train 160 students, the report says. The medical school enrolment will be doubled to 160 by 1979, according to the UBC hospital plan.

"Medical educators have been telling us that they need 10 acute-care beds for each 'space' in an entering medical school class," the report says. And Vancouver already has 3,200, twice the number needed for 160 students.

The report says the money allocated for the hospital would have been better spent in upgrading the current teaching facilities in downtown hospitals.

The report was written in November, but has not yet been released because one member of the association thought its release would not influence the government to change its decision on the

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Women must accept own sexuality

Women must learn to accept their sexuality and become more sexually aggressive, social worker Sharon Burrows said Wednesday.

Burrows, a graduate student in humanistic psychology, told 50 women in Brock lounge that society has repressed women's sexuality.

"To maintain a stable, male-dominated society, it was necessary to curb women's sexuality," she said.

Burrows based her talk on two books: Nature and Evolution of Female Sexuality by Dr. Mary Jane Sherfey and Liberating Masturbation by Betty Dodson.

Burrows said women began to become sexually repressed with the advent of the patriarchal, male-dominated society. She said most primates go into heat during their menstrual cycle, becoming sexually insatiable.

"There is evidence that before our patriarchal system inhibited women, they had this same insatiable cycle. Many pre-patriarchal societies have orgiastic rituals in which women engage in sexual activity until they are totally exhausted."

Burrows said the "romantic ideal" in modern society has helped inhibit women.

"Women today have all been led to believe in the romantic ideal," she said. "In today's society there are three sexual choices for women — marriage, chastity, or to become a fallen woman."

Burrows said women can become sexually liberated if they begin appreciating the beauty of their bodies and genitals.

"Men know what they look like, but women don't," she said. "Women still go to the hospital not sure where their babies are going to come from."

Most women lack confidence in their bodies because they do not resemble the Barbie-doll image of feminine beauty expected by society, Burrows said.

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Women persecuted with 'romance'

Men use romance to persecute women, radical feminist and author Ti-Grace Atkinson said Monday.

"Love is a pathological condition that women find themselves in. I feel the phenomenon of love is a psychological pivot for the persecution of women," Atkinson said.

"We must let go of romance, because romance and romanticism keep us down and passive," she said.

"It keeps you happy, right? You love, honor and obey, and all that."

She said love is contradictory and irrational by nature.

"Why do women consort with the enemy (men)? The common response to this question is, 'for love.' The dilemma a woman finds herself in is she can unite with a man as long as she is a woman — that is, as a subordinate.

"You can't escape this in a loving way.

"In our identity as women we come together as feminists. We must change in order to force change in society," she said. "We are made for the present society, and our way of thinking is based on our oppression.

"There is confusion of strategy with ideology within the women's movement. We lose ourselves in each other as opposed to finding ourselves. If we sacrifice change we sacrifice ourselves."

Atkinson said that when a nation is forming, group consciousness is also evolving. Power as a group must be established, and then the group searches for a land base.

"Then a hierarchy evolves, with protectors and cultivators. If you don't want to change the nature of power, there is going to be unequal distribution of power.

"To resolve this, another group of people must be enslaved, unless you reject power. How do you change when you realize you don't have power without turning tables in a rage?"

Chinese women repressed

Inequalities still exist between men and women in China despite great improvements in the status of women, women's studies professor Helga Jacobson said Tuesday.

Jacobson, who visited China in October, said Chinese women often get fewer "work points" for their labor than men get for similar work. Village leaders give work points to workers instead of money and the points can be exchanged for money or supplies.

Jacobson said male workers can earn as many as 10 points for a day's work while women earn a maximum of eight points. The Chinese Communist Party justifies the apparent inequities in the point system by saying women's work is physically less difficult and therefore less valuable.

Women receive no points for housework, Jacobson said, but Chinese women are concerned about the inequities and are working to correct them.

She said one group of women convinced the men in their community to do "women's work" for a while, and soon the women were receiving the same number of points as men for their work.

Another apparent inequality is that women must retire earlier than men and go into volunteer work such as running daycare centres.

There has also been a movement in China's urban centres to get men to participate more in domestic chores, Jacobson said. "In all the cases I've asked about, the change has been initiated by women."

Jacobson was speaking in SUB art gallery as part of Women's Week, sponsored by the Alma Mater Society.

Hands off Al Soroka

Hands off Al Soroka.

That's the name of a committee being organized to oppose any disciplinary action against law librarian Al Soroka for his part in last October's demonstrations against South African MP Harry Schwarz.

It's also a damn good idea.

It should be quite clear that the issue is not whether one agrees or disagrees with the tactics used by Soroka and other protestors to oppose Schwarz.

