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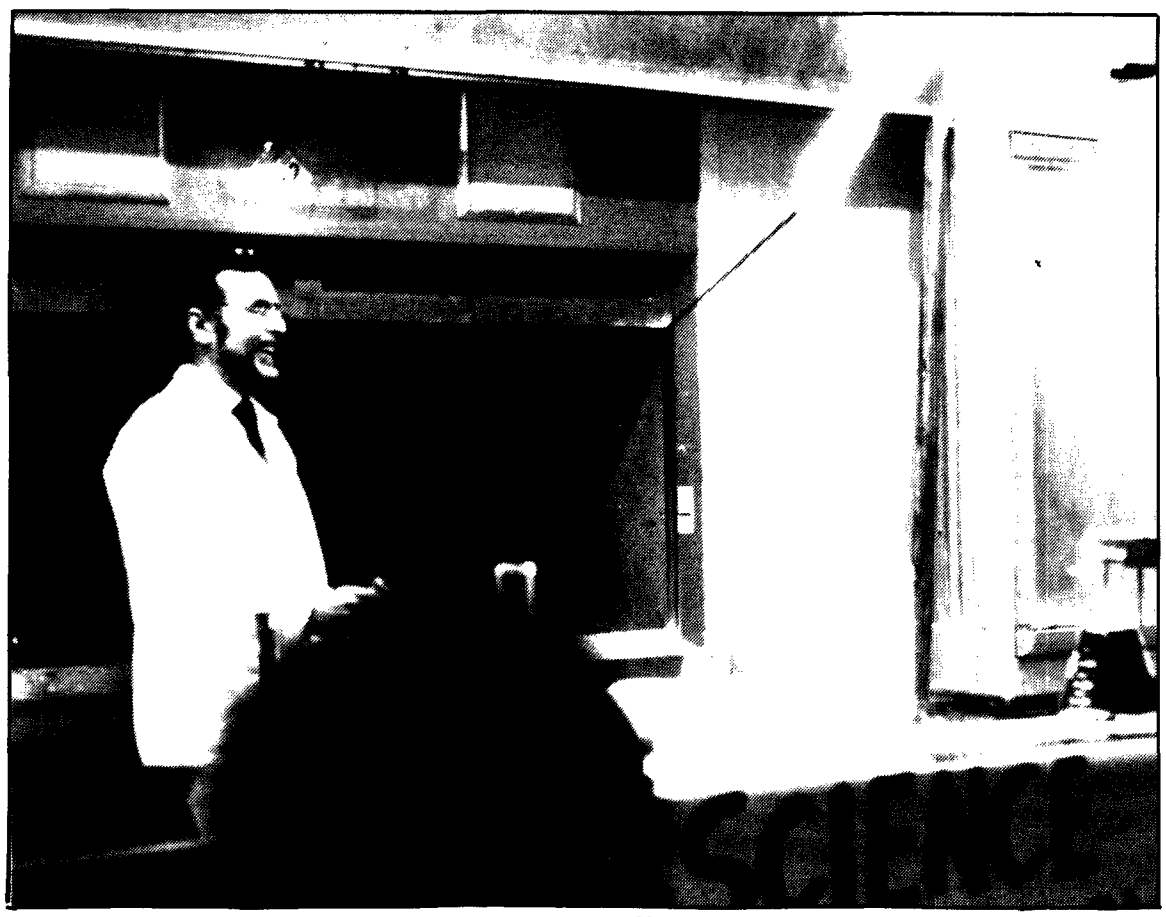

Dr. Aubke gives a demonstration during Chemistry Magic Show. DON MAH PHOTO

Sexism screened

by Martin Chester

Godiva will not ride again on campus—if Student Court deems the event to be demeaning.

AMS student council passed a motion Wednesday instructing the university administration to withhold the funds of student groups organizing events that student court decides is demeaning to women.

Though the motion does not specifically mention the Lady Godiva ride held annually by the Engineering Undergraduate Society, coordinator of external affairs Vanessa Geary and AMS ombudsperson Jessica Mathers indicated the motion targeted the ride.

Engineering representative on council Scott Kent said, "(the motion) won't make any difference to our plans whether to go ahead with the Godiva ride... The (sexual harassment) policy is there regardless of the student council decision. They were just trying to make a statement. The AMS hasn't added any penalties, they have asked for it to be enforced."

Geary said an earlier motion which she proposed to council two weeks ago did include a specific reference to the ride, but the reference was removed.

"This is a compromise motion, but it will allow people of different opinions a chance to present their views to an impartial body [student court]," Geary said.

"I think it shows the majority (on council) do want to play an active role in making UBC a place that welcomes men and women on an equal basis," she said.

BoG student representative Kurt Preinsperg, who opposed the motion, said, "I would describe myself as a liberal feminist. As a liberal feminist, I would stop short of using coercive laws to promote feminism because (they) only lead to an attempt by opponents to use coercive laws and that is the road to anti-liberal, dictatorial society."

Preinsperg added, "we have thrown a political hot potato in the lap of a non-political institution."

Said Mathers: "There's no problem with it going to Student Court. It is what Student Council does with it that is a political decision."

Mathers explained that if the EUS were brought to Student Court over the Godiva ride, "the issue of whether or not it is demeaning to women would be taken into account with the decision, but it would be the engineers on trial, not the Lady Godiva ride."

Kent said that, should the engineers have their funds seized, "we could always collect our own fees... There are ways we could survive as a society."

Kent added "under the policy, once they've taken away the fees, there isn't much more they could do."

He said only $30,000 of the total engineers budget of aproximately $100,000 comes from the AMS.

Preinsperg asked: "How can we stand for free choice, for abortion, and at the same time insist on our right to inflict our personal morality about what is offensive or demeaning on others?"

In a noon hour speech to the New Democratic Club on Wednesday, Point Grey MLA Darlene Marzari challenged the AMS and administration to take a stronger stand on the Godiva ride.

"I say (the) freedom of expression for every woman and man on this campus who feels intimidated and repressed and harassed by this exercise must be protected," said Marzari.

"Leadership has become confused with proper process in such a way that students and women have become victims rather than citizens."

She said the university must act to stop incidents that are seen to be demeaning to women or "they will pay in credibility, and they will ultimately pay for this in people cutting off their donations."

"If this university allows the engineers' ride to take place this year, all Canada will be watching, the whole country will be watching this university of British Columbia making an asshole of itself," Marzari said.

Geary said, "I realize that censorship is dangerous, but we can not forget that events which demean and degrade women are not only offensive, but also harmful and place UBC in an extremely negative light, especially as we are trying to become `World Class'."

Marzari said, "Unlike anti-semitism, unlike racism, unlike other forms of hatred, misogyny, hatred of women, is so much a part of the fabric of our institutions that sometimes it is difficult to identify."

AMS to return $30 RecFac funds

by Warren Whyte

UBC students will have an extra $30 to spend this summer.

Students' council passed a motion 16 to 6 on Wednesday to reimburse fees collected for the student recreation centre to students by April 30, 1990.

A referendum on the SRC was defeated last September, leaving $800,000 of students' money in limbo.

Because the September referendum failed to outline specific consequences if defeated, council was faced with two options—returning the money to students or spending it on a similar facility.

This does not, however, lay to rest the possibility of another recreation facility being built.

Arts president Johanna Wickie said a tentative proposal for a new building with more facilities and more student input has been drawn up.

"I don't see this going anywhere because the initiative has to come from the AMS, and I just don't see that happening," said Wickie.

But according to director of intramurals Nestor Korchinsky a future referendum for a rec centre depends on students' interest.

"There is an assessment going on right now. There has been a series of meetings to determine whether the will is there to hold another referendum," he said.

But legal concerns regarding the $30 have surfaced because of the possibility of a third referendum.

Student BoG representative Tim Bird said any student could file a lawsuit against the AMS if the last referendum's wording is interpreted as $30 going into a trust fund specifically for a recreation centre.

"We should have waited for legal advice. If a student files a lawsuit against the AMS, based on the wording of the ballots, it could be concluded that we had no right to give the money back, given that the construction of a rec centre is not ruled out at this date," said Bird.

"The money may have had to be directed to a rec centre. In this case the money has to be recovered, and those council members who voted to refund the $800,000 may be making a larger personal donation to a rec centre than they ever imagined," he said.

Bird referred to a "personal donation" because he requested the vote be done by roll call so that, in case of a lawsuit, council members who voted to return funds will be held directly accountable for the lost money.

