AMS exec upset with NUS

By DOUG RUSHTON

If the National Union of Students does not make some significant progress at its May conference, the Alma Mater Society external affairs officer will recommend AMS council move to withdraw from it.

AMS president Gord Blankstein told council Wednesday the move could cause financial ruin for NUS because hardly any members pay their fees.

"I'd say we're putting in half the total amount (of NUS's budget)," he said. "It will cost between $6,000 and $7,000 next year."

UBC's current share of $5,700 was passed at a spring 1973 general meeting. It requires another general meeting or a referendum for UBC to withdraw from NUS.

"It's not a worthwhile expenditure," external affairs officer Gary Moore said. "If they don't get something done we will call a referendum in September."

Moore said he wants NUS to lobby in Ottawa for tax deductions for textbooks and student union dues.

Blankstein said if they accomplish this most schools in Canada will stay in.

AMS treasurer George Mapson said the NUS currently has about 25 members with five paid up including UBC. "Actually it was $8,700 for NUS last year," Mapson said. The extra $3,000 goes to the external affairs office to cover telephone and conference costs he said.

Moore claimed NUS funds are being mis-spent. He said the NUS has a full time employee who spent a year recruiting new members and only managed to get two which were considering joining anyway.

Moore also said Simon Fraser University and the B.C. Institute of Technology are considering withdrawing from NUS.

Council also approved a motion granting the women's office status as an AMS special project for one year. Council passed the motion despite Blankstein's claim the women's office is operating illegally.

"We were talking to our lawyers yesterday and they told us we are responsible for all groups on this campus," he said. "We have to audit their books and are legally responsible for their finances. We can't turn them loose."

Blankstein suggested the women's office be constituted as an AMS club.

But Mapson argued the women's office is a good example of decentalization. "This is what we are talking about, giving the undergrad societies their money and turning them free," he said.

Speaking for the women's office, Pemme Muir said: "As long as we are independent of the AMS we can go out and get funds, but as part of the AMS we won't be able to."

She said the women's office currently raises all its own money. She suggested the women's office rent space in SUB from the AMS for a token amount but otherwise be totally independent of the AMS.

Blankstein said he likes the idea and will discuss it with the AMS lawyers.

Council also passed a motion giving the covered pool planning and co-ordinating committee $2,000 our of the covered pool fund for secretarial and other expenses.

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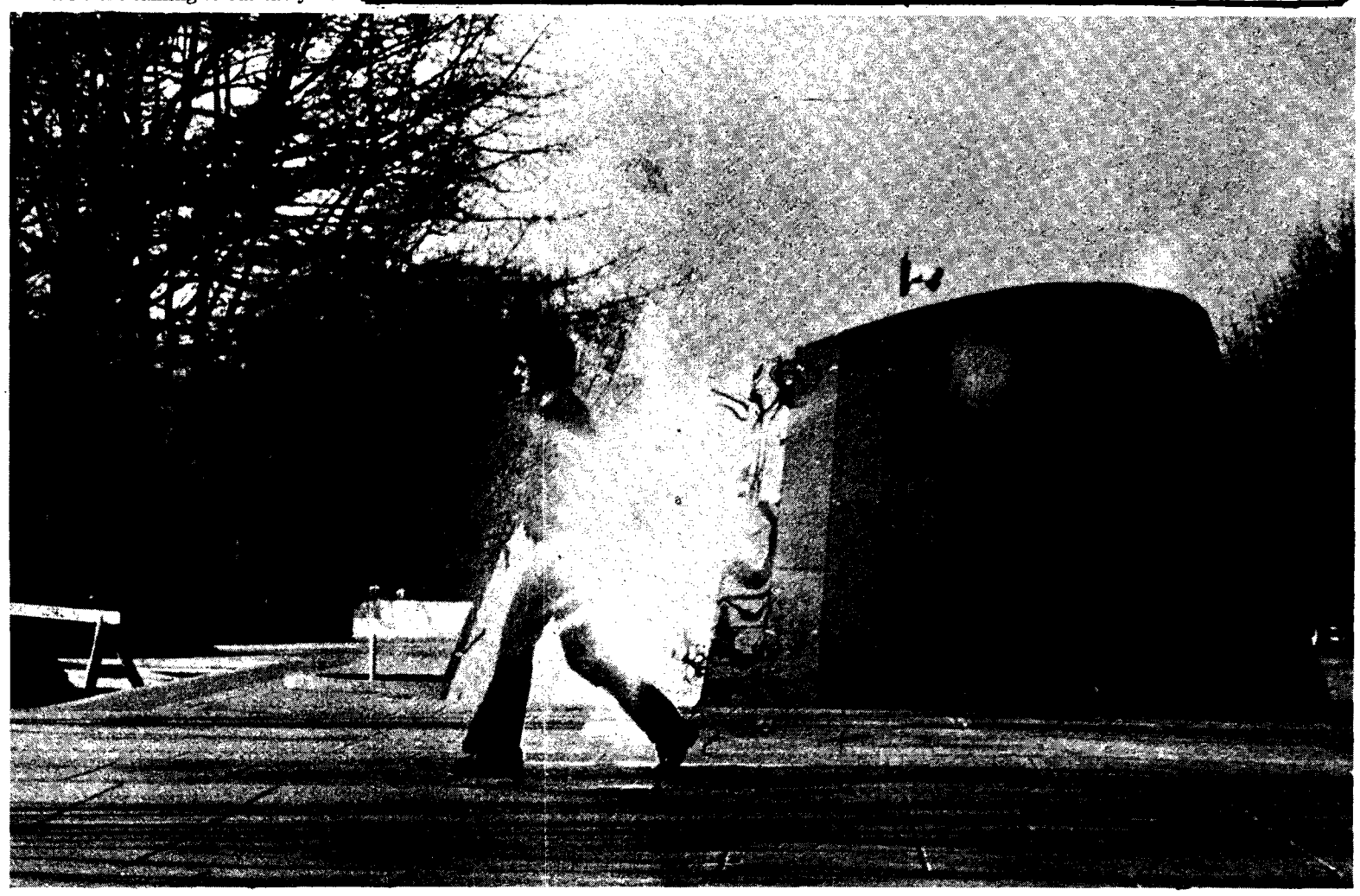

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LASER BEAM DEATH RAY narrowly misses unaware student walking across Sedgewick library roof Thursday. Actually it's all part of The Ubyssey's homage to the sun which has persisted on shining down on campus for an unprecedented period of time. Now that spring is here it will be hard for UBC students to adjust to the rains scheduled to arrive as soon as classes end in two weeks.

Court in on beach wrangle

The dispute over the Towers Beach erosion project will shift from the sandy shoreline to the B.C. supreme court following city council's decision Tuesday to not back a Vancouver park board bid asking the police to remove protesters.

At council's suggestion, the board is preparing an injunction asking that the protesters be restrained from disrupting the project.

The delay is costing the city about $700 a day.

Board superintendent Stuart Lefeaux said Thursday the injunction is being prepared by board lawyers, but he has no idea when it will be ready for the court.

An application is heard by a supreme court judge who will decide whether or not to grant an injunction.

The board voted Monday to allow the superintendent to remove anyone who prevents the project from continuing following the provincial government's refusal to become involved in the controversy.

Lefeaux said following the Monday meeting he had contacted the University RCMP and they were prepared to remove the protesters.

But before taking action, the board sent the motion to council for endorsement. Council refused, however, urging the board to seek an injunction ordering the protesters' removal.

Councillors decided against the board's resolution after Peter Chataway, a spokesman for the beach preservation committee, said a confrontation is inevitable if the board uses force to remove protesters.

Work on the erosion control project was stopped March 4, the day it started, after a group of protesters insisted the project was not well enough researched, that it dealt with the wrong priorities and that it would destroy the beach's appeal.

Lefeaux reached a compromise with the protesters Monday when both agreed to putting only a

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Senate sillies clash again

By KEN DODD

A definite split in the conservative camp to select a new administration president was obvious during Wednesday night's senate meeting as two of the leading conservative candidates exchanged angry words.

The clash between chemistry department head Charles McDowell and arts dean Doug Kenny began as a difference of opinion over law school admission policy, but degenerated into a private debate between the two centred around the use of scholastic aptitude tests generally.

During the debate McDowell sarcastically accused Kenny of thinking he was plugged in to God, while Kenny wondered whether anyone should take results of research from McDowell's chemistry department seriously if McDowell believed so strongly in use of aptitude tests as a means of selecting graduate students.

The clash began when Kenny said he would prefer the use of the Law School Admission Test stopped, saying he thinks it inadequate and discriminatory.

Referring to figures of a report presented to senate by law dean Albert McClean, Kenny said he believes the estimated 62 per cent success rate of combining LSAT scores and pre-law averages as a basis of predicting success among applicants showed the policy's failure.

"Basically tests of this kind discriminate against students of lower socio-economic classes and most universities have done away with the use of scholastic aptitude tests entirely," he said.

"Since I often seem to hear how law is one of the most progressive faculties on campus on most things their use of such practices sur-

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Students vote to strike

HAMILTON (CUP) — Students at McMaster University have voted to strike.

