

Marchers condemn Canadian military action in Middle East

by Matthew Johnson

An estimated crowd of 2,000 people filled the square in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery Saturday to march and protest Canadian involvement in the Persian Gulf.

The protest, organized by End the Arms Race—a coalition of peace and anti-war groups in BC—included speeches, songs, and a march on the US Consulate in Vancouver.

"(We are) here out of a growing sense of gravity and anxiety," said Vancouver COPE city councillor Libby Davies. "We have to reject the militaristic option and mindset."

Hadani Ditmars, UBC student and member of Arab-Canadians for a Just Peace, said she wanted to show the general public that there are Arabs who want peace and are working for it.

"As a group we wanted to have news footage of Arab-Canadians wearing Kefayeh, and carrying signs in Arabic," Ditmars said. "We had Salaam, the Arabic word for peace, on our banner."

Ditmars said she is a supporter of the peace movement, but not in a "namby-pamby way."

"We want peace with justice for all peoples in the Middle East," she said.

Rev. Robert Smith of the Shaughnessy Heights United Church said the government and mainstream media is working to get the public to practice "enemy thinking" concerning the Iraqis.

"It is an attempt to make us look at the people of Iraq as less than human," Smith said.

Svend Robinson, MP for Burnaby-Kingsway (NDP), said the world is "standing on the edge of an abyss," facing impending armed strife in the Persian Gulf.

"We are speaking out to our leaders, 'Stop this madness. Work for peace and not for war,'" Robinson said.

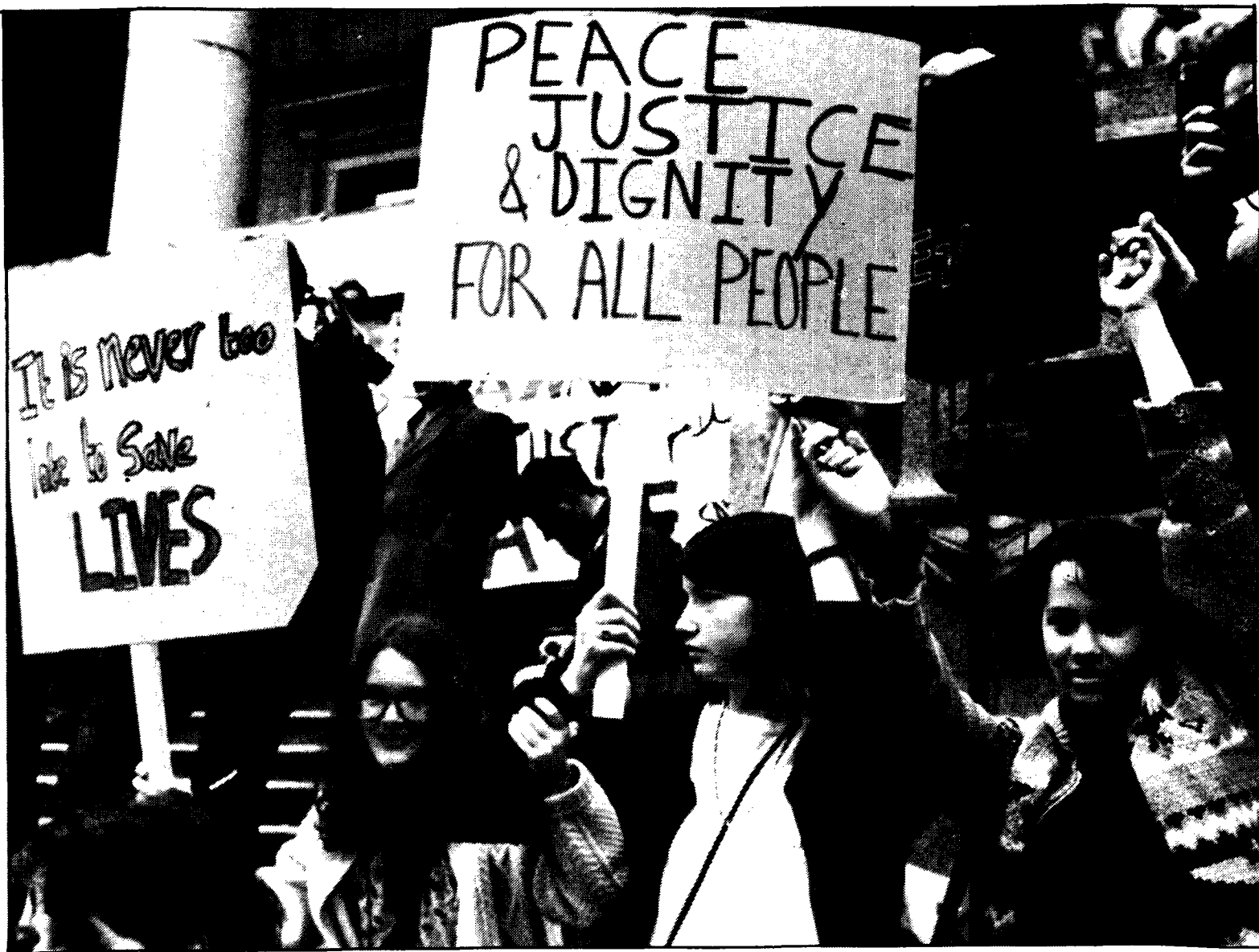
"I can only hope the elected officials will listen to the people. For once they have to listen to the will of the people [in the debate in parliament]."

In a display of unity and strength, a group of approximately 500 after-rally protesters staged a spontaneous march through the streets of Vancouver. The police, caught off guard by the action, were unable to direct traffic away from the marchers.

After marching 10 blocks through the streets of downtown Vancouver, walking through cars shouting slogans such as "No blood for oil," and "Hell no! We won't go! We won't die for Texaco!" the crowd stopped at the corner of Granville and Georgia for fifteen minutes, filling the intersection and halting traffic.

Explaining why he was at the rally, UBC student Joel Cummings said, "I'm concerned about the outbreak of a war I consider intolerable."

"The use of violence to solve economic problems and political disputes is a waste of human life."



No war in the Persian Gulf: protesters at the Vancouver art Gallery on Saturday.

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Students to protest fee hikes

by Martin Chester

A new committee formed to combat tuition fee increases is calling for students to protest above-inflation hikes proposed by UBC president David Strangway.

The Fight the Hikes Committee, an ad hoc student group organized by the AMS last Thursday, has planned a 12:30 pm rally at SUB Plaza on Wednesday.

Arts Undergraduate Society president Sigrid Thompson said "the protest is to create awareness, both amongst the students, the Vancouver community and the government of BC about the tuition increases over the past five years."

"The rally is to get attention, and to do that we need a good turnout," Thompson said. "Awareness, I think, is our main goal. Awareness of great student discontent about the rate of increases over the past five years."

The organizers' main goal is

to stop Strangway's three-year plan for above-inflation fee increases, she said.

"The whole three-year plan ought to be re-thought, this time with significant student involvement."

"I believe that it is the first step among many," she said. "This

protest is not a one shot thing. It won't be as effective as a one shot thing."

Organizers are aiming for a turnout of 2,500 students.

Following the noon rally, the protest will move to the corner of 10th Avenue and Wesbrook Mall where the group plans to distrib-

ute pamphlets to motorists.

AMS external affairs coordinator Jason Brett said: "I really hope we can at least stop the three-year plan from going through, minimize the fee hikes for next year and convince the Board (of Governors) to establish a multi-lateral committee to determine the role of tuition at UBC."

Thompson, however, is calling for a tuition fee freeze so that the Fight the Hikes Committee can bargain with Strangway from a position of strength.

"I think calling for minimal increase is being a little bit optimistic," she said. "I say freeze the fees, because then at least we may get compromise."

Brett said UBC has the highest tuition in BC and is among the three most expensive universities in Canada, depending on the program.

"It doesn't matter how much higher we are, it matters what direction we're headed in," he said.



Tuition protests last year

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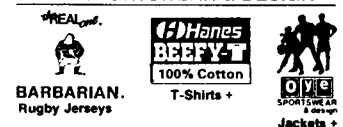
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"Society and Engineer" course set

by Nicole Sadinsky

The engineering faculty is getting a little taste of the arts.

A new non-credit course called "Society and the Engineer" has been created partially due to the infamous discriminatory nEUSlette published last year.

The course, which the UBC Senate approved in December, has a more social and cultural approach compared to other applied science courses. It covers such subjects as professionalism, engineering ethics, gender, multiculturalism, First Nations and environmental issues.

Michael Davies, associate dean of Applied Sciences, said the

faculty wanted to introduce many issues to the students, not strictly technical ones.

"It will include material which will increase students sensitivity to issues. All students should be able to take it, not just engineers," he said.

However, for all students entering the engineering faculty in 1990, the course is a requirement for graduation.

Davies also said that the nEUSlette incident—which contained material deemed discriminatory, sexist and homophobic by Student Court—was a factor in the creation of the course.

The faculty has been concerned with its overall image as a

result of other incidents involving engineering students in the past.

"Their activities can do a lot of damage to the faculty," Davies said. "We're very serious about this and feel the course will be an outstanding contribution to their education and make them better engineers."

Reaction to the new course from groups outside the engineering faculty has been positive.