Arts representative Ken Armstrong said, "It's not as harsh as it may seem, because (the motion) can be rescinded if circumstances change."

"We've wasted too much time in the AMS by not dealing with this problem sooner. I'm glad that we've finally done the right thing," said arts proxy R.J. Moorhouse.

Whether or not a lawsuit is launched or another recreation centre is built, students will receive $30 back, likely by mail.

In informal meetings with the administration, AMS president Mike Lee "requested that fees be returned directly to each individual student through the mail by Financial Services."

The $75,000 accrued in interest on the $800,000 should cover the cost of mailing individual cheques.

Is my resumé thick enough now, sir?

AMS Executive Election Results (unofficial)

president	
*Kurt Preinsperg	907
R.J. Moorhouse	844
Andrew Hicks	682

vice-president	
*Johanna Wickie	1,116
Neville Hamilton	726
Robin Muehlebach	526

director of finance	
*John Lipscomb	968
Robert Laing	838
Ken Armstrong	519

director of administration	
*Roma Gopaul-Singh	1,326
Julie Memory	1,048

coordinator of external affairs	
*Jason Brett	785
Susan Jennifer Morley	576
Hai V. Le	481
Kelly Gryschuk	401

Referendum to reduce quorum to 10 per cent of the total student body:

Yes	1,528
No	559

(the referendum failed because it did not meet quorum)

Referendum to grant financial and editorial autonomy to The Ubyssey:

Yes	1,238
No	1,033

(the referendum failed because it did not meet quorum)

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The contest closes ***February 7, 1990.***
Designs should be submitted Thursday February 8th to the Philosophy Student's Lounge (Buchanan E359) between 12:30 and 2:00.
The PRIZE for the winning log is a **$50.00** gift certificate from the UBC Book store and a PSA Club t-shirt featuring the design.
The winner will be announced at the
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Note: "Noon" = 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

International Development Club. International Development Days. 10:30-2:30pm, SUB Concourse.

International Development Club. Speaker & slide show - Gail Harwood of the United Nations Association - Linking Africa with Canada. Noon, Buch A204.

University Christian Ministries. Noon hour discussion on intimacy with God. Noon, SUB 215.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel. Ony Shabbat Dinner, Cost: $5. 6:00pm, Hillel House.

Musician's Network. The John FYSSAS All Nude Mazola Party and Bzzr Garden and Jam Night. All welcome, paid members only will play. 7pm - midnight, SUB Rm. 212.

Students for Unity and Equality. Open forum on racism on campus. Noon, conversation pit in SUB.

Muslim Students' Association. Weekly prayers. Everyone is welcomed to attend and raise questions or borrow books on Islam. 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. The lower lounge of the International House.

Graduate Student Society. Poetry Sweatshop - Prize for 1st. Everyone welcome. 6 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Graduate Student Society. GSS Bzzr Garden. 4:30 - 7:30. Garden Room, Graduate Student Centre.

Badminton Club. Gym Night. League play in session. 7 - 10 p.m., Lord Byng, 3933 W. 16th.

English Students Society. Bzzr Garden. 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Buchanan Lounge.

World University Service of Canada (WUSC. Showing of WUSC film. 12:30 p.m., BUCH B232.

UBC Progressive Conservative Club. General Meeting. Noon (12:30), SUB 205.

Poetry Sweatshop, We time'em: You write 'em Fireside Lounge GS Centre 6pm Everyone Welcome

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

UBC Medieval Studium. Medieval tavern. 7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. SUB Party Room.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

Lutheran Student Movement. Communion Services. 10 a.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

Environment Centre. Office hours, also Tues. and Thurs. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., SUB 063.

Classic Subfilms. Film: Peter Greenaway's "The Draughtsman's Contract". 7 & 9:30 p.m., SUB Theatre.

German Club. Travel photos & commentary - Deutschland, Osterreich, Italien. 12:30 p.m., BUCH B224.

Tools for Peace - UBC Committee. General Meeting. 12:30 - 1:30, POND E111.

Graduate Student Society. Free Films: (1) Floating Weeds; (2) Paris, Texas. Starts 6:30 p.m., everyone welcome. Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Amnesty International. Abuela (Maria Villacorta) speaks about Human Rights in El Salvador. Noon, SUB 207/209.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Environment Centre Eradicate Styrofoam Group. Meeting. 12:30 p.m., SUB 211.

Environment Centre Promo Group. Meeting. 12:30 p.m., SUB 212A.

Speakeasy. Outreach Program: Office for Women Students. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., SUB 100B (Speakeasy).

Classic Subfilms. Film: A Room With A View, based on E.M. Forster's Novel. 12:40, 7 & 9:30 p.m., SUB Theatre.

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

Students for Forestry Awareness. Speaker Series: Mr. Gary Merkel, Regional Forester, Indian and Northern Affairs. Title: Native Forestry, Native Land Claims and Related Issues. Noon, MacMillan 166.

Pre-Med Society. Lecture - Forensic Pathology - Dr. Ferris. Noon, IRC Wood 1.

Speakeasy. Outreach Program: AMS Women's Centre. 12:30 - 1:30, SUB 100B (Speakeasy).

Lutheran Student Movement. Co-op Supper. 5:45 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

Volunteer Connections. Orientation/Information Meeting. Promote Volunteerism and gain career experience. Noon, Brock Hall Room 106A (Basement).

Are there different ways of life and should we protect them? Come join the new forum of intelligent discussion. Noon at Buch A203.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Gordon Price, Alderman - Vancouver, on urban development & environment issues facing Vancouver - he's always interesting. Sponsored by the Environment Centre. 12:30 p.m., BUCH B224.

Gay and Lesbian Week begins with a presentation on "Gays, Lesbians and the Bible" at 12:30 in SUB 111.

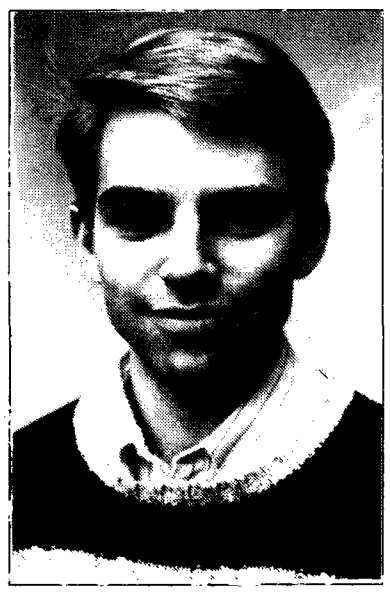
Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel. Torah study with Rabbi D. Bassous. 12:30, Hillel House.

Hicks summoned by students' court

by Rick Hiebert

Two UBC arts students have initiated proceedings to take Alma Mater Society director of administration Andrew Hicks to student court on Monday.

Darlene Prosser and Jason Gadd feel Hicks violated bylaw 21(1)(c)(1) of the AMS Code and Bylaws, which prohibits "behaviour deemed unbecoming to a Member of the Society."



Andrew Hicks

The students also feel Hicks contravened the AMS Code of Procedure by being the second signing officer of a deconstituted club (Victoria Invasion).

"We've been planning this since early last week," said Prosser. "The idea was to bring Andrew Hicks to student court....not to find out just what he did, but to find out what's going on in general."

Hicks was unavailable for comment at press time, despite several written and phone messages left at his office and home during the past four days.

Gadd is concerned Hicks appears to have used funds from the Victoria Invasion club account, which he, as Student Activities Commission chair, "should have known was deconstituted."

"He's a signing (officer) for a club that has no members, no executive, doesn't even exist...and the rules are that there is one signing member to an AMS club and both Karl Kottmeier and Andrew Hicks were signing officers of the club," said Gadd.

"Plus, we want to know, if he was taking beer into committee meetings—is it right that they should be drinking alcohol while making proper decisions?" he said.

It will be up to student court to decide whether their charges are legitimate, according to student court clerk and AMS Ombudsperson Jessica Mathers.

The student court proceedings take place Monday afternoon at 3:30p.m. in SUB 206.

Morning frost

CHUNG WONG PHOTO

Frache and Robidoeux speak on pro-choice

by Carla Maftechuk

Choice on abortion is a student issue, according to representatives of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Unwanted pregnancies would force a woman to pull out of school and seriously disrupt her program of study if she does not have abortion rights, according to Michelle Robidoeux of the CFS, who spoke to UBC students on Wednesday in a noon-hour discussion.

