Racists seen in commerce

By MIKE BOCKING

Student board of governors member Moe Sihota Wednesday charged members of the commerce faculty with racism against East Indians.

"During the summer a group of East Indian students approached me and said they were being discriminated against and being failed as a result of it," said Sihota.

Sihota made the charges during a meeting of the student representative assembly during a discussion of the break-in and theft of documents from the office of Paul Sandhu, Alma Mater Society external affairs officer.

The stolen documents were confidential board of governors reports belonging to Sihota. Nothing else in the office was stolen.

Sihota said he had evidence of racism in the stolen documents, and so suspects a commerce faculty member or student stole them.

He said that before the files were stolen the issue had been discussed at "pretty high levels in the administration involving two vice-presidents and a dean."

Sihota would not name names.

Sandhu said there is evidence the commerce faculty has been using failure rates in a discriminatory way.

Instead of passing all students who achieve a certain grade such as 50 per cent, some faculty members are grading students by a quota system, failing a certain percentage.

Sandhu said there was some information in Sihota's files which indicated that one particular group is being discriminated against with this method of grading.

Sihota said he originally suspected three or four groups who may have been interested in the files.

He said he later discarded the theory that someone involved in the Julius Kane or Liam Finn controversies was responsible.

Animal resource ecology professor Kane was suspended for three months after being accused of using the UBC computer to keep track of his real estate business. Engineering dean Finn, who recently resigned from that position, was paid substantial sums for off-campus work while being paid by the university.

Sihota said few people knew he kept his files in Sandhu's office.

Commerce undergraduate society representative Chris Ebbehoy said CUS and assistant commerce dean Stan Hamilton decided Wednesday they want Sihota to give them a written retraction of comments he made that appeared in The Ubyssey Tuesday.

The article reported Sihota as saying someone in the commerce faculty was responsible for the break-in. He also said if the documents were returned he would "lay off discussion" of problems the commerce faculty is having.

Sihota refused to retract the charge.

"No one wins when you have a discrimination case," Ebbehoy said.

In other business the SRA voted to write letters of protest to the B.C. ministry of transport and Vancouver MLAs against reduced bus service to UBC.

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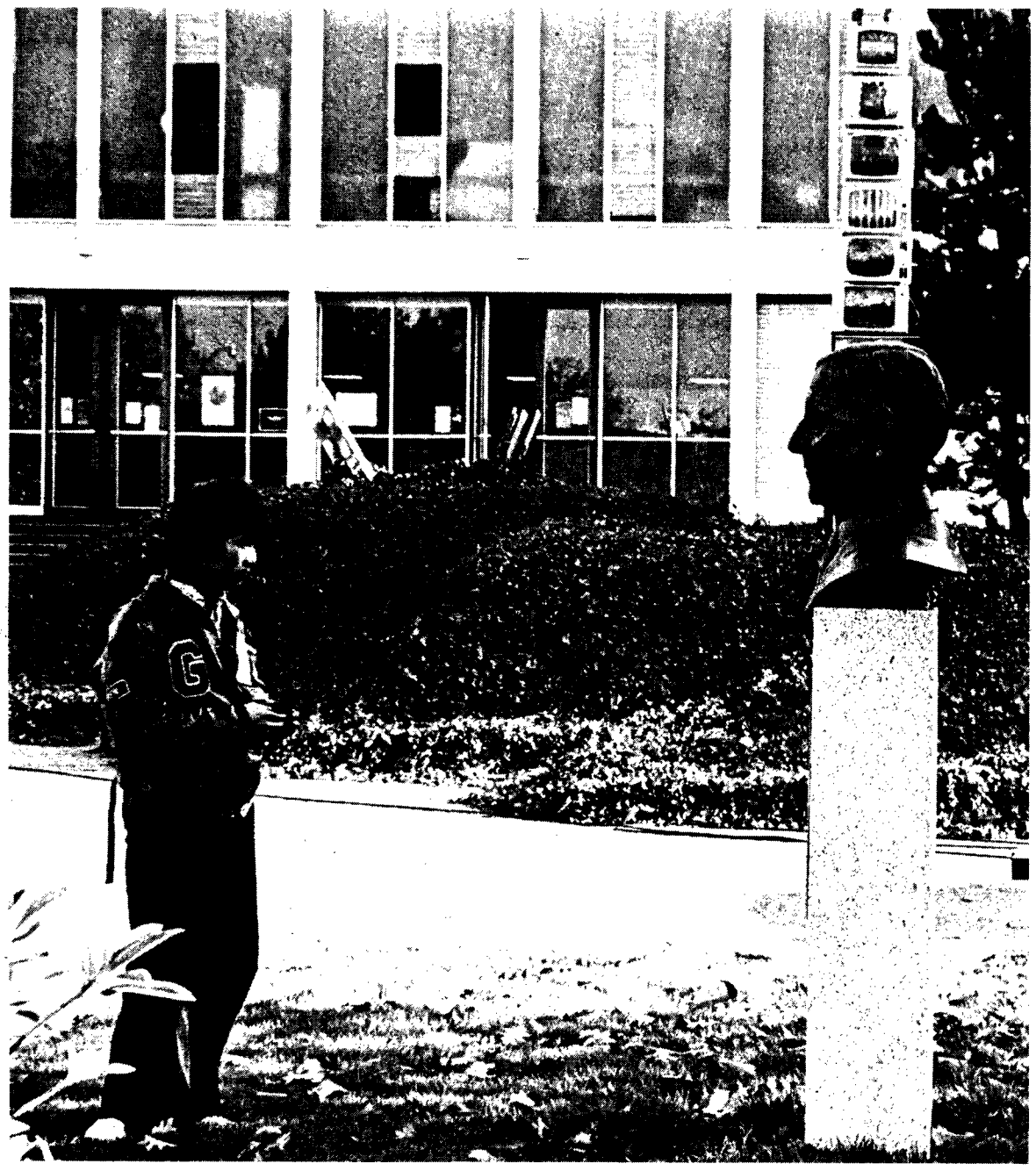

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WHAT IS WRONG with this picture? No, it is not student trying to win stare contest with statue of former UBC president Norman MacKenzie. Clever readers will have spotted surrealistic television totem pole in background. Now figure out what it is doing there.