Marsha Trew, director of the Women's Students Office, called the course "an excellent idea."

"There are complex problems not necessarily dealt with by just introducing a course but is a definite valuable step in the right direction," she said.

Verna Kirkness, director of the First Nations office, agreed saying: "I'm glad it happened although it's not enough, but it is a great beginning and maybe will lead to more."

Phillip Ibis, a first year engineering student who completed the course in the first term, said he enjoyed the course overall although he had some mixed feelings.

"Parts of the course were interesting although some were repetitive compared to things I already knew."

He added that although some students disagreed with some controversial issues which were presented by guest speakers, the

course can only help.

"It's good for those people in the long run and could make a difference," he said.

He disagreed, however, with the premise that the course would make him a better engineer by increasing his knowledge and sensitivity. "No, that course didn't teach me anything to become a better engineer," he said.

Sidney Mindess, director of the Core Engineering Program and Axel Meisen, dean of Applied Sciences, were responsible for putting the course together, with help from the department heads. Neither was available for comment.

Canada out of the Gulf

by Paul Dayson

Canada should get out of the Gulf war rather than surrender to American foreign policy, according to a four person panel at Christchurch Cathedral in downtown Vancouver last Saturday.

The speakers criticized American and Canadian policy on the situation in the Persian Gulf.

UBC Political Science professor Michael Wallace questioned the Canadian government's support of American intervention and the sending of Canadian troops, planes and ships to the Persian Gulf.

"We are doing it to keep us in good stead with the Americans," Wallace said, referring to an article in The Globe and Mail detailing the benefits on free trade the Canadian participation in the Gulf was bringing.

"Mike Pearson stood up to Lyndon Johnson and said we don't want to get involved in that war (Vietnam). We could use some people like that here now," he said.

As it stands now, Canada is providing offensive capabilities, since it decided to send a tanker plane to the Gulf, he said.

"Without a tanker plane F-18s cannot strike into Iraq, with a tanker plane they can do that," Wallace said.

"Who the hell gave the government the mandate to do that (send troops to the Gulf on a war footing)?" he said.

"The approval rating of the Mulroney government is fourteen percent. That is the same as the number of people who believe Elvis is still alive. I believe the government has a greater mandate to search for Elvis," Wallace said.

"They (the government) are responsible to us not to Washington," he said.

One woman in the audience speaking for the Hospital Employees Union said, "If we hope to get Canadian troops out of the war it is going to have to be us in the streets who stop the war... just like Vietnam."

Wallace said a Gulf War will not solve the massive inequality or complete lack of political rights that exist in the region.

"Everyone talks about getting rid of Hussein's regime but that leaves Iran and Syria as the most powerful nations in the region," he said, noting their poor records with human rights.

"None of the underlying issues (in the Middle East) will get solved," Wallace said.

Mordacai Breimberg, member of the board of directors of the Near East Cultural and Educational Forum of Canada, agreed the problems of the Middle East would not be solved by this war and said there were examples of other aggression in the Middle East which have gone unchallenged by the US.

United Nations resolutions have condemned the Israeli invasions, occupations and annexations of the West Bank, the Gaza strip, east Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights as well as the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Breimberg said.

"This is common knowledge in the rest of the world but not in North America," he said.

"Bush and his administration keep referring to a new world order. The 'new world order' was the rallying cry of another expansionist empire that was centred in Germany at that time," Breimberg said, adding, "You cannot have stability in a region when the majority of population disagree with the order you are trying to impose."

Breimberg added, "A peace conference on the Middle East, that

applies equally to all conflicts, is the only solution.

"The American public is sixty-six percent in favour of an international peace conference on the Middle East if that will avoid war," he said. "That is the proposal of their president's enemy, Saddam Hussein."

University of Alberta economics professor Ed Shaeffer, said oil was the main impetus to war.

"Oil and war are an ugly mix," he said.

The war is about oil because "they (the US's economic rivals, Europe and Japan) need Middle East crude more than the US does. It (the US) needs Middle East oil to control the world economy," said Shaeffer, an ex-oil consultant and World War Two veteran.

"America wants a military victory carried out by Americans to ensure control," he said.

Members of the panel advocated continued sanctions as a means to resolving the dispute.

Representing the Canadian Council of Churches, panelist Jean McCutcheon of Project Ploughshares said, "In refusing to purchase Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil we will be denying the Iraqis the fruits of aggression."

"We know economic sanctions are having an effect," she said, quoting a letter from Brian Mulroney.

The speakers also expressed concern that dehumanization of people in the Middle East will create a racist "enemy" stereotype.

Breimberg said we are told that "they are not afraid of death. They don't value life, like we do. They are willing to walk like lemmings towards it."

"We have been presented with the Middle East as full of terrorism and religious fanatics... full of uncomplicated people unlike us."

High school students spark walkout

by Matthew Johnson

UBC students will be joining an anti-war walkout organized by Vancouver secondary school students Tuesday.

At 11 a.m. students at secondary schools and universities in the Vancouver area will walk out of classes to protest to Canadian military involvement in the Persian Gulf.

UBC students will proceed to the SUB for a brief rally organized by Students Against the Gulf War (SAGW), then will join up with students from all the Vancouver area secondary schools, colleges, and universities in a "city-wide protest" at the offices of MP Kim Campbell.

The protest at Campbell's office will feature speakers from End The Arms Race, Veterans Against Nuclear War, unions, and student groups. After the speeches and rally, the protest will move to city hall, arriving there at approximately 2 p.m.

Organizer Mikaela Smith, a grade 10 student at Prince of Wales Secondary School, said the idea for the walkout came from a dream she had.

"I had a dream before winter break that I was drafted, which is unusual because of my age and the fact that I'm a woman," she said.

There is a personal stake in

fighting involvement in the gulf for Smith.

"My half-brother is an American in college, and he had to register for the draft," she said. "That scared me."

Smith contacted Laurel Bischoff, a student in the mini-school at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. The two discussed what actions they could take to voice their protest against involvement in the Gulf, and decided on a walkout from classes.

"There are authorities at school. If we get up and walk out of classes, if we say 'we're going to do this and we don't care what you say,' it's a strong statement," Bischoff said.

"We want students to speak. I don't feel we get heard enough."

Charles Macurdy, an Ideal Mini school student and a friend of Bischoff's, claims that, a lot of teachers support the walkout although they don't say so publicly. He said he is strongly opposed to a war in the Gulf.

"George Bush said that this [conflict] is about the American way of life. This is Canada!" he said.

According to Macurdy, organizing the protest is going well.

"It just goes to show, if we try, what young people can do," he said.

Quebec students split on referendum

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP)—Quebec's first student referendum on independence turned into a pro-sovereignty love-in at Montreal's Paul Sauve Arena last month.

With a rock version of "Gens du Pays" blaring, more than 1,000 students waved fleur-de-lis flags as the results of the province-wide referendum were announced on December seventh.

More than 24,000 students at 31 colleges cast their ballots on the question: "Today, would you like Quebec to become a sovereign state?"

Eighty-two per cent of them answered "Yes."

Martin Gauthier, from la Coalition Etudiante sur l'Avenir du Quebec (the Student Coalition on the Future of Quebec who organized the referendum), said "students from across the province have expressed a loud and clear call for independence."

"It was done democratically and it proves that students can decide their own future," he said.

Gauthier, a student at Cegep

Ahuntsic, said the coalition was formed when students realized they would not be invited to sit on the Belanger-Campeau commission on Quebec's constitutional future.

Although federalists and anglophones were both invited, they were conspicuously absent from the event.

"Of course they should be here tonight," said Jean Gobeil, a second-year administration student from Cegep Edouard Montpetit in Longueuil, who was draped in the fleur-de-lis. "They're Quebecers too. Why shouldn't they be happy about the results?"

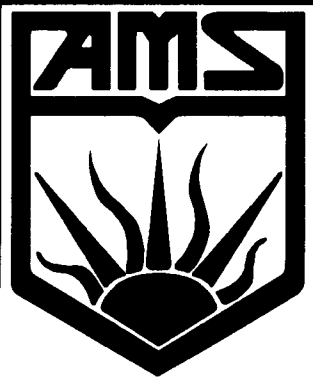
At John Abbott College, the only anglophone college officially taking part in the referendum, students voted 92 per cent against sovereignty.

The results at Marianopolis College, which held its own unofficial referendum, were similar, with 87 per cent turning down the call for independence. Less than 10 per cent of Champlain College students voted in favor of a sovereign Quebec.



Taking to the streets at the Peace Rally

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AMS Position Statement on Tuition Increases

passed by Students' Council in May 1989 and November 1990

1. The AMS adopts the position that should tuition fee increases be necessary, these increases should not exceed the Consumer Price Index of the Cost of Living Adjustment for British Columbia.
2. The AMS supports the position that the University should not consider above inflation tuition increases as an option for catch-up faculty salary increases.
3. While the AMS recognizes the University's efforts to aid students who have financial need, the AMS opposes the policy of small percentage increases in student bursaries being used to justify tuition increases.
4. The AMS endorses the position that the University should implement a policy of tuition refund payments based on academic merit.
5. The AMS endorses the position that the University should implement a policy of tuition refund payments based on financial need.