The issue is Soroka's right, and everyone else's right, to act according to their political beliefs.

When administration president Doug Kenny says, as he says in his official non-statement on the Soroka controversy, that the issue of freedom of speech has nothing to do with the issue of the right to political beliefs and personal life, he's just mouthing so much bafflegab. And bullshit.

As Soroka has pointed out, his part in drowning out Schwarz' lectures on two occasions was a result of his political beliefs.

People may not agree with Soroka's political beliefs.

But that's no excuse for any attempt to dismiss him.

As Soroka also points out, his part in the demonstrations took place during evenings when he was not working for the university.

What is becoming clear in this issue is the hypocrisy of Kenny in the way he is dealing with Soroka.

The question that Kenny hasn't answered is whose freedom of speech does he support.

Kenny, in his public statement on freedom of speech, and in the resolution he brought to senate for approval in October, says that denial of freedom of speech for a university visitor is "a total rejection of the values on which the university is founded."

Yet, he then turns around and begins to work on denying freedom of speech and action to a faculty member who happened to say and do things which offended Kenny.

If Kenny is so vitally concerned with free speech, why is he threatening to fire Soroka because of what Soroka said and did?

We agree with Soroka. Kenny should immediately end his threats of action against Soroka; he should declare the matter closed.

Because if he doesn't, any action against Soroka provides a precedent.

If Soroka is punished in any way for his actions, then everyone else at UBC is subject to punishment for political actions they take or political views they hold.

The possibilities are frightening.

Strong union leaders and faculty members and students who happen to subscribe to political views opposed by Kenny could be suspended or dismissed or otherwise curtailed.

That's hardly the kind of free, open-minded university Kenny has in mind when he talks about the necessity for free speech as one of the vital values on which the university is founded.

Or is it?

We urge students to attend the meeting at noon today of the Hands Off Al Soroka Committee in the Graduate Student Centre committee room.

Because we don't want Doug Kenny to keep his hands off only Al Soroka. We want him to keep his mitts off the rest of us, too.

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"OH FUCK," said Malcolm McGregor, crusty curmudgeon and former sports editor. "Why don't you ever print stories about the field hockey team and the great job I do refereeing?" Doug Rushton looked up, his lip curling, "What the fuck for?" he snarled, petulantly. Marcus Gee and Ralph Maurer staggered drunkenly into the office. "Who's that?" they whined to Kathy Ford and Sue Vohanka. Steve Howard smirked. "I don't know," he said. "But I hope he wants to take a cab when he leaves." "In that case, I'll take him," announced Verne McDonald sleepily. Heather Walker and Bob Fleming looked alarmed as Chris Gainor sauntered up to the ancient Greek. "Don't do anything heavy," warned Bill Tieleman and Vicki Booth. Matt King and Geof Wheelwright grabbed Scoop the fearless newshound who was busy trying to leap into McGregor's arms. "Come here," they ordered. "You have to help organize the staff meeting at 1 p.m. today. Everyone had better show up, too."

Rally lesson for AMS

The time is passing. Very quickly.

There are only a few short days left until the Alma Mater Society holds a rally to oppose tuition fees. The rally is scheduled to be held at noon March 1.

What we're getting at is this is no time for the AMS and various people on the student representative assembly to start quibbling and hassling over procedural matters.

Because that kind of quibbling is a serious threat to the success of a rally on March 1.

By wasting time quibbling, the AMS is ignoring and slighting the most important group of people involved in the rally.

Those are the students.

And especially important, are the students — the 65 of them — who've shown enough interest and volunteered enough energy to work at making the rally a success.

At meetings Monday and Tuesday 65 students showed up to put time into organizing the rally. They're prepared to do the leafleting, the postering, the door knocking and other work that is going to decide whether or not the rally is successful.

Those people, and the ones who are going to be affected by any possible increases in tuition fees, are the ones the AMS should have the courtesy and intelligence to be concerned about.

Because if they ignore those people, and waste their time with quibbles and procedural debates, those people are very quickly going to lose interest in organizing anything.

Those people aren't interested in the petty little world of AMS intrigue. They don't really care who thinks that a clique of (god forbid) lefties might be trying to make some sort of obscure power play to maybe take over an AMS committee.

All those students really want to do is make sure a rally to oppose tuition fees is successful. That a lot of students turn out to it. That every effort is made to oppose any increases. That students aren't forced to drop out of university next year because of increases.

Their priorities are the right ones. We suggest that the AMS learn from them. Quickly.

Letters

Motivation beats bucks

I strongly object to the Alma Mater Society spending $10,000 to tell the board of governors that we cannot afford fee hikes next year.