Admin eyes tenure cuts

By MIKE BOCKING

The UBC administration is recommending major cuts in the number of tenured faculty positions at UBC according to a discussion paper being circulated to faculty heads.

Budget flexibility is necessary to respond to the changing demands of a period of education cutbacks, says the report.

"Such flexibility requires readily assignable funds and a certain amount of turnover in faculty which can be most readily achieved by the creation of more academic appointments which do not lead to tenure."

The paper, prepared for the board of governors, says the university lacks flexibility in distributing funds because of the "large proportion of its resources committed to tenured faculty."

The paper states that during a period of slow growth in university financing there is less hiring of younger faculty members.

The result is "a faculty whose age distribution is badly skewed" with a high proportion of old professors.

A recommendation of the paper is that "positions which become vacant due to resignations or deaths . . . be removed or reduced to junior rank, especially where student demand has declined."

"The sudden onset of the steady-state condition means that suddenly many departments may be deprived of the infusion of bright young people," says the paper.

Alma Mater Society president John DeMarco said he agreed with most of the discussion paper.

He said "the university should have more flexibility and have less money tied up in tenured positions. And I agree with continuous

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Bimini picketers 'labor landmark'

Union organizers plan to picket Kitsilano's Bimini neighborhood pub today as part of a strike they say will be a landmark for the B.C. labor movement.

Picket lines are scheduled to go up at 9:30 a.m. today, marking the first time pub employees have gone on strike in B.C.

Susan Margaret, local secretary for the Service, Office and Retail Workers' Union of Canada, said Wednesday the employees at Bimini and Jerry's Cove, another Kitsilano neighborhood pub, are the first pub workers in the province to become SORWUC members.

Bimini owner Peter Uram said Wednesday he will try to keep the pub open for the duration of the strike and will bring in security guards if necessary to keep picketers from disrupting business.

"I expect that most employees will show up as usual," said Uram. "However, if there is any trouble I've been in touch with a security outfit and they will provide guards if the need arises.

"Anyways, it will be business as usual for the duration of the strike. Bimini's will not be closed."

Uniguard Security Services spokesmen would not disclose any details of their discussion with Uram.

The strike action is the result of attempts by Bimini management to block union certification, says a union organizer and Bimini employee.

"The problems have arisen because the manager and assistant manager of the pub have been

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School board protests requirements deadline

UBC can see no reason for delaying the implementation of tougher admission requirements for students entering university from Grade 12, despite protests from the Vancouver School Board.

"The senate (admissions) committee looked at the question of upgrading admission requirements from all angles," committee chairman Cyril Finnegan said Wednesday.

"There is no reason to reconsider the dates."

Finnigan was reacting to complaints from Vancouver school board members at the board's meeting Monday that the university is being unfair by changing the requirements after the beginning of the school year.

Jim Killeen, Vancouver School Administrators' Association president, said the requirements are too vague and do not give students currently in secondary school enough time to meet them.

The three stage upgrading plan was passed by the UBC senate in September. The first stage, to be implemented in September, 1978 will require students entering UBC from secondary school to have a C-plus average in 10 "relevant" subjects. Currently, only a C average is required.

Killeen says the term "relevant" is too vague.

"What is relevant?" he said Wednesday.

"Relevant subjects have not been outlined by the UBC senate admissions committee."

He said a sample taken from three schools in Vancouver shows many students will not be able to meet the new requirements.

But Finnegan expressed disbelief, saying that in the science faculty alone this year 90 per cent of students from B.C. secondary schools had more than 10 "relevant" subjects.

"Finnegan suggests rules will be applied with common sense, but I don't want to have to rely on someone's common sense," Killeen said.

"I want clearly outlined rules to go by."

Margaret Grant, Vancouver School Board student services counsellor, objects to the timing because, she said, students begin planning their programs in Grade 8.

"They (students) need at least five years lead time," she said.

"Course selections are made during their Grade 8 to Grade 11 years.

"UBC is changing admission requirements after the beginning of the school year. Some students cannot change their program."

She said that as a counsellor she must know what Finnegan means by a "relevant course" in order to help students plan their programs.

"There are no counsellors who don't know what is relevant," Finnegan said.

The second stage of the proposal, to be implemented in September, 1979 will require students to complete three elective academic courses at the Grade 12 level, in addition to the C-plus average in 10 relevant subjects.

The third stage, which will go into effect September, 1981 will require students to also complete Math 11, a Grade 11 science, French or another language at the Grade 11 level.

The school board has written a letter to administration president Doug Kenny requesting implementation of each stage be postponed by a year.

Union organizes pickets at Bimini

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trying to suppress what they call 'subversive union tactics,'" Barbara Owen said.

"Needless to say, this has caused undue hardships for the pub's employees."

Owen said the problems first began when Bimini's employees received union certification Jan. 24.

"Since then, life at the pub has been sheer hell," she said.

The union has been negotiating for a first contract since receiving certification.

Talks broke down during the summer over contract demands and the 16 workers are still without a contract.

SORWUC contract demands include a $4.50 minimum wage for full-time waitresses, one day a month sick leave and no unreasonable scheduling by the management.

"We were negotiating in good faith, until Peter Uram, the owner, suddenly became unavailable during the summer," Owen said.