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Open Forum on Tuition Hikes

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The UBC Board of Governors will vote on Dr. Strangway's plan on the 7th of February, 1991.

Students can't halt military recruitment

by Maya Bashour

MONTREAL (CUP)—Although Concordia students voted six years ago to ban campus military recruitment and research, Armed Forces personnel still regularly visit the university.

Concordia was declared a military-free zone in 1985 after students supported the idea in a student council-sponsored referendum.

But the university does not have any formal policy against the military's presence on campus and some campus groups are still sponsoring army recruiting efforts during career days.

Concordia dean of students Brian Counihan said the Armed Forces have never asked to be allowed to recruit on campus, but added that, like any other organization, it can be invited on campus

by university groups.

AIESEC, an international commerce and economics students' group, regularly invites the Armed Forces to participate in career days at Concordia.

Although students' council controlled areas are considered military-free zones, the council executive administrator, Nick Woollard, said no one can stop other campus groups from sponsoring military activities.

"(The council) does not endorse career day army recruitment," Woollard said. "We have nothing to do with them. Unfortunately all we can do is protest."

Captain Nadia Sulek, who works at an Armed Forces recruiting centre a block away from Concordia's downtown campus, said no actual recruitment is done at Concordia despite the Forces'

participation in AIESEC's career days.

"We don't do recruitment as such, we only give information," Sulek said. "If someone wants to enlist, then they have to come down to the recruitment centre."

Sulek said university students are particularly sought after because of their level of education.

The Armed Forces have recently intensified recruitment on Canadian campuses, according to figures provided by the Ministry of Defence. This academic year they spent close to \$300,000 on advertising directed at students, 25 per cent more than in 1989-90.

"Like any company we like our management positions to be filled with university graduates," she said. "If you have a degree you can apply for anything from a bus driver to a pilot."

UBC seeks advice for college

Students and nearby residents will have a chance to express their views on a proposed 14 million dollar residence intended to house 100 graduate students at UBC.

An advisory committee struck to establish policies for the Cecil Green College will be seeking public feedback on its draft of recommendations tomorrow (January 17) in the Garden Room of the Graduate Student Centre at 12:30 pm.

The project came into fruition when, under UBC's 75th anniversary fund, the provincial government matched philanthropist Cecil

Green's donation of seven million dollars towards establishing an elite graduate college in the Oxford tradition.

The expense of the college for the number of people it would house has been a source of opposition according to Eileen Mak, Graduate Student Society (GSS) representative on the advisory committee.

"The idea did not go over well (with the GSS)," she said. "You can house a lot more than 100 people with 14 million dollars."

Additionally, because it is a college as well as a residence it will possibly need an endowment and

it will need more funds to operate than would a conventional residence according to Mak.

A bursary fund is also in the works for students who are accepted by the college, but cannot afford the fees.

Designed to promote interaction between graduate students and faculty, plans include public areas and a lecture hall or a combined dining/lecture hall. As well, up to 30 rooms may be set aside for couples, and possibly all 100 rooms may be made larger.

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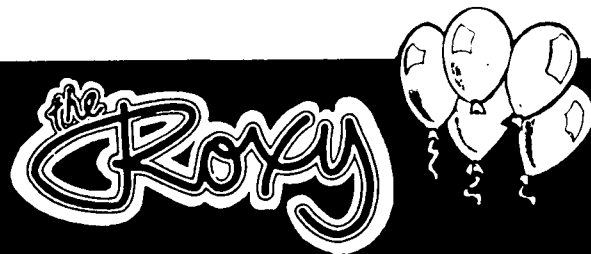
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'Birds drop two

The road-weary Thunderbird hockey team struggled home Sunday after dropping a pair of games to the resurgent University of Regina Cougars.

The T-Birds, completing a section of their schedule that saw them play nine straight road games, dropped a 6-5 decision in overtime Friday before getting walloped 5-1 on Saturday.

Despite outshooting the hometown Cougars in both games, the T-Birds were unable to solve the puzzle of Regina goaltender Rod Houk.

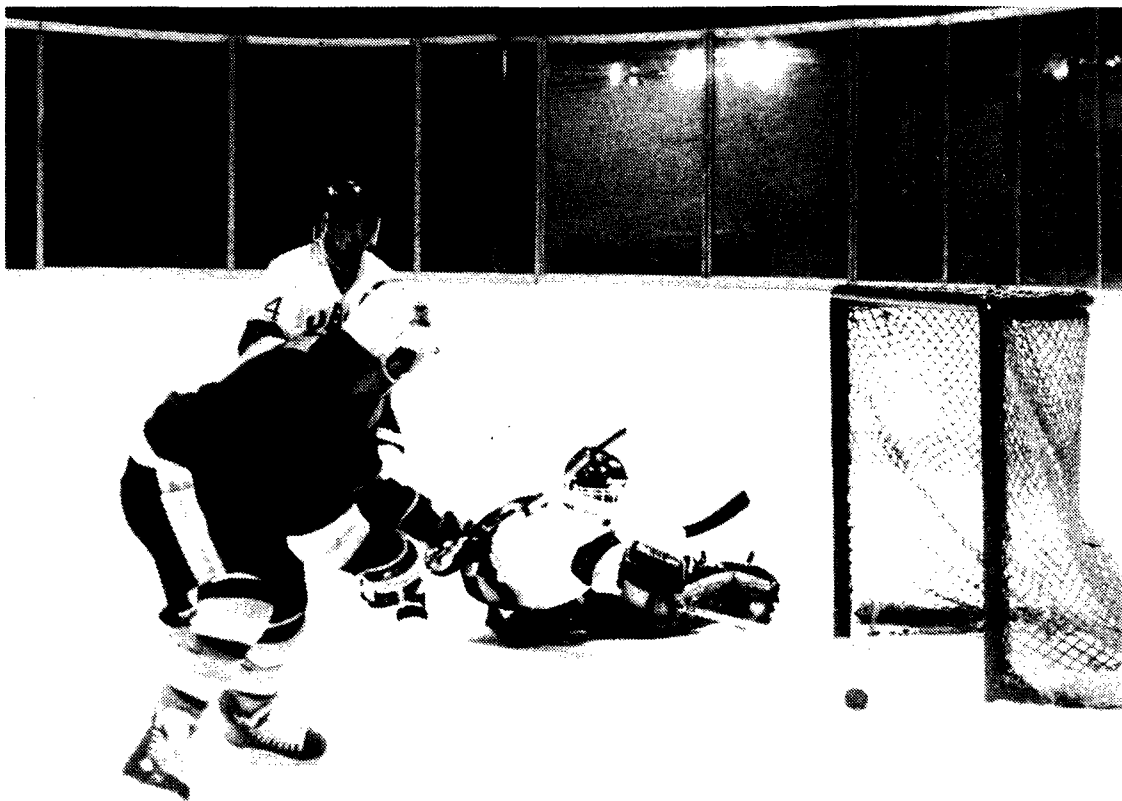
"Houk got hot in the second game," said UBC coach Terry O'Malley. "We outshot them in both games but that doesn't mean much. The team was a little stale."

Forward Gary Dickie scored two goals on Friday and followed that up with a hat-trick on Saturday to pace the Cougar attack. Forwards Jay Barberie, Darren Kwiatowski, Grant Delcourt, Perry Neufeld and Jeff Crossley replied for the T-Birds on Friday while forward Charles Cooper was the lone UBC marksman on Saturday.

Things will not get any easier for the T-Birds this weekend when they take on the first place University of Alberta Golden Bears in a pair of games at the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre.

"Depending on what happens next weekend we'll either be one point out of first or in sixth place," O'Malley said, referring to the parity in the Canada West Conference this year. The T-Birds are currently in third place, five points behind Alberta and the University of Calgary.

This weekend's games will be played on Friday and Saturday with both games starting at 7:30 pm.



Perhaps the best Canada West hockey of the season will be played this weekend when the T-Birds play host to the team which has proved to be their nemesis in recent years—the first place University of Alberta Golden Bears.

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OPINION

Two more dropped

The UBC Thunderbird women's basketball team dropped a pair of games to the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns at War Memorial Gym this past weekend.

After falling 80-63 to the 'Horns on Friday night, UBC conceded a 81-67 setback on Saturday night. With the losses,

the Thunderbirds' Canada West win-loss record falls to 2-8, putting their playoff chances in jeopardy.

Jana Jordan was the top UBC scorer on Friday night with 28 points, and Devanee Peterson followed up with 12 while Lisa Nickle led the Thunderbirds on Saturday night with 17.

Healthy Body = Healthy Mind?

by Colin Maycock

In the grand scale of things, the ancient Greeks have an awful lot to answer for. Not only did they systemize knowledge thereby laying the foundations of such delightful and thought pro-

voking subjects such as applied mathematics—(applicable to what?)—they also institutionalised the wonderful world of athletic endeavour. Straight away I should state quite categorically that I believe that people, within commonly accepted standards of behaviour, have every right to do what they happen to enjoy. My only real quibble is that it appears that there is a large portion of the world's population that attains a great deal of pleasure from the most asinine of all pursuits—sports.