Robidoeux said students in need of an abortion should have quick and easy access to the procedure to prevent the loss of a semester or even a year of school.

Both Robidoeux and Pam Frache, CFS-pacific chair, also examined changes proposed to the current abortion law and their implications.

Abortions are legal under current law. Yet, a new bill before the House of Commons demands the approval of a doctor before a woman may have an abortion.

This proposal is similar to the law struck down in January 1987 which stated that three doctors had to approve a woman's request for an abortion.

According to the proposed bill, a woman may only have an abortion if the pregnancy endangers her mental or physical health.

The definitions in the bill are arbitrary and not clearly defined, said Robidoeux.

"What is a woman's mental or physical health?" asked Robidoeux. "A woman would have to be crazy or sick to get an abortion with this law."

The proposed law imposes criminal sanctions against violators of the bill, by carrying with it a penalty of up to two years in prison.

The most recent poll showed that although many Canadians feel there should be some type of law regulating the procedure, 62 per cent oppose the criminalization of abortion—the highest percentage ever recorded. Also, 82 per cent of British Columbians take a pro-choice stance.

Robidoeux talked about the lack of attention given to the problem of accessibility, especially in the smaller Eastern provinces.

"In Prince Edward Island, there is no access at all. And there is only one doctor in Newfoundland who will perform abortions," she said.

Frache noted that late abortions are imposed by existing structures within society. Lack of money and the necessity of travelling can create delays that could be avoided. "By eliminating barriers, we will eliminate the need for late abortions," said Frache.

Robidoeux also expressed concern about the government's avoidance of the accessibility question.

Frache ended by urging students to take action for choice. This discussion was the first in a series of talks presented by UBC Students for Choice.

Gay charges paper with homophobia

by Karen Hill

TORONTO (CUP) — Andrew Davidson has taken the University of Toronto's Catholic college newspaper, the mike, to the Ontario Human Rights Commission after it refused to print his ad.

The chair of Gays and Lesbians at U of T last week lodged a grievance with the Ontario Human Rights Commission, because the newspaper's board of directors rejected an ad for a GLAUT dance.

He said the St. Michael's College newspaper is discriminating against lesbians and gay men.

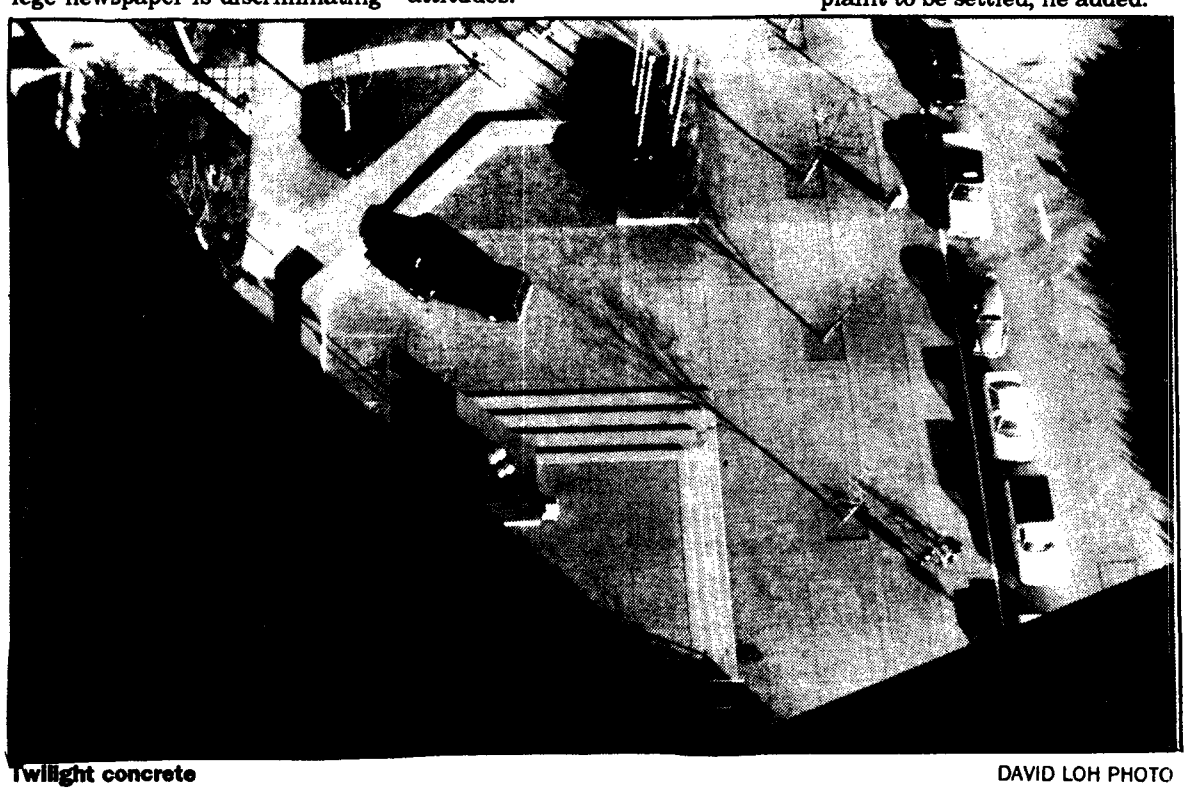
"There are gay Catholics and gay non-Catholics at the school who'd be interested (in the dance)."

In December, the mike's board of directors rejected an ad for GLAUT's Homo Hop. They briefly reconsidered running the ad in the January edition, but again refused it, saying GLAUT could submit an opinion piece instead.

"If they back down and run the ad I'll drop the complaint," he said. But "the long-term goal is to change attitudes."

Human rights officer Andre Goh said the complaint is under investigation. The first step is "an early settlement initiative" where Davidson, Goh and a member of the mike's board meet to resolve the complaint. If both parties disagree on a settlement, the complaint will go to a formal hearing.

Goh said about 40 per cent of all cases are resolved at the mediation stage. It can take up to three years for a formal complaint to be settled, he added.



Twilight concrete

DAVID LOH PHOTO

UBC Student Counselling & Resources Centre

Room 200, Brock Hall ❖ 228-3811

February Workshop Schedule
All workshops are from 12:30 - 1:30

February 5	Motivation
February 8	Study Skills Strategies
February 9	Stress Busters
February 12, 19 & 26	Alternative Expressions to Anger — A group for men
February 13	Personal Time Management
February 15	Job Search Strategies
February 19	Strategies for Empowering Women
February 20	Interview Survival
February 22	Resume Preparation
February 23	An Ounce of Prevention — Self-Esteem Enhancement
February 26	Study Skills Strategies
February 27	Stress Busters

February Films
Wednesday Noon 12:30 - 1:30

Feb. 7	How to Get the Job You Want
Feb. 14	Interview Skills
Feb. 21	Sexual Roulette: Aids and the Heterosexual
Feb. 28	Alive and Well – Stress Reduction

Preregistration Required (Limited Enrollment)

For more information or to register for these workshops call *228-3811.*

Watch this space for news on March's workshops.

Frosh program gets growing

by Mark Nielsen

The First Year Students Program is now off the ground after one year of operation but AMS president Mike Lee expects there will still be some growing pains to undergo as it heads into its second year.

In fact, Lee doesn't expect the program to be fully operable until after its fourth year of existence, after the first group of students to ever take part have graduated.

By then he hopes it will be both a tradition and full-fledged way to welcome first year students to UBC.

"It's got to become a program where people just join up. It hasn't developed a reputation where high school students in grade 12 know that it's there and every student gets involved," he said.

For the most part, this year's edition of the program revolved around Frosh Week, held at the start of the first semester. Events like the Frosh Olympics, a mass social ice breaking exercise called Playfair and a speakers forum were held. As well, during the first few months, a scavenger hunt and a frosh dance were held.

Approximately 25 per cent of first years and close to 100 returning students took part, a number Lee is happy with under the circumstances.

"It wasn't a program that was established yet, so people didn't really have an idea of what it was all about," he said.

FYSP external relations officer Brent Ross (in Arts 2) said such programs have been well established in Eastern Canada and the United States.

In contrast, Ross said establishing such a program in a major centre such as Vancouver or Toronto is more difficult because the university doesn't play as big a role.

"The reason it works is because (the university's) isolated and it really is the centre of the students life."

Nevertheless, such a program is important, especially for first year students who grew up in towns located outside greater Vancouver and are heading to UBC alone.

For many Ross said UBC is nothing more than a commuter campus. "They come here, they go to school, they go home," he said.

