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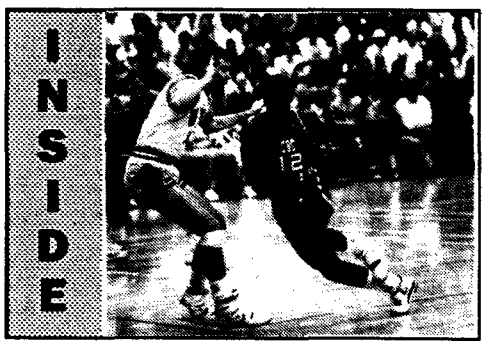

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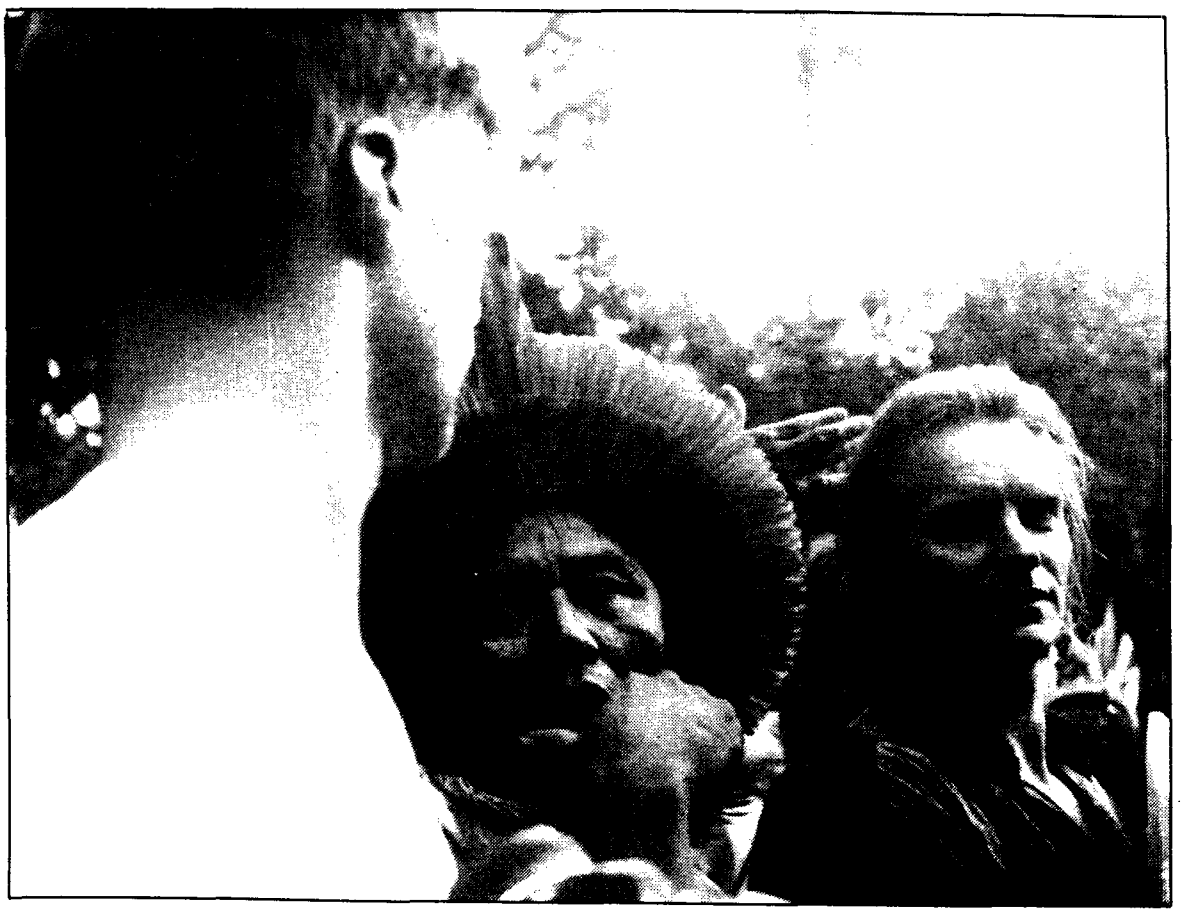


Face to face with Sting in the Amazon

By Catherine Lu

Jeff Gibbs is hardly a dead ringer for Sting. But the second year arts student was often mistaken for the British rock musician when the two went to Brazil in late February to support the Kayapo Indians in their protest against the continual destruction of their homeland—the Amazon rainforest.

"I spoke English, I was white and had whiskers—that was all it took," says Gibbs. "As soon as I started signing 'Sting' they just all started coming up. Sting actually left the next day, but this went on for four days."

Gibbs was one of 34 Canadians who attended an international conference of Indian leaders and ecologists late February in Altamira, Brazil to protest a massive hydro-electric dam project.

The first two proposed dams, the Kararao and the Babaquara, are expected to flood about 5600 square kilometres of rainforest. According to Gibbs, the 22 dams planned for the Xingu river would displace 85 percent of the Kayapo Indians who live in the region.

"The Kayapo know it's a life or death situation," he says. "History has shown that it's not just that they'll lose their culture, but that they will go extinct as a people."

Gibbs cites a past dam project that in ten years flooded 2400 square kilometres of rainforest and decimated a large Indian tribe. The Balbina dam, which began construction in 1975 near Manaus in northern Brazil, cost approximately $1 billion, funded by the World Bank.

"In 1975, before this dam was built, there were 1,000 Waimiri Indians living in the area. Now, there are only 300 Waimiri Indians alive," says Gibbs. "And the dam has not produced one kilowatt of energy. It was built wrong."

As well as hurting the Indians and the forest, the dam destroyed the livelihood of fishermen and farmers living downstream, according to Peggy Hallward, a researcher for a watchdog on international aid agencies and multinational corporations.

And due to faulty engineering "the transmitting lines are set up, but they're not transmitting any energy," says Hallward, who is director of forestry research for Probe International.

The jobs created by the industrial sector only employ skilled labour, which does not include the 70 percent of the Brazilian population, mostly displaced peasants, who are living below the poverty line, says Hallward.

"It's questionable how much the grand capital-intensive development schemes in the rainforest are benefiting the landless peasants who are living in the slums in southern Brazil."

UBC student Jeff Gibbs alive in the forest

Hallward and Gibbs agree that no amount of foreign investment can solve Brazil's economic problems when 80 percent of the arable land is owned by four percent of the landlords. The Brazilian government has attempted to generate wealth by encouraging the displaced peasants to settle in frontier areas, like Rondonia.

"The government promised farmers that if they moved to Rondonia, they would be provided with land for farming, medical services and schools," says Gibbs. "Thousands of people went and found nothing. They discovered the soil of the rainforest isn't suited for farming, because it has a very thin topsoil with very few nutrients."

In order to subsist, peasants contribute to the overall deforestation of the Amazon basin by slashing and burning new chunks of rainforest every couple of years after they have exhausted the poor soil of one area.

Hallward says that far from generating any wealth, the transmigration scheme actually enlarged Brazil's already massive foreign debt.

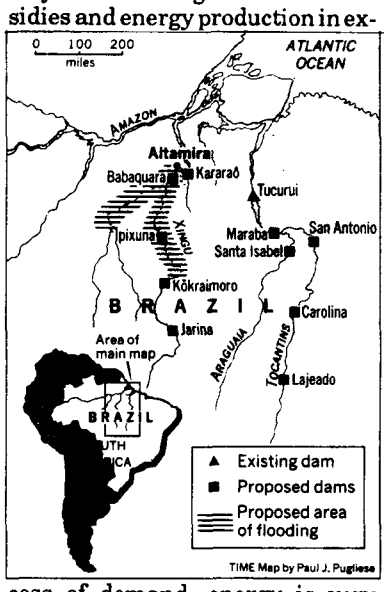
"Most of the people there now have severe medical and health problems, and the government has had to borrow more money to take care of these people who are worse off than they were before," she says.

"Every year, the gap between rich and poor is getting bigger, not smaller," she adds.

Rather than addressing these problems, says Gibbs, the proposed dams will serve mostly the energy needs of the industrial sector, which includes many multinational companies.

The Brazilian government is justifying the need for the proposed dams by overestimating the projected increase in energy demand, according to Gibbs. For 1988, the government projected a 6.5 percent increase in power consumption, but "there was a zero percent increase in energy demand in Brazil in 1988."