The Thursday strike vote followed a Wednesday occupation of the registrar's office by hundreds of students to protest the arrest of seven leaders of the French students' union who refused to leave administration president A. N. Bourne's office.

Nearly 3,000 students turned out to a general meeting on the strike vote, a record number for a McMaster student union meeting.

The strike vote and building occupation occurred after the seven were arrested 5 a.m., Tuesday for petty trespassing. They had been occupying administrators' offices for eight days to back up demands for parity on French departmental committees and for rehiring three professors.

The students, who were roughly handled and insulted by police officers when they passively resisted arrest, were taken to police headquarters and booked.

Before this action by the administration, the French students' union had decided to call off their strike because negotiations were going fairly well. But they decided to continue their sit-in until all demands were met.

After the arrests, students called a rally on campus at mid-day. Estimates of the group attending the rally range from 600 to 1,000. The crowd then marched on the president's office which was locked and guarded by police.

Fourteen police vehicles including two paddy wagons arrived on campus.

Students eventually settled in to stay at the registrar's office until the administration backed down on the student arrests.

The large office was jammed by hundreds of students from all faculties and two sympathetic professors from the French department.

The administration announced early in the evening they would drop all charges against the seven arrested and the occupiers marched over to a student representative assembly meeting at 9 p.m.

The union met Wednesday to discuss administration offers. They accepted an offer for almost parity representation on department committees but continued to reject the administration's position on rehiring of the Francophone professors who were fired.

The administration has now agreed to rehire two of the three professors but will give them the rank of lecturers with pay rates almost equal to those of assistant profs.

The students want assistant professorship ranking for all three.

Law faculty, tests bewilder Kenny

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prises me," Kenny said. "It bewilders me why faculty in this university don't realize it's 1974 and drop using them."

Kenny said such scholastic tests, widely used in universities, discriminated against lower-class students because they stressed abilities like verbal communication skills in which lower-class students obviously would not be as proficient as those from higher economic classes.

Chemical engineering professor Norman Epstein then asked Kenny if he was saying that the whole law profession is affected by such class discrimination in the selection.

Kenny replied, yes, he was.

Defending the use of LSAT, McClean said he believes much of this discrimination was removed from students coming from lower-classes having had a university education by the time they enter law.

He also defended the verbal communication part of LSAT, saying it is a necessity in law and several other professions that people involved be able to express themselves well verbally.

McDowell then rose and said he was surprised that Kenny "should condemn all testing so vigorously" in light of the wide use of the graduate record examinations and said he had recent figures to prove the success of these exams.

Graduate record examinations are quite widely used at UBC and other Canadian and American universities as a guidance to determine a student's chances of success.

Kenny then said he was speaking specifically only of the verbal and communication parts of the test, which only constitutes about one-third of the entire test.

Referring to results in these areas Kenny said the rate of predicting success was only about 30 per cent.

McDowell, his voice rising, then told Kenny he would send him a copy of the report, saying that the graduate record had the highest rate of success with graduate schools throughout North America.

Said Kenny: "I'm not disputing that statement. I'm disputing it is hard to predict graduate school success — the correlation still remains low, Dr. McDowell. That's the only point I'm making."

Since debate on law school admissions appeared to have ended senate chairman Walter Gage said, "Well, I think now we'll close this debate" when suddenly McDowell rose again, turned around and started arguing again with Kenny over the merits of scholastic aptitude tests.

"Low in regards to what may I ask," McDowell said, referring to Kenny's comments on the poor results of graduate record exams, as many senators laughed.

Said McDowell: "It's the highest of all known ways of trying to decide whether a person is capable of succeeding in graduate work in any field. Now if it's low in regard to some absolute communication you have with God dean Kenny then I don't know."

At this point Gage looked on bewildered.

Said Kenny: "I'd like to inform Dr. McDowell that I don't have a direct line upstairs, but I think most people who support the measurements will concede that any correlation bouncing around decimal three (about 30 per cent success) is low by any standards. I would suggest that research in chemistry, to make any predictions, would have to be significantly higher than that — before they take it seriously."

Since the two finally appeared to be finished in their personal debate Gage called an end to the debate — successfully this time.

Blankstein doesn't know

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Committee member Blankstein said he couldn't give a detailed account of how the money will be spent but said he will try to next week.

The motion passed after lengthy debate during which Blankstein said: "If people aren't willing to provide for the planning and coordinating committee, I will personally buy an ad in The Ubyssey and tell students where their money is going. That's a threat."

Blankstein told council construction of the covered pool can begin early in the fall semester.

A three-part motion concerning the Vancouver visit of former Swedish ambassador to Chile, Harald Edelstam, received limited approval. Council agreed to endorse a Edelstrom's Vancouver talk on the Chilean military coup and to purchase a half-page ad in The Ubyssey publicizing the event.

But a motion to contribute $150 to the costs of the meeting was defeated.

Blankstein also said the executive is talking of asking the B.C. government for a recreation grant.

Mapson said Thursday the money would be used to set up a community recreation program with UBC students having priority.

"It wouldn't replace rec UBC," he said. "But the program would have to be expanded."

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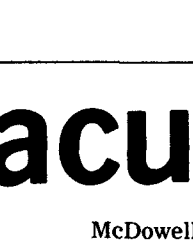

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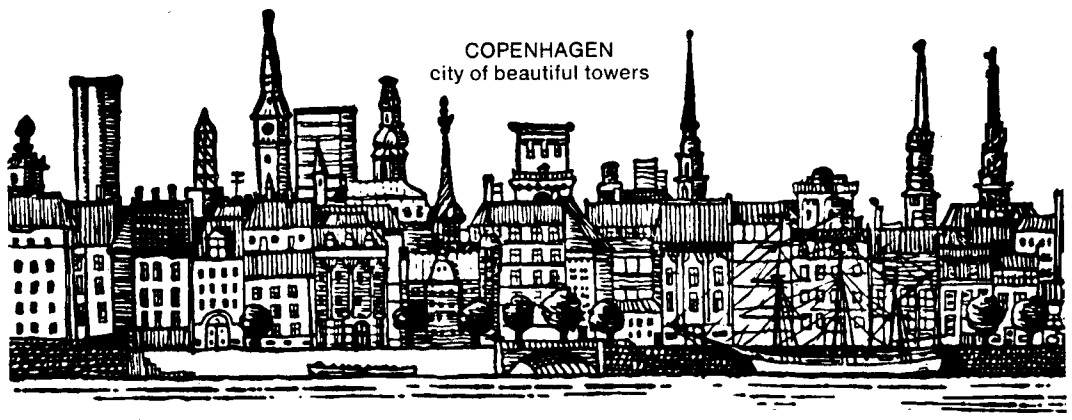

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University heads meet gov't

By MARK BUCKSHON

VICTORIA (Staff) — B.C.'s three university administration presidents met Tuesday with premier Dave Barrett and education minister Eileen Dailly for what one president called "historic" discussions about university financing problems.

Hugh Farquhar, University of Victoria administration president, said the meeting in Barrett's office was historic because it was the first time to his knowledge university officials and high government authorities had sat down together.

He said the presidents, Barrett, Dailly and deputy education minister Jack Flemming discussed several immediate and long-range problems including Barrett's Feb. 12 announcement that university operating grants for 1974-5 would increase by only $10 million over last year's $62.7 million grant.

University officials have claimed the additional money, of which $6 million would go to UBC, will be insufficient to maintain current university services, especially if student populations increase next year.

Barrett said when he announced the $10 million increase universities could get extra money if "they wish to pioneer" new programs and services, experiment with the quarterly system and open their facilities to the community on weekends and evenings.

The university presidents and planners have responded they currently provide many services Barrett said are needed and other proposals, as instituting the quarterly system, are not really practical in B.C.

However Farquhar, UBC administration president Walter Gage and Kenneth Strand, retiring Simon Fraser University administration president, said they were satisfied with the meeting.

"This was a very useful and friendly meeting at which the current needs of the universities were discussed, Gage said in a press release Tuesday.