"After a two-month wait, we received a one-page letter from Uram stating that seniority would be based on merit, which was something the union could not accept."

Uram blamed conflicting schedules for the problems.

"Well, holidays and all came up and when I tried to get in touch with the union, they were either too busy or our schedules did not coincide," he said.

"Anyways, all these (unfair labor practises) charges are unfounded. After all, it's so easy to charge someone, yet it is difficult to get them proven."

Uram was referring to six charges laid against the pub's management for unfair labor practises. These included suspensions, layoffs and charges of poor working conditions.

Although Uram had to reinstate one employee and pay half of another's salary for the period she was suspended, the Labor Relations Board took no other action.

"I've offered my employees a very fair dental package based on a cost-sharing program," said Uram. "Also, I think $3.75 is an honest offer."

But a number of the female employees are unhappy with the conditions at Bimini's.

"Things at Bimini's were becoming unbelievably intolerable," says Diane Richards, a former waitress at the pub who quit her job recently.

"The day finally came when there was just too much harassment and abuse. I said to myself, 'I don't need anymore of this bullshit' and quit."

Richards' remarks were echoed by Margot Holmes, another former employee.

SORWUC is a feminist union which concentrates on organizing workers in areas where women have been traditionally underpaid and discriminated against.

The union has concentrated on organizing bank employees, succeeding in gaining certification for a number of Vancouver banks.

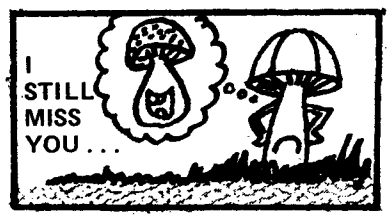
Pathologist accused of indecency

A UBC pathologist charged with indecent assault has been remanded in provincial court until Oct. 31.

Glenn Slemmer, who works at UBC's cancer research centre, was charged after police arrested a man in Kitsilano Park this summer. Police found the man taking photographs of a small girl's genitals.

A subsequent police search of the man's apartment revealed quantities of commercial child pornography, in addition to personal photographs involving children.

Medicine dean William Webber said Wednesday Slemmer is still working for UBC.



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B.C. a fast-buck empire — Lauk

By LARRY HILL

Competition in our economic system is one of the most destructive and callous aspects of North American society, said NDP MLA Gary Lauk Tuesday.

"The competitive system couldn't even provide James Joyce with a pair of pants," he said during a noon hour speech.

Lauk, former economic development minister in the NDP cabinet and MLA for the Vancouver-Centre riding, was speaking in Angus.

Asked what he thought about being called back to the legislature

LAUK . . . "capitalism is nasty"

to deal with premier Bill Bennett's proposed legislation to increase the range of services classified as essential, Lauk said the Bennett administration bungled the B.C. Ferries dispute.

"I feel the actions taken by the government will create another post office situation," Lauk said. He was referring to the work stoppages and slowdowns with which dissatisfied workers have beset the national postal service.

"The government has acted in a very autocratic manner. The ferry people are convinced that bargaining was not in good faith. I see very little hope for a peaceful resolution of that problem."

Lauk devoted most of his speech to discussion of economic planning and private enterprise. He referred frequently to Sweden's economy as an example of how the two could be successfully combined.

Lauk emphasized from the beginning of his speech that economic planning does not necessarily imply state takeover of private industry.

He said that in Canada, a country with some economic planning, about seven to seven and one-half per cent of all industry is owned by the government, but Sweden, which uses economic planning extensively, has less than six per cent government-owned industry.

"So it is clear that economic planning doesn't necessarily mean government ownership. Even in the U.S., the subsidies to major corporations are quite outstanding."

"Sweden I consider an example of good economic planning."

Lauk contrasted B.C.'s government with Sweden's. He said that a department of the labor market in Sweden planned such things as consumption and production in the economy.

"This interferes with the free market system in a positive way. But it does not curtail the ability of an individual to achieve economic success."

Lauk said this planning enabled people to reach a higher measure of economic success.

He said that an intricate system of employment security in Sweden forced private companies to consult with the labor market department before they could lay off workers because of automation.

The labor market and industry departments make joint decisions about the future of industry in Sweden, Lauk said.

"In a private economy, there is a serious time lag between company inefficiency and resultant action. This hurts the people."

But according to Lauk, advanced planning in Sweden has overcome this time lag by accelerating the decision-making processes.

"We (in B.C.) are the last corner of the earth (in terms of economic planning). We have an atmosphere in B.C. which has provided a fast-buck entrepreneurial attitude.

"With the coming of the Renaissance in 1972, the NDP government approached the problem of economic planning in a peculiar way.

"Unfortunately there were those who took the view that we could take both a state capitalist approach and an economic planning approach. I was not one who believed in the state capitalist approach. I agreed with and supported the concept of the 'unoccupied field theory.' "

By this theory, he said, where private enterprise is failing, the government has the responsibility to act as a catalyst to revitalize the floundering region. "That is why the (NDP) government purchased CanCel (Canadian Cellulose). That pulp mill flourished until closed by the present government."

Lauk added CanCel was closed in defiance of a promise by Bennett during his election campaign that he would not close the pulp mill.

Lauk admitted there were weaknesses in the former NDP government in B.C.

He said the NDP administration's departmental strength was undersupported by professional staff when the party came into power.

Lauk said effective salesmanship in the world market was an important part of the NDP's economic policy.

He said the NDP established the B.C. Development Corporation as an economic measure with primary emphasis on stimulating small business.

"Had Bennett seen that BCDC was successful, he wouldn't have tinkered with it.

"The idea of financial mishandling and bungling is one of the myths surrounding the NDP. Our party stands for co-operative society."