"When all they see here is school and they're not made aware of all the other events and really exciting things to get involved with, there is no motivation to stay."

However, after a few months the various groups making up the FYSP - consisting of a frosh coordinator (FROCO) and about 15 first years - began to break up.

"I think in part there wasn't enough structure to the program, and the FROCO themselves don't feel part of the program because the program was very event oriented," Lee said.

To improve the situation, Lee wants to see the FROCO's go through training sessions with other FROCO's and develop more skills in the future. He also wants the FYSP to encompass not only social, but academic and recreational endeavors as well.

Above all, Lee wants more people involved, and hopes to double the number taking part next year.

"A major way to change the attitude at UBC is through the FYSP," Lee said.

"Its really helpful in orientating them to the campus to get to know what all the activities are about and what the AMS is all about."

The FYSP is accepting applications at 211A SUB.

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Iona fawns over Martin

by Joe Altwasser

Iona Campagnola is not running for the Liberal leadership, but she is campaigning.

Ms. Campagnola, the national campaign co-chair for the Canadians for Paul Martin, was on campus Tuesday hoping to acquaint people with Liberal leadership candidate Paul Martin jr.

Martin, the Member of Parliament for LaSalle-Emard is running behind the early frontrunner Jean Chretien.

Campagnola and the other co-chair, MP for Shefford Jean Lapierre, of the Canadians for Martin are touring Canada to improve Martin's low profile.

They are "speaking to groups of Liberals and other groups about the qualities Paul Martin brings to the leadership and about specific qualities he has put on the record up until now."

According to Campagnola, Martin's greatest potential is his ability to recapture the centre of Canadian politics from the Tories.

"This man is a philosophical liberal," she said.

"Since Mr. Mulroney's second government is much more conservative than his first government was, he has freed up space in the middle of the political spectrum which Liberals have traditionally occupied."

"A liberal party headed by a leader who is well-balanced combination of the economic and social could conceivably lead the way to retake the centre of the political spectrum which has traditionally been Liberal territory," said Campagnolo.

One of Martin's key platforms is to renegotiate rather than rip up the Free Trade Agreement.

The five sections of the FTA Martin would like to renegotiate are:

— A mechanism that would prevent American firms from buying Canadian companies deemed vital to the Canadian economy. Under the current deal Canada can only block U.S. take-overs of companies with assets of more than $150 million.

— A definition of subsidies acceptable to Canada. According to Campagnolo, the U.S. considers the Unemployment Insurance Corporation a form of a subsidy.

— Protection for marketing boards and income stabilization programs for farmers.

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— A clarification of the sections on exporting Canadian water, which a number of trade experts argue gives the U.S. more than just bottled water but also water through pipelines, channels or by tankers.

— Opening the energy provisions to take into account the export of natural gas from the Beaufort Sea. Under the trade deal Canada can only cut back energy exports to the U.S. if it is also rationed here in a similar proportion. There is now thought to be the possibility of U.S. utilities tying up large-scale future gas supply in areas such as the Beaufort Sea.

Campagnolo said, "Liberals have always been free-traders, but that we dislike this specific agreement. A better one could have been negotiated."

Campagnolo also said it is bizarre we have free trade with the U.S. while many tariff barriers between the provinces still exist.

Meech Lake is another issue which Martin needs minor rather than wholesale changes. Martin is in favour of Meech Lake because of the need to bring Quebec back into the constitution.

But given the divisive nature of Meech within the Liberal party, Campagnolo hopes that Meech Lake does not obscure other issues to become the focal point of the leadership convention—"a situation which would only fit in with the Conservative agenda."

Campagnolo thinks Martin will do well out west because he is concerned about regional development and is in favour of senate reforms.

Campagnolo said we will hear more about the west policy when the liberals come together in Vancouver at a forum on March 3.

The idea of Martin being another businessman in the mold of Brian Mulroney was quickly dismissed by Campagnolo.

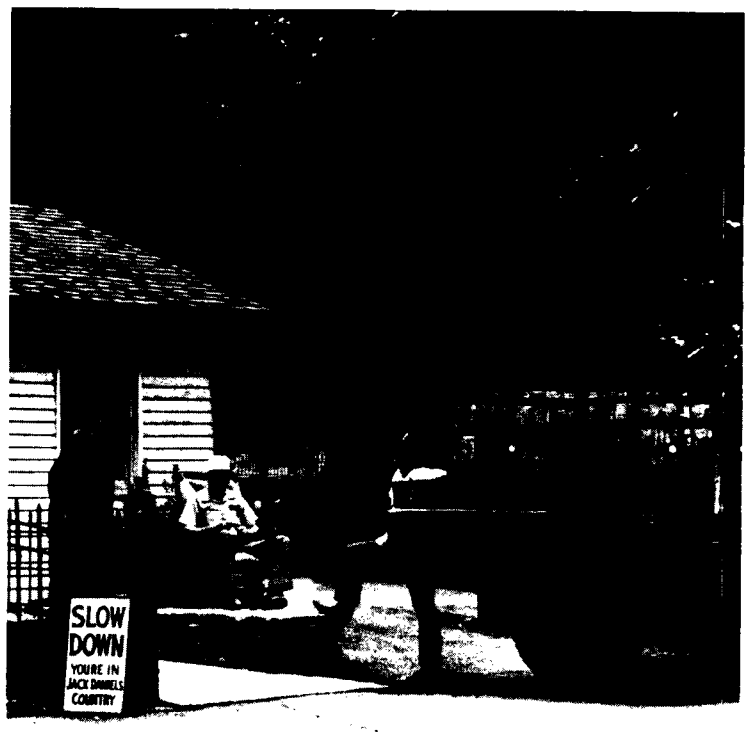
Campagnolo thinks Martin is the perfect Liberal—with a strong economic grounding and a social conscience which has seen him involved in Amnesty International, The North-South Institute and The Canadian Council for Native Business.

"Unlike Mr. Mulroney he was not the front man of an American multi-national. He has created and built and expanded a Canadian multi-national which is a very different thing," claimed Campagnolo.

"He also has a well demonstrated social conscience. I could not support him if all he was a successful business entrepreneur," she said.

"The world is in a state of enormous transition and Canada is not immune," said Campagnola. "We need new thinking about Canada and its place in the world."

It was Martin's creativity, innovation and imagination that sold Campagnola on Martin, and the fact he brings with him no past baggage.



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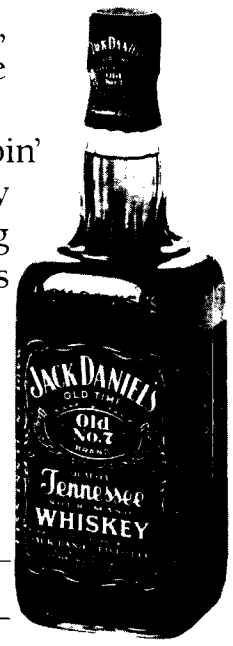

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Sin before Jesus

by Otto Lim

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MUSIC
The Jesus and Mary Chain with Blackbird
January 25
The Commodore

It's been five years since The Jesus and Mary Chain started with their first LP, Psychocandy, and made their Vancouver debut.

If you've never heard of The Jesus and Mary Chain, they sound like pulsating chainsaws mixed with a hive of swarming bees to produce a trademark noise and distortion sound.

Keeping in theme with their 1989/90 Automatic Tour, Jesus lead singer Jim Reid lifelessly sang from song to song without talking to between sets or really acknowledging the throngs of Jesusheads. Who needs showmanship when you can rely on heavy guitar riffs, dense dry ice fog, and dark sombre lighting on stage?

The guitarist, William Reid, and bassist, Douglas Hart, seem to prefer facing their Marshall amps and roadies than the bouncing Jesus'ers who showed their love for by throwing beer bottles and tennis shoes at the band. Periodic stage-jumping made Bruno the black-shirt bouncer earn his paycheque the hard way. Poor lead singer Jim, who likes to sing leaning on his mike stand, had his mike stand snatched away by those crazy Jesus'ers.

Once infamous for their 20-minute concerts, The Jesus Mary Chain played a lethargic 60-minute set featuring their latest album, Automatic. They started off with Coast to Coast and continued with other numbers from Automatic such as Her Way of Praying, Head On, and Take It. They finished off their show with a short encore of Gimme Hell and Kill Surf City.