The Brazilian government subsidizes the price of electricity to attract foreign investment, which has not stimulated Brazil's economy. Because of government subsidies and energy production in excess of demand, energy is very cheap in Brazil. As a result, companies find it more profitable to squander large amounts of energy with inefficient equipment than to upgrade their plants' energy efficiency.



According to a World Bank Energy Department study last October, improvements in the energy efficiency of Brazil's industrial sector would cost only $10 billion and save half the projected energy consumption in Brazil by the year 2000. The estimated cost of the 100 proposed dams is $44 billion.

Hallward says the Brazilian government campaign to build support for the dams is built on the idea that "anyone against dams is against progress."

"The government is setting up a false logic—an either-or argument—to set public opinion against environmentalists," says Hallward. She notes a strong industrial elite exists in the Brazilian government, which stands to benefit by building large-scale dams.

But large-scale dam construction is not the only alternative, says Gibbs. "Spices, rubbers, dyes, extracts, oils, bamboo, nuts and fruit" can be harvested by peasants and with a minimal impact on the environment, he says.

And while large dam projects produce short-term gains for a few industrialists, "an industry in a standing forest can go on forever," says Gibbs.

Gibbs also argues that smaller dams built at smaller tributaries close to where the power is needed are also a better means of harvesting hydro-electric power than large dams that have to supply power to far-flung areas of Brazil.

Gibbs is urging Canadians to write to Michael Wilson, Canada's representative on the World Bank, to voice their opposition to a $500 million loan to Brazil's power company, Electronorte, intended for the Kararao dam.

Six Canadian banks are also planning to loan money to Brazil. The Bank of Montreal, CIBC, Toronto Dominion, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the National, and Royal Bank are expected to contribute seven percent of a $750 million loan by Chartered Banks to Brazil.

"People should write their bank presidents, and say they don't want their money used to fund projects that would destroy Indians and the rainforest," says Gibbs.

Gibbs will be presenting a multi-projector slide show of his Amazon trip at noon next Tuesday in the SUB Auditorium. An admission cost of two dollars will help Gibbs repay the debt he incurred on the trip.

The slide show will feature recorded sounds from the Amazon rainforest, music by the Kayapo, and songs by Bruce Cockburn and the real Sting.

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Between Classes

Note: "Noon" = 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Lutheran Student Movement
Co-op Supper, 6:00 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

Institute of Asian Research (IAR)
Film: Bonker Margayya (in Kunnada with English subtitles). 7 pm, Asian Centre - AUDITORIUM.

WEDNESDAY

Environmental Interest Group - Recycling committee
Recycling promotion, 9 am - 5 pm, SUB concourse.

AMS Women's Committee
Workshop: The myth of happiness - women and depression. 12:30 - 1:30, SUB 130.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Torah Study with Rabbi M. Feverstein. 12:30 pm, Hillel House.

Graduate Student Society
Film - No Longer Silent: The struggle against injustice toward Women in India. 12:30 pm, Garden Room, Graduate Student Centre.

Lutheran Student Movement
Lenten Service "Lighting the Easter Fire", 12:40 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

Graduate Student Society
Live Jazz with Alan Matheson Trio. 6:30 - 9 pm, Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Institute of Asian Research (IAR)
Film: Mukha Mukhom (in Malayalam with English subtitles), 7 pm, Asian Centre Auditorium.

Foreign film: "Bicycle Thief" (Vittoro De Siza) FREE! Everyone Welcome. 8:00 pm, International House - Gate 4 Lounge.

THURSDAY

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
Manuscript Study led by Jen Williams and Lisa Walker, noon, Brock Hall Rm. 351.

Pre-Dental Club
Topic: Interview Preparation, Noon, Woodward IRC Room 5.

Chinese Christian Fellowship
Interpersonal Semantic Exegesis (Bible Study), 12:30, Scarfe 204.

UBC Circle K Club
Meeting, 12:30 pm, Angus 321.

University Christian Ministries
12:30, SUB 119, Is the Bible credible and authoritative today? Peter Dunn gives an answer.

Women Students' Office
Career panel - Discussion: "Trends and Opportunities in Biotechnology and Medical Careers", noon - 2:20 pm, IRC #3.

Lesbian Discussion Group/Dykes Unlimited
Meeting, 12:30 - 1:30, Women's Centre, Room 130 SUB.

Nutrition Week, UBC, presents
BC Dairy Foundation, "Food Track": a nutrition teaching system workshop. Speaker: Gillian Ackhurst, 12:30 - 2:30, Wood, IRC #1. Free. (kits avail. for $15.00) (All welcome. Sponsored by School of Family and Nutritional Sciences). Contact: Helen 987-7936.

Graduate Student Society
Film Night: 1) The Dead (John Huston) - US, 6:30; 2) Treasure of the Sierra - US, 8:30. Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Israeli Dancing, 7:00 pm, SUB 207/209.

SUBfilms
Film showing: "Married to the Mob", no Saturday showing, 7 pm, SUB Theatre.

UBC Pacific Rim Club
3rd Annual Gala Event. The Asia-Pacific Foundation President will be speaking. Tix: 228-6041. 7 - 9 pm, UBC Asian Centre Auditorium.

UBC Scottish Country Dance Club
Dance class (new members welcome), 7:30 pm - 9 pm, SUB party room.

Dept. of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Spanish play (dialogue in Spanish) - 'La heroica villa' by Carlos Arniches, Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 1989, 8 pm, International House.

SUBfilms
Film showing: "Bull Durham", no Saturday showing. 9:30 pm, SUB Theatre.

Environmental Interest Group
Speaker Dr. T. Perry - UBC professor
topic: "Military and the Environment. The Innu Experience in Labrador"
12:30 pm, Geography 229

FRIDAY

Grad Class Council
Annual General Meeting for all graduating students (will be voting on grad class gifts, etc.) 11:30 am - 3 pm, SUB Ballroom.

AMS Women's Committee
Workshop: How Not to Get Raped - Awareness and Avoidance Strategies. 12:30 - 1:30, SUB 130.

Institute of Asian Research (IAR)
Seminar: When do films transform people: Clips and discussion of the role of Indian films in Indian society. 3:30 - 5 pm, Asian Centre - Auditorium.

Gays and Lesbians of UBC
Beer Garden - 3:30 - 7:00 pm, SUB 215.

Graduate Student Society
Beer Garden - 4:30 - 7:30 pm, Ballroom, Graduate Student Centre.

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D.J. John Fossum, 7 pm - 12 midnight, Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

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Chinese Collegiate Society and Taiwanese Student Association
Gym Night, 8:30 - 11:30 pm, Osborne Gym A & B.

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UBC tuition hike not Socred's fault says Hagen

By Deanne Fisher and Katherine Monk

UBC students should blame the University, not the provincial government, for the 10 percent tuition hike this year, according to Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen.

"How can a university raise its fees when they don't even know how money they're getting?" Hagen responded when asked for his opinions on the increase in an interview Friday.

Hagen said the increase was not a fair one and compared tuition hikes at other institutions to back up his claim. "It doesn't happen at the colleges and it didn't happen at SFU and it didn't happen at UVIC," he said.

But when asked if he would consider increasing funding to UBC to compensate for fee hikes, Hagen responded, "I don't think you should expect that the minister should be blackmailed into giving more money because of that irresponsibility."

Hagen said he respects the independence of the universities adding, "At this point, I'm not prepared to interfere with the process at UBC."

Claims that government underfunding has caused the increase are "very easy statements to make," said Hagen, adding the ministry has increased funding but is up against a huge increase in demand because of the number of people wanting to attend a university or college.

NDP post-secondary education critic Barry Jones disagrees. "The solution (to high tuition costs) very clearly rests with the provincial government," he said in an interview yesterday.

"It's very hypocritical for the minister (Hagen) to suggest the University not increase fees, when it was his doing that they didn't get funding in the first place."

"If he felt fees should not have gone up, he could have arranged meetings with Strangway," Jones said.

It was especially hypocritical for the minister to say it was UBC's fault that fees went up, given the fact that the two swing votes who voted for the increase were Socred appointees to the Board of Governors, said Jones.

Hagen indicated he has been negotiating with UBC president David Strangway but would not reveal any details. "I am prepared to say I've had many discussions with the president. That's all I'm prepared to say."

Funding of post-secondary education in the past has had to compete with health and it is difficult to say that "my demands are greater than yours," said Hagen. "It comes down to comparing the number of kids and the number of sick people," he joked.