From archery to aikido, bowling to baseball, curling to cricket, diving to dwarf throwing, the list goes on and on and would be as boring to read as to type. The basic problem with all sports (even those that I happen to enjoy) is that they are, at the bottom line, so absolutely futile. Think about it. Why is it important to anybody if someone can run faster than someone else or if one group of people can move an object, usually some form of ball, over a line or into a circumscribed space in the face of resistance? Think of all the effort, energy and sheer willpower that has gone into the achievement of such a silly end. What a grotesque squandering of human resources. As always these thoughts lead me to wondering just what might have been done if so much money and time hadn't been so fruitlessly frittered away.

It is really hard to determine which, of all types of sporting endeavour, I find the most unappealing. Actually, no it isn't. Team Sports, of all descriptions, are really rather revolting for two good reasons. First and foremost it seems that fully grown adults, with lives full of woes and triumphs, might have something better to do with their time than chasing small spherical objects around. Secondly, the team imposes a system of relationships on those within the team that are both dehumanizing and demeaning. It is dehumanizing in the sense that as the team has a single purpose, or if you wish product, the relationships between members are entirely geared toward its achievement/production. That is to say, each individual views each

other individual as merely part of the production process as opposed to a living breathing human being. In fact it would be a point of supreme indifference to the average team player if one of his fellows were alive, dead, psychotic or a sociopathic chainsaw wielding slug with a gammy foot, just so long as he/she/it fulfilled its assigned task and didn't get caught doing anything contrary to the rules of whichever mindnumbing sport they've engaged.

The demeaning aspect of team sports is relatively easy to delineate: it is the completely pointless activity in which they participate.

There is a further aspect of the sporting world that needs to be discussed, that is the role of the spectator in the maintenance of these activities. While I recognise that there is an amount of pleasure in determining the varieties of possible or actual strategies being used by the players or teams involved. That having been said, this "pleasure" appears to be bordering on the onanistic when its source is something so banal. The spectator gains a particularly debilitating vicarious thrill. This is a difficult problem to unravel but it essentially revolves around the expectations generated by viewing as opposed to participation. By not actually "Just Doing It" the spectator places uninformed assumptions as to what is or isn't possible on the field. Furthermore, the spectator cannot, by the nature of her/his sociocultural location, engage with the subject of her/his gaze. The spinoff of this is that athletes experience more and more pressure to perform their futile "entertainment" function increasingly competitively. What the viewer's want, they ultimately get and the price is paid in the blood and body of the athletes themselves.

As mere cogs in the entertainment industry there is always another to fill any gaps created by dismemberment, death or the athletes biggest fear, age.

Ultimately, it appears that organised sports are here to stay regardless of their blatant stupidity. The biggest question that needs to be asked is WHY?

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Farrell's return welcomed by volley 'Birds

by Matthew Clarke

Dave Farrell is not your average student athlete. As well as being a volleyball player accomplished enough to be named a second team Canada West all-star last season, he is also one of the top commerce students at UBC.

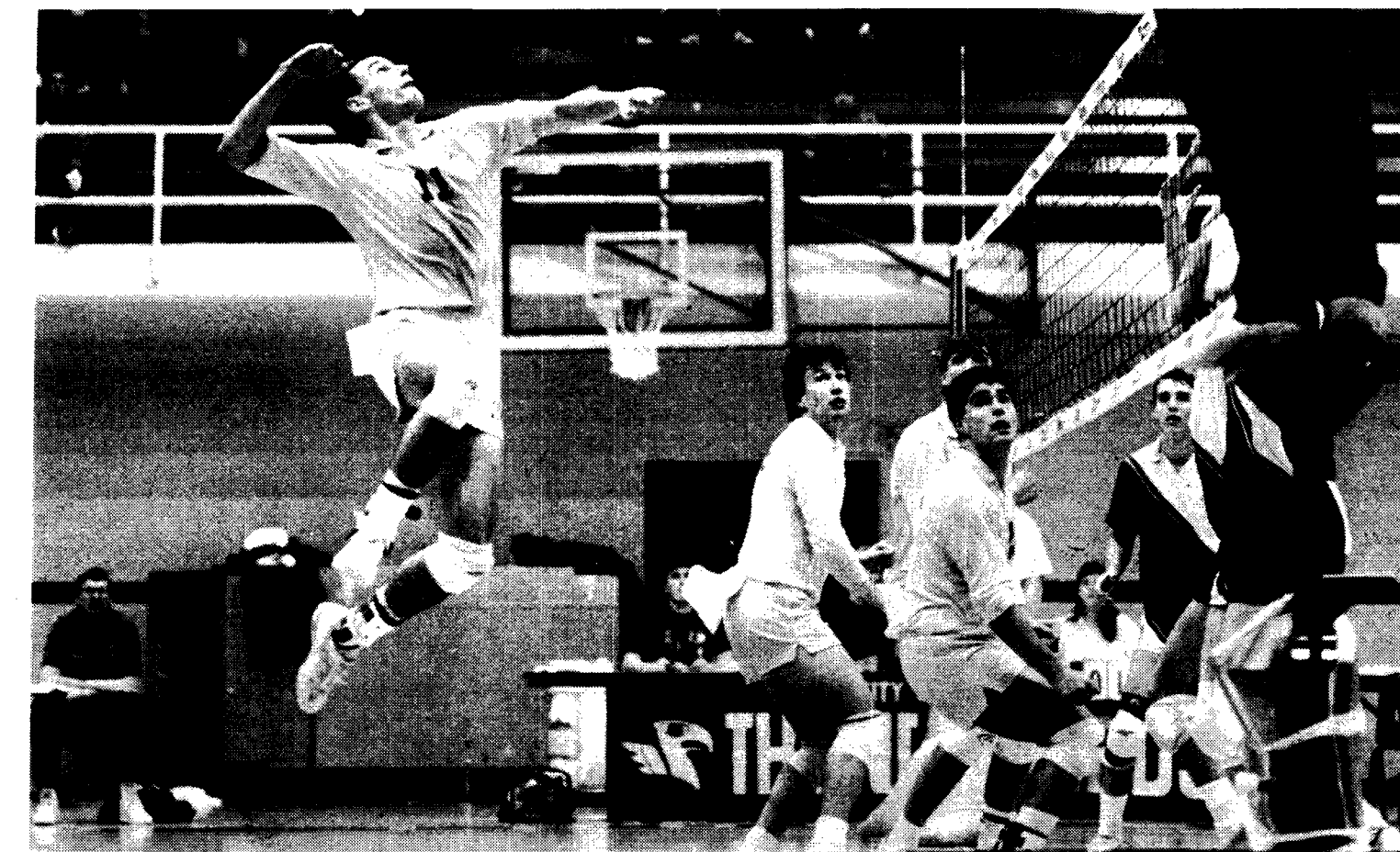
In fourth year, Farrell was one of the first two undergraduates from this university to be invited to Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Holland to participate in the illustrious International Masters of Science Exchange Council (IMSEC) program. Along with 37 other students from 17 countries, he spent the first term studying international business and management practices.

Before leaving, however, the Hamilton native was left with the task of informing head coach Dale Ohman that he would be missing all preseason training and the first half of his senior season. Despite losing one of his top players, Ohman encouraged Farrell to go and welcomed him back to the team when he return to UBC.

"It's really a plum in the cap of our program," Ohman said. "You look for good students who are also excellent volleyball players and here's a guy who shoots out the other end."

When he first arrived in Rotterdam, Farrell found himself in a program that included six core courses and two electives as well as an 'in company project'—the possibilities for development of markets in Yugoslavia—in a group with three other foreign students.

Farrell said he found the course work more group oriented and less theoretical than that in UBC Commerce. Also, it appeared that the students who came from



The high-flying Dave Farrell (11) is back in the T-Bird lineup after spending the last semester studying in Europe.

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European universities drew from an educational background which was slightly different in focus than his own.

"The Europeans were more knowledgeable in humanities and historical theories but less apt to know about current technical aspects of financial markets," Farrell said.

Highlights of his stay included a group trip to Brussels which included discussions at the

European Community and NATO, as well as weekends in Paris, Cologne and Munich.

Farrell returns to a team blessed with both depth and talent but also plagued with injuries and inconsistent play. Farrell's athletic and personal attributes make him a most valuable addition to the Thunderbirds at this time Ohman said.

"He brings a lot of different skills to our team. He is a very

intense player on the court and that's one of the areas we've struggled with. He's been a natural leader for us (in the past)."

As a full-time starter last year, Farrell excelled as power hitter but does not expect to start right away and may see some action as middle blocker. Ever an optimist, he sees this as a positive situation for both him and the team.

"The talent is there already which gives me time to refine my skills after an extended layoff from the sport," he said. "I see my role as that of a catalyst. I hope to bring fresh vision to the team by introducing a new perspective."

Having done Europe, Farrell hopes to stay in Vancouver and work in the consulting field when he graduates. Meanwhile, he's keeping his eye on the CIAU championships.

T-Birds best in nation, but need more athletic supporters

by Mark Nielsen

What more could a men's basketball team that has an 18-2 win-loss record, scores over 100 points a game more often than not and is ranked number one in the nation possibly want?

How about fans?

Based on a simple head count, fewer than 300 spectators turned up for each of the UBC Thunderbirds' victories over the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns at War Memorial Gym over the weekend. Considering how many students attend UBC and how many people War Memorial can hold, there was room for more.