It was disappointing that they left out some of their other big singles like Just Like Honey and Never Understand. The Jesus and Mary Chain look disinterested in their performance—the energy came from the head-banging Jesus'ers.

The opening act, Blackbird, made up of two brothers, Tony and Chip Kinman (formerly of Rank and File), did quite well when compared to the rock standard of opening acts. They drew people to the stage with their intriguing sound of a drum machine, neat guitar riffs, and catchy lyrics.

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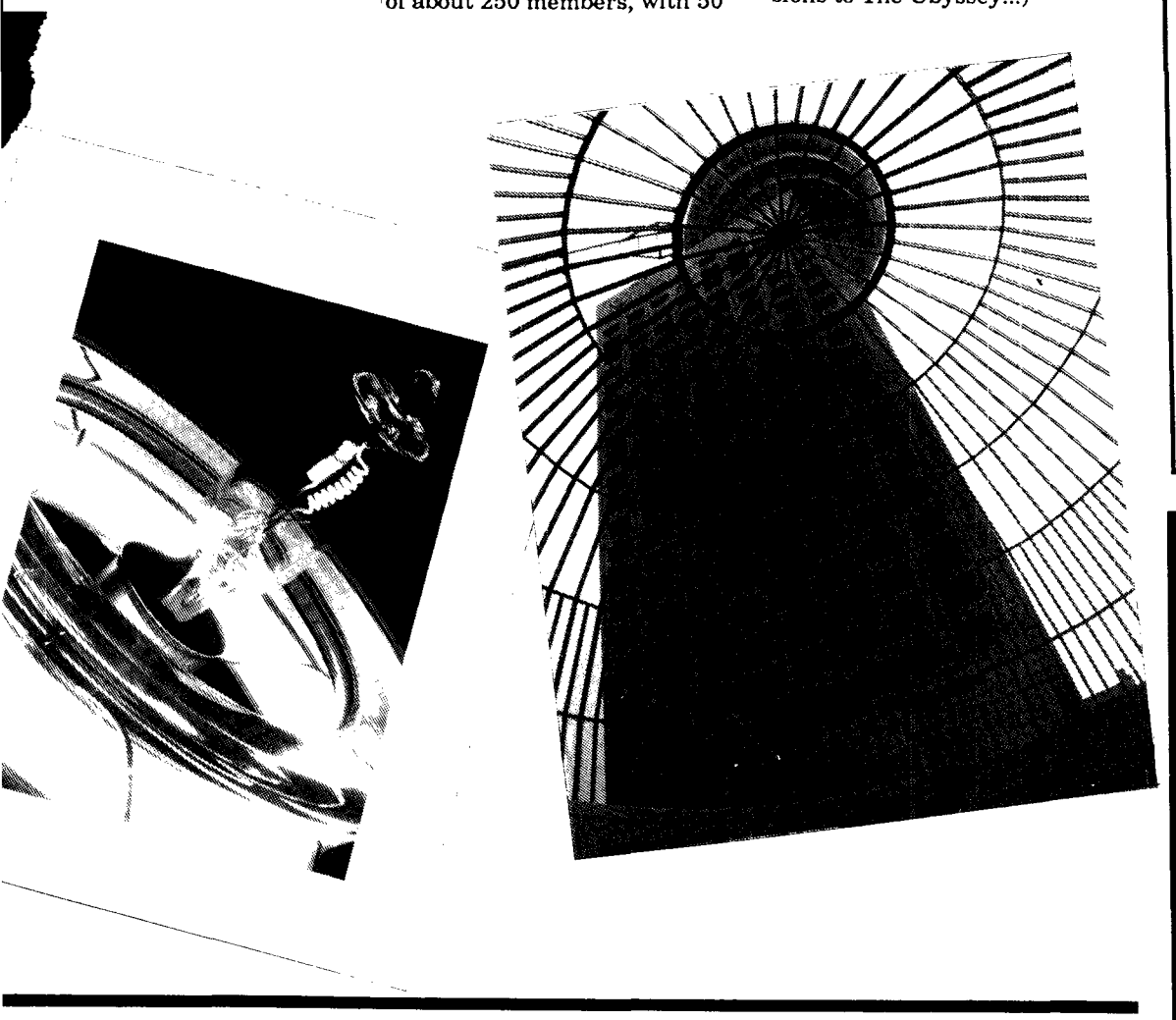
PHOTOGRAPHY
UBC Photo Society
Annual Photo Exhibit
February 11 - 14
SUB Art Gallery

The works to be displayed will range from technical and architectural photography to fine arts photography involving tinting with coffee and food colouring.

When asked about the conceptual, art-historical implications of using such non-traditional media in the production of art objects, a member of Photosoc was quick to reply "It's cheap."

Photosoc has a membership of about 250 members, with 50 hard-core photographers. All members are invited to contribute images to the exhibit, with somewhere around 100 pieces to be displayed. Something for everyone.

A Photosoc executive, when asked to comment on The Ubyssey's photo content, said, "For the visually oriented person, your paper doesn't have much to offer." (Sounds like a perfect opportunity to call for submissions to The Ubyssey...)



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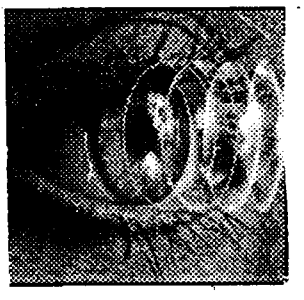

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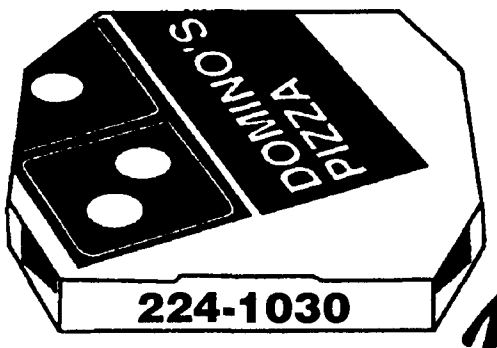

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LETTERS

Don't zap the kids!

I'm writing this letter in response to the Jan.23 Ubyssey article "Electrical cable worries parents" (Vol.72, No.30). As a representative of the Graduate Student's Society, I was invited by Ms. Lucia Fuentes, Chair of Kindercare, to attend two meetings (Jan.6 and Jan.18, 1990) which dealt with the concerns parents have with UBC's plan to bury two (a 12kv and a 69kv line), not one, high voltage lines in close proximity to the Kindercare and Pentacare yards.

UBC's current proposal, refered to in the article, was presented to the parents by Mr. Tim Miner of the UBC Development Office on Jan. 18. According to Mr. Miner, the university proposes the two lines, which are now above ground, be brought down to a source box and then buried underground so as to run parallel to the daycare fence lines. This proposal requires a loss of 1.5m from the Kindercare yard and that the source box be located 0.5m away from the children's play area. The problem with this plan is that the children may continue to be exposed to magnetic radiation. A consultant to B.C. Hydro stated that the field of radiation surrounding power lines may extend to 20 feet whether the lines are buried or not. The lead sheathing which will encase the buried lines, and which was aluded to by Mr. Kurt Preinsperg in the article, is not a shield but a conductor. The potential health hazard to the children remains if this plan is approved, and consequently the parents of the children attending Kindercare refuse to accept it.

Mr. Preinsperg's comment in the article that the "proposal that Tim Miner presented strikes me as eminently viable and I would really hope the Kindercare people would go along with it" is annoying to say the least. The Jan.6 meeting I refered to above was held with Ms. Fuentes and both AMS Board of Governor's representatives, Mr. Tim Bird and Mr. Preinsperg. During that meeting Ms. Fuentes described the concerns of the parents, the documentation they had to support their concerns and their proposals for two alternative routings of the powerlines, both of which are very reasonable. Mr. Preinsperg left this meeting about ten minutes after it started to go and confer with Mr. Miner before Ms. Fuentes was close to completing her presentation. It was obvious that Mr. Preinsperg felt his time was being wasted listening to a concerned and well informed student and that only a representative of the university could provide him with the true facts.

At the second meeting I attended, Jan. 18, Mr. Miner, Mr. Preinsperg, a number of Kindercare parents and two representatives of the UBC Childcare Society Executive, Ms. Mab Oleman and Mr. Glen Drover, were present. Mr. Preinsperg asked a number of inane questions that showed his ignorance of the situation, which could have been remedied had he bothered to listen to Ms. Fuentes at the Jan.6 meeting he was in such haste to leave. In addition, the proposal presented by Mr. Miner, which does not lessen the potential hazard to the children, was apparently supported by Ms. Oleman and Mr. Drover. This surprised me as I had expected the Childcare Society Executive to support the parents in their attempt to secure as safe an environment as possible for children attending Kindercare. Instead, Ms. Oleman and Mr. Drover seemed to bend over backwards to support UBC's plan, even though the parents have two viable alternatives that could potentially save the university money and provide a safe environment for all those concerned.