But Jones said if the government is serious about its promise to bring education funding up to the national average, they will have to increase "their share in the company."

"The federal government contributes around $619 million to post-secondary education, providing that 31.2 percent—what the the feds recommend—of the gross transfer payments reach post-secondary education, leaving the other odd seventy percent to health care."

On top of the $619 million, the province contributes close to an additional 10 percent to the PSE budget, but according to Jones, the national average is close to a 25 percent. Quebec and Alberta lead the provinces providing close to 50 percent of the PSE contribution.

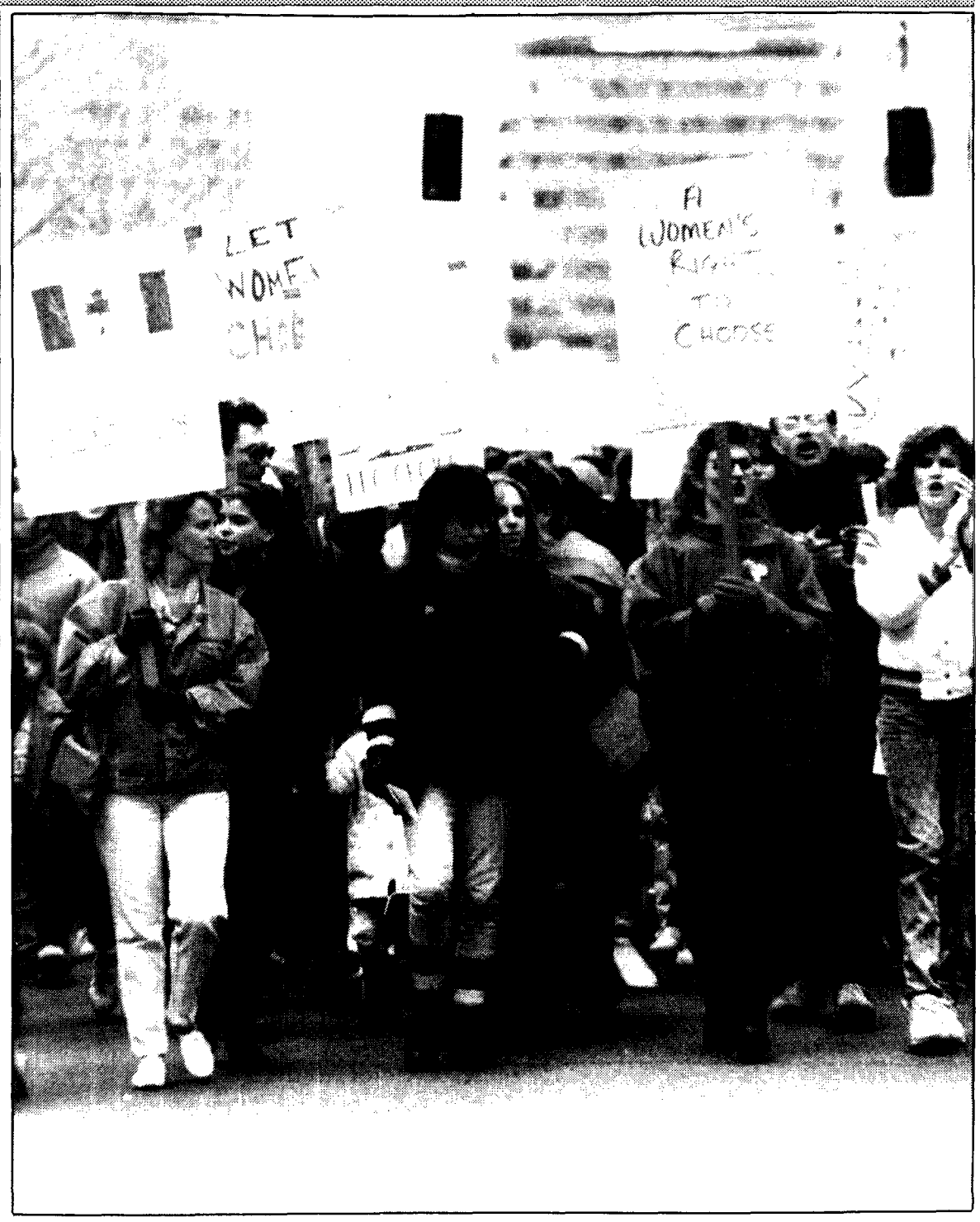
"This minister (Hagen) has a habit of blaming the institution—the fact is that the minister thinks students should pay up to 17.5 percent of the University's operating budget, where it was more along the lines of 10 percent, 15 years ago."

The missing money is going into projects like Coquihalla and Northeast Coal, instead of education, Jones said. And the "rainy day" or "budget stabilization fund," which has been piling up over the last year, should be used to supplement education costs, he said.

Hagen, as a cabinet minister, has a good case to bring to the treasury board, Jones said, adding that maybe it was time to increase the years of free tuition to make education open to everyone.

Hagen agreed there was "no question" that tuition fees affect the level of accessibility to post-secondary education adding, "It's not fair or proper that a person should come out with a degree with a massive debt and go into a career with a large debt. I don't think that's the way to start out your life," he said.

His advice to students combatting the increase was to "look at the (provincial) budget (when it comes down)...look at the share given to the universities and work up a case based on that information. Then go to the Board of Governors."



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Pro–choicers march to support International Women's Day and Vancouver's abortion clinic on Saturday.

Levy blasts local media

"I'm no critic" says Socred candidate

By Rick Hiebert

Point Grey Socred candidate Michael Levy says he supports Bill Vander Zalm "unreservedly" and is now attacking those in the media who say and write differently.

"I'm not a critic of Bill Vander Zalm. I think he's a party leader, he's my leader and anyone running as a Socred has to support the leader," said Levy.

"(The media was) wrong when they called me a critic of Bill Vander Zalm. They assumed I was a critic by themselves. They didn't bother in person to ask me," Levy said.

"It doesn't make good copy to say 'Levy supports education or housing', but it does make good copy to say 'Levy is against Vander Zalm'," Levy said, adding he hadn't bothered to share his concerns with the media outlets themselves because "people don't do that in the real world."

But three Vancouver reporters say that Levy has made it obvious he is a critic of the Premier and that the media is merely reporting what is true.

"We've been accurate and factual in any story we've written about (Levy), whether it was me, Vaughn Palmer or Gary Mason," said Vancouver Sun reporter Keith Baldrey.

"The reason he's been portrayed as a critic of Bill Vander Zalm is because he has been a critic of Bill Vander Zalm. There's no doubt about that. If he wishes now to change his mind on Bill Vander Zalm, that's perfectly within his right. But certainly in the past, in the days and weeks leading up to the by-election call, he was critical of Bill Vander Zalm's leadership," he said.

Levy's reputation as a critic of the Premier dates from when he was a media commentator on CKVU and CJOR, said Baldrey. Levy has also attacked the Premier in conversations with reporters, particularly at last year's Socred party convention in Penticton, he said.

"Levy used to be a member of the (Victoria) Press Gallery, as we are. We got to know him in a way that perhaps other people didn't know him, because we are all members of the same reporting group where conversations are had, points of view are exchanged. There's no doubt in any reporter's mind here that he was a critic," said Baldrey.

Sun reporter Gary Mason agreed. He said that at the Point Grey nomination meeting Levy didn't mention Vander Zalm and had identified himself with the Socreds in the riding opposed to the Premier's leadership style when he told them he would take their message to Victoria.

Levy, however, recently said his speech was designed to address the concerns of his constituents. He said he's "an independent thinker" and was taking the message of those he'd talked to to Victoria. "I've carried the message, I've done it, it's over with," he said.

"In that speech, to my mind, he was putting himself in this camp," Mason said. "It was in stark contrast to the conciliatory speech by the other main candidate John Gray."

"I can figure out what Michael Levy is up to. He doesn't want to be seen as a Vanderslammer, but I think that his comments speak for themselves," said Mason.

Andy Orr, CBC TV reporter, said it was Levy who introduced the issue by mentioning that 80 per cent of the Point Grey Socreds had problems with the Premier's leadership style.

"In the scrums and in things with him, he has made it clear that he is a supporter of the Social Credit party. He has never said, for the public record, when I've talked to him, that he is a supporter of Bill Vander Zalm."