Lauk said the failings of an overly-competitive (market) system seriously outweigh its economic benefits.

—geof wheelwright photo

TRYING TO LOCATE PEDALS, while friend waits for ride, student checks all locations on vehicle. Two-wheeler is actually motor scooter, transportation workhorse of impoverished students. Scooters get much better gas mileage than a Cadillac and you can skip the seat belts.

Racial violence rises in schools

Racism is increasing in B.C. schools this fall, a B.C. Teachers' Federation spokesman said Wednesday.

Wes Knapp, a member of the federation's task force on racism, said racial slurs and verbal abuse of racial minorities have given way to physical abuse and violent beatings.

Knapp told arts one students after a slide presentation that many school trustees are unwilling to initiate programs to solve the racism problem.

Individual efforts by teachers to solve the problem often result in conflicts with school trustees and school authorities, Knapp said. These conflicts can result in increased racial attacks and cause humiliation to the victims.

"We cannot tackle this problem alone," Knapp said, adding that local teachers' associations must help solve it.

Knapp said schoolteachers bear much of the responsibility for solving the racism problem.

"We need curriculum programs to deal with racism and encourage understanding among our variety of communities." The federation hopes to make schools "places were diversity is accepted and human dignity is protected," Knapp said.

Racial discrimination is also reflected in the composition of teaching staffs, Knapp said. Of B.C.'s 29,000 teachers only 40 are native Indians.

Racism and cultural discrimination have always been facts of life in B.C., Knapp said.

To prove his point, Knapp presented the controversial slide show Racism in B.C. Although the federation has endorsed the slide show for use in the schools, it has been banned by several school boards, among them Langley and Surrey.

School trustees accused the film of causing trouble and "reopening old wounds." But the slide show presents historical proof of racial injustice.

Almost every immigrant group experienced racial or cultural oppression in this province, especially during periods of economic hardship.

In 1886, the Workingmen's Protective Associate organized whites against Chinese workers.

Attacks were launched against Germans in 1915 when the Lusitania riots hit Victoria.

Coin flip settles alternate for SRA arts rep

The arts faculty Wednesday elected two representatives to the student representative assembly.

Suk Sihota polled highest in the byelection with 114 votes. The second representative is Brendan McGivern with 93 votes.

Kay Leah and Bruce Ross each received 77 votes, but Leah was chosen alternate representative on the basis of a coin toss.

If Sihota or McGivern resigns before the general SRA election in March, Leah will take over the vacant position.

Other candidates were Michael Reynolds, who received 50 votes and Peter Chant with 22 votes.

In another byelection, Valgeet Johl became arts undergraduate society vice-president, defeating Ron Bowles, 146 to 86.

Fulton made valuable contribution

Dean of women Margaret Fulton, who is resigning in July, has made a valuable contribution to women at UBC, women's committee member Sheila Lidwill said Wednesday.

"She is the only 'in' for women as far as the administration is concerned. She is listened to within the administration," Lidwill said.

Fulton is leaving UBC in July to become president of Mount St. Vincent university in Halifax.

"Her position is unique. There are so few good role models for women," said Lidwill.

Fulton is the only woman on the committee of deans, an administrative policy-making group. She also teaches Women's Studies 224, a course on stylistic devices used by women authors to express women's self-consciousness.

"One of her achievements was getting the Women and Literature course accepted as a second-year (arts) literature requirement," Lidwill said.

"Just this year it has been accepted as an alternate literature requirement and it is because she has done such a great job teaching it," she said.

Arts undergraduate society president Fran Watters said Wednesday Fulton was able to promote women's interests in the administration.

"Because she's part of the administration, she knows the games they play," said Watters.

"I really feel she keeps in touch with women because she's talking to them all the time," she said.

Watters said she hopes the new dean of women is a feminist as well as a good role model.

"I'm afraid we'll get a dean of women of the kind that doesn't see women's issues as political issues, but as problems of individuals; the kind that blames women for their position," she said.

"That would set women's rights at UBC back 100 years."

Watters said she thinks the president's hiring committee, which will choose the new dean, will hire someone to both teach and fulfill the dean of women's duties.

"She should publicize what's happening, especially about the status of women. She should strongly support the women's studies program and work towards getting more women in sciences and applied sciences," she said.

"I really hope the administration lets her be more visible. I don't think the administration has bent overbackwards in that regard. It'll be interesting to see who the administration picks.

"I hope she can stand up to the pressure," Watters said.

Admin views beset Fulton

Unhappiness and frustration with a male-dominated university no doubt contributed to Margaret Fulton's resignation as UBC's dean of women.

She has another job as president of Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax, a challenging job in which she can expect to be more successful than at her UBC job.

Fulton will leave a university which still discriminates against women in many ways.

Many profs, as Fulton said this week, form relationships which are "based on playing the sex game rather than being genuinely objective, ethical and professional."

The administration is playing tough with the Association of University and College Employees, which is still trying to gain equal pay with male employees in other unions. The poor wages AUCE members receive are still the most blatant example of discrimination against women at UBC, although this was considered outside Fulton's jurisdiction.

Fulton has not had total success pressing her programs, and her office remained in a location she considered not very accessible. When cutbacks hit UBC last year, the dean of women's office suffered.

The administration has taken some steps to encourage women to enter professional faculties previously barred to women, improved lighting around campus to cut down on rapes, and boosted the salaries of women faculty members.

With a great deal of ballyhoo, committees, speakers and programs on women's issues proliferated around UBC during International Women's Year in 1975. But still, things fell short of what Fulton was planning. And who knows what those committees are doing?

A women's studies program was set up, but it is now in poor shape after two key profs left last year. The program was a showpiece for women's year, but now suffers from the neglect which is hurting interdisciplinary programs in a period of cutbacks.