Those who did show up, however, witnesses some top-notch, not to mention entertaining, basketball as the Thunderbirds downed Lethbridge 98-83 on Friday night and 117-96 the next evening.

And the consensus among those interviewed after the games was that 'yes, the Thunderbirds are for real, and worth watching.'

"They have excellent athletes, they have intensity, they're quick, they can jump and they can shoot. Have I left anything out?" said Randy Clark, a teacher at Britannia High School who was in fact attending because a friend plays for Lethbridge.

"I think they (the Thunderbirds) have a good chance of winning the whole thing so they deserve more fans."

UBC coach Bruce Enns was a bit more stoic about the lack of

people in the seats, saying that he'd leave it to the media to decide whether or not there are enough.

Even so, Enns has convinced a chain of pizza outlets to give away a \$175 scholarship at each and every home game until the end of the season to draw more people out.

Also, he did concede that the Thunderbirds "would be pretty scary if we (UBC) had some support behind us." And he said that UBC's annual trip to the University of Victoria is always his favourite of the year because of the huge turnout for the Vikings' games. They'll be heading there this weekend.

The final scores were deceptive as small but feisty Pronghorns stayed with UBC for most of the games on both nights. Talent-wise, however, Lethbridge was no match for the Thunderbirds, and eventually UBC pulled out a pair of decisive wins.

Canadian national team member J.D. Jackson scored 36 points on Saturday night after scoring 16 points collecting nine assists and hauling in 10 rebounds on Friday night. Fifth year guard Al Lalonde, who sat out most of Friday night with a cold, canned 23 points the next evening while Derek Christiansen scored 18 in the opener and Bob Heighton bagged 16. Heighton, David Willisroft and Jason Leslie all reached double figures on Saturday.

After the road-trip to Vancouver Island this weekend, UBC will be back home at War Memorial Gym the following weekend to host the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

BIRD DROPPINGS

First year guard Jason Pamer will be undergoing knee surgery this week and will be out for the rest of the season.

UBC tennis serves up aces

by Quinn Harris

UBC varsity tennis has enjoyed early season success, but the teams hopes to establish a tennis conference in the western Canada to maintain their competitive edge.

The tennis 'Birds' compete primarily against US schools, but women's coach Michelle Fischer and men's coach Andy Bramer would like a more formal playing schedule with western Canadian universities. Currently, a western CIAU tennis conference does not exist.

The two coaches feel UBC needs a competitive league to help develop promising talent on the teams. Eastern Canada already has an established university tennis conference in place.

The men's squad includes John Nickel and Martin Lampa, both ranked in the top ten nationally when they played junior.

The women's team also includes former top junior players.

Following her success on the junior circuit, Richmond's Bali

Atchwal has become the T-Bird women's strongest player.

"Bali has steadily improved during each of her three years at UBC," Fischer said.

While the program has attracted excellent local talent, Fischer and team supporters would like to see scholarships offered that would attract promising players from outside B.C. and to keep top B.C. juniors from going to American schools.

"We are looking for local sponsors to help us establish a Thunderbird Tennis Society to finance scholarships," Fischer said.

After witnessing the success of the recently formed Thunderbird Golf Society, Fischer would like to see the tennis program financed with a similar sponsor structure.

"We are optimistic that a western conference could be established as early as next season," Fischer said.

Thunderbirds finish sixth in California

The UBC Thunderbirds finished a respectable sixth out of 24 teams at the University of California—Santa Barbara volleyball tournament over the weekend.

Splitting into two platoons to keep fresh over the eight games they played in the two-day tourney, the Thunderbirds played consistently well to finish with a 5-3 record.

The team placed ahead of the two other Canadian representatives: the University of Calgary Dinosaurs, who placed eighth, and the York University Yeomen, who finished ninth.

The Thunderbirds lost 3-1 to UCLA, the second ranked men's volleyball team in the NCAA, in the match to decide fifth and sixth.

Fischer envisions the champions from a future western conference playing for a national title against the winners in the east.

UBC could be serious contenders for a future national title if the program can continue to attract as much local talent as it has in the recent past, Fischer said.

Fischer considers both UBC squads, among the strongest in Western Canada.

Despite losing to the University of Calgary in a recent tournament, men's captain Rory MacKay agrees with Fischer.

"We had beaten U of C earlier in the season," MacKay said. "Unfortunately, at the Western Canadians we were playing without our number two and number four players and that really hurt us."

The women's team's next competition will be in Edmonton January 25-26 against the University of Alberta, while the men will be hosting Western Washington University on February 16.

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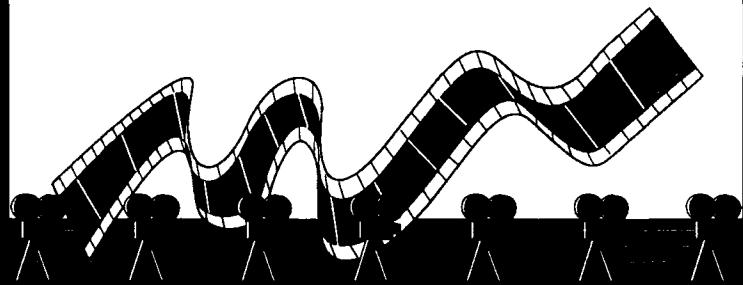
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That was then and this is now: the anti-war movement in the '60s and the '90s

by Carolyn Eagan

CUP (Toronto)

In the United States I was a member of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) which was one of the largest student organizations during that time. I worked as an anti-war organizer in New York, Boston, Madison, and Wisconsin: primarily on campuses but also in the workplace. I came to Canada as the partner of a draft resister.

When one talks about the Vietnam era, it is really important to recognize that it was a real crossroads historically and politically. It was a rebirth of radicalism after the passivity which typified the McCarthy era of the fifties.

The shift towards radicalism began in the early sixties as the civil rights movement began to question basic tenets of North American society. Afro-Americans began to fight back against segregation and the racism they faced every day.

Young, white, middle-class college students also became active in this movement. They went to the South to work on literacy campaigns and voter registration drives.

And they and African-Americans went face-to-face against cops and clubs and dogs.

Veterans of this campaign were very instrumental in the new and growing student movement. The free speech movement in Berkeley was one of the earliest examples. It burst on the scene rather dramatically. There was a demonstration/occupation which led to 800 arrests in 1964. Seventy-five percent of the student body of 35,000 went out on strike.

The SDS had chapters on almost every campus across the country. It also had urban development projects in centres like Newark, New Jersey. But its major focus became campus work and opposition to the war.

Opposition to the war grew slowly at first—in '61, '62, '63 demonstrations would get out a few hundred people. But in 1965, SDS decided to call a demo in Washington.

I was in New York at the time

and went to the demo. Twenty thousand, mostly students, took part. It was absolutely extraordinary. No one expected anywhere near that number. We had a sense that something really dramatic was beginning to happen. Political work and discussion and organizing on campuses and on the streets was beginning to have an effect.

Coupled with the growth of the anti-war movement was a rise in militant black struggle. In 1968 there were black insurrections all across the United States with a revolutionary politics emerging from the ghettos.

And people were dying in these insurrections—twenty-three in Newark, forty in Detroit, 2500 injured and 4000 arrested.

PERSPECTIVE

Politics was defined as revolutionary and groups like the Black Panthers, the Young Lords (a Latino group), the Third World Women's Alliance were forming and they were getting a real hearing.

There was a lot of state repression, and a lot of it was aimed at the African-American community. During the period, twenty Black Panthers were killed by the police. Malcolm X and Martin Luther King were also killed. Kent State students were gunned down.

Of course the African-American and Hispanic communities were providing a great percentage of those who were going to Vietnam. Their harder, fight-back politics gave an impetus—sometimes in an indirect way—to the anti-war movement.

The strength of the anti-war movement—hundreds of thousands of people saying 'no' to the war—allowed for the development of a real draft resistance movement. When the draft was implemented there was a huge increase in students fighting back—for obvious reasons. This brought the war home to students in a very

concrete way and it led to the immediate mobilization of many.

As opposition to the war spread, the ideas discussed over the years that had passed began to show changes. In the slogans and the mobilizations, demands were changing from 'stop the war now' to 'bring the war home!'

The links were beginning to made between issues—between imperialism abroad and racism at home.

As Mohammed Ali said at the time, "no Vietnamese ever called me a nigger"—and as you remember, he refused the draft.

The upsurge of struggle challenged many of the assumptions people had about their own lives and the society in which they lived.

Women were actively involved in the anti-war movement and began questioning 'the feminine mystique', and the sexism they were confronted with, in the movements themselves and in society at large. This was the start of the women's liberation movement. Tens of thousands of women, because of their experience in the civil rights and anti-war movements, would no longer accept gender oppression limiting their potential.

Today we're facing the possibility of war in the gulf. The U.S. troop build-up is certainly as large as it was in Vietnam. One difference today is that anti-war demonstrations and mobilizations have been taking place even before the war has begun and support for Bush's initiatives has dropped remarkably between the time troops were originally sent to the Gulf and now.

It is already clear to many people that this war is about oil and that the state fights in the interest of capital gain and not in the interests of the working class, blacks, hispanics or other oppressed people.