He added that Levy's problems raising funds for his campaign may have something to do with his potentially newfound admiration of the Premier. "Perhaps he's thinking that he should straighten out some of the things he said earlier."

"I don't know, and I don't think the public knows what his position is on the leadership issue and I think Levy has only himself to blame for that," Orr said.

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Title: **Main Library Foyer Benches**
Group: Information and Orientation Division, Main Library
Amount: **$3,000**
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Six wood and wrought iron benches to be located inside the Main Library entrance hall. Brass plaques would be attached to the benches acknowledging them as gifts of the 1989 Grad Class. Students, faculty, and staff who use or visit the Main Library would benefit from this gift. The benches would provide durable, comfortable and attractive seating in the principle traffic area of the library. They would be important and very visible elements in a refurbashing project to improve the utility and appearance of the Main Library.

Title: **Salmon Incubators for Elementary Schools**
Group: Save the Salmon Society (Forestry Undergrad)
Amount: **$3,000**
Total Budget: **$3,000**

The Save the Salmon Society in the past years supplied B.C. schools with 147 salmon incubators. It is hoped that with this proposal we can stock ten local elementary schools with classroom incubators. The cost to furnish each school with an incubator is $300. These incubators have been valuable instruments in instructing young students of the life cycles of pacific salmon, their habitat requirements, and in general the environmental conditions in nature that are necessary to maintain healthy fish stocks (salmon fry will be released into streams streams in the UEL)
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Title: **Thunderbird Stadium Flag Pole**
Group: UBC Athletics Department
Amount: **$3,000**
Total Budget: **$5,000**

A highly visible masthead-type flag pole, to be situated at the south end of Thunderbird Stadium field. This type of flag pole would allow the opportunity of paying appropriate respect to visiting teams and dignitaries attending stadium athletic events. We would envision this masthead pole being illuminated for the benefit of night games. This illumination would allow for a suitable notice of the base of the assembly indicating the donor class, which would be clearly visible to all spectators attending stadium events. Anticipated cost of this project would be $5,000. Your contribution will make this project feasible. You may be aware that the scoreboard at Thunderbird Stadium was donated by the graduating class of 1967. This masthead pole would be a suitable counterpart at the other end of the stadium.

Title: **SUB Plaza Benches**
Group: Alma Mater Society
Amount: **$3,000**
Total Budget: **$4,200**

Proposed is the construction of 7 concrete and wood benches similar to those already in place on the SUB exterior plaza. The present number of benches is inadequate, and this is evident especially on sunny days when students have to resort to stairs or the ground for seating. This project will benefit all students at UBC who venture over to the SUB and who like to sit outside.

Title: **Disabled Sudents Communications**
Group: Student Counselling and Resources
Amount: **$3,000**
Total Budget: **$3,000**

The monies requested will be directed to the purchase of 14 4-track cassette player/recorders at a per unit price of $212.00. It is light weight and portable in addition to having a variable speech control capacity which allows for a compression of speech on slow recordings to be sped through faster without a loss in the quality of sound resulting from distortion. Access to a recorder such as described would allow for the future independence of the disabled student in need to have an accurate account of his/her lecture notes than would have otherwise been possible.

Title: **Electrical Handicapped Door for SUB**
Group: Student Administrative Commission
Amount: **$3,000**
Total Budget: **$4,435**

Proposed is the installation of an electric door at the south main entrance of SUB to allow for easier access for handicapped students. The doors to the SUB are manually opened, and this presents an obstacle for disabled persons trying to enter the building. The electrical door will be set on a time delay so that the student has plenty of time to pass through.

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Vikings eliminate T-Birds

By Joe Altwasser

The Basketbirds playoff road show came to a grinding halt on the "rock" this weekend with the grind-it-out Thunderbirds stretching the Victoria Vikings to the limit in the best out of three Canada West championship series.

Friday night's match was a see-saw battle until the final ten minutes of the second half when the Vikings opened up an insurmountable lead after UBC coach Bruce Enns took a technical. Enns thought a three-second violation that occurred was not called.

The Vikings finished the match with a 101-89 victory.

Game two also belonged to the Thunderbirds and this time they managed to convert it into a victory. The 'Birds, led by Perrie Scarlett and Al Lalonde heroics, combined with a solid bench effort, deflated a 16 point U-Vic lead to win 95-91 in overtime.

The Sunday rubber match was also close throughout the first half with the 'Birds up at the half 40-38. The second half was another game. "In the second half we hit the wall and completely ran out of gas," said Enns.

But the Vikings played the best ball he had seen all year and dominated the 'Birds thoroughly, winning 79-60.

Despite the loss, Enns was pleased with the play of the 'Birds noting it was a considerably different club than the early season team.

Rocked by strife and change, the early season team lost one of their 1987-88 stars, J.D. Jackson due to academic ineligibility, and Aaron Point because of friction with Coach Enns and lack of commitment to the team.

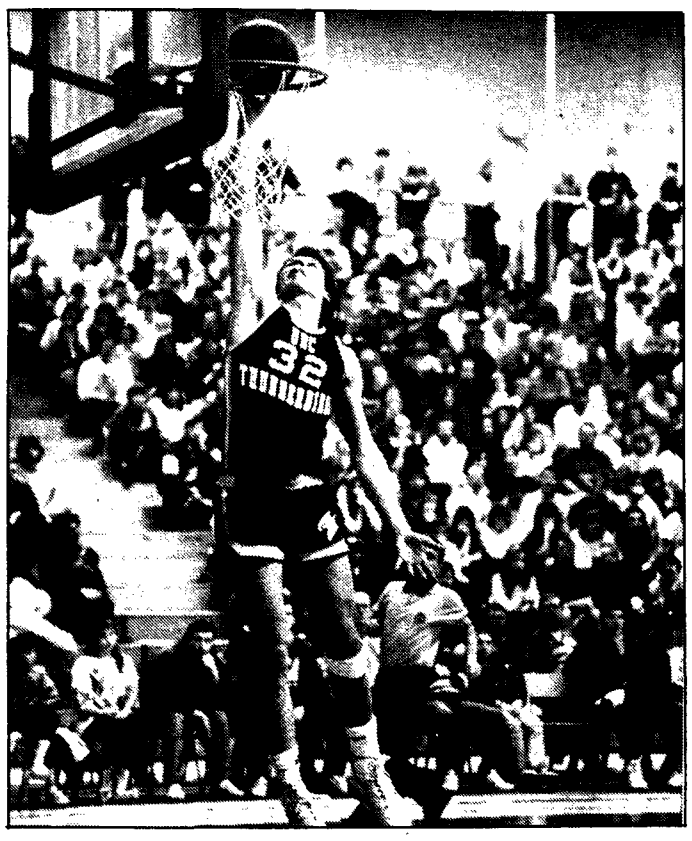
Enns agreed the York Christmas tournament victory was a turning point of sorts for the team. "When we beat the Americans (Slippery Rock) at York it showed us something. We realized we could do it but only with a team effort."

The second half of the season the T-Birds played better each weekend and as Enns said, "only had one poor match since Christmas." The 'Birds had won 11 of their past 12 matches before facing Victoria in the finals.