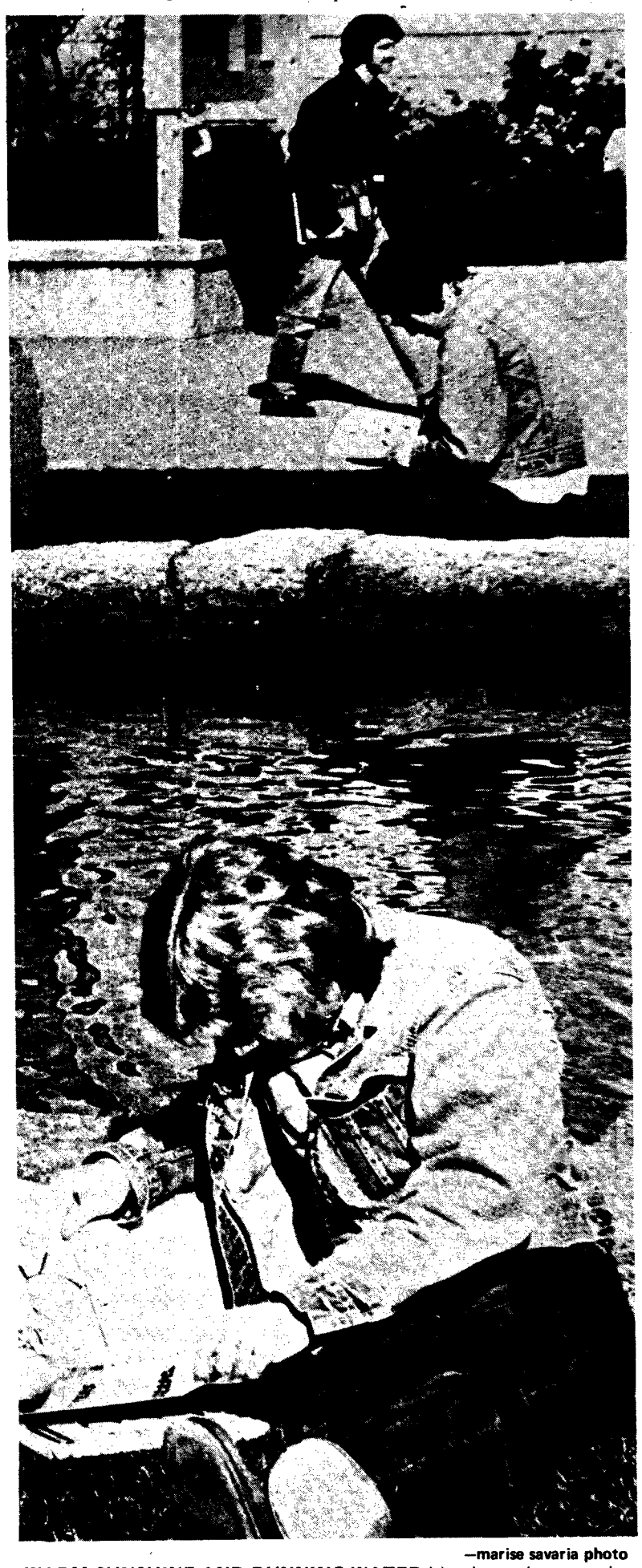
"In addition, there was a very full discussion of the future needs of the universities and of the views and suggestions of the premier about the role of the public universities in the province," he said.

Gage refused to discuss the meeting beyond his vague press release. Likewise, Strand and UBC deputy president Bill White, who also attended the meeting, refused comment.

However, Farquhar said the topic of additional grants beyond the announced $10 million was left "without any finalization."

"We felt we have made our position clear. I feel they (the government) know the problems we face," said Farquhar.

Dailly called the talks Tuesday "frank and fruitful" and "free-wheeling and wide-ranging."



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WARM SUNSHINE AND RUNNING WATER blend together to make studying enjoyable prospect. More people were outside than inside Thursday as temperatures reached new zeniths all over campus. Temperatures reached a few nadirs too as students argued for extensions on term projects.

UEL bitch names go to Victoria

By RALPH MAURER

A petition bearing the signatures of 12,000 Lower Mainland residents urging the government to preserve the University Endowment Lands as a regional park was presented to the provincial legislature Wednesday.

Frank Low-Beer, Liberal party nominee for Vancouver Quadra in the next federal election, and 35 supporters unfurled the 700-foot long petition on the steps of the legislature in Victoria.

Point Grey Liberal MLA Pat McGeer, also had the petition read into the legislature record.

Low-Beer said the names on the petition are not just Point Grey residents but also people from East Vancouver, Burnaby, North and West Vancouver, Richmond and as far away as Cloverdale and Haney.

"We've made a terrific impression already," said Low-Beer of his group's effort to keep the endowment lands in their natural state.

NDP housing minister Lorne Nicolson plans to build low-cost housing on the endowment lands and there will probably be an announcement from the government within the month making public plans for the 1700-acre area.

In November an opinion poll conducted by the Alma Mater Society showed the majority of students wanted to keep the UEL in its natural state.

The petition unrolled in Victoria urged "all levels of government to co-operate in preserving the greatest part of the undeveloped portion of the University Endowment Lands as a Lower Mainland regional park and to shelve future development in such portions of the lands until the proposition for a park can be considered by all relevant bodies."

The document bears 12,000 signatures, but Low-Beer said it could have been a much greater number.

"We could have gone on and on, but we wanted to give it to the government before they made their announcement," he said.

He said the petition was so worded as to allow a degree of flexibility, as long as the principle of the question is realized.

Low-Beer said the lands, must be a substantially intact park area to be valuable to the public. Any bits and pieces left over could then be used for other purposes he said.

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New SFU president to better women's place on campus

Simon Fraser University's new administration president says she will work hard to improve the status of women on campus.

"That's something I really want to give a lot of encouragement to," Pauline Jewett said in an interview from Ottawa Thursday.

SFU's board of government appointed Jewett Tuesday after eight months of deliberation.

Jewett, currently a professor in the political science department at Carleton University in Ottawa, said she will take over from current SFU president Kenneth Strand on Sept. 1.

Jewett said as president she will do everything in her power to increase the percentage of women faculty members at SFU.

"My hope would be that we would be able, over the next few years to bring up the number of women on faculty to roughly equal the Canadian pool of women academics available," she said.

Since 25 per cent of the total teachers available are women, 25 per cent of the faculty members hired should be women she said.

By ROBIN BURGESS

Jewett said she would guess the percentage of women faculty members at SFU now is probably no higher than seven per cent.

The situation is better at the student level but could still stand considerable improvement, according to Jewett.

"The only single democratization of the 60's has been that middle class women began to enter universities in roughly comparable proportions to men."

Working class women present a different picture however, she said.

Jewett said she wants to encourage more working class women and men to enroll at SFU.

With this in mind she plans to look into ways of improving the provincial system of grants and bursaries.

"I'm under the impression the provincial grant scheme is not as good as it could be," she said.

Jewett, a Liberal MP for Ontario's Northumberland riding from 1963 to 1965, was an unsuccessful NDP candidate in the 1972 federal election in Ottawa West.

She has been a full political science professor at Carleton since 1966 and served as director of the institute of Canadian studies there from 1967 to 1972.

As director, she said, she was "one of the first to have students on the board of management".

Student representation "at all or practically all" levels of the university is another development she plans to work toward at SFU.

"Students have a great deal to contribute to programming and academic planning in the university. I'd like to see them given the opportunity to do so."

Jewett emphasized that she plans to work closely with the senate in developing any new programs or changes.

"I do want to bring several ideas along and throw them out for consideration," she said.

Jewett said one example would be the idea of rotating chairmanships and deanships.

"I think faculty members should take turns being deans, chairmen, vice-presidents and even president for that matter," she said.

"I don't believe in headships lasting for 100 years."

This would have the advantage, she said, of breaking down the manager-worker division between faculty members and administrators.

Jewett said she'd also like to see more community involvement in the university.

"I'm kind of a public person in a way. I'd like to get to the public about what we're trying to do."

Her appointment marks the end of eight months of sharp debate and controversy among SFU board of governor members.

The news that she had finally been selected for the job really didn't come as a big surprise, she said.

"I kind of had a feeling they would come through. I knew it would just take a while."

Grads plug voluntary AMS

By LINDA HOSSIE

The graduate student association voted Monday to support voluntary Alma Mater Society membership and fee payment for all UBC students.

The vote followed receipt of a lawyer's report investigating the legality of an AMS meeting March 16, 1973, which passed a resolution requiring graduate students to pay regular AMS fees.

The report by articling lawyer D. M. Davidson stated that because the location of the meeting was changed from a foyer to the SUB cafeteria (to ensure a quorum) "the AMS had acquired no jurisdiction as a result of the meeting . . . to levy fees against the graduate students."

"The long and short of it is, in my view, that the AMS has no jurisdiction over graduate students. Graduate students are not active members of the AMS except at their own option. The AMS has no right to levy fees against graduate students," the report said.

Ariadne Krause, GSA internal and external affairs officer, questioned the report because an error was found.

The report stated that 75 per cent of the active members present at an AMS meeting must support an amendment for it to pass.

According to AMS procedure, two-thirds majority is required for fee levys and constitutional amendments.

GSA secretary Greg Oryal suggested one student would have

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Help NUS

The National Union of Students is useless — The Ubyssey said it when this particular organization was formed and we say it again.

One problem is that the union is practically UBC's own baby. Of all the campuses that belong, most of which are west of the Ottawa River, only a few are currently paying membership fees.

The Alma Mater Society at UBC is paying almost $9,000 to keep an organization which doesn't represent all of Canada running.

And, according to an AMS executive officer, all the union has done with the money is hire an organizer to travel the country seeking prospective members.

Although the union has been in existence for more than a year, it has not yet began to lobby for any kind of change in student loans, and university funding at the federal level, as it should be.

In effect, the only issue for which NUS is prepared to organize and lobby is its own existence.

That was not the original purpose of the organization.

This does not mean UBC should pull out of NUS; by all indications if that were to happen the organization would fold.

Instead UBC should put more effort, not money, into seeing if the organization can be saved.

If it can, then propose the ways.

The idea of a national student union is, despite the negative aspects of the current organization, good.

No comment

Letters

Schwenger 2

I must admit I am very disappointed in our English Department after reading your front page article on the denial of tenure for Peter Schwenger (The Ubyssey, March 12).