The potential is here to once again to build an anti-imperialism movement where the exchange of ideas, and exposure to radical politics can take place.

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Student councils withhold CFS fees

by Krishna Rau

TORONTO (CUP) — Some members of the Canadian Federation of Students say they pay the piper and they should call the tune.

Eleven student councils in BC and Ontario are withholding fees from the services branch of CFS as a pressure tactic. They say members have lost control of CFS-Services (CFS-S) and they'll hold their fees in trust until something gives.

But they may be running the risk of being sued by CFS if they don't pay up soon.

Student councils belonging to CFS pay \$4 per student per year. One dollar from that goes to CFS-Services (CFS-S), which is controlled by CFS, but operates as an autonomous wing. CFS-S runs a travel agency (Travel Cuts), and operates such programs as the Student Saver Cards and the Student Work Abroad Program.

Some student councils in Ontario and British Columbia charge CFS-S is run undemocratically and that CFS members, who own the services wing, have no say in its decision-making process. Some of those councils are now putting CFS's

dollar into trust funds instead of paying it immediately.

Lisa Berland, the executive assistant at the Ryerson's student council in Toronto, said they've had their CFS-S fees in trust since October to protest the lack of input member councils have.

There's a sort of lack of accessibility for members in decision-making. There's not a lot of accountability built into the by-laws of CFS-Services."

Berland pointed to CFS-S's decision, made without member approval, to take over a federal government program that brought young women into Canada as au pairs as an example of autonomy gone awry.

None of the student councils have expressed any desire to leave CFS, but tempers seem to be fraying somewhat over the issue. At a CFS national executive meeting in early January, two motions were brought forward to take legal action against the councils withholding their fees. Both were later withdrawn.

Jaime McEvoy, the president of the Douglas College student council in BC said legal action would be foolish.

"If they want to take legal action against us to recover their fees, they'll be hard-pressed to do it.

McEvoy also saw CFS-S as requiring more member input.

"We view the services as an organization that largely runs itself."

At the last CFS general meeting in October, the members voted to bring the constitution of CFS-S into line with that of CFS. This was enough to persuade the student council at the University of Ottawa to schedule a vote on re-summing payment of fees.

"Once they (the constitutions) were made compatible, we felt that the main objectives we wanted were achieved," said U of O council executive Marc Molgat. "It raised the whole issue of what CFS-Services is and what CFS-Services should be."

Molgat said, however, that other members still have complaints, and that CFS should not even be considering addressing the questions in a courtroom.

"I think it's ridiculous. If you're not able to respond to the legitimate questions people have about your organization, then

there's definitely a problem at the national executive level."

CFS deputy chair Christoph Sicking said the national executive did not want to sue any council, and the proposals came from a minority of the executive.

He agreed, however, that the constitutional changes did not seem to be enough for many councils. He said such changes would not alter the day-to-day decision-making process of CFS-S, but he held out hope for the future.

"That in itself is not enough. But now the groundwork has been laid," he said.

But Molgat said some schools are looking for fundamental changes in the way CFS-S operates.

"I think some schools want some very important changes to the way CFS-Services are run. They want seats on the board of directors of Travel Cuts, and a greater say in the allocation of monies," he said.

The positions of members in BC will be examined at a meeting later this week. The Ontario Federation of Students will also hold a meeting this week.

Tim Jackson, the chair of the

Ontario Federation of Students, said OFS had stayed out of the disagreements so far.

One of the motions to sue members at the CFS national executive meeting was put forward by the Ontario representative, although she later withdrew it. Jackson, however, said he had no opinion on legal action.

"It's irrelevant what I think. I don't have a seat on the CFS executive."

Jackson then compared the situation to the difficulties OFS had in collecting fees from the York University's student council. The OFS membership had voted to sue the council if an agreement could not be reached.

But, said Jackson, he really had no part to play in the disagreement.

"I don't really think it's appropriate that I get involved in it that much."

Lakehead University in Ontario has also put its fees in trust, as have the University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, and Langara, Capilano, Selkirk, Malspina and Cariboo Colleges and the Emily Carr College of Arts—all in BC

Imitation Ivy Leagues inadequate, inquiry says

by Mike Adler

OTTAWA (CUP)—Undergraduate teaching will suffer in Canada until our universities stop imitating Harvard and Yale, according to the commissioner of the inquiry of Canadian University Education Stuart Smith.

Smith said his report this fall will argue that universities should be encouraged to specialize.

"We're all in favor of diversity of role," he said in Ottawa last month after listening to over 200 witnesses in nine cities.

"What we're not in favor of is having the government tell people

what they should do."

But Smith said university presidents are wrong if they think the report will only echo their pleas for increased funding.

"Sure they need more money. But the methods they have chosen for surviving this period of financial crisis are themselves open to serious question."

Witnesses told the commission that universities with graduate and research studies have chosen to protect these programs, letting the quality of undergraduate education fall drastically.

By reaching for status—and modelling themselves on famous American institutions—these Canadian universities have failed to stress teaching, Smith said.

"I think I see far too many universities adopting the policies of tenure and promotion as though they were Yale. Well, with great respect, they're not."

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada is spending \$900,000 to pay for the commission and its office in Ottawa. The federal secretary of state, responsible for cutting transfer payments to universities

by \$900 million over five years, contributed \$250,000.

Smith praised undergraduate institutions for "resisting the urge to become mini-Harvards," telling a group of students from Bishop's University they were "lucky" to be at a university that did not short-change them on teaching.

He appeared intrigued on December 5 when Queen's University principal David Smith told the commission that government funding should be affected by "indicators" of what each university has to offer.

The principal said this could

include special programs, admission standards, and job placement for graduates.

"If I call for differential funding, there's going to be a howl," said Stuart Smith, who later added he would still consider the idea.

"I have a lot of difficulty with quality comparisons (between institutions)," he said.

Hearings ended December 6 in Ottawa, after allowing two extra days for presentations. Portions of the commission's draft report might be circulated in April or May, said Philip Ennos, an assistant to Stuart Smith.

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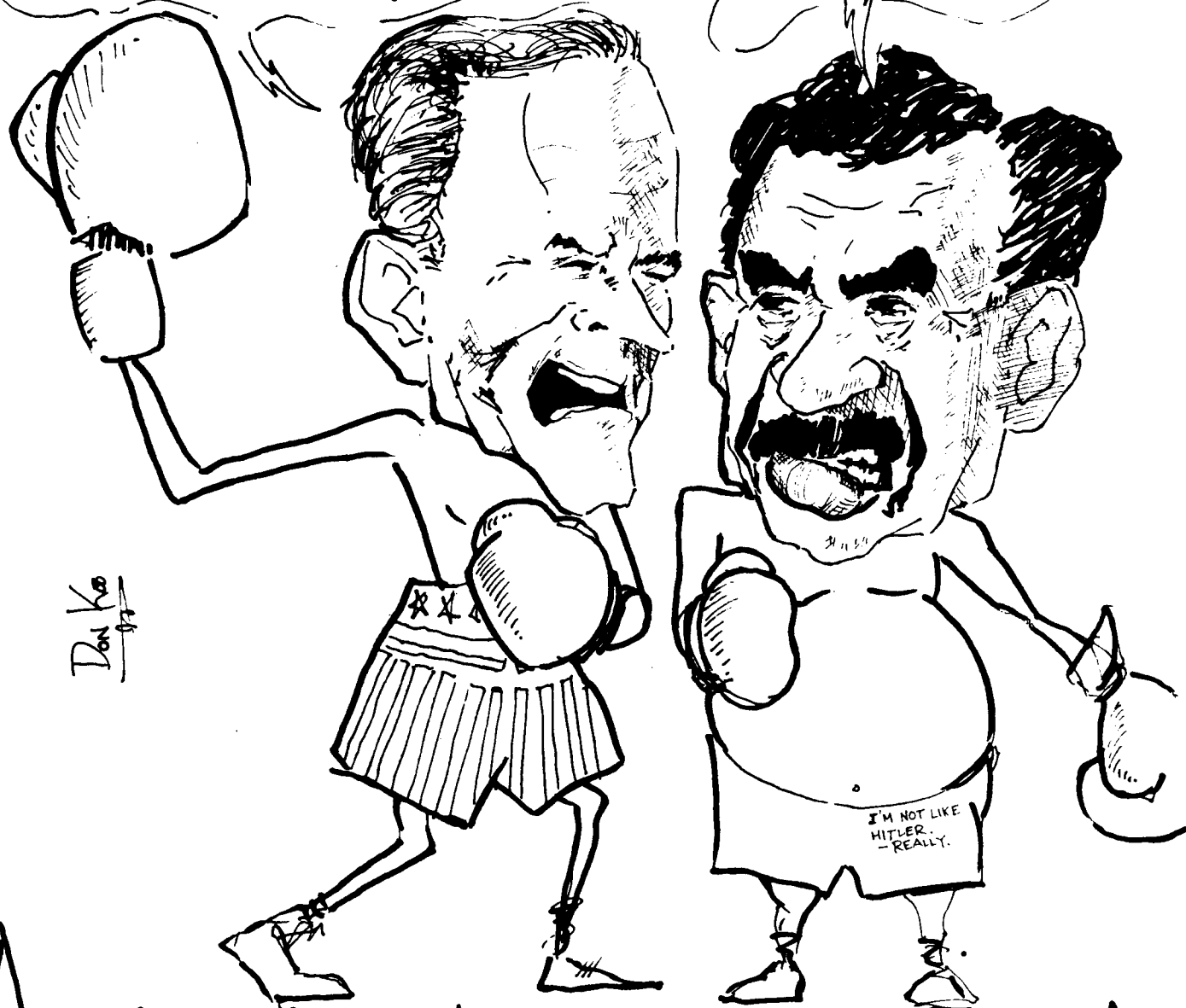
It was a hot and raving night at Club Ubyyssey when Corn speck von Specht yelled, "Let's do the masty!" And immediately, Captain Rodswest Shirt Nielsen, Birkenstocky Ernie and Tangerine Tigger jumped to the floor, thrusting their hips like a coffee grinder on acid. \$4.25 was the cover charge. Yggy King wore his John Travolta suit and discoed to the tune of Senator Mikey Booth. "Keeping his lawn," thumped Martinmaughamart-on-Chesterfield. Turned on by the orgy of decadence, Matthew Clarke, Quinn Harris and Lucho van Ischott-ichiban noodles pulled out their forks and began to masticate vigorously. Titillated and blushing, Primadonna Rebecca Bishop videotaped and faxed it to Nightline's guest host Nazzobxpxee Rehnby. In the audience were Nicole Sadinsky, JennyTheNewSnazzyStaffer and Sam Green who chanted, "Blasphemous!" look out their chain saws and sliced diced chopped the tape. So disappointed was voyeur HickeyVictor Chewygoosey Wong who kissed with three lips that he ran back to Club Ubyyssey and demanded an encore performance. Horny Hao the Idealist and luscious Lydia Cheng obliged. Jamesian Effie Pow noted down the details in long, convoluted sentences, sticking in commas wherever she pleased, and, excited as she was, managed to stand, alone, upright, beautiful, and as poetic justice would serve, she would give a reading of all the night's masturbation on paper.