It is my understanding that the Kindercare parents primary concern is for the safety of their children. There is no conclusive evidence that magnetic fields do cause cancer in young children, however, there are studies that show a correlation between exposure to such fields as those surrounding power lines (overhead or buried) and an increased susceptibility of exposed children to diseases such as leukemia. I feel that the Kindercare parents have every right to be alarmed that their children are, and may continue to be, exposed to such a potential hazard. These people should not be expected to wait for ten years to see if their children will provide the conclusive evidence, one way or another.

Morven McLean
Graduate Studies

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Perspective

by Hal V. Le

Have you ever given the water used at home any thought? I have, since coming back from Ghana. Water is crucial to human survival, but safe water isn't — and it can kill.

Before going overseas, I did not know very much about the needs of people, especially of children, in the developing world. I had read about them in magazines and seen some World Vision documentaries, but they did not mean much until I saw —and experienced — them first-hand.

Despite the immunization, I was stricken with typhoid during my stay. The cause: contaminated rain water.

For three days, I plotted body temperatures and analyzed the fever pattern — with the help from a book called Where There Is No Doctor. I correctly determined the cause, bought some chloramphenicol, and saved myself from a certain death: my body temperature was hovering around 39.4 when it was brought down and I was too weak to sit — I might not survive the trip to the hospital 12 km away.

The difference between life and death — in my case — is only a bit of knowledge and 40 cents or less. Not much, is it? But when people are poor, illiterate, and far from a health post, a minor illness like diarrhea can kill. I met a woman who had lost a child due to diarrhoea. Had her son not have to drink lake water, he may live.

Typhoid isn't the only dreadful water-borne disease: cholera, dysentery, Guinea Worms, and diarrhea, to name just a few.

Although in the developing world, one child dies every six seconds from diarrhea, there are hopes. People are learning — with help from organizations like Unicef — primary health care, nutrition and literacy skills. But all that can't be had if people working for a better world give up because the needs are so great. The needs are there but they can be chipped away.

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I have written to President Strangway urging him and the UBC administration to demonstrate a commitment to change for a better world by matching the amount UBC students contribute to this very worthwhile project. But I have not heard from him yet. Let us hope for the best. (Pharmacy Undergraduate Society was also invited, but has yet responded.)

There are many good causes. We all have to take a stand on where our contribution goes. The physical, mental and emotional development of children is a great humanitarian cause: Children are tomorrow's leaders; they deserve a chance.

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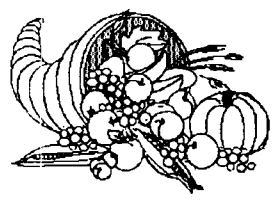

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Editorial

Lower quorum

Currently, ten per cent of the student body must vote in favour of a proposal in order for a referendum to reach quorum. Last week's elections included a referendum to lower quorum to ten per cent of the student body voting either way.

In an albeit minor way, referendums are a form of participatory democracy for students outside the power structure (ie. the AMS student council) to make decisions for the students' society.

A referendum to lower quorum was supported 1,528 for and 559 against. The referendum failed because it did not meet the present quorum, approximately 2,200 votes.

Barely that number voted at all in this year's elections, let alone in favour of a particular proposal.

In effect, the present quorum, which is functionally too high, negates the one forum for participatory democracy.

Though opponents say the proposal is no way to address student apathy, lowering quorum would make a student's vote more meaningful. It might actually move students to shake off their cobwebs and get out to vote in larger numbers.

Before dismissing this as overly utopian, keep in mind that the last two RecFac referendums reached quorum with a total of $15,000 in funds to publicize them. Those figures alone indicate that other, less expensive, solutions must be found to address student apathy.

And considering the "ten per cent applied to voter turnout" formula is used by governments throughout Canada for various referendums including those on pub plebiscites and zoning proposals, it is our present quorum formula that is the unusual one.

Protect quorum

How can five per cent of the student population be a valid decisive base representation of a whole population?

Quorum is put in place to ensure that students are fairly represented on a referendum. To lower quorum so that merely five per cent of the student population can make a decision that affects the thousands of students on campus, violates the fundamental principle of quorum.

A political standard founded on democracy is devalued. Quorum becomes cheap to those who wish to lower it, possibly even for their own purposes.

If there is a failure to reach the current ten per cent figure for quorum, one has to confront the reasons—apathy, poor campaigning, or just a lack of importance in the issue.

Lowering quorum to substantiate voter support is unacceptable and demeaning.

Voter support should be secured by raised awareness on referenda issues. Inadequate campaigning should not be solved by lowering quorum—by twisting the meaning of democracy—but rather to plan a better campaign.

A cut in quorum will not get more people to vote if they don't care to begin with. It will only pave the way for block voting for minority groups and special interest groups.

Lowering quorum is an insult to the intelligence of the student population.

oh yeah, thanks for voting for autonomy, but hell we lost anyway.

THE UBYSSEY

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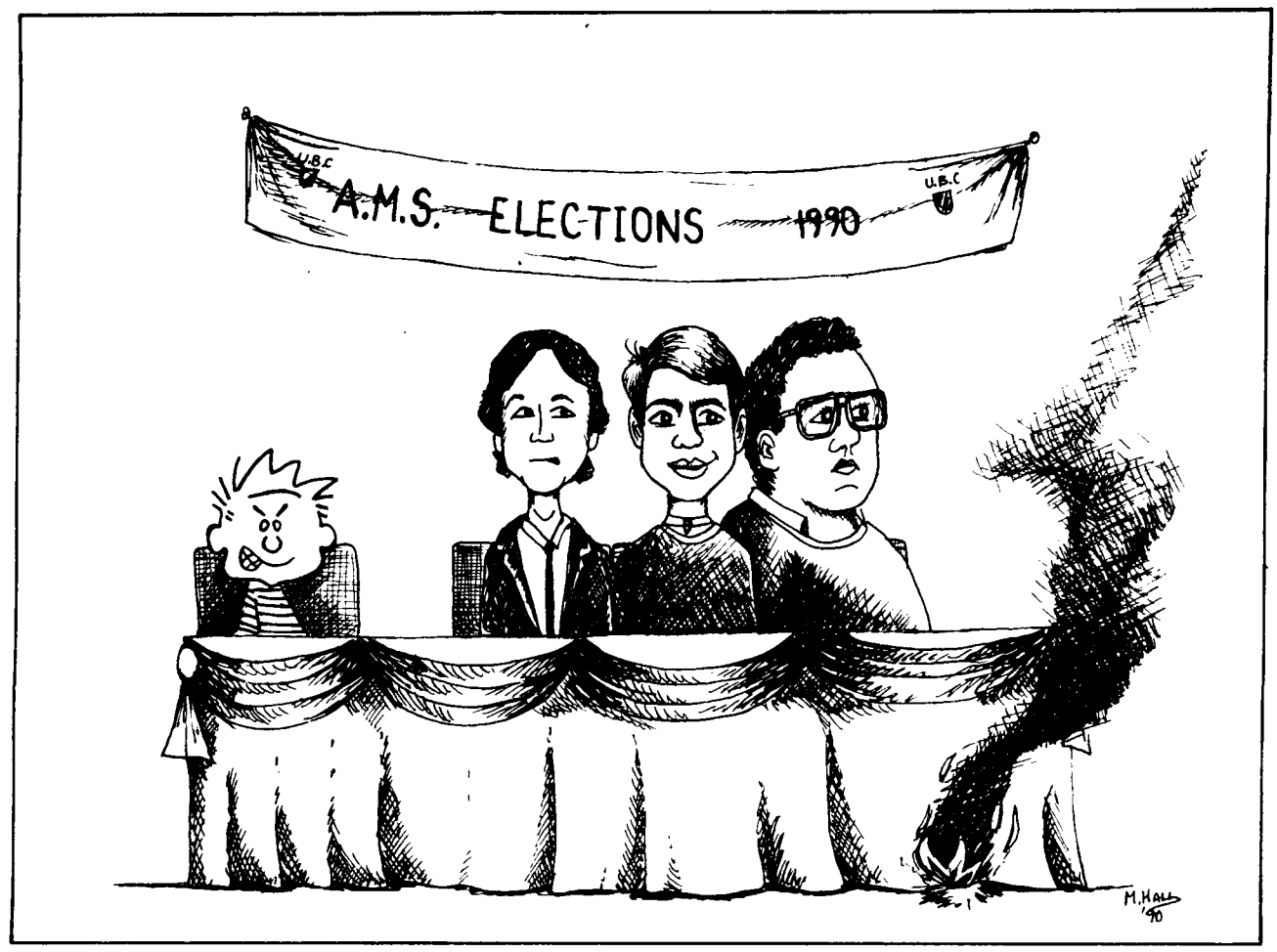

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M-I-C K-E-Y...?