Schwenger is a teacher I am very grateful to have had in English 100. Contrary to the department's assessment of his teaching qualities as "not outstanding", I found his care and thoughtfulness in preparation and presentation a deciding factor in my university career.

If I had not been so enthused by his interest and ability I doubt that I would still be here today. His departure is UBC's loss.

At a time when, supposedly, first year students arrive less prepared in English than before, an interesting and talented teacher makes the literary gap even easier to bridge.

If the English department is concerned about making literate students from high school graduates, they should place more stress on motivating those people with good teachers and less stress on the quality of professional publications of those teachers.

I have, unfortunately, heard that 'university would be a great place if it weren't for the students.' The English department's refusal to grant tenure in this case merely supports that cynical view.

Oh yes, Peter is not alone. Another, anonymous, young prof has appealed his case. I wonder if he too, is, regrettably, only a good teacher?

Glen Euan
economics honors

Apartheid

A question for history students: when two populations enter an uninhabited area at the same time, who has real claim to the land?

Such was the case when the area we now know as South Africa was first settled. The Zulu tribe was moving south at the same time as the first Europeans were entering the country, and they met halfway. After a prolonged war, the Europeans came out on top, and have remained there to this day.

It's not an uncommon phenomenon; the same happened in both North and South America too, although when groups that have come to this campus to inform us of the evils of imperialism present their case, this fact never seems to be mentioned.

I went to South Africa a couple of years ago to live for a while, and I found many things different than I was told to expect. Things that I was warned about by well-meaning individuals who had heard about the "real" situation there from the sources we have in this country never materialized, and others that did showed that our information sources are distorted somewhat.

The women who wrote to The Ubyssey on this topic Thursday touched on the real problem only lightly without knowing it — the fierce contention there is between the two major European groups. The Afrikaaners are in complete control of the government and, in consequence, the police force as well. The English make up the opposition and are ineffective because they are outnumbered.

The Boer War still rages every day in Parliament, on the streets, and even between the youth of the country, who are almost the only hope for change. The poor black man is caught up in the middle, at the mercy of the government, and despite his great numbers is held in check.

A regrettable situation, but no amount of guerilla activity and boycotting of products, is going to change things. It can only make things worse by making a stubbornly proud government tighten its fist.

The English-dominated United Party has different policies that it would enforce if elected to power, but whether or not these would be really beneficial or just token gestures, time will tell.

The English-speaking people I met there were disgusted with the governments' handling of the black population, but had little say in the matter.

So you see, despite the way it looks, there are a large number of people there who are genuinely concerned for human rights, but they have to bide their time before getting into power. At that time things will really start to happen . . .

The Liberation movements that come to speak to us have a valid point, and although many of the things they say are true, often they only tell enough of the truth to outrage the audience. I therefore urge those of you who regard yourselves as citizens of the world to lay off your member of parliament for a while.

A decision made after getting only one side of any story is rash and could very well do more damage than you know. South Africa's problems are hers and hers alone to resolve. Until our own problems are cleared up definitely we make ourselves look pretty foolish when telling others how to run their affairs.

I would appreciate remaining anonymous because I am going back to South Africa soon to reassess the situation and as some governments have a way of distorting things I could very well be refused admission for this letter. That may sound ridiculous, but these things do happen and South Africa is a place where people are regarded as enemies unless they can prove friendship.

Beach

Much has been said about the Point Grey cliffs erosion control project lately, but today the beach preservation committee tops them all by their latest suggestions. (The Ubyssey, March 19) that ecological, sociological and environmental studies be done of the effects the project might have.

It may be possible to appreciate the relevance of doing ecological and environmental studies because in the process of constructing the artificial beach a few marine organisms and fish, may be killed by the settlling sands and gravels, or if they are not killed, they may be deprived of their favorite playground.

Furthermore, the cliff may be stabilized as a result of the project. This definitely, is an environmental impact because if nature has her way, this cliff is supposed to be eroded and disappear in geological time.

But what could we find out from a sociological study of this project? What does the almighty sociologist have in his or her, power to speculate on the sociological effects of this project? It is indeed very difficult to see how this minute project is going to greatly effect the life style of the people in the area.

In cases like the James Bay project in Quebec, it is very easy to see the relevance of sociological studies.

Let us speculate a little bit like the sociologist about what might happen if tohe project is successful in stabilizing the cliff and the artificial beach remains in place.

This will only mean that we will have more beach, and maybe more people will go down to it. So what? Well, it may be harder on the nudists.

On the other hand, if the project is unsuccessful and the artificial beach is washed away and the cliff is subject to wave erosion again, so what? Well, we will have lost some money, but we can learn by this mistake and should be able to come up with a better solution next time.

Lately more and more people have become aware of the importance of possible sociological, ecological and environmental impacts of any major projects. This can only mean more and more people are getting involved in what is going on around them.

Now, if people start to use these words thoughtlessly and carelessly, very soon these words will be just cliche — words that we use often but mean nothing.

Lastly, we would like to offer some advice to the beach preservation committee, protestors and all concerned. If you all like to see the beach remain in its natural state get your butts off the beach because you are disturbing the natural processes of the beach cycle and killing masses of organisms as you trample the poor bastards.

nine signatures
geological engineering

Thanx

Thank you Barry Grannary for your letter claiming streaking will lead to greater decadence (The Ubyssey, March 15;.

The ladies on campus should erect a monument in your honor. Surely there must be other students who have the guts to do something positive about this lack of propriety.

In defence of your sisters or lady friends you should organize and remove this disgusting spectacle from your campus.

As Gomer Pyle used say, gentlemen; for shame, for shame, streakers.

Peter Orlowski
a students parent

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Come to order, come to order, says the president; and when the Funny Company meets, here's guess what they present: Mike Sasges and Vaughn Palmer, honorary chairman; Lesley Krueger, secretary; Gary Coull, keeper of the spike; Ryon Guedes, court clown; senator Ken Dodd, foreign affairs diplomat; Jake van der Kramp, Dutch am/bare/ass/a/doer; Denise Chong, economics minister; Boyd McConnell, director of entertainment and cultural affairs; Sharon Stevenson, company whip; David Fuller, funny company mathematician; Rick Lymer, company ma/ass/cot; Alan Doree, company historian; Ralph Maurer, managing director; Lecherous Tom Barnes, keeper of the nets; Linda Hossie, writer of company fiction; Robin Burgess, company star and Marise Savaria company photog. News seminar tomorrow noon in Ubyssey office. Who's Doug Rushton? Mark Buckshon?

PROTEST SENTIMENT . . . forces confrontation

Confusion reigns over responsibility

By JAKE van der KAMP

It seems many people are confused about what is at stake in the Towers Beach dispute.

The issue is not whether Towers Beach will be preserved, but who will accept responsibility for the inevitable confrontation when the bulldozers start work.

The park board is determined to go ahead with the project.

It has not been convinced by the arguments of the save-the-beach people and knows the whole project will have to be canned for lack of money if work is not started soon.

So why doesn't the board call in the cops, remove the people in front of the bulldozers and get the ball rolling?

The answer to that is another question.

How would you like to be board chairman Art Cowie opening the newspaper one morning to find himself labelled as a reactionary who put in jail a few flower children wanting only peace, harmony and a beach saved for ecology?

You wouldn't, neither does Art Cowie.

So what does Cowie do?

He starts by declairing the beach closed which he has the right to do to see if the closure scares the protestors off. It doesn't.

Next he waits to see what popular opinion is. Needless to say it appears not to support him.

Then he tries to compromise. Another failure.

In exasperation he throws the ball to the provincial government. But the NDP is publicity-conscious also, so resources minister Bob Williams throws it right back to Cowie.

Finally, the park board decides to call in the cops only if city council endorses the move because then if the shit hits the fan city council gets sprayed too.

However, council members are wise to this trick.

They tell the board no, but qualify their refusal by giving the board the right to get a court injunction.

An injunction is the height of silliness.

The park board has the right to close down the beach and to call the cops in to enforce the closure whenever it wants.

It doesn't need an injunction, but it's going to try for one anyways because in its vacilating, spineless way the board refuses to stand up and take some responsibility.

And that is why the project is halted. Not because the board is considering the merits of its plans, not because it can't do anything, but because it is scared to face what is coming its way.

Cowie is trying to be King Canute and is learning the same lessons Canute did.

Ubyssey staffer van der Kamp, arts 4, has been one of the reporters covering the dispute since protestors first stopped the bulldozers March 4.

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Sueing student will give lawyer lever

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to be willing to register for a year and then sue the registrar for return of his AMS fees if the GSA wished to pursue the issue.

If that student won his case, the lawyer would have a lever to demand all graduate students AMS fees back, he said.

Oryal said the GSA has access to the AMS lawyers as a subsidiary organization of the AMS.

"It might be interesting to see if the lawyers will sue the AMS of if the (AMS) secretary will give us permission to use their lawyers," he said.

Oryal said the AMS has already been approached about subsidizing GSA legal expenses.

"(AMS treasurer) John Wilson really didn't make up his mind," he said.

"Maybe if they get a new treasurer who can think, things will be different."