If the students of this province are that concerned ($10,000 worth of concern), then we should have the energy and enthusiasm to do the job within our finances — it was only last November the AMS was telling us it couldn't survive much longer unless it got an income boost from students.

I suspect that it would make a bigger impact on the board of governors to see and hear from a highly motivated and reality-oriented rally, than a crowd of students attracted by a presumably highly-paid rock band, theatre and brass band.

Sheila Currie
rehabilitation medicine 2

$10,000 party not serious protest

There is no doubt in any student's mind that the proposed fee increase is a serious matter.

We appreciate the effort of the committee to protest the issue. We do, however, have major objections to the manner in which it is being carried out.

To spend $10,000 on a rally is an enormous and questionable sum of money. The object of this expense is equally suspect.

Is it really necessary to have a band, hot dogs, banners, buttons, etc.? What sort of reaction will this evoke from the taxpayers whose sympathy we are trying to gain?

The image of a group of students munching on hot dogs, dancing or singing to a band does not parallel the seriousness of the situation. Some students will not be returning to UBC next year because of the increase — this is the point we want to make.

The purpose of a rally is to make people aware.

Surely a centrally located rally at UBC is not going to gain the recognition we need.

A rally organized around the city would have a far reaching effect and perhaps stimulate public interest in this matter.

The idea of a freewheeling, guitar strumming $10,000 party at UBC does not in any way indicate the gravity of the situation.

We do not want fee increases — but we do not want public ridicule either.

14 signatures

Rally bucks useless

Who does the student representative assembly think it represents?

I read with incredulity that the SRA voted to spend $10,000 to organize a rally. If the rally has the support of the general student body, the money will be spent uselessly.

I resent the implication that we students would be lost, meandering in an ignorant quandry, unless the SRA spends $10,000 to lead us to a rally.

An article in The Ubyssey would be sufficient to inform interested students of the rally. If the rally does not have general support, I am curious as to how the SRA justifies the $10,000 expense. It seems to me the money will go to circumvent the volition of the majority.

As I see it, the $10,000 is to be spent by the SRA in an attempt to sway the opinion of the very people they are designed to represent.

Alma Mater Society policy should not determine student opinion; student opinion should determine AMS policy.

If the AMS is resolute in committing this fiscal and moral outrage, I suggest it use the $10,000 to offer two free beers to the first 10,000 students who show up at the rally. At least then I could feel my money had not been completely wasted.

Steven Northway
graduate studies

Rally expenses make students uneasy

Why is it that Tuesday's article regarding the upcoming student rally to protest tuition fee increases leaves me feeling uneasy?

Isn't it somewhat ironic that while eager to press the university to keep fees down, the student organizers are nonetheless willing to spend as much as $10,000 to set up what sounds to be more of a celebration than a protest?

Pam Willis intends to bust her ass to make this rally work. I wouldn't mind busting my ass too. $650 for two weeks' work is a wage well worth busting my ass for.

I could put that money in the bank, collect interest, and by September have enough to buy, say, a sweater, a new pair of jeans and my tuition next year.

Now seriously, why do we need pamphlets and lapel buttons? Wouldn't posters do the job adequately enough?

After all, as long as we are present at the rally, the impression will be made. We don't need to look like we are going to a convention.

And don't Simon Fraser University and Langara have their own funds to support this rally or at least pay for their own transportation?

Why can't the rock band do a free concert for a just cause? What happened to volunteer organization?

I don't think the organizers of the 1960s would have even accepted wages for their efforts.

I plan to attend the rally and show my concern about tuition fees, but right now I think there is some justification for my concern about how this rally is being handled.

Gary Pryke
arts 4

'Reconsider rally, pls'

I am extremely concerned about the priorities of the Alma Mater Society. Presumably it represents the student body and yet it feels free to spend as much as $10,000 to promote a rally against the inevitable.

At present fee levels, $10,000 would pay tuition fees for about 20 poverty-stricken students for one year. If tuition fees do go up 25 per cent, the AMS could award 100 students $100 each to meet this increase.

The inevitable — another $120 next year to pay for the privilege (yes, it is a privilege) of a university education.

I, for one, feel that a 25 per cent fee increase is entirely reasonable, especially since our fees are the lowest in Canada.

Granted, the government and the university could eliminate the necessity of this if they stopped wasting so much money, but surely the AMS spending $10,000 of our money in this manner is not a good example.

Please reconsider your decision.

Deirdre Dawson
rehabilitation medicine 2

Gears again

Another engineering week has passed and a good time was had by all — especially the engineers.

I was somewhat saddened, though, by the usual rush of letters to The Ubyssey which, with their usual eloquence, condemned engineers in general.