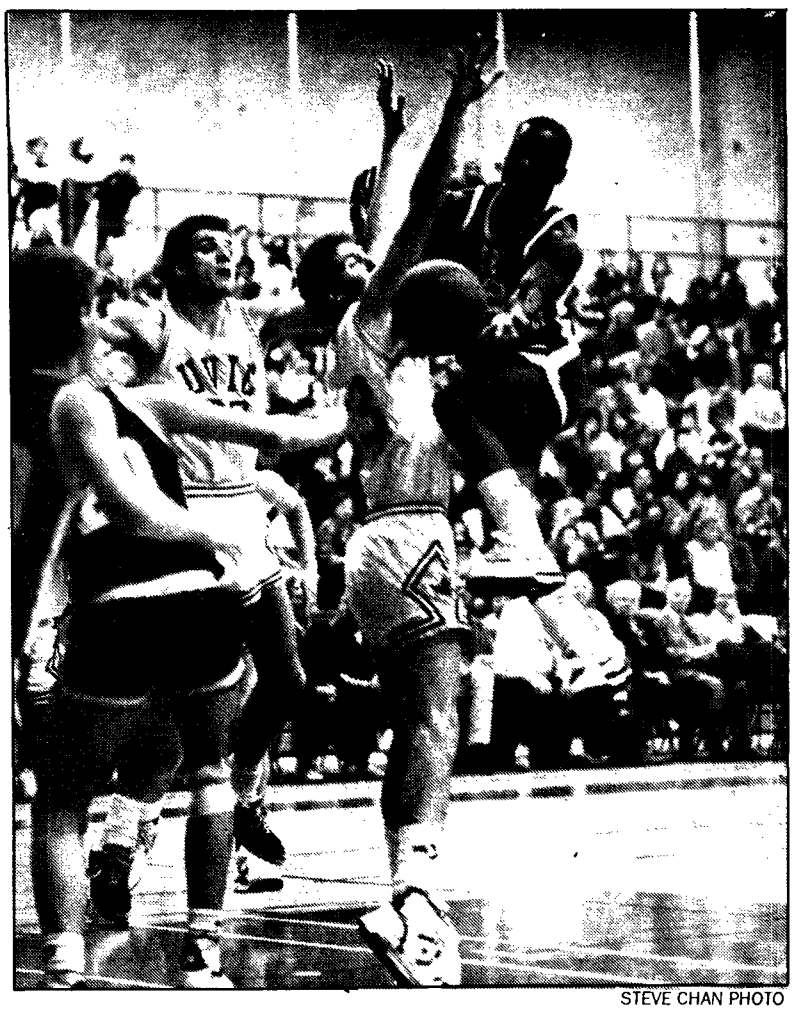
This week Bruce Enns begins work on the 1989-90 version of the Thunderbirds as he begins a serious recruiting/scouting drive of the B.C. highschools searching for new players.

The 'Birds should have a strong club for next year as only three players are not returning. Perrie Scarlett and Reg Wiebe are finished their CIAU eligibility, and Eric Kristiansen won't be back because of a neck difficulty.

UBC will also be bolstered by the addition of J.D. Jackson who Enns said should be returning for the 1989-90 season.



Al Lalonde stuffs home two points STEVE CHAN PHOTO



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Perrie Scarlett takes flight in his last weekend as a Thunderbird

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Axemen grind-out playoff spot

By Joe Altwasser

The Acadia Axemen basketball team have received the final wild-card play-off berth over UBC, and will be travelling to Halifax for the CIAU final tournament.

The selection was made yesterday by the same committee of sports sages who rank the CIAU teams each week. The last ranking had the Axemen ranked seventh with UBC eighth.

UBC coach Bruce Enns, while disappointed in the decision, is not bitter and said, "Whoever wins the league gets the berth, a wildcard spot is just gravy."

Because the difference in the quality of the two teams is minute, geography was probably the mitigating factor in the decision, as Acadia is much closer to Halifax than UBC, said Enns.

"If the tournament were being held in Calgary the decision may have been different," said Enns.

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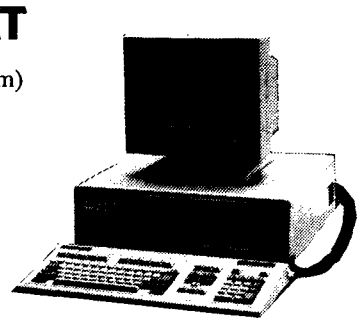

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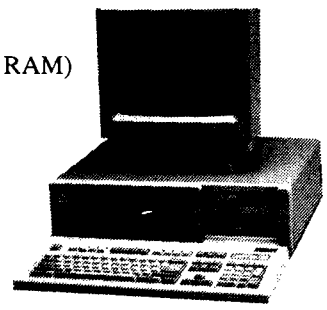

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Challenge '89 targets drop–outs in B.C.

By Deanne Fisher

B.C. will follow the federal government's lead and divert Challenge 89 funds from post-secondary to high school students in an effort to curb the nation's 30 percent drop- out rate.

Jean Charest, Minister of State for Youth and B.C. Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen signed an agreement Friday that will see B.C. receive $22.65 million in federal funds for the summer employment program, the same amount the province received last year.

But the deal includes a 60 percent increase in programs directed at early leavers and potential drop-outs, which has come under fire from the Canadian Federation of Students.

Charest said statistics show, that of those unable to find employment last summer, 80 percent were high school students. Yet they comprised only 40 percent of those who benefitted from the program.

"The choice we've made is to put more resources towards high school drop-outs and potential drop-outs at the expense of post-secondary students," said Charest.

But the federal government should be funding the program adequately to provide for both high school and post-secondary students, according to Pacific Region CFS chair Pam Frache.

"I think it's unfortunate that the federal government has chosen to pit students against students," said Frache. "It's like robbing Peter to pay Paul."

"Even if high school students had the same expenses, a university student also has to pay tuition," said Frache, adding that with increases in tuition, post-secondary students will face even more difficulties keeping up.

Charest said he was not "hiding from the fact there's a choice involved here," and said post-secondary students "have their own special problems, but they are also the ones who will have the best paying jobs in society."

Although B.C.'s returning student unemployment rate dropped by 1.8 percent, "you have approximately the same amount of funding," said Charest, adding "we have to make choices with limited resources."

But Frache points out that with inflation and rising tuition, "what we're experiencing is a real dollar decrease."

Frache is looking to the provincial government to top up the Challenge funding for post-secondary students. "They could easily make up a significant portion for post-secondary students. They have a billion dollar rainy day fund."

But Hagen said he could not speculate on any supplements "until the budget comes down."

The Challenge 89 program is expected to create 12,364 jobs in total in 1989, including some year round Work Orientation Workshop pilot projects geared at high school students.

B.C.'s 1988 unemployment rate for post-secondary students was 21.1 percent compared to 78.9 within secondary students.

Charest and Hagen sign Challenge pact. DEANNE FISHER PHOTO

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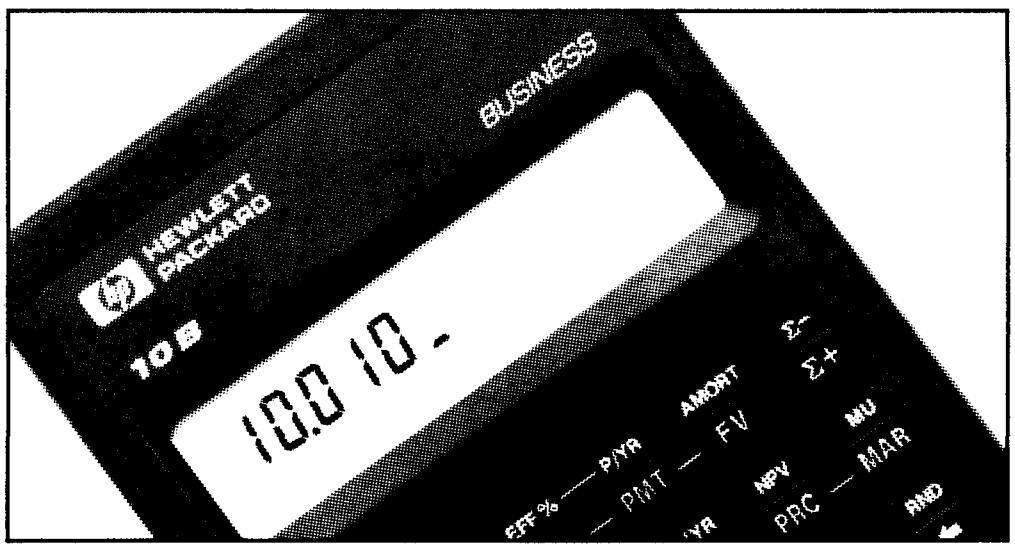