Oryal said another tack might be to organize a boycott of AMS fees in the fall and then sue the registrar for refusing to register those involved.

GSA president-elect Steve Mochnacki said Davidson's report made no mention of how asuccessful suit would affect the entire student body.

Last fall, the GSA took a stand to remain in the AMS and work from the inside to improve the organization, Krause said.

She said GSA members were afraid withdrawal from the AMS might be construed as an elitist move.

Consequently the motion, proposed by GSA AMS representative, Dave Fuller, included all students.

Fuller noted that in the January AMS elections a slate of engineers dedicated to decentralization of the AMS won a large number of votes.

"In the student body as a whole there's a lot of discontent with the AMS," he said.

"The AMS just seems to carry on by itself, without consideration for the students."

Fuller said the "grandiose projects" sponsored by the AMS, such as the pool and SUB, are organized to promote the AMS executive, not to aid students.

"These fellows . . . and women, I guess, are out for jobs and it's good managerial experience," he said.

Fuller, who is a member of the ad-hoc committee on restructuring the AMS, said the AMS executives agreed this was true.

"There's been talk of an underground shopping centre and parking lot next to SUB," Fuller said. He said the plans had been defeated at a past AMS meeting but that this was the kind of scheme that came up.

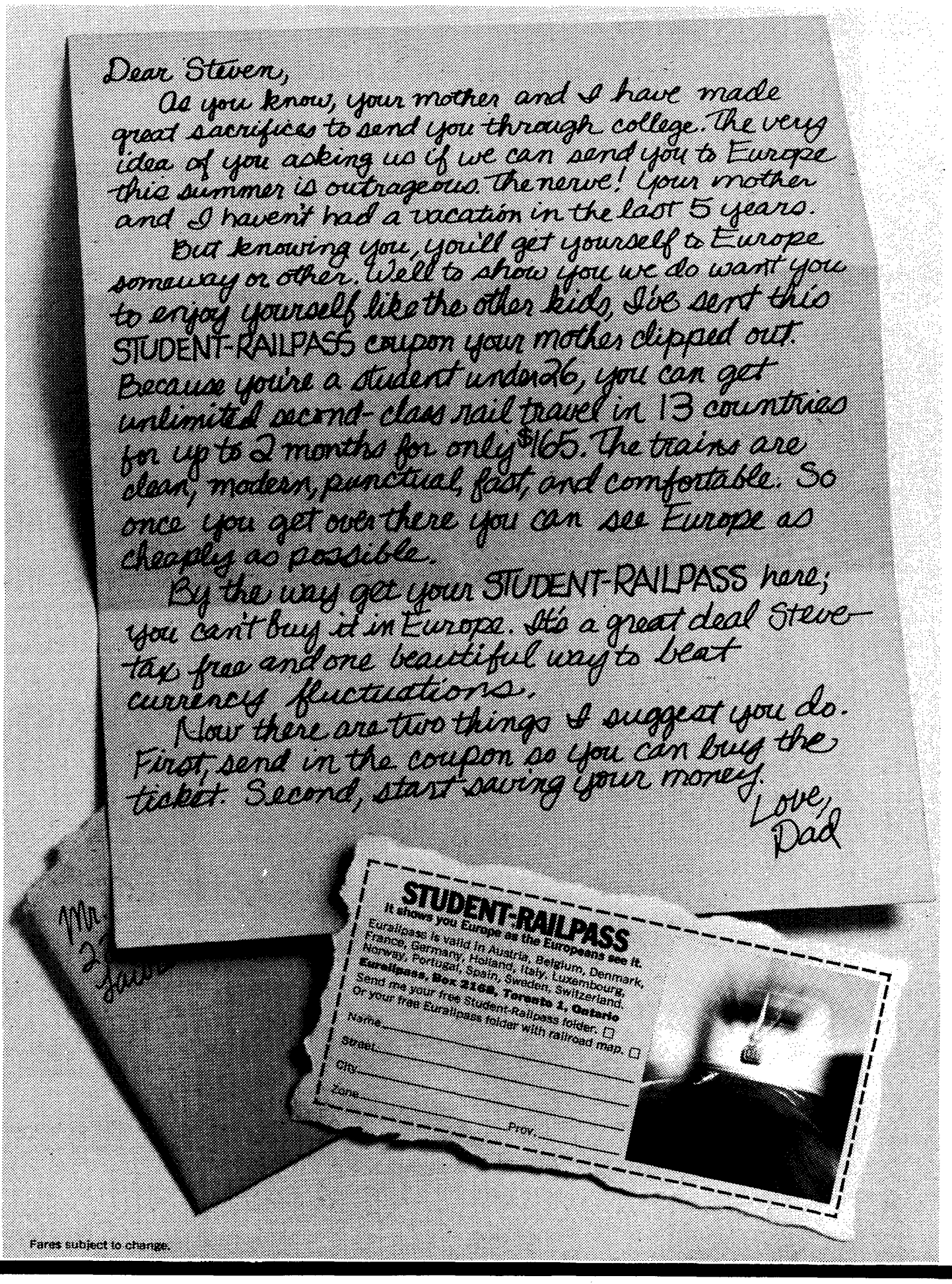
"Apparently there's also a move afoot in the law faculty to withdraw from the AMS," he said.

Mochnacki spoke against Fuller's motion for voluntary AMS membership, saying it would emasculate the AMS.

"The board of governors would continue to levy some sort of fee to pay off the buildings and students would be giving their control," he said.

A motion to survey students concerning their attitude toward the issue was defeated.

The meeting passed a motion calling for a second legal opinion to be obtained with respect to the GSA relationship to the AMS including all membership and financial implications.



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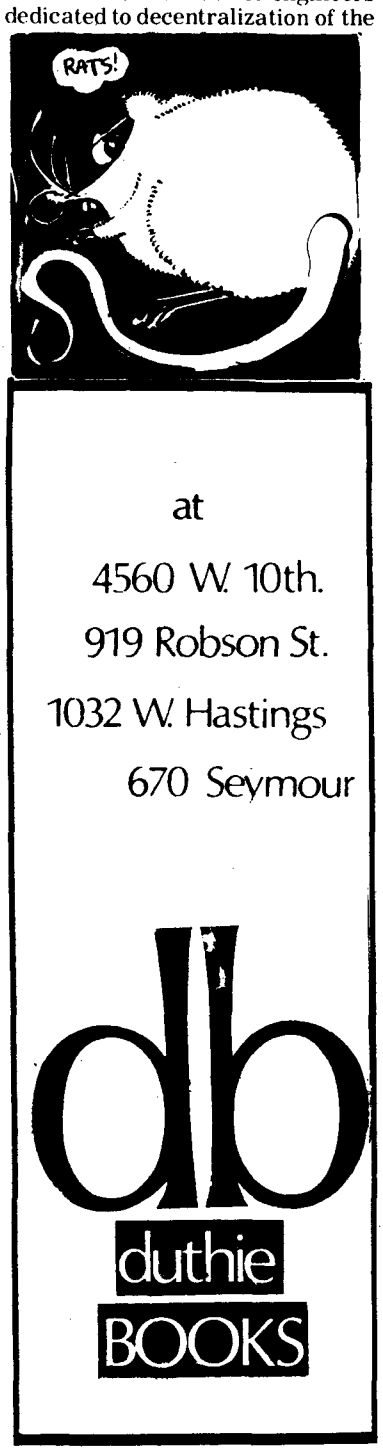