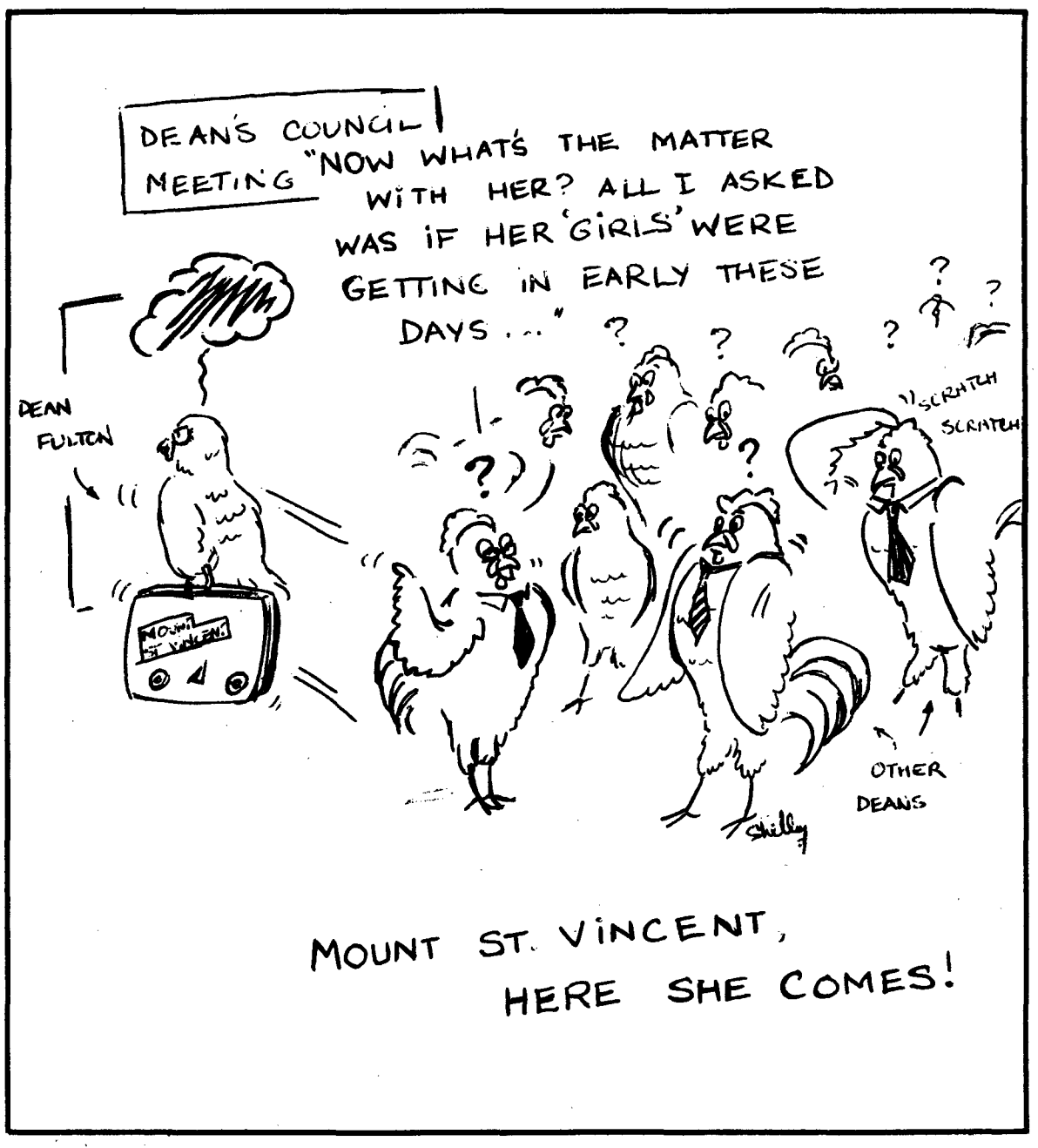
Fulton fought quietly most of the time, but sometimes the huge raft of problems she was battling got to her. "The administration and vice-president Erich Vogt in particular must recognize the necessity of fighting sex role stereotyping, must encourage women to expand their educational horizons and must provide support to women until they have equal representation in student affairs," she said a year ago in a stormy interview.

Student activities over the past two years have not given her any comfort. Last year, the UBC women's office was closed down during the summer by the Alma Mater Society.

The women's committee that succeeded the ill-fated office is just now beginning to pick up the pieces, but there is still a great deal of ignorance among student politicians. When the committee asked for a full-time worker, the proposal got through the budget committee but not the student representative assembly.

The SRA turned down the funding for the worker because of a sink-or-swim attitude toward women's rights.

For anyone trying to advance the right of women, the scene is pretty bleak, and few could blame Fulton for wanting to get out. We hope that her successor will continue the fight for the rights women deserve.



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"Where's my fucking pencil, you bunch of syphilitic douchebags!" whaled Chris Gainor at the ear-shocked troops. "Editor gets fucked around," shouted leading lady Kathy Ford to a very tired Steve Howard. "Hey babe, tak a walk on the newsside," cooed Marcus Gee to Poofta scumbag David Morton, who could only gasp traumatically, "SRA, 15 minutes," before falling asleep. "No wonder Mike Bocking is such a burn-out," laughed "Uncle" Tom Hawthorn at the veteran hack reporter. "My, what big pupils you have," exclaimed newcomer Maureen MacKinnon to the wide-eyed Bill Tieleman. "Liz bought me some glue," he offered as he searched for shades. Larry Hill had a bit of bad lauk and Heather Conn had to race around for a story. Lloyanne Hurd was board of school and got a headache and Matt King decided he had no class. Geof Wheelwright took a map and Shelly Sweeney drew the line.