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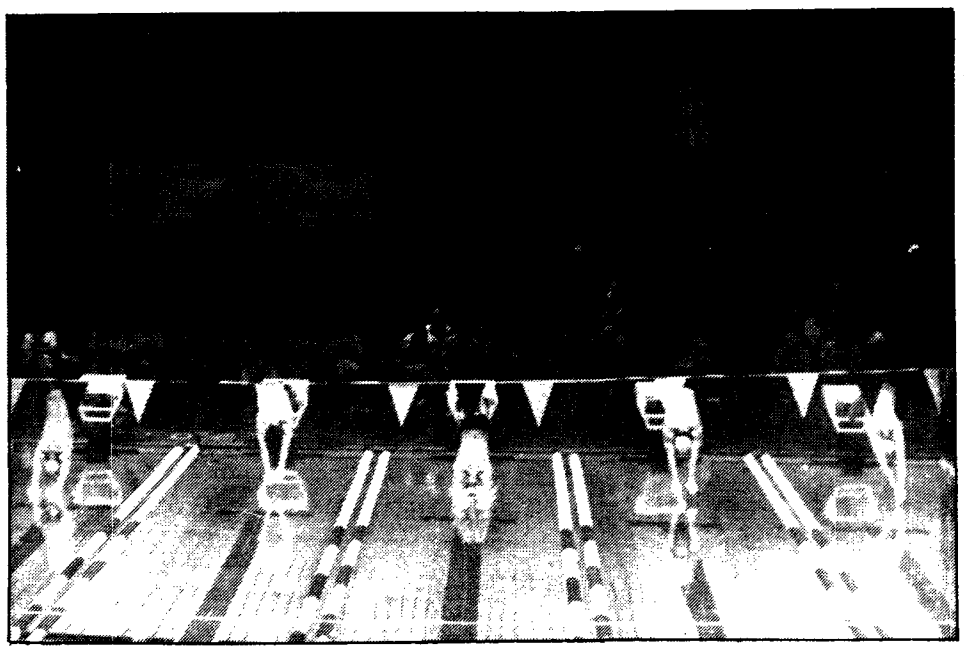

Canadian national championship HEATHER GREENING PHOTO

Ponting sets world record at CIAU championship

By Rick Hiebert

UBC's swim teams battled to finish in the top 10 as Calgary's Tom Ponting set a world record during the CIAU swim championships at UBC over the weekend.

Ponting, a member of the Canadian Olympic team who attends the University of Calgary, set the new mark in the 200m individual medley Friday with a time of 52.62 seconds. He also set a Canadian record of 1:55.82 in the 200m men's butterfly Saturday.

Ponting, Mark Tewksbury, Randy Fedderson and Steven Vandermullen set a new CIAU record in the men's 400m relay with a time of 3:43.39. Katie Duggan, the meet's best female swimmer, led the University of Alberta women's team to a new CIAU record of 4:15.01 in the 400m medley relay.

The University of Toronto topped the women's team standings while the Calgary team won the men's events.

UBC's swim teams placed 7th out of 22 teams in the women's events and the men placed 9th out of 20, which was a good showing, according to UBC swim coach Jack Kelso.

"Considering we had only six people and no relay team, we did really well," said Kelso.

"Without the relay team, we lost a lot of points. All six kids placed in the finals. We have a small team but they're all good swimmers. We have quality, but not quantity," he said.

Kevin Draxinger beamed for UBC by gaining CIAU gold, silver and bronze medals. He won the 200m backstroke, placed second in the 100m backstroke and third in the 400m freestyle.

Kelso added he had "expected" Ponting to set the new record as he had been swimming well in the World Cup events in Europe. "The UBC pool is a fast pool, so it's no surprise. However, it's the first world's best time for the UBC aquatic center, which is really nice,"

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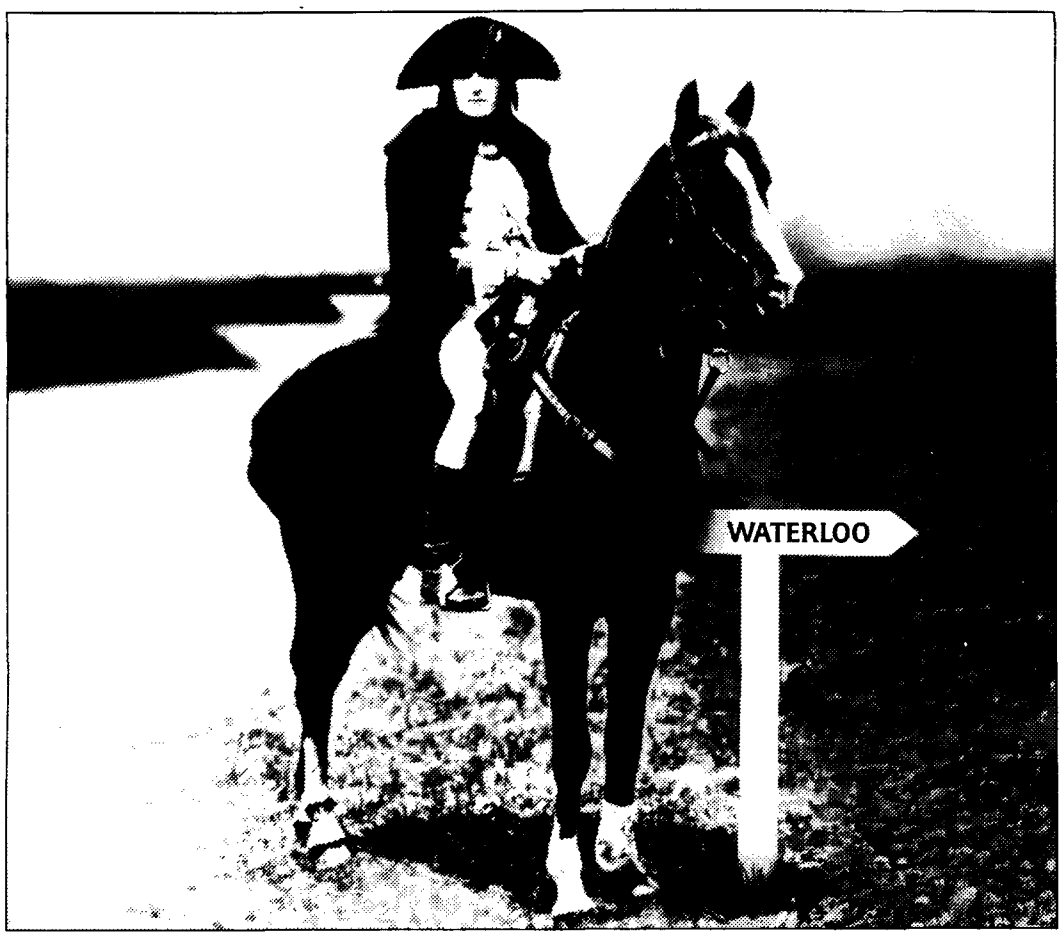

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Administration asked to budge in T.A. strike

TORONTO (CUP)—More than a week into a strike by University of Toronto teaching assistants, top academic officials are pressuring the university to budge on some of the union's demands.

Both sides had been at the bargaining table since last June. Talks broke off January 20, and the TAs went on strike February 23.

The administration has refused to discuss the TAs' main concerns, which include class size, the number of TAs and job security.

"We implicitly said (to the TAs) if you want to go on strike over those issues, then that's fine," said vice provost David Cook.

At a meeting late last week, the university's department heads and faculty deans decided to ask the administration to at least go back to the table.

Union officials say they are more than ready for a long strike. The union, local two of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers, has a $400,000 strike fund—enough money to hold out at least until the end of the term.

Union official Stephen Guy-Bray hopes the strike will end long before the fund runs dry.

Most students seem to support the strike, but won't go as far as missing classes or staying out of the libraries to show their support.

"I don't agree with picketing in front of libraries. Some students need to study," said Brenda Young, a third-year physical and health education student. "I feel bad when I try to cross lines to go to the library."

Jila Ghomeshi, a linguistics TA and picket captain, said most students are honouring picket lines.

"A lot of students are stopping to talk because they want to know the issues. A lot of them assume it's about money. But when they realize that it's affecting them, they respond differently," she said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Jeans burned by students to protest gay rights

SASKATOON (CUP)—A handful of anonymous students burned their bluejeans to protest a gay and lesbian awareness week at the University of Saskatchewan.

Organizers of Gay and Lesbian Week asked students to wear their bluejeans February 10 to show their support for gay rights.

But a few students doused two pairs of jeans and burned them in the middle of the school's main square.

"I wasn't that concerned. It's hard to take seriously people who don't take responsibility for their actions," said Gays and Lesbians of University of Saskatchewan president Garnet Pocock.

Pocock said the group would probably have the same event next year. "I don't see any reason not to," he added.

"I don't think that's how the majority of students feel. The atmosphere on campus is pretty good. All of my friends know I'm gay and they don't care."

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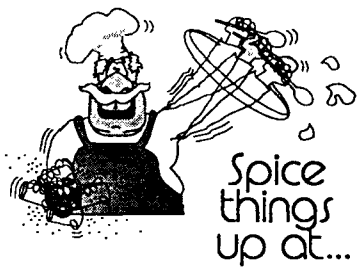

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Editorial

Student Peons

Someone is using us.