What is wrong with Disneyland? Oh, I mean UBC. When I look at the list of candidates for the upcoming elections I am confused. Am I to laugh because for AMS President I am expected to choose between Goofy, Mickey Mouse and Donald the Quack (Oops, I mean Duck), or should I cry because for Vice President I am seriously requested to choose between Scrooge McDuck of the far-looney-toones-right and a host of other right-wingers who couldn't but look moderate compared to the competition. This is like the last federal election where just to be in favour of the status quo was radical policy.

Why is none of the caliber of a Mike Lee or a Vanessa Geary running? Currently we are faced with a situation where no matter who we vote for we are going to be stuck with a group of character that better belong on $0.59 McDonald's glasses than in the AMS.

Next year all progressive and moderate types are going to be forced to set up a watchdog group that will monitor Student Council for more Karl Kottmeier types. What a shame! Next year we will all regret the Disneyland invasion of student government and wish we had put forward a group of decent, honest, and serious candidates.

John Richmond
Philosophy 4

AI policy clarified

We would like to respond to the Jan. 19 letter about a Native Canadian who was kicking the Amnesty International cage display in SUB concourse. The author asked if we had become so farsighted that we could "feel the hurt of prisoners of conscience yet could not feel or sense the existing oppression right in front of us." It was indeed a sad and ironic reminder that Canada is by no means a country with a clean human rights record. In the course of European colonization and settlement, Canada's aboriginal peoples were often systematically denied fundamental human rights such as freedom of belief and of community. The resulting social inequity suffered today by Natives in our supposedly "equal opportunity" society should be of concern to all Canadians.

Our purpose in writing is to clarify Amnesty International's (AI's) position on Native rights. Part of Amnesty's mandate is that its members do not work on behalf of people in their own country. This is to maintain AI's role as impartial international observer, and has helped Amnesty gain worldwide respect. Although AI cannot address the institutionalized poverty and high unemployment faced by Canada's Native peoples, this does not invalidate the work we do internationally. Most often, the people we work for are depending solely on international pressure to alleviate their situation. The right to free speech and protest is virtually non-existent under the regimes of their countries, whereas in Canada it is the right and freedom, and indeed the moral obligation, of any Canadian to express opinions about, and to support our Native peoples' struggle for equality and identity.

I. Vaisanen
AgSci 2
I. Simpson
AI UBC

AMS oops

Hi and thanks for voting on that referendum question in the elections this week.

But through all the bureaucratese, do you know what you just voted on? Here, let me translate.

The new wording of the referendum section of the AMS bylaws reads, "A referendum of the Society shall, subject to these Bylaws, be acted upon by the Society where a majority, or such greater percentage as may be required by the Society Act, of the votes cast in the affirmative."

So far, so incomprehensible. The bit about "these Bylaws" is self-referential and useless; the bit about a "greater percentage" doesn't apply to the vast majority of referenda. Take them both out. Oh, and the "Society" is just the AMS.

What have we got now? "An AMS referendum shall be acted upon by the AMS where a majority of the votes cast in the affirmative."

Shorter, at least. Now, if a referendum is "acted upon," that just means it passes. "Majority" means "most," and "where" is multisyllabic for "if." And a "vote cast in the affirmative" is a yes vote.

So what have we got?

"An AMS referendum shall pass if most of the yes votes."

If most of the yes votes what?

The new wording doesn't say. In fact, it seems that Council voted last Wednesday to remove the verb from the referendum question — as if to guarantee that no useful legislation ever appears on the matter.

So what happens now?

Another referendum?

David W. New
Science 3

The Fantasy Accord

Last week, upon being made aware of Premier Vander Zalm's proposed amendments to the Meech Lake Accord, I was saddened to find that he would support the idea of twelve distinct societies in Canada. One would have thought that once the two gods of Canadian constitutional law (Bill and Lillian) put their heads together, the result would have been more constructive. For instance, everyone knows that the only distinct society in Canada is Fantasy Gardens. With the deadline to pass the accord creeping ever so close, there is no doubt that all the First Ministers would agree that Fantasy Gardens must be officially protected in the Constitution. Why? Because they feel secure knowing that if they're ever bored on a Friday night, they can always crank call Bill for a few laughs. It may be the one thread that could hold this great nation of ours together. I would think that the "Fantasy Garden Amendment" would be enough to break the Meech impasse. Goodness knows that once that impasse is broken, we can all sleep much easier. Except for Bill. Between the crank calls and the pizzas delivered to his drawbridge, he'll be a very tired man, living in a very distinct society.

John Topping
Arts One

We don't do that

I refer to the letter from J.T. Binfet (Education) in your January 5, 1990 edition. I find it disturbing that no attempt seems to have been made to check the facts. A simple telephone call either to Dr. Rove at the Animal Care Centre, or to myself at the S.P.C.A. would have sufficed. No, the S.P.C.A. does not provide animals for research purposes, either alive or dead.

Michael Weeks
Executive Director
B.C. S.P.C.A.

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Capitalism 't ain't perfect

Now that communism in Eastern Europe is dead or dying, does capitalism stand vindicated as the best economic system?

"Capitalism" is widely dispersed ownership of the means of economic production under competitive market conditions. Those who favor capitalism stress its many virtues. They stress the miracle of the market in which capital tends to find its most productive uses and countless economic decisions are coordinated with no central bureaucracy. They stress that capitalism tends to allocate economic rewards in rough proportion to people's contributions and thus provides incentives to creativity, risk-taking and plain hard work. They stress that capitalism allows a high degree of political freedom combined with widespread prosperity.

Impressive virtues indeed for an economic system. Clearly, capitalism liberates tremendous productive energies by harnessing human self-interest. But it is guilty of major evils as well.

For example, there is the predatory stranglehold of big corporations on the economy of a world in which billions are starving. There is the overproduction of luxury items for some and a lack of life's essentials for others. There are chronic social tensions created by immense wealth and poverty existing side by side.

There is the overemphasis on material values together with waste and discontent resulting from artifically created desires. There is the concentration of economic power which translates into political power and privilege. There are the alienating conditions of work for many, the deformation of human personality and the erosion of human relationships. There is the emotional upheaval and pervasive sense of insecurity associated with the capitalist climate of relentless change.

Perhaps worst of all, there is capitalism's economic growth imperative which threatens to overwhelm the earth's ecosystem.

Surely the choice of the best economic system is far more complex than the simple dichotomy between capitalism and communism suggests. We do not yet have clear ideas about the optimum mix of private and public ownership. But surely, what we must aim at is fundamentally clear: a society in which all can satisfy their needs for food, shelter, health care, education, security, respect and freedom.

We do not need obituaries of communism that glorify the capitalist alternative. We need clearer ideas of how to improve and humanize capitalism and render it less environmentally destructive.