Letters

Knight does little for AMS

I am writing in response to Brian Knight's childish attack on the Alma Mater Society in Tuesday's Ubyssey.

For a start, it is factually incorrect. The AMS fee is $9 a year, not $15. Brian's assessment of what students get for that money is somewhat selective at best, and outright lies at worst.

It is not a case, as Brian suggests, of the science undergraduate society versus the AMS. The AMS realizes that the undergraduate societies are in a much better position than the AMS to offer social events and other programs which students in a particular faculty can relate to. For this reason, the AMS actively supports the undergraduate and graduate societies through services as well as financially, in spite of a very tight budget situation.

Brian is an elected member of "the cold-shouldered AMS bureaucracy" which he describes. Unfortunately, he rarely attends a meeting and has never lifted a finger to act on behalf of the students he is supposed to represent.

I realize that the AMS could do a better job of serving students and responding to their concerns. However, the AMS is no more than a collection of representatives from each constituency, and if every one was a Brian Knight, we would be in far worse shape than we are.

If Brian wants to devote his energy to SUS, that's terrific, but he should resign from the AMS to make room for someone who will at least criticize constructively.

John DeMarco
AMS president

Sculpture

The front page of Thursday's Ubyssey illustrates the Mother and Child sculpture, which lies between main library and the physics building. The work, done in 1955, is by George Norris and stands 47 inches high. It is not marble, it is bronze.

Fifteen other major works by various artists displayed on the UBC campus are also listed in the Vancouver Book, by Chuck Davis, which is freely browsed in at the bookstore. Sorry, no info available on the engineering obelisk.

Ken Keobke
geography 3

Time to boycott oranges

Les Wiseman's review of the Rod Stewart concert appears to have offended at least four people. Defending the homosexual population has become a cause celebre and as so often is the case, some adherents have become a little fanatical.

His review was generally complimentary toward Stewart's professionalism and musical ability — a fact overlooked by three of the four letter writers. The main area of offence appears to be his phrase "raving bloody fruit," being worried about a bathroom encounter with Stewart, and the belief that the performer looked like a Davie Street drag queen.

Wiseman mentions that Stewart was living with actress Britt Eckland, so one may assume that there is little question about Stewart's sexual preference. In short, Wiseman employs dated stereotypes to describe and ridicule a particular image that he considers has been portrayed more successfully by earlier performers and which is now dated.

He has taken Stewart to task for changing to an image that lacks fresh artistic creativity and detracts from the performer's often raunchy lyrics.

Surely an opinion that is not derogatory to the homosexual population nor to the letter writers. Indeed, their time might be better spent not eating oranges.

Dan Rodin
arts 4

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Conferences fight unity battles

At one of two conferences last weekend on Canada's crisis of Confederation, a UBC delegate found different things matter to people from different regions.

perspectives

By CHARLES SPELAY

The battle for Canada, a rematch of sorts, is being fought back east again.

In an attempt to arouse national concern over Quebec separatism, the friends of federalism are trying to inspire Canadians to join them in some navel-gazing. Governments and corporations are funding such affairs as last weekend's Alternatives Canada, a symposium for university students organized by the University of Toronto.

Thanks to a mysterious and never-revealed selection process, I was one of the 12 B.C. delegates among the 170 people at the symposium.

No one seemed to know how many were there, and it was in the logistical area that the organization resembled one created to handle band trips.

Many air tickets to Toronto had not been prepaid, and delegates without private arrangements were squirrelled away in residence rooms, music practice rooms, spare beds, private billets, and, as a last resort, the local Y.

But in general, the student executive committee handled things well, despite being outclassed by the flashy Options Canada conference taking place parallel to Alternatives.

Options was sponsored by the Steel Co. of Canada, Dominion Steel, Simpsons-Sears, National Trust and Shell Canada (all the people who care about Canada) and was attended by people representing many vocations, one of whom was B.C.'s own energy mogul Bob Bonner.

But what Bonner might have to say to the people back east is hard to imagine when he finds little time to talk with the B.C. public.

Back at the less sophisticated Alternatives gathering, which was sponsored by the governments of Ontario, Nova Scotia, P.E.I., Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the Bronfman foundation and another foundation the name of which escapes me, things were getting settled. The next jet-lagged day we were grouped into five workshops.

Unlike the Options workshops that featured experienced chairmen and had qualified people speaking on specific topics, the student workshops were informal discussions on very general topics.

They were largely dominated by a minority of delegates with most having either no inclination to talk or no ideas to express. The more interesting moments were sparked by political science students, who were the dominant faction, upsetting the budding economists, the second largest group, with their glib economic assessments, while the latter oversimplified political matters to the former's chagrin.

The historians and the rare commerce student were pretty quiet though the politicos, who had

DAVID LEWIS
. . . many cultures

availed themselves of this opportunity to represent their constituents, were somewhat more talkative. The one afternoon workshop was a bit of a waste as people were feeling lethargic after their wine-accompanied lunch and it degenerated visibly when the translators became unruly over the way microphones were being handled, and the apparent desire of most of the participants to be somewhere else — preferably asleep.

The general regional personalities exhibited were somewhat revealing. The people from Quebec were a little nervous, expecting to be viewed as heretics, the Ontarians were apologetic for their history of insensitivity and egocentricity, the Maritimers were angry and vocal over the meagre spoils they've taken from the 20th century and the Westerners were pretty laid-back and rather bemused.

Most of the more productive and heartening conversations took place in the pub sessions and at unscheduled drinking bouts. It became apparent that a minimum .05 blood alcohol level is at least conducive to and is perhaps necessary for keeping Canadians united.