Editors

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DON'T YOU THREATEN ME, BUSH,
AGGRESSION IS AN UGLY THING



AT ZERO HOUR: IF LIFE WERE A BOXING MATCH!

Editorials

No oil to grease the military machine?

There are no American oil interests in Lithuania.

Does this bit of information explain the West's passive reaction to the crushing of nationalist forces in the Baltic State?

Over the weekend Soviet forces used live ammunition to quell the popular movement that demanded sovereignty for Lithuania which has been under Soviet control since the Second World War.

Since the Soviet military moved in the Lithuanian people have been attempting to blockade, often unsuccessfully, the troops from key buildings in the capital of Vilnius—sacrificing their lives to resist Soviet imperialism.

And while the tanks slowly and methodically crush the Lithuanian people, the Western leaders have only chastised the Kremlin for the brutal crack down.

Minister for External Affairs Joe Clark "condemned" the Soviet action, while U.S. president George Bush said he was "disturbed" by what had happened.

These are the very leaders who are itching to send their youth to die in the sands of the Arabian Peninsula.

Why is the Western world being so hypocritical?

Why is it that the West is towing the Soviet line?

Perhaps it is because the US needs Soviet support in the UN or risks losing Security Council approval for its actions in the Gulf.

A similar example of Western inaction came during the crackdown in Hungary in 1956. The West was tied up with the Suez crisis, and distracted and disunited, the West responded meekly to the Soviet's savage repression of Hungarian independence fighters.

The timing in both cases has been impeccable. The Soviet union has been able to wait, letting the discontent brew until the West has been preoccupied, disunited, or dependant upon the Kremlin's support before they have acted. And then they have reacted with swift brutality.

The similarities between the two events are striking.

But perhaps there is more.

This time the West has a tremendous amount of money invested in the Soviet Union. The mighty buck takes over again, as the West turns a blind eye to brutality because it is in its best economic interests.

Time and time again, the so-called western democracies have proven themselves more than prepared to overlook a couple of massacres or a few human rights violations when it is in their best interests. In many cases they have supported regimes committing these abuses or are responsible for oppressive governments gaining power.

Today we cry out against the brutality of the Soviet government. Whether or not Gorbachev is willing to accept responsibility, he must be held accountable for the actions of his underlings. And he must bear the guilt of what happened over the weekend.

But in the same breath we must let our own leaders know the shame of their pathetic response.

Where is the February 15 deadline for Soviet withdrawal from Lithuania? There are no troops massing on the Soviet border in a sign of strength, ready to invade and defend the Lithuanian people.

Perhaps if we had oil interests in Eastern Europe the brutalities brought against the Lithuanian people would receive the same recognition as those in Tianamen Square.

The Gulf War: blood for economic stability

"The prospect of war and the loss of Canadian lives is real. There will be thousands of casualties and we should not rule out the possibility that young Canadian soldiers will not return but will stay there for burial."

—Joe Clark, Minister for External Affairs, October 25, 1990.

Why is the Canadian government willing to risk the lives of Canadians alongside American troops in a war with Iraq?

That Saddam Hussein is not the most pleasant individual is not worth debate. As a dictator he has led his nation to massacre Kurds, a minority population living in the north western part of Iraq, with chemical weapons. His regime has repressed the rest of its population as well.

But Iraq has been on a war footing for the last decade fighting Iran. Not that this is an excuse for atrocities.

Yet we, the western powers, have used Iraq's war with Iran as an excuse. Up to six months ago Iraq was an ally we were willing to supply with arms. Hussein was a leader we supported. In 1963, Saddam Hussein was installed by the United States.

To put it bluntly, when Hussein and the Iraqi military were out killing the Kurds we turned a blind eye. Now that it is convenient however, we have uncovered these atrocities as evidence of Hussein's evil.

The Iraqi regime is no worse than other governments the United States and Canada support in the name of democracy. Saudi Arabia, for example, our ally in this war, is a nation that has frequent beheadings, condones slavery and treats women as second class citizens.

We are not going to be fighting this war for democracy, human rights or any thing of the sort.

There must be other reasons.

There is the oil.

Oil fuels the global economy: industry, transportation, utilities and military might. Nothing in our industrial world runs without it.

The US is not as dependent on Middle East crude, but its economic competitors are. Europe and Japan are heavily dependant. It is not so much a matter of ensuring supplies for its own industry as controlling the supplies of its economic rivals.

Since the "end of the cold war" and the competing Soviet superpower's decline into dependence the global economy has been thrown into chaos. With no rival military superpower the US needs a way to assert itself on the world stage.

The "new world order" has been shaping itself up as the capitalist dream of free competition.

But Canada has declared a recession. Right now the US is also plunging into a recession, as yet undeclared. The warriors of capitalism and unbridled competition are finding they cannot compete.

The result is that the United States needs to use its military might to reassert its dominance over its rival economic powers, Japan and Europe.

A military victory in the Persian Gulf would provide that dominance, insuring control of the power switch of the States' rival's economies, and making America responsible for protecting industrial nations from the aggressive ambitions of the developing world.

A war economy would ensure the health of the American and the Canadian economies, which are so closely tied, and would restore "stability" to the global economy.

A stability perched precariously on the nose of a missile, and at the cost of how much blood, George?

Tuition debate hits CiTR's airwaves

To all students concerned about the tuition fee increases:

UBC president Strangway defends his "tuition policy recommendation" in a feature interview on CiTR to be heard this Thursday and Saturday (January 17 & 19) beginning at 5:30 pm. You will also hear from a panel of student politicians who oppose the fee hikes. CiTR is at 101.9 on the FM dial.

Stefan Ellis

CiTR news reporter

Wilson's speech leaves forester unconvinced

It sure looked like a good turnout for Bill Wilson's address to the student body at UBC on November 29, 1990. I was quite impressed by Mr. Wilson's speech but remain totally unconvinced that First Nations People have the right or ability to manage the land and resources which they seek through the comprehensive land claims process. Although I am very sympathetic with Mr. Wilson regarding the past injustices perpetrated against aboriginal people in BC and agree that there is room for vast improvement in the way that Natives are treated in society, I do not feel that this is grounds for their claim to 85% of the province.

For Natives to claim ownership over the land and resources of the province is ludicrous. These people were not indigenous to North America and have not been here for 25,000 years as Mr. Wilson stated or since the beginning of time as other Native peoples have claimed. They originally came to this part of the world as immigrants (much like us white scum—Wilson's words) from Asia seeking a better and easier existence. They practiced a lifestyle of exploitation of natural resources, such as fishing, and hunting game and if the area in which they lived could not support them because they exhausted its capability they moved on. These people even practised slavery (Haida Nation and other coastal peoples) until Europeans made them stop the practice.

When early European explorers started trading with Coastal Indians of BC the aboriginal people did not welcome the Europeans "with open arms" as Mr. Wilson states but saw an economic oppor-

tunity to gain wealth and luxuries and seized upon it. They wanted the beads, blankets and guns because of the wealth, status and comfort which it brought into their lives. In exchange they willingly raped their rich fur-bearing animal resources until they were totally destroyed. They didn't care about conservation because they were caught up in the greed syndrome of which they accuse non-native people today. Do you really think that with today's economic system that Native people would manage the resources of BC any differently? What will change is simply who holds the reins of power.