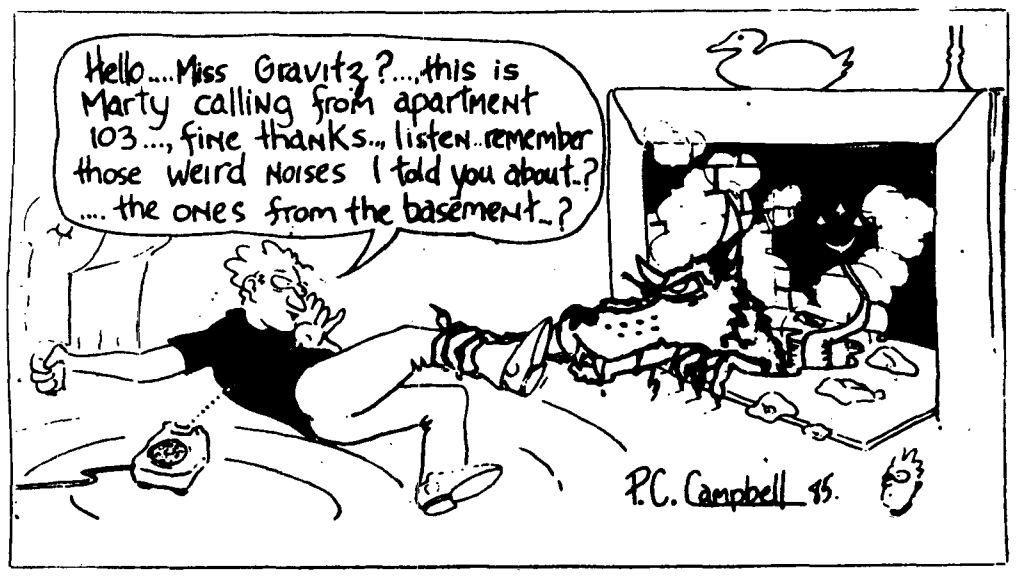
Kurt Preinsperg
BoG representative

Stop the hatred cycle

This is my second and last year at UBC as a student in the faculty of education. The recent decision of the AMS to allow the Lady Godiva ride to proceed is an indication of their support of the degradation of women. I pay fees to the AMS: I do not expect my money and support of votes to contribute to my own oppression. To those people who supported this display of woman as a commodity I say: you need to take responsibility in the fact that you are specifically contributing to my physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental dis-ease on campus, and to my life in the larger culture in general.

DON'T YOU PEOPLE GET IT??? Women do not like being treated as objects. This is an attempted mutilation not just of women, but of the concept of woman. If the engineers need to parade a naked woman around on a horse in order to give them spirit, they certainly need to re-evaluate their concept of themselves. If, in order to gain self-esteem one needs to cut up the soul of another, the power that one is trying to gain is debased. The AMS should not be an accomplice in this mutilation of women. They should apologize for their decision, rescind it, and educate themselves about the misogyny in their student society, on this campus, and in our society. To do otherwise would be stating that women enjoy this violence against their spirit. Stop the cycle of hatred: one does not need "hard data" to prove the harm against another. It is enough when one spirit says: this hurts me, stop it.

Evelyn Almassy
Education



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Society to blame for Lepines

The January 12th "Perspective" column by G.A. Brown, eventually leading to the conclusion that Mark Lepine was a victim and that women need to change more than men, is so full of error and self-delusion that it demands refutation.

Brown states "males are at least as likely to be victims of male violence as females." This may be true for fully reported crimes like murder and mugging but he ignores the fact that many rapes and most domestic violence (almost exclusively males assaulting females) go unreported. Brown says that to address male violence properly, "We would do better to understand it better before pointing fingers." This is the same type of argument used by industrial polluters always demanding more study instead of making any real emission cuts. Brown's reasoning would have us refrain from taking any action until every aspect of sociology and behaviourology has been made an exact science. We cannot wait that long.

Brown says that, "Society puts far more pressure on males than on females to succeed in publicly visible ways." The truth is that men are expected to achieve steady employment and that's about it. These days, women are expected to work just as hard for less money, be ideal wives and mothers, and look beautiful all the time as well. So who's really under more pressure? Brown claims that pressure to succeed financially forces men to claw their way to the top positions of power and status, thus explaining the lack of women in these positions. This completely ignores the violent opposition that men have consistently directed against the first women to enter any male dominated profession. Try reading the biographies of the first women medical students.

Brown even tries to excuse Mark Lepine on the grounds of social pressure and "the force of his testosterone level." Lepine, 25, would not have anywhere near as much testosterone in his system as an average 18 year old. Brown goes so far as to blame women,

Perspective

calling them "women who use inflammatory rhetoric to make even more strident demands for reverse discrimination." Is asking for equal opportunity and equal pay reverse discrimination?

A more plausible reason for Lepine's behaviour can be found in our society's attitudes towards violence and women. Lepine was an insane criminal but society helped make him one. Our society worships violence. Look at boxing and hockey. Most television dramas show that solutions come from the barrel of a gun (eg. Hunter, The Equalizer). Large numbers of people actually pay money to watch Jason and Freddy hack their way through their supporting casts. University research has shown that watching violence causes, on the average, a greater tolerance of violence. Therefore, we could try reducing, by legislation, the amount of violence people are exposed to on TV and in movies by altering the rating system to guarantee that significant violence automatically gets an X rating.

Strong enforcement of equal opportunity laws would speed the achievement of gender balance in top corporate and government positions. Once such a gender balance became normal the laws would no longer be necessary because equality would have been demonstrated.

We can also demand that elementary schools treat boys and girls equally. The way it is now, at an early age, boys play football and girls become cheer leaders. Elementary-age children are too young to make intelligent role choices. We should encourage children of both sexes to choose freely activities in line with their interests instead of influencing them, by providing different sets of opportunities, to take stereotypical roles. This could alleviate problems that Brown points out such as the tendency for men to keep their problems to themselves rather than talking about them, as well as the male desire for control.

Sexism in advertising portrays women as sex objects who are less intelligent and much more superficial than men. If everyone concerned with equality make a note of which ads offended him/her the most and wrote a short note to the company president saying that, "Due to the sexist nature of your advertising, I will no longer buy your products," and then stuck to that promise, advertising would change in a hurry.

We must accept that there are inequalities and injustices in our society and that if we want to prevent the creation of more Mark Lepines we must change both the way we think and the images with which we are surrounded.

Greg Wellman
Math-Physics 3

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Library faces more cuts

by John Gray

UBC librarians' recent wage increase will not come without a price.

The recent wage increases awarded to the librarians by a labour arbitrator will now be funded by a reduction of existing staff.

UBC libraries will have to cut $305,000 from their 1990/91 salary budget to make up for the wage increase.

The cuts must be made because of a decision by the administration that all budget overruns must be made up by the libraries.

"The administration has indicated that any differences in budgets between what the university has set aside and what was awarded by the arbitrator is to be carried by the individual budgetary unit" said Bill Watson, acting university librarian.

Library budgets were either frozen or cut in the eighties because of the provincial government's restraint program. Similarly, wages of UBC librarians and support staff fell well behind those of other librarians both within the province and the rest of the country.

Brenda Peterson, the information and orientation officer for Main Library said, "I am very upset about these cuts because the library has had it's budget cutback or frozen for the last 10 years"

"The recent arbitration award given to the librarians reflected how low our salaries had fallen in relation to other librarians."

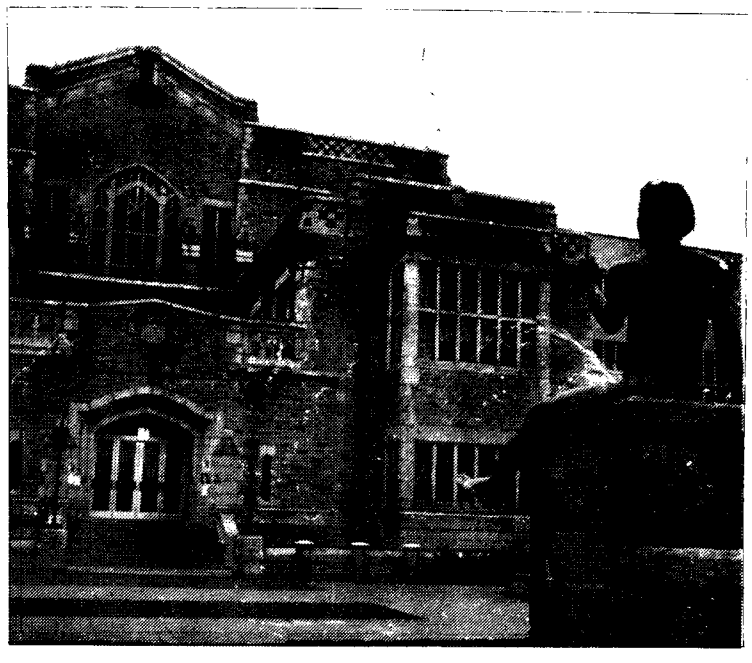
"It is my understanding that these cuts will be made without layoffs but through attrition and retirement," she said.

But even without the loss of any jobs immediately, library service will be affected.

Said Watson: "We will attempt to protect the library from any evidentiary cuts."

But according to Peterson, "Libraries are very labour intensive organizations and so the fewer librarians that we have the less service that we can give."

The actual form of the cuts are yet to be decided.



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