The provincial government says their hands are clean, and Dr. Strangway says he is just a poor victim of the sour Socred government.

If they are the ones lying to each other, how come students are making up the difference in the University budget? It appears as though we are caught in the middle of a public relations war.

Strangway needs to show the media that universities are facing a crisis. If the Board of Governors had lessened the fee increase to a level in line with the other universities, then the case would not have been as strong in the eyes of the public. But continued protests, and the high profile which students have been giving the increase can only add up to more public pressure to increase provincial support for post-secondary education. Strangway can't lose—he balances the budget, and he's raising such a hullaballoo that he'll probably get more money on top of that. He may even get enough money to bring UBC in line with other Canadian univerities, or give faculty a long awaited raise.

The Socred government is trying hard to make up for the decisions made in the days of restraint—but they keep messin' the whole thing up, buildin' stuff like Expo and Highways, and making ads about families. They keep getting away with it too. And in a mad panic, when it looks like the public is getting wise, they do things like promote the environment—a cause which was once associated with the radical left, but is now quite correct regardless of the milieu.

Now the Socreds are getting scared, because slim Strangway has called Hagen's bluff: "Pahdner, you say you are going to fund Post-Secondary Educashen, well put yure money where yure big maoweth is—'cause I am blowing the issue back in yure face. I ain't gonna shut up on the promise of increased fundin'... I want buckaroos, not promises as worthless as a Albertan's pickup."

So we have two poles: a panic striken government trying to find a way of hiding the wreckage of corruption of close to fifteen years in office, and the mad as hell martini-swilling Strangway—getting money and putting up with the heat. It's no wonder neither of them want to tell us the real story.

But students are still getting burned, little peons that we are. We are the cats in trees and baby Jessicas of the world—perfect human interest stories, but with no real power. We have no legal course of action—we have no union—all we have is our somewhat pathetic public image. Well we ain't dead yet, and we aren't as stupid as they would like us to believe. Watch out boys, we've caught on to your tricks.

A dedicated minority of students in B.C. refuse to become "rallied-out" and succumb to the powers that be. The demands are itemized: freeze tuition fees, add more post-secondary seats in B.C., and, of course, increase funding to post-secondary education. Even a Socred can understand those.

The rewards of sustained lobbying are not limited to those who put in the effort. But a failure to make our demands known means every student will suffer. Please support better education in British Columbia. Join other concerned students Thursday, March 9, 1:00 at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

THE UBYSSEY

March 7, 1989

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Deanne Fisher dreamed she was in a magic place. A land far removed from the one in which she usually found herself. It was a world where life was easy, care-free, fun. It was a world without Robert Groberman. In her dreamer's eyes she saw Joe Altwasser and Michael Booth. They were sitting in a room drinking tea from delicate cups made of fine gold and jeme. Beside them was Cathy Le dressed in a wedding gown made of copper wire. She was trying to catch a butterfly in a tiny silver net. The butterfly suddenly transformed into Katherine Monk (Deanne turned and turned a few times at this). Greg Davis emerged from a swirling mist. He was a circus lion tamer and he held a long leash to which was fastened Rick Hiebert (dressed as a mouse). Amidst all of the confusion Dennis Selder and Ernie Stelzer stood staring at each other. They were utterly amazed by the similarity of their names. Laura May sat in a large red shoe and cleaned her glasses with one of the lenses which Alex Johnson had knitted using two stiff blades of grass and a lot of piano wire. Chung Wong and Steve Chan were emerging from a large pink and brown peanut shaped loaf of bannana bread. Their mouths were quite full and they chewed quietly as a contemplative Ted Auseem looked on from his vantage point on top of Olivia Zanger's massive hair pin. Ted was taking down notes with what Deanne thought must surely be a simple ball point pen. Soon, however, she realised that it was no simple ball point pen at all, but a very fancy red and blue felt tipped pen. Carla Maftechuk was slowly climbing up Ted's Ivory Tower. She was dressed as a ninja from somewhere in Japan. This was odd as she was actually from Quesnel (though she would not admit it in a room with more than five people in it). At the top she found Jon Treichel dancing a slow waltz with Heather Greening. Hai Le, dressed as a monkey, watched them from behind a small grey cloud, occasionally contributing epithets about the nature of modern dance, life, sex, and beer drinking with about a dozen or so redneck Agricultural students on a saturday night in June at a bar in Chicago's lower east side (assuming Chicago has a lower east side)... and getting violently ill after it all, but waking up without a hang over. Deanne woke up screaming and realised that she had merely been remembering the last Ubyssey production night. A monkey sitting on her couch hit her with a stale donut... he burped. Jennifer Lyell also burped (but she was much more polite about it).

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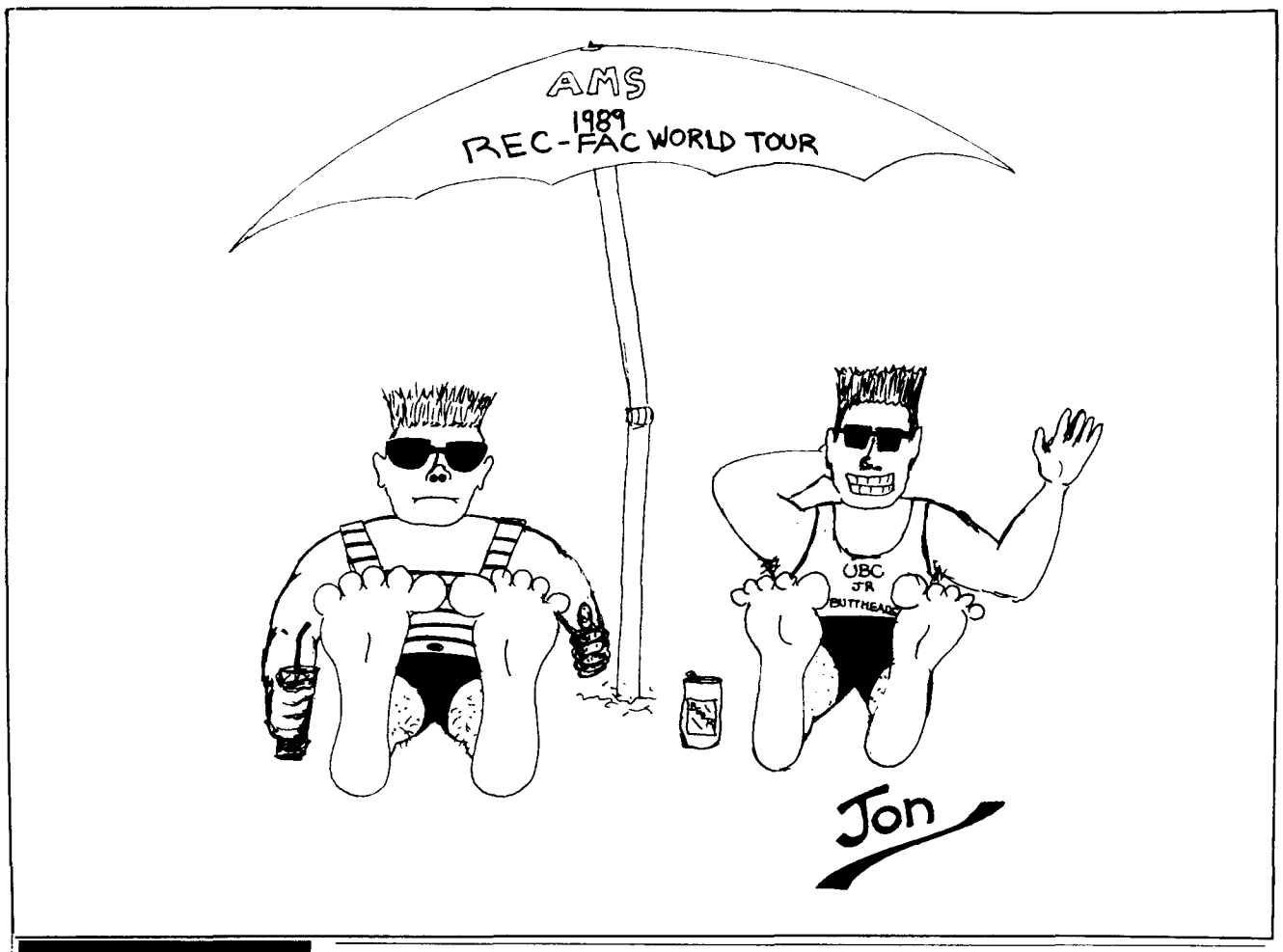

Letters

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Meech Lake slammed

I was happy to see some commentary about Meech Lake on your editorial page (One for all etc., Feb. 24). It's an important issue and deserves scrutiny.