Environmental groups think that they have found an ally with the First Nations people of this province and think that resource management will be greatly improved once Natives gain control. How sadly mistaken.

Where are Native trained people who will manage the land and resources of this province once they gain control? I'll tell you where, they are training to become doctors and lawyers to lead the economic good life. I chose Forestry as a profession because of my love of the land and from a desire to improve society's use of it not because I wanted to make lots of money. I found Mr. Wilson's lack of concern for the matter shocking but was not at all surprised when he stated that if Native professionals did exist he would hire them over similarly qualified whites. You and your people Mr. Wilson are no different than us non-Natives. Whites and other non-Natives do not hold a monopoly on the ability to discriminate.

At least our present system is one which is adaptable and attempts to be non-discriminatory. There are a lot of flaws with it and these need to be changed but I do not see the solution being to hand over control to one segment of society. If the First Nations People of BC want to change and reform the society in which they live they should start by getting out of their own beds of puke and sorrow. Break the dependent umbilical cord which is tied around their necks and start to work for themselves, send back the government assistance cheques. Too scary a thought huh? And Native people wonder why non-Natives hold the stereotypical views of the drunken welfare bum.

The federal department for Indian & Northern Affairs (INAC) budget for 1990 was \$4.0 billion which works out to \$9,639/Indian/

year. Of this, 72% is administered by Indians by Indians. Couple this money with all of the tax breaks, free medicare, educational assistance, the right to load their freezers with fish and game at any time of the year and other perks and it's hard for me to understand how they can ask for any more advantages. All Natives must do is ask and they shall receive.

Native people of BC want to have their cake and eat it too. I am sick and tired of the bleeding heart bullshit I hear from people like Mr. Wilson and other Native media celebrities. There are problems

during one's term of office. Unfortunately, any changes will act as a burr under the saddle for an aspiring bureaucrat on one of the AMS's many committees. This paper-shuffler in training will then run in the next year's election and change things back to the way they were before. The inherent problem is that there is no continuity in many of the programs run by the AMS.

Instead, we will end up with a scenario that will probably unfold like this:

The newly elected will spend the summer working for the AMS and then spend the fall doing what

dent.

After the winter break, this individual will continue to act indignantly about the increases before announcing their candidacy for president. And behold, the cycle begins again.

If only there were real students running for these positions. Instead of SAC-rats and assorted AMS hangers-on who have worked their way up the AMS system until they have been on enough obscure committees to make them feel compelled to run for an executive post, why can't we have real honest to god students who just want to do some good for the university and/or their fellow students?

I just wish that these wonderful candidates

would spend half the effort doing their jobs after they are elected as they do hyping themselves during the campaign. The effort you see now is the most you will see out of these people until the next election.

If only we had seen as much effort from the AMS in posting information about the failed referendums in October as is being put into posting every conceivable free space on campus about how wonderful these candidates are. Come to think of it, there are a bunch of referendums being run with these elections and I have yet to see a single piece of information posted about them. Sigh.

Mr. Wilson because the land is all of ours, not yours or mine. Your people were immigrants to this land as were we white, yellow and black people that wanted to make this place our home.

Wake up students of UBC and start to really think about the implications of land claims in this province in terms of the social as well as financial costs or you will wake up one day with a new master that is perhaps out of your control.

Shawn Hedges
Forestry 4

Here we go again ...

by Michael Booth

So it's election time again and all through the second floor of SUB our self-styled would-be political leaders are scurrying about in a concerted effort to get as much information about themselves (and in some cases their opponents) out to you, the would-be voter.

Their schemes and promises are grand, they all promise to move heaven and earth if elected, they vow to give students a stronger voice when dealing with the university administration, they offer us unity and progressive attitudes. Things will be a lot better/different than before if they are elected their assorted posters scream. You betcha!

Well folks, I'll let you in on a little secret:

nothing will change no matter who is elected. The AMS has grown to be a massive bureaucracy that feeds on the token students who act as its figure-heads in any given year. The AMS has its own massive rules and guidelines that cover every conceivable event that might occur during a given school year.

There are deadlines for certain things to happen by and, with the executive busy helping AMS Inc. function smoothly, by the time they have taken care of their AMS duties, behold: their terms are over.

I suppose you could call me cynical about this, and indeed it is possible to bring about change

every other student government has done for students: not a hell of a lot. Oh, there will be a lot of talk about expanding the Pit Pub or making SUB even bigger because, after all, it is the inherent duty of each AMS executive to turn a bigger profit for AMS Inc. than the executive that preceded it.

Then, in late November, one or more of these new executive members will make the startling revelation that Strangway will be raising tuition fees for the following year. The executive member will nobly offer to put her/his best efforts into leading the student body against this latest injustice by the appointed dictator who answers to the title of UBC presi-

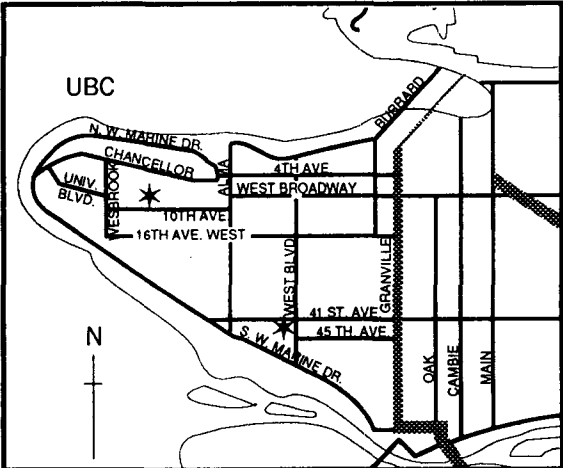
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3:30	Kardio Funk Dance Studio		Body Osborne Gym B	No Jump** Dance Studio
4:40	Work Out Osborne Gym A	No Jump** Osborne Gym B		
6:30 - 9:30		Fitness Instructor*** Certification Osborne Student Lounge & Gym G		

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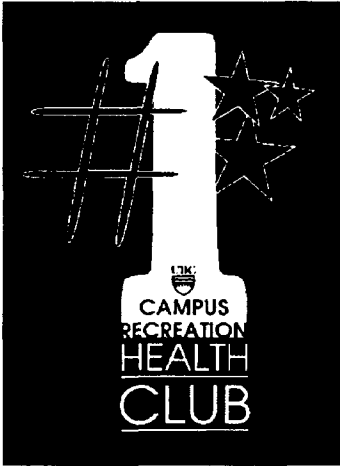
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| 201 JUDO II & III | MON/WED | 9:00-10:30 | GYM G |
| 202 KARATE I | MON/WED | 6:30-8:00 | GYM G |
| 203 KARATE II & III | MON/WED | 7:00-8:30 | GYM G |
| 204 AIKIDO | TUE/THUR | 6:30-8:00 | GYM G |
| 205 WUSHU SANSHOUDAO | THURSDAY | 8:00-10:00 | GYM G |
| 206 WUSHU (children) | SUNDAY | 9:00-10:30 | GYM G |
| 207 TAI CHI I | WEDNESDAY | 7:30-8:30 | GYM G |
| 213 TAI CHI II | WEDNESDAY | 8:30-9:30 | GYM G |
| 208 LUNCH TIME TAI CHI I&II | THURSDAY | 12:30-1:30 | DANCE STUDIO |
| 209 TAE KWON DO | TUE/THURS | 4:30-6:00 | DANCE STUDIO |
| 210 SHORINJI KEMPO | TUE/THURS | 6:00-7:30 | DANCE STUDIO |
| 211 SHADOW BOXING | SATURDAY | 10:00-11:30 | DANCE STUDIO |
| 212 JUJITSU | THURSDAY | 12:30-2:00 | GYM G |
| 214 AIKIDO WEAPONS | TUE/THURS | 6:00-7:30 | MAY & JUNE ONLY |

EFFECTIVE WOMEN'S SELF DEFENCE CLINIC - \$25.00

A 3 hour clinic (limited enrollment) stressing avoidance of difficult circumstances and manoeuvres to overcome unwelcome physical difficulties. Dance Studio, Saturday 23rd February 10a.m.-1p.m.. Register REC UBC.

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Membership cards required. Purchase membership at the CAMPUS RECREATION OFFICE, WAR MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM.
\$2.00 Drop-in fee in lieu of membership. Weightroom phone number 228-6924.

- Please note:
- * No refunds on purchased memberships. No exchange except on upgrades
 - * Lost, stolen and card replacement charge- \$10.00
 - * Facility CLOSED public holidays, Mid-term break
 - * Picture I.D. AND membership cards required EVERY time you use the facility
 - * All memberships still available except "Total Health".
 - * Club is closed MON.-THURS. 5:00-6:00 p.m. Closed 6:30 p.m. on Fridays.
 - * SUPERVISORS monitor & control overcrowding and safety
 - * NO Thunderbird Athletes weekdays 3:00-6:00 p.m.
 - * Prorated fees apply in Term II

105 ONE-TO-ONE-PROGRAM FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL STRENGTH TRAINING NEEDS
A one hour private session for your start-up program, sport specific program, new and more effective training program. By appointment ONLY. Sign up in the time that suits you best at the REC UBC OFFICE. Cost \$20.00

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