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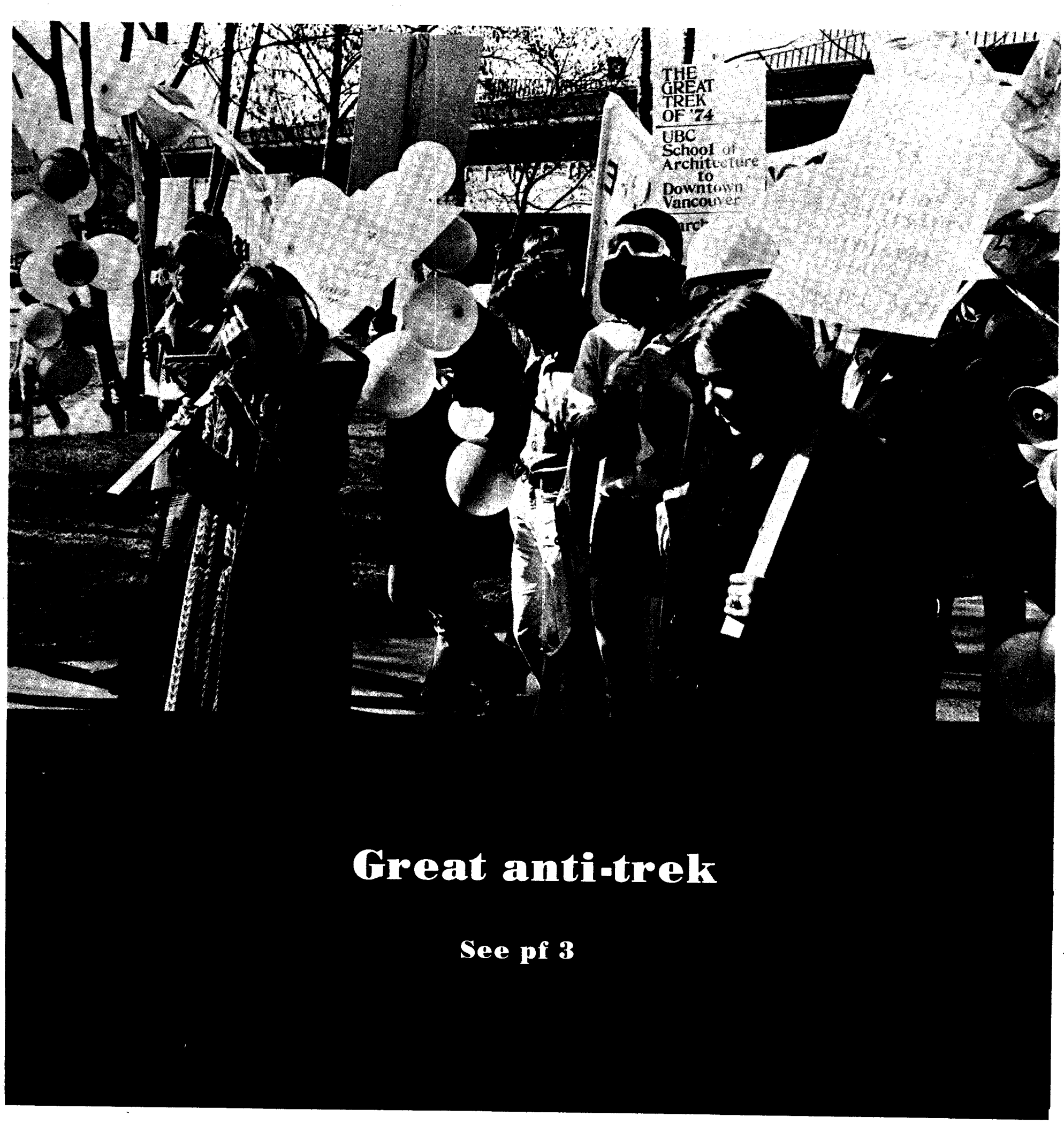

Great anti-trek

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PF Reviews

K (x1) the good

Kamouraska
directed by Claude Jutra
starring Genevieve Bujold, Richard Jordan and Philippe Leotard at the Dunbar Theatre.

At a meeting of cocktail party critics, conversation is likely to hover, like tomorrow morning's headache, over the sad plight of the Canadian-produced film.

"The Canadian film lacks maturity as an art form", declaims Phineas Fogbaum with a swirl of his swizzlestick, "it won't achieve box-office success until it is rid of its narrow provincialism."

"The problem is not with the quality of the Canadian film", returns Yehudi Morganstern with well-lubricated alacrity, "the real problem lies in inadequate publicity and distribution."

Happily, Claude Jutra's **Kamouraska** is being acclaimed both by critics and by Canadian film audiences. Jutra's film adaption of Anne Hebert's haunting story about the loves and crimes of an extraordinary French woman in 19th century Quebec is unquestionably one of the best Canadian films yet produced, and one with universal appeal.

Genevieve Bujold is Elisabeth, a young woman who struggles tragically to free herself from the stifling restrictions imposed by a rigid Catholic society.

Elisabeth's cloistered girlhood is triumphantly climaxed by her family-arranged marriage to Antoine Tassy, the vigorous lord of Kamouraska, a picturesque seigniory in rural Quebec.

Once home however, Antoine discards all trace of civility with his wedding suit and together with his mother, a squat poisonous old woman, makes Elisabeth's life a waking hell.

Numbed by Antoine's boorish brutality, Elisabeth finds a sensitive but possessive lover in the village doctor, George Nelson. Nelson, an American expatriate, is Antoine's opposite.

In his brooding, compassionate eyes Elisabeth sees the reflection of a much larger self, and she tries desperately to escape from Antoine's abuse.

The eternal triangle becomes an infernal one when an almost demonic Elisabeth plots with Nelson to murder Antoine. Antoine's murder sends Nelson into exile and Elisabeth to prison. The metaphor becomes a reality.

Kamouraska is a sparkling saga of romanticism, brilliantly constructed and studded with superb dramatic performances. Genevieve Bujold, in her portrayal of Elisabeth, creates a volatile mixture of alluring femininity and fierece determination to live life on her own terms. Richard Jordan, as Elisabeth's lover, has a Rasputin-like soulfulness and Philippe Leotard plays Antoine with raunchy vitality.

Jutra chooses to begin the film after the action has taken place. Elisabeth has remarried, traded one prison for another, and now waits at the deathbed of a second husband whom she does not love. In a montage of flashbacks, her tortured thoughts during the long day's vigil relive her all-consuming passion and the tragic severing of destinies.

Last, and perhaps most of all, Kamouraska is an exciting film visually. Michel Brault's photography of the Quebec landscape alone is worth the price of admission.

Rob Harvey

GENEVIEVE BUJOLD . . . as Elisabeth in Kamoura

Hummingbird poet flies

The SUB auditorium theatre was hardly overflowing with the faithful, being only two-thirds full, but with all the standing ovations the extra space was sorely needed.

UBC's own Anne Mortifee wasn't necessarily packing them in even for a mere $1 a head but those that did miss the last Friday noontide event missed the best economy concert in this campus's inflation-prone history!

With a nimble Robbie King pounding the ivory out of the piano and a bearded birthday boy Doug Edwards backing her up on both flute and guitar, Anne Mortifee became a lyric hummingbird and the audience loved it. Punctuating the bridges between sets with prolonged applause they showed a deep appreciation of the woman's efforts.

With pretty pink roses adorning the microphones and the piano, the lady began to sing with an enchanting voice, both lilting and lyrical. She sang many songs with the lyrics written by Valerie Hennel, Jacques Brel and Seals and Crofts. Outstanding among her orchestrations were Hummingbird (Seals & Crofts), and This is Your Brand New Brother, which she sang for her sister's young son.

Mortifee's wonderful stage personality zest always came through, she seemed to play a Bah'ai love priestess in her body-length white frock with naval tone dress, nothing fancy simply sweet and sensible.

She joked and jibed about roses and streakers and children and after applause, launched into her chanting Zulu improvision Kereme Kuh Kanalikki Bee Am (can you pronounce that one?) without accompaniment. More cheers and love passed around as they applauded her every effort.

She even brought her sister Janie on stage and together the two lookalikes sang a duet Dionysis. More joking and the acknowledgment that this was Doug Edward's birthday (the accompanying flute player) and so Anne led the crowd into a rousing impromptu "happy birthday to you . . . Dougie"!

After sets of Everybody Knows and her own Blakian adaptation "Tyger, Tyger" ("burning bright, in the forest of the night. . .") she sadly waved and kissed everybody goodby. But the crowd wouldn't let her go and rose to give her one of the longest standing ovations (four minutes) on this campus in quite some time. She did not disappoint them.

The lyrical encore that she gave after beaming her compliments to the crowd, which was her crowd by know — totally behind her, was part of her own new operatic production and was entitled Goodnight Gentle Sir.

"You're all so lovely, you are" was her lauded compliment to the clapping crowd.

Shouts of "And so are you Annie" were greeted with more prolonged applause. Perhaps everyone felt they left to face that steel grey overcast campus day with just a little bit more sunshine in their lives.

For the gospel according to folk songstress Anne Mortifee is one that incorporates a Christian love of humanity, lovely lyrics, and the fragile lilting singing voice of this true Canadian "hummingbird". It is a pity that more people didn't show up for this concert, perhaps the greatest bargain basement concert of the entire year (at $1 a head, nobody could say they didn't get their money's worth).

In the end Anne Mortifee, and her cohorts in folk poetry — Robbie King and Doug Edwards, took their leave in front of another standing ovation.

Eric Ivan Berg

West Coast in architect m

The West Coast school will expose itself to all.

The architectural mystique will be sliced open to display the inner sanctum.

UBC's architecture school is presenting a joint spectacular exhibition with the Vancouver Art Gallery March 6 to 30. The exhibit will reveal not only the school's vision of the architect's role but the school's impact on British Columbia. The exhibition hopes to answer the questions of whether a new type of architecture and a new type of architect has emerged from the architecture school.

The architecture school at UBC came into being in 1946 under the direction of Frederick Lasserre. In 1962, Henry Elder was appointed new director. Since Elder's appointment, the school has been committed to the understanding of what architecture can be in the future and to discover methods of manifesting these findings in reality.

The show, entitled 28 Years: A Retrospective Exhibition of the UBC School of Architecture, will feature drawings, models, audio-visual material and audience participation.

Some of the topics which will come under scrutiny in the planned series of events include options for the Vancouver waterfront, a public advisory service and a new way of building cities.

Wednesday, March 20, 8 p.m. Preservation of historic sites in Vancouver. A panel discussion about the Orpheum theatre and the Birks building and others. Aldermen, architects, financiers and organizers of the Save the Birks Building demonstrations.

Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m. Lecture on Architects, Unwitting Dupes of Speculator Blockbusters. Donald Gutstein.

Saturday, March 23, 10-12 noon. Architecture is what is brought to it. A forum moderated by Prof. Henry Elder exploring the notion that the architect's role has been invaded by other disciplines.

Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m. Time Lapse Information systems for the Architect and Planner. Ian Davidson, chief architect and planner for Mobil Oil Estates.

Thursday, March 28, noon: NFB Films, A is for Architecture, Exeter Cathedral in Devonshire.

Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m. Living on Mountain Slopes. Dave Spearing, architect. Slides.

★ *Kamouraska (x2)*

★ *Ohlsson*

★ *Mortifee*

K (x2) . . . and mediocre

Kamouraska
directed by Claude Jutra
starring Genevieve Bujold, Richard Jordan and Philippe Leotard at the Dunbar Theatre.

Kamouraska is a morbid exploration of the souls of those who stray outside the pale of 19th century church and social mores. Set in feudal Quebec it examines the harrowing process and the damning consequences of defying the rules and traditions sanctified by time and higher authority.

Based on the novel by Anne Hebert, it is the story of the beautiful Elisabet who is married off to the young and verile Antoine Tass, seigneir of Kamouraska. He is a lecher and a drunk and somewhat crazy to boot.

She learns to hate him and falls in love with an old school chum of his, an American doctor. He is a foreigner, an ex-protestant and refuses to mingle in society.

They love each other to distraction until he is distracted enough to go out and butcher Antoine Tassy. The doctor goes to America, she goes to jail and on release marries another version of Antoine.

The only thing we learn about husband numer two is that he is dying and that Elisabeth hates him for subjecting her to his endless lust. The present tense of the film is his deathbed, everythng else is flashback. It works although not well — it is carried to absurd extents when we see Antoine and the doctor as children playing chess.

There is an amateurish feel about this film as if director Jutra were attempting to do a small scale Doctor Zhivago in reverse. The background and setting of the French-Canadian past is there but somehow fails to convince. What is convincing is the certainty and reality of the hell that burned, just beyond the limits of the 19th century rural Quebecois interpretation of social conduct.

Throughout the film Elisabeth is reminded by her aunts of the need to remember her soul. She should have listened to them, for by the time her second husband is dying she is obviously in hell. And hell is where the movie leaves her. She is Catholic enough to feel remorse and guilt.

The extension of the triangle to include Elisabeth's maid (who is also a part-time witch) is a pointless and tiresome digression. The two lovers confide in her and attempt to convince her of the necessity to kill Antoine Tassy for them. She fails to do it and betrays them in the courtroom. It is an unsatisfying and puzzling sequence in a film that is already too long.

Apparently though this is a problem in scripting for in the original novel the problem doesn't arise.

There she is an essential character adding elements of mysticism and witchcraft to a scene already numbed with French Catholicism. The result in the novel is that Elisabeth's submersion into madness and guilt takes on a greater intensity.

If this is the film that is going to become a Canadian classic then we're in trouble.

Cinematically it is weak, there isn't that texture of richness that in some vague way characterizes greatness. A more important and interesting consideration however is the depiction in this movie of the Canadian psyche. If every nation has its great love story as the ads say, and Kamouraska is Canada's, what do we have?

Brutal lust, hopeless love, shattered expectations on the one hand and guilt, fear and madness on the other. Hardly an encouraging picture of love, but one which fits in appropriately with Jutra's bleak snowscapes. Bleak as this view is, it is nonetheless consistent with current critical thought on the Canadian mentality as interpreted through art.

Kamouraska is a good film but it is by no means excellent or worthy of all the praise being heaped on it. It is a long, somewhat confused, very morbid but quite competent film and no more. Watching it is a depressing experience devoid of any of the intensity and excitement of the eqally depressing Cries and Whispers.

Claude Jutra hasn't quite managed to imbue his cinematic landscapes with the magic and mystery necessary in the creation of a living and enduring work of art.

Ed Cepka

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ay, March 29, Afternoon and Evening. articipatory Build-In. Katabolism ad harisma. A day-long reconstructive vent by Rob MacKenzie. Cultural trash esurrected.

ay, March 29, 10:30 p.m. Western ound Front Sculpture at the Western ound Front Lodge — 303 East 8th. A social vening with Martin Bartlett, musician, nd Mo Van Nostrand, architect., resenting an Electronic Quadrophonic ound System for a Middle-Eastern ancer.

Captain Poetry happens

Concrete, cemented, spatial, onomatapoetic, sweetness and light sound freak: a strange way to describe a poet you may ask? But the culture vultures gathered in the bowels of Buchanan a few Wednesdays ago apparently agreed with all those recycled adjectives and added some more effervescent ones such as "wow", "neato", "groovy", and the subkulter bromide bristo "far fucking out, man!"

The **man**, was none other than the exuberant Captain Poetry himself, alias Billy the Kid, alias St. Reet of the mixed metaphoric "**Martyrology**" volumes, alias B. P. Nichol (small case superstar) infant terrible of contemporary "kanadian lit-writ-you're". B.- P. ("Barry", by his bardic bastion of groupies) Nichol gave what was universally declared one of the most exciting, if not always intelligible, poetry readings on this ivory tower in quite some time. (Reading from various books and notes (including his incredible "nov-ell" prose poems) he **sang** his poetry to the awed, stunned and faceless masses of the unwashed.

For to hear him chant out such anglo-saxon scopic alliterate inanities such as "house mouse/mouse house/mouse mouse/house house/ house mouse/mouse house. . ." or a better eardrum bargin in, ". . . l e l e particular laydee la dee/tender belly/a woman is where the woman and/luv me/b o is o.k. (laughter)/ for whaddabout bad breath?/it's kold eatin h's/if piss is s — ("naw that's not right — (laughter) — blew it") — if p is s PISS ON IT SSSSSH!" (groupie giggles you might well question his conception of poetry (or "poetree").

For Nichol does have a method in his madness or should we say a madness in his method. Concrete poetry as he sings, chants, and coughs it out is poetry geared to the sound and visual spacial parsects of the printed page. Cum again wot — tis "poetree" or calligraphic typographical madness designed to use the printed page as a **frame** for the "wurds" which become symbolic animals of appearance subordinated from their intellectual signifagance.

B. P. Nichol tries to churn out an orchestrated alliterate symphony of sound geared to particular themes and emotions and appearing to the layman (and "laywumman") as a series of non-sequitur syllogysms. (Ant tracks splatterdashed to-hell-and-gone all over the printed page!)

Living off the Canada Council travel and speaking grants is not an easy life for any person, particularly one who makes his bread and butter by breath of bardic bullshit alone. But B. P. Nichol is more than just an avant garde poet of sound and symbol ("ikonified alliterate idiocy" — as one ignorant hack asserted) he is a **voice** of change, a voice that must be heard, and an exceeding exciting and interesting voice to hear.

B. P. Nichol is nothing short (5'10") of a happening himself. A pied piper of "poetree" affecting enough to make the lumpen-proletarian masses of the undergrads rise up in revolt and bury the forcefed sterility of English 100 for good! B. P. Nichol; concretist, revolutionary, sound persona extraordinaire is marching on the collegiate circuit now and "CONcureRING"! We can only wish you luck Julius, er, Captain Poetry, and warn you to "beware the Ides of March!" (heh-heh).

Eric Ivan Berg

★

Ohlsson delights suited to temper in compositions

ne of the delights of listening to music is of finding a musician who performs positions suited to his temperament. ietimes, however, the musician has to do a of searching and the audience has to be ent with an unrewarding interpretation. oth delight and lenience were the case day evening when the young American ..f Garrick Ohlsson gave his first solo tal in Vancouver before an enthusiastic ience in the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse. hlsson, still in his late 20s, played works Haydn, Mussorgsky and Chopin.

hlsson did not seem to have much interest he short Haydn Sonata in D major. He d the piece merely as an opener and it was adequate.

owever, he pounded into Mussorgsky's tures At An Exhibition with an abundance energy. Heavy on the pedals, echoing crescendos and a heavy left hand gave the impression that Ohlsson was not completely at home in the exhibition. Although Ohlsson provided lots of texture and shading he did not set up enough tonal contrasts between each of the 10 pictures.

Ohlsson's special strength clearly lies with Chopin.

The first and only American to win the presitigious Chopin Festival in Warsaw in 1970, Ohlsson gave an extraordinary balanced and fluid performance of a number of Chopin works.

Ohlsson's masterful and lyrical playing of the Andante and Polonaise in E flat won the 6'4" virtuoso an enthusiastic round of applause and a straggling sort of ovation.

Ohlsson in turn rewarded the audience with three little encores.

Geoff Hancock

Workers rose once to a man

Exactly 103 years ago this week, on March 18, 1871, the proletariat of Paris rose in arms like one man, and war was declared between the people of Paris and the French government sitting at Versailles. The revolt of the Paris Commune occurred while France was at war with Prussia and national and class contradictions had become acute.

The roots of the uprising go back to July, 1870, when French Emperor Napoleon III started a war against Prussia. In September he surrendered to Prussia and revolution broke out in Paris Sept. 4. The Third French Republic was then declared, but power fell into the hands of the national bourgeoisie.

On Feb. 26, 1871, the French premier and Otto von Bismarck signed the preliminary peace treaty under which France agreed to cede Alsace and the eastern part of Lorraine to Prussia and pay an indemnity of 5,000 million francs.