Aside from the workshops there was one plenary session which featured Claude Ryan, the editor from Montreal's Le Devoir, who has embarked on a unity crusade.

One of his proposals was that Canada should be redivided into four regions — Ontario, Quebec, the Maritimes and the West. This was a popular solution among Easterners, perhaps because it would permit a smoother functioning of interregional machinery without relinquishing the preeminence of Toronto and Montreal.

Speakers were also served up at the opening and closing dinners. The first night featured ex-federal NDP leader David Lewis. Like most of the old CCF'ers- Lewis gives a good speech and handles questions well. He urged, in a wry, fatherly way, respect for Canada's multiculturalism.

The last night saw the contrasting styles of Northrop Frye and Claude Castonguay.

The slick-witted professor Frye is Canada's top culture critic (or so they say). Whatever the case, he came out flying and delivered an entertaining stand-up routine. His pastiche of cultural slapstick was contradictory in parts but there was seldom any time to stop and reflect.

Frye viewed the PQ's aim as one of "identifying separatism with independence and confederation with an inferior status" and urged Canadians to prevent the PQ from succeeding.

The lantern-jawed Castonguay followed Frye and undertook some ponderous cheerleading. An actuary and former Quebec cabinet minister (1970-73), he chastized the PQ for assuming that post-separation negotiations will be civilized, while refusing to participate in current discussions, specifically the Options conference. Castonguay recommended the establishment of a commission to assess the state of confederation, while avoiding polarization.

RENE LEVESQUE
. . . views with suspicion

The Options host, Dr. John Evans, president of the U of T, was up next. He came out sounding much like the sponsor of a LIP grant but perhaps this is the price he pays for his accessibility and apparently honest sincerity.

Of course, this was the only time I've been exposed to his style and have only Doug Kenny's reputation to compare with.

The last speaker of that evening was a gentleman from B.C. who bounded to the podium and began thrashing the air with his verbal pom-poms, in an attempt to thank the conference hosts.

I didn't catch his name and also wish I'd missed his performance.

The productivity of the symposium cannot easily be measured.

The apparent aim was to bring together a roughly representative assembly of Canadian students for an exchange of perspectives and opinions on the current and future state of the Canadian federation. In this respect I suppose they succeeded.

The only concrete proposal for a follow-up came from some Quebec students who have collected pro-unity student organizations under one secretariat with the intent of establishing a vehicle for communication and discussion between regions.

The prevailing view of the delegates seemed to be pro-unity, providing there will be changes to rationalize relations between the regions, however defined. The antipathy toward separatism was perhaps not surprising considering the distribution of the delegates and the suspicion with which the PQ leadership views these conferences.

A number of Pequistes were present but they represented the disparate nature of the rank-and-file membership which seems to encompass almost all political persuasions, separatism being only one of them.

What did I get out of the conference? Well, although I've got a backlog of course readings, I missed a few lectures, had my October budget ruined and face a detoxification problem. I found it impossible not to develop some opinions and some feeling for the preoccupation of easterners with the issue and their consternation with Western apathy.

Viewed from as far away as B.C., the battle seems to be confined to a Roman senate scenario as the provincial and federal governments work with and against each other.

But the fact is, that the PQ is seeking to unilaterally end their political association with the rest of Canada.

The possibility exists that Canada as we know it may soon no longer exist, and we will have had little to say about the decision. And, in case one views with equanimity political, if not economic, independence for the provinces, it is a sobering thought that the provincial government would be the only government.

A report from the latest in a series of conferences discussing national unity by Charles Spelay, who is in fourth-year honors economics. Perspectives is a column of opinion and analysis open to all members of the UBC community.

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Larry Hurtado speaks on What Is Charismatic, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre lounge.

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Informal social gathering, noon, SUB 211.

WOMEN'S CENTRE
Sara David speaks on Women Emerging, noon, Mildred Brock lounge, Brock Hall.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Paper chase, noon, Chem 250.

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LE CLUB FRANCAIS
Une conference sur les coutumes quebecois, noon, International House.

UBC INTRAMURALS
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Free film on nutrition, noon, SUB auditorium.

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Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 224.

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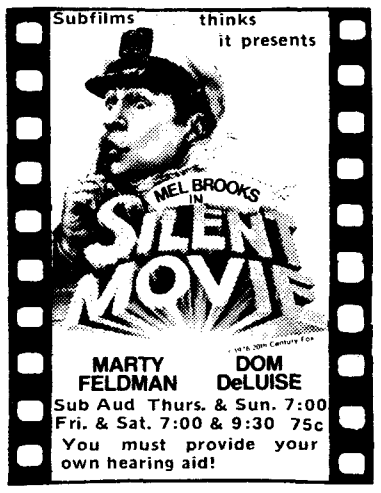

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Flexibility needed

Administration recommends tenure cuts

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reviews of programs and departments."

DeMarco said that with the current slump in university financing in North America, universities with budget flexibility can pick up top professors cheaply.

"It's a buyers' market. All these worries about having to pay top prices and offer tenure is not as big a factor as before," said DeMarco.

The paper says the current period of education cutbacks is due to reduced demand for university education in the work force.

"During the forties, fifties and sixties all areas of the university developed rapidly . . . to satisfy Canada's increased needs for highly trained and educated people in the work force."

"Today these needs and opportunities are being reasonably provided for, and not surprisingly student enrolments have levelled off," says the paper.

The period of rapid growth in universities before the current slow growth period "frequently results in some uneven distribution of quality and in incomplete development in many areas," says the paper.

With the cutbacks of the 1970s following this period of rapid growth, attempts to improve weak areas of the university are "severely hampered."

Faculty association president Richard Roydhouse said Wednesday he disagrees that the university has entered a "steady-state period."

"I find the role of soothsayer or prophet a very difficult one," he said.