The "stereotyping" of engineers is indeed a common and old practice. These misconceptions continue to puzzle me as we are in fact a learned, courteous, and truly virtuous lot.

At least engineers are not alone in their persecution for it is common knowledge that all artsmen are queer.

John Roberts
applied science 2

Tough engineers can take bad feelings

First, it pleases me to see that four years in arts has given Kevin McGee the ability to write excellent nasty letters and the reactions to same indicates his high level of finesse.

I will also assume that he is very capable of composing other types of essays and papers with considerable skill. His training has evidently been thorough in analysis, criticism and commentary.

Also, no one can dispute the presence of a fine imagination somewhere on top of McGee's shoulders.

His place in society is secure, both outside of the university and within.

Contrast the arts student's situation with that of an engineer.

Our role in society outside of the university upon graduation, described rather poorly, is to "act as the interface between man and machines." Doing away with professional engineers would, obviously, leave technology unutilized; our standard of living would be nowhere near that which we are used to.

But within the society of the university, our chosen occupation cannot practically be pursued by us.

Our place in the university scene has been, and will continue to be, making assholes of ourselves and being hated. There is little else we would like to do (in public, at least) and have the imagination, tradition, audacity and skills to pull it off.

To those who appreciate our stunts and activities, no matter how juvenile or archaic, I say, "we're glad you can have some fun because of us and you're welcome."

Those who cannot or will not appreciate what we do on campus are advised to not hold back those bad feelings. Keep that hate and disgust coming — we can take it.

Brian Wing
applied science 2

Capitalism profitable

I dislike the idea of paying $700 to $800 toward my education next year as much as the next person.

I dislike it so much that I voted for Pam Willis for student senator to stand up and let the university and the government know how the students feel. Go get 'em, Pam!

I feel I have been let down.

She ran on the platform of no tuition fee increase. Now she has turned her responsibility into a profit by paying herself $650 to organize a rally that will cost the students of UBC $10,000.

If we can gain anything from Willis' sudden introduction to capitalism, it is that one student will not be worried when we pay 25 to 40 per cent more next year.

E. Ryan
commerce 3

Why $2,500 for Greer?

Why has the Alma Mater Society paid $2,500 to hear a feminist talk about how contraceptives dehumanize women? How many women actually believe that crap?

If the AMS had used the money to arrange for another noon-hour symphony, it would have been much more rewarding to the student body.

I would also like to personally thank your staff for donating their time and effort on this paper.

John Sagman
applied science 2

Gear peeved

I would like to express my profound disgust at the antics of some of my fellow engineers.

I refer, of course, to the recent gross indecencies perpetrated on this campus by the majority of engineering students.

While I freely admit that I am no saint myself, I cannot help but be a little disillusioned at the astounding lack of maturity of some of my fellow engineers.

While in the classroom, they usually give the impression of being intellectually well-developed human beings; once let out of the classroom, they seem to revert to their second childhood, if indeed they ever grew out of their first.

The most compelling proof of this lack of maturity is the recent publication of this sad excuse for a newspaper, namely the Red Rag.

When I read it, I almost puked. There may be some misguided minds who can be made to laugh by these puerile outpourings, but I wish to state categorically that I am not one of them, I do not belong to them and I wish to distance myself as far as possible from them.

Now, that does not mean to say that I will not proudly wear my red engineering jacket — I wear it because I am proud of my membership in this scholarly elite, I am proud of everything the engineering profession has achieved and stands for and I would not like to see this image being ruined by some individuals possessed by pronounced inferiority complexes brought on by chronic sexual frustrations.

Okay, engineers, what are you going to do next — throw me in the library pond?

Steve Blaine

Maniacs continue bitching

We as students of this university are fed up with letters like this one that bitch and complain about gears, arts students and queers, not to mention whatever other targets happen to be in vogue.

We're tired of hearing about the plight of Harold Liverlips (or whatever his name is) who was dismissed as an administrator and now has to scrape by on his old salary.

Call us rednecks, racists, or whatever, but consider this point. Instead of writing defamatory letters about the shortcomings of certain groups — why not come out into the open and air your differences. (This is directed primarily at the gears and arts students.)

How long has it been since this university had a really big demonstration?

Whatever happened to hanging profs in effigy, rumbling between faculties, and general hell-raising? This is supposedly the age of nostalgia — why don't we return to the late 1960s and relive the good ol' days of riots and student unrest!

Maybe then The Ubyssey will stop being a storm sewer for the collective outpourings of a bunch of raving maniacs who have nothing better to do than write scathing letters. Like this one.