For my part, I agree that Quebec does have a bona-fide cultural crisis that must be resolved, not only in their interests, but in the interests of the whole country. And like you, I find the antics of the English preservationists disturbing and insulting. I'm proud of the bilingual, multicultural nature of Canada. On the other hand, I really must take exception to your defence of the Meech lake Accord. Quebec's problems are very complex indeed, and they won't be solved by that cynical little piece of parochialism. Even if they could, the price is too high. Something a little more imaginative is called for, I think.

Firstly, I won't debate your apology of democratic relativism, but I would like to point out that the 'distinct society' clause is not defined anywhere in the entire document. Fair implementation of the clause will depend on the generosity and good sense of our politicians. That's what you call a pipe dream. Can you say litigation as nauseam? Still, my reservations notwithstanding, with a few sensible modifications to the clause, I could probably reconcile myself to its inevitability.

Much more difficult to swallow is the widening of provincial powers in general, and the unanimity requirement for constitutional amendment. The opting out of national programs provision is especially offensive. Remember, a big part of the reason post-secondary education in BC is in such a sorry state is the federal government's lack of control over the disbursement of educational transfer payments. Instead of an education, we get garish, populist extravaganzas or expensive roads into the Socred hinterland. Of course, that's an education in itself, but would you like to see a national child care plan suffer the same fate? Women and aboriginals, gays and anyone else not firmly ensconced in the mainstream (read white, read male, read moneyed) are effectively shut out of the constitutional process by Meech. These guys can barely settle on lunch; do you really think they're going to unanimously consent to divest themselves of one whit of legislative latitude in favor of some subversive minority?

Lastly, I must say that I was intrigued by your brazen invocation of the Name of the Magister in defence of the Accord. Meech Lake is as hemlock to M. Trudeau, and he made that quite clear in testimony before the committee. Repeatedly he has said that Meech Lake will do nothing to unify us. In fact, under the Accord, instead of two solitudes we'll have ten. Personally, I'd like to see just one. But that would require the kind of political nerve and will that's in awful short supply these days.

Iain Hiscoe
Arts 1

Participate and be heard

One of the biggest problems with our system of democracy is the lack of participation by people. The exceptions are the short, promise filled weeks of an election and the moment of voting. Essentially we live under what can be described as a governmental "dictatorship" for the four-odd years in between elections. During those four years the people most rely on the opposition, which by nature is a minority and is virtually powerless to stop governmental legislation from becoming law. People can show satisfaction or discontent with the government only through the voicing of opinions as we are excluded from the decision making process.

The voicing of opinion is an essential right that lets the government know what the people are thinking. Voicing an opinion is not necessarily radical or militant. We begin the expression of our discontent at the bus stop with friends, signing petitions, writing letters, phoning our MLA's and MP's, and often we are unheard or passed off with a polite smile.

Should this attitude of the government stop the voicing of our opinions?—Not if you believe in what you are saying. If the government doesn't listen we should speak with a stronger and united voice. We can rally and march for education at the Vancouver Art Gallery on Thursday. Students from all over the Lower Mainland will express our deep concern with funding of Post-secondary education in a legitimate, effective way.

Free buses to the rally will leave from the Bus Loop at 12:30 and 1:15. See you there.

Vanessa Geary
AMS Coordinator of External Affairs

Criticism well taken

Re: Op-ed article in Feb. 28th issue

I am writing to draw your attention to your use of the word "schizophrenic" in the headline and "schizophrenia" in the body of the above article. Schizophrenia is a severe mental illness which is devastating to the afflicted individual and to his/her family. It is very important that all members of the public understand the nature of the disease because it affects such a large fraction of the population. It's symptoms are not those implied by the article and it behoves authors and editors to ensure that the word is not used incorrectly.

I am writing this letter in the hopes that it will alert The Ubyssey to the fact that it should only use the words "schizophrenia" and "schizophrenic" in the correct medical context as the Ubyssey's contribution to a correct understanding of schizophrenia by the students and by the public at large.

Michael Smith
Biotechnology

Pro-choice losing steam?

Is the feminist-pro choice movement losing steam?

In your feature article of Feb. 28 (No middle ground found on abortion issue), Charles Lugosi reports that leading feminist Nancy Morrison would solve the abortion debate by giving "rights to the fetus, which she says is not human until birth." There is no middle ground according to her.

Morrison bases her position on pure pragamatism. She says that the question of when a fetus becomes a human being is a theological—religious—philosophical one, and she wishes to avoid all three. When it is suggested to her that some atheists, on purely biological evidence, conclude that life begins at conception, she ingnores the evidence. She opts instead for a pragmatic position that despite evidence to the contrary, a fetus becomes a human being at birth because...well, because that works better in today's society.

I get the impression that Ms. Morrison has made up her mind in advance that she will never allow herself to be convinced that a fetus becomes a human being at some point prior to birth. That would not be pragmatic.

This has got to be the most superficial resoning I have ever heard coming out of the feminist-pro choice camp. If Morrison is a leader in this camp, they're losing steam, very quickly!

Tako J. Van Popta
Law III

PERSPECTIVE

I'm getting my shit together

I recently tried to organize my life. I checked out several books on Time Management. Then I bought a Daytimer, string, fluorescent labels, and file folders.

With indescribable pleasure I made my first entry: "Tuesday - 4PM to 6:30PM - read Time Management texts."

From page ix, where the author thanked her mother and Aunt Dot from Saskatchewan for teaching her the importance of being organized, I was hooked. Being organized, it seemed, was almost as good as having a butler.

Soon I would have time for washing socks and underwear, time for baking wholesome zucchini bread to pack in my homemade lunch, the ingredients of which were all purchased at the cheapest possible price because I would have time to shop.

I looked forward to high-powered organizing tools gracing my scholarly pursuits. I would turn in essays perfectly typed a week before they fell due, and then slyly watch as the professor put the paper on his desk hardly able to restrain himself from scribbling a great big red "A" right across the front.

I would enter a lecture like a King, having scoured the library for the most recent data concerning the lecture topic, which I would of course know. And when it came time for "Student Contribution," I would be able to enlighten fellow classmates and garner their undying appreciation.

What about an organized love life? I caught my breath at the thought. No longer would I be late for dates or miss the previews at movies. I'd have extra money to spend on my lover too, because I'd remember to pay all my bills on time.

Soon I vowed I would join a religious organization that lived and breathed these transforming principles. We would talk "checklists" and "how to do three things at once calmly," or "how to hide your organizational superiority so you don't alarm friends and relations."

Unfortunately, I didn't find Converting as pleasant as I had anticipated. In fact, it turned out to be pure hell. The first night when I went to bed at eight I kept seeing re-runs of David Letterman, especially where he dresses in velcro and jumps against a velcro wall.

It was dark when I got up and I thought I was going crazy. I had that groggy feeling you get when you haven't over or underslept.

On the second day I started to criticize myself when I forgot my daytimer, sometimes in front of friends.

People were telling me I was rigid, but not in a good way.

My love-life quickly deteriorated. I kept turning the light on so I could see what to do next and how long it should take.

By the third day, I realized that the time management books were late and I now owed sixty cents! Something seemed terribly wrong but I couldn't put my finger on it. When I checked my schedule, I realized I wouldn't have time to return the books for two days, and even then it would cut into my new weight-lifting regimen—something I wasn't about to let happen. All my dreams seemed to be disintegrating.

On the fourth day at about five thirty in the morning, I lost the pencil I used to write in my Daytimer. I searched for twenty minutes before I gave up. It put my whole day off. At twelve fifteen I gave the bus driver my cinnamon zucchini bread and went down to eat a wonderfully disgusting chili burger in the Pit.

Since then I've learned to be content with "Macro-Planning," a topic not covered in either of the Time Management books I read. It goes like this: I wait for my stress level to build and then I work. Stress level goes down and I screw around. Stress level goes up and I work. It's all very organized. In fact, it's so organized I never think of it anymore.

Dennis Selder is a window washer turned sage, and frequent visitor to the office with the dirtiest windows

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