The energy crisis and the resulting attempts to conserve energy or develop new sources of energy means certain academic fields will expand to meet these demands, said Roydhouse.

The board discussion paper also recommends reviews of programs and departments.

DeMarco said reviews are necessary to allow the university to change its priorities from some programs to others as conditions change, without increasing costs.

The paper also says there was a great deal of competition between universities in the 1950s and 1960s for the best professors, with Canadian universities losing out.

"Intense and unequal competition for first-rate people prevailed over two decades."

"Not only were Canadian universities not producing their share of trained academics, but they also had to try to compete for good faculty in a highly competitive market place while operating with inadequate facilities and offering inadequate salaries."

This situation still exists in some fields, says the report.

There has been criticism of current tenure practices in past years.

Controversy has arisen in the past over professors whom students thought to be good teachers but who were denied tenure because they did not publish enough.

UBC administration president Doug Kenny had a reputation of being tough when it came to granting tenure when he was arts dean.

SUS to receive fee levy

For the second consecutive year, the science undergraduate society has passed its fee referendum but failed to reach a quorum.

Although 541 science students voted Wednesday, slightly more than 600 people must vote to meet the society's quorum.

A 91 per cent majority — 541 voters — voted in favor of the $1 fee increase the society says is necessary to remain functional.

Forty-two people voted against the increase and four people spoiled their ballots.

The result means the society can only collect the fee increase for 1978-79.

At the society's general meeting at noon Wednesday, president Hugh Welch urged the approximately 120 people who attended to vote for the increase.

"You've all given $1 this year and the referendum is maintaining those dollars for continuing years," he said.

If the society wants to levy the $1 science fee in 1979-80 it will have to hold another referendum.

The agenda for the meeting also included constitutional changes specifying requirements needed to hold office in the society.

While Welch was explaining the changes, the meeting was briefly halted by engineers and aggies wielding water bombs and fire extinguishers.

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Ed cutbacks lead to no-growth

Education cutbacks have forced professional and technical faculties into a no-growth position and damaged the quality of education in arts, a recently released cutbacks report says.

The report, prepared by student board of governors member Moe Sihota, shows that while many faculties have been able to deal with cutbacks this year, they have been unable to introduce new programs or reinstate programs dropped in previous years.

The faculty of arts was hardest hit, but many other faculties have had to make serious cuts to meet their budgets.

The cutbacks were necessary because UBC required a budget this year of $144 million from the provincial government and received only $128 million.

The report says that while job-oriented faculties are in better financial shape than arts, they are still short of money and if current funding trends continue many will be in serious difficulty next year.

Agricultural sciences is one of the faculties that may face problems next year, the report states.

"Generally speaking the faculty is in a no-growth state. It is not offering any new programs and in fact, is being asked to slice some areas.

"The faculty is well aware that within the next year or two it will have drastically and directly cut back programs that it and its students have taken for granted over the last few years.

Applied science is another faculty that has been unable to get funds for new programs.

"Although the faculty has been able to retain old programs it has been unable to expand and offer new opportunities for its students. Nor has it been able to finance PhD. programs," the report says. Because of this the faculty has requested more than $250,000 to develop its existing programs.

The faculty of science is also short of money to upgrade current programs and introduce new programs, according to the report.

"It does not have enough money to upgrade its current programs, nor does it have enough money to expand its offering."

Science is requesting $750,000 for lab equipment and renovations, $176,000 to develop its existing programs and $60,000 to meet increased enrolment.

Commerce is relatively well financed, the report says, but the faculty is upset with its no-growth budget and wants funds to develop new programs.

"The faculty feels that it has to expand and offer new programs for students — that its current crop of programs does not address every aspect of the business world."

Commerce also needs funds to develop its graduate programs, the report states.

"Graduate students often leave the campus never having the opportunity to do research work in their specialties."

Pharmaceutical sciences is a rapidly growing faculty that has not been able to bring in new programs this year, according to the report.

"The faculty is in a relatively 'no-growth' situation and cannot, because of the university's financial situation, expand and offer new programs, nor can it upgrade its existing courses."

The other job-oriented "professional" faculties of law, medicine, forestry and dentistry are in fairly sound financial shape the report says.

But it cautions that continued education cutbacks are likely to have serious effects on even these faculties in the next few years.

The report was prepared for student representative assembly members so they could discuss the cutbacks with faculty and department heads.

—geof wheelwright photo

STRIDING THROUGH magical forest, hairy puce blorg heads to 11:30 a.m. Alchemy 368 class. Unfortunately, blorg encountered man-eating tree in foreground and was quickly reduced to sawdust. So it goes in the groves of academe.

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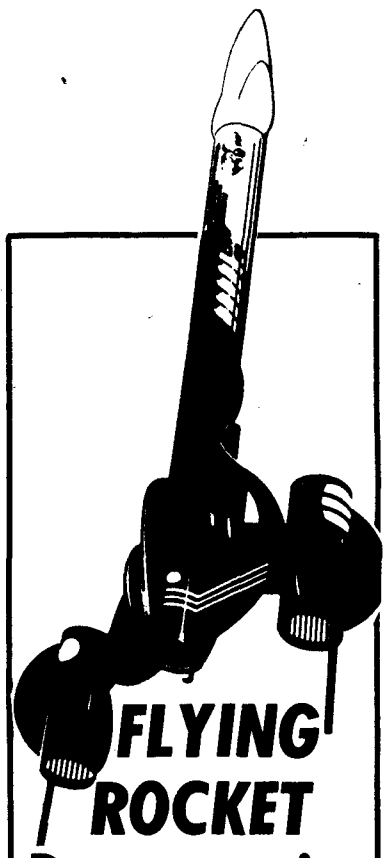

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