Six signatures

Greer again

Re: Karen Uldall-Ekman's letter about Province photographer John Denniston's experiences at the Germaine Greer lecture Feb. 9.

I sympathize with her complaints about Denniston's rude behavior, but in her haste I believe she left this final paragraph out of her letter:

"In conclusion, Denniston, if you are present at our next event and your manners have not improved we shall once again be forced to subject you to a barrage of spitballs and abuse. I only wish that the Province newspaper had sent a more responsible and mature reporter."

Rick Cohen
applied science 2

Ad boycott wins gratitude

The Gay People of UBC would like to express their gratitude to The Ubyssey for supporting the boycott of CBC advertising.

The initial refusal of the CBC's Halifax affiliate to publicize a gay hotline and counselling service and the subsequent expansion of this refusal into a nationwide policy is an act of open bigotry and blatant discrimination. The Canadian University Press boycott is a good method of focusing attention on the anti-gay policy of the CBC.

We would like to inform your readers that the homophobic action of the CBC is only one of many obstacles encountered by us, Canada's gays, in our attempt to secure our rights. Since the subject of homosexuality is virtually ignored by the media, many people are unaware that we encounter discrimination in many aspects of our lives: for example, in the areas of housing and employment.

Human sexuality exhibits a pattern of much complexity and variation, and sexual orientation should not be used as the basis for withholding rights common to all in a free society. We are committed to ending injustices perpetrated against us.

Gay People of UBC

Hot flashes

Homegrown schlock

Are you tired of seeing all that Hollywood schlock? Here's your chance to see some good homegrown stuff. We know how you like homegrown.

A group of films produced by the National Film Board is being shown starting at noon today in Bu 106 with Volcano: an Inquiry Into The Life and Death of Malcom Lowry. Lowry was a Vancouver-based author.

Dates fro the other films are March 3 and March 17. All are free.

Quebec

A forum on Quebec Nationalism and the Class Struggle will be held at UBC today.

The forum, to be held in SUB 207 at noon, will feature Murray Smith, central committee member of the Trotskyist League and former member of the Revolutionary Marxist Group.

'Tween classes

TODAY

PRE-MED SOC
Films on coronary bypasses and open heart surgery, noon, IRC 4.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
General meeting, noon, SUB 211.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Slide presentation on the church in China, noon, SUB 205.

UBC DEBATING CLUB
Practice debate, audience welcome, noon, 211.

CSA
Slide presentation on travelling in China, noon, Bu. 100.

UBC PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES
Planning meeting, noon, SUB 212A.

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
General meeting, noon, International House 402.

PREDENTAL SOCIETY
Dr. Roydhouse speaks on the hazards of dentistry, noon, IRC 1.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION
Testimony meeting, noon, SUB 117.

ENGLISH DEPT.
Free screening of Oscar-nominated NFB film, Volcano; an inquiry into the life and death of Malcolm Lowry, noon, Bu. 106.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Clark Pinnock and Larry Hurtado speak on the Christian concept of hope, noon, Chem. 250.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Fellowship meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre lounge.

FRIDAY

SKYDIVING
General meeting, noon, SUB 215.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE
Meeting, noon, International House lounge.

CSA
Chinese New Year party, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Mandarin Garden.

CSA AND CVA
Free Cantonese class, noon, Bu. 316.

BAHA'I CLUB
Informal discussion on the Baha'i faith, noon, SUB 211.

CENTRE COFFEE HOUSE
Denise, Lauch, Dan and Bruce, cover charge $1, 8:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Guest lecture, noon, Angus 223.

WEDNESDAY

CLASSICS CLUB
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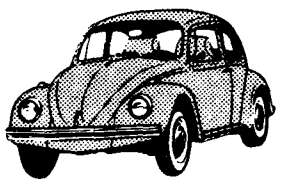

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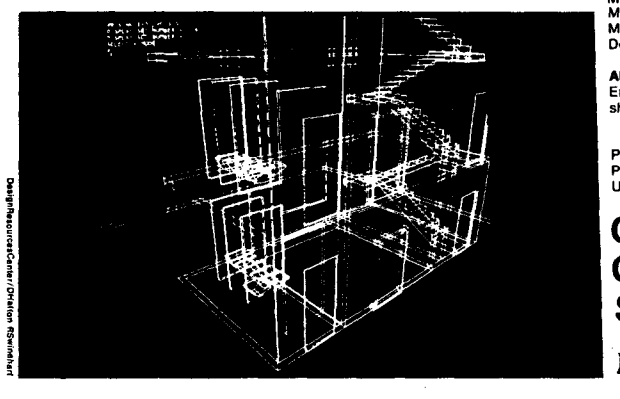

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