When Prussian troops soon afterward beseiged Paris, many people took up arms and enrolled in the National Guard so that the guard swelled to 300,000, the great majority of them workers. Using this means, the people of Paris staged two uprisings — Oct. 31, 1870, and Jan. 22, 1871. Both were suppressed and the government attempted to disarm the workers.

On March 26, the people of Paris elected the members of the Commune and officially proclaimed its existence on March 28. Its first act was the abolition of the bourgeois standing army and its replacement by the armed populace.

The Commune governed the state by combining legislative with executive functions.

"On the first of April it was decided that the highest salary of a functionary of the Commune . . . was not to exceed 6,000 francs a year," according to Frederick Engels.

Economically, the Paris Commune handed over to co-operative workmen's societies the manufactories and workshops and ordered the property held in pawnshops returned to the owners. It also ordered rents remitted or postponed while it abolished night work for bakers April 20.

The Paris Commune announce the separation of church and state."All religious symbols were . . . on the eighth of April ordered to be banished from the schools. . . . On the sixth the guillotine was fetched out by the 137th battalion of the National Guard, and publicly burned amid loud popular applause," says Engels.

The Commune specially decreed the dismantling of the Vendome Column, a symbol of bourgeois chauvinism, erected in the centre of Paris.

The government initiated attacks on the Paris Commune on April 2.

"Paris was continually bombarded by the very people who had stigmatized the bombardment of the same city by the Prussians as a sacreligious outrage.

"The resistance in the western parts of Paris, the wealthier parts of the city, was only feeble; it became tougher and more severe as the attacking troops approached the eastern half, the working class parts of the city.

"Only after an eight days' struggle did the first defenders of the Commune succumb on the heights of Bellevile and Menilmontant. . . . And now the murder of defenceless men, women and children, which had raged the whole week through in ever-increasing proportions, reached its highest point," says Engels.

"Then, as the slaughter of all was seen to be impossible, came the arrests en masse, the shooting down of arbitrarily selected prisoners as victims for sacrifice, and the transference of the remainder into great camps, where they awaited the mercy of the courtmartial."

Karl Marx and Engels used every possible means to maintain contact with the Paris Commune, giving it both support and help. Two days after the fall of the Commune, Marx read out to the general council of the First International a paper on the civil war in France, which explained and summed up the experience and lessons of the Commune.

Said Marx: "The working class cannot simply lay hold of the ready-made state machinery, and wield it for its own purposes."

Said Engels: "The most difficult thing to understand is, indeed, the sacred respect with which the Commune reverently stopped before the portals of the Bank of France. . . . But what is still more wonderful, is the number of correct things done by the Commune.

"The most important decree of the Commune had for its object the organization of great industries and even of manufacture, and this organization was to comprise not only the association of the workers in each factory, but also the union of all these co-operative associations into one great federation.

"Look at the Paris Commune. That was the dictatorship of the proletariat."

Now 103 years later, all progressive people throughout the world recognize and are heartened by the valiant attempt of the Parisian working class to seize state power.

Sharon Stevenson

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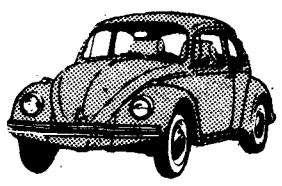

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Land should stay completely natural

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He said the main point is to keep the land in its natural state and provide access to it — then there may be other areas available.

"What's wrong is the government's approach to the problem," said Low-Beer. "What they are doing is saying, let's extend the city for about 200 yards, which would be disastrous.

"That approach would screw the lands up as a park, and that's why they must look at them as a park first."

He said the government must be made see that building housing on the UEL would only solve the city problem for a year or two at the most, at the rate Vancouver is growing.

"And that's their only argument — housing," he said.

Low-Beer said in 30 years the city will be densely populated and people will need relief. "We must start looking now for a safety valve area. It's the same thing as in 1890 when the city acquired Stanley Park as a recreational area even though at the time it was surrounded by bush.

"This time though, we luckier in that we don't have to buy the land — it's there for us to use."

Boycott leads to admin capitulation

WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CUP) — A boycott of classes by students and faculty pressure at Acadia university has led to a capitulation of the university's board of governors.

At a special meeting Wednesday the board agreed to the demands of faculty and students for an independent hearing into the non-renewal of the contract of Robert McCarthy, a music professor.

The executive committee of the board had turned down a request from the Acadia faculty association March 12 but on Monday the threat of a nationwide protest of university teachers loomed with the formation of an investigation committee by the Canadian association of university teachers (CAUT).

Then students almost totally boycotted classes: Fewer than five per cent of students attended classes Monday and Tuesday.

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At women's meet

Housewives dilemma told

By DENISE CHONG

If marriage and motherhood granted time off for good behavior it would defy all the logistics of 'his-wife-their-mother' sociologist Marylee Stephenson said Tuesday.

Yet the housewives who do follow their liberated friends in the search for self awareness are labelled 'weird' and their actions 'tasteless', she said.

The ideology of women's liberation, Stephenson said, explains this boredom and isolation as something other than failure.

Stephenson, a lecturer at McMaster University, was speaking on the topic housewives and social change to a small audience in SUB ballroom Tuesday night. Her talk, based on a study of two women's liberation groups in Vancouver, is also the topic of her forthcoming doctoral thesis at UBC.

The complexity of change is difficult to understand because housewives occupy one of the most traditionally defined roles, Stephenson said, where freewheeling flexibility is the exception.

"The traditional role can have enormous gratification," she said, "but it is also a role physically and mentally taxing."

"If a woman has been doing the right thing, focusing the emotional and physical needs of her family on herself, then to change this is extremely difficult."

This essential and crucial work is done without any recognition Stephenson said; recognition that should come from her husband, the government and society.

The women's liberation movement is a coherent and pervasive way of making change, allowing feedback between the individual and the group, she said.

The housewife is usually drawn into a group through a friend. "Put two women together and you've got a women's liberation group — in many ways this is true," she said. "The group sets a precedent.

"It's 'alright for her to go out' on an intellectual level but the housewife leaves behind feelings of guilt. But the husband is forced to realize that it's his house too.

"You learn how to manipulate your husband. 'Husbandese' is a very practical model of learning."

The ramifications of women's liberation aren't confined to meeting rooms. In bringing about change, when you succeed it allows you to change more, Stephenson said.

"The task for women is two fold; we have to escape the sexual typing and watch how we raise our children."

Stephenson said housewives she interviewed realized how destructive a boy-girl dichotomy was — one housewife stopped reading nursery rhymes to her five year old because of its sexist content.

Marriage legalizes submissiveness said Stephenson, providing only legitimate children and access to sex.

"Finding out more about sexuality and sexual behavior makes our choice more meaningful," she said. "There is an amazing ignorance about our bodies."

Stephenson said women's liberation activities give housewives a chance to make friends by choice. Friendship patterns will expand beyond the gossip circle of who lives next door and who's in the laundromat, she said.

Women must continue to tolerate the housewife role Stephenson said, but it should be only one of many.

"We could spend all day crying if the cake flops — more flexibility makes us less vulnerable," she said.

"We have acquired a kind of super role, namely — women."

GSA gets few candidates

The graduate student association has fought a long battle for the right to hold their own elections for student representatives to faculty meetings.

Now, a week before the date set by the GSA for the close of nominations only 14 of a potential 37 representatives have been nominated.

Nominees from some faculties have gone directly to dean of graduate studies Ian McTaggart-Cowan to inform him of their nomination, bypassing the GSA entirely.

Most graduate students, including nominees, are not even sure how the elections will take place.

At the GSA annual meeting Thursday students voted to keep the nominating procedure open.

Nominations will be accepted after next week and a notice will be sent to the nominee's department informing other interested persons they have a week to get their nomination forms in. After the week the nominee will be acclaimed or an election will be held.

"It's apathy," Ariadne Krause, retiring GSA internal and external affairs officer said.

"We can't even get students to stand for rep.

Another body of the GSA, the graduate representatives assembly, has only existed for two of the five years the GSA has existed, retiring president Heather Wagg said.

She said if the 14 student rep nominees, who will probably be acclaimed, are not willing to form the GRA, the GSA constitution will have to be rewritten.

"It will mean you should throw out this constitution and form a new one," she told the meeting. "But, I don't know what it will say."

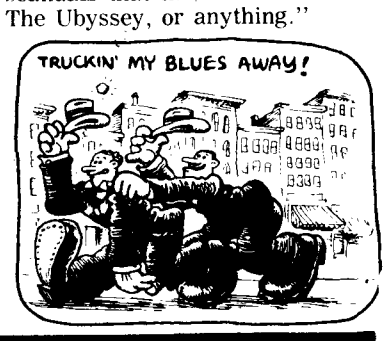
Wagg said the GRA determines GSA policy inside the constitution and appoints special committees.

It also has financial control she said.

The GSA executive can spend only $50 without going to the students.

Wagg said she attributes lack of student participation to the fact that students are more interested in the social side of the graduate student centre.

"Nothing's really happened in the last two years," she said. "There haven't been any big scandals that have broken out in The Ubyssey, or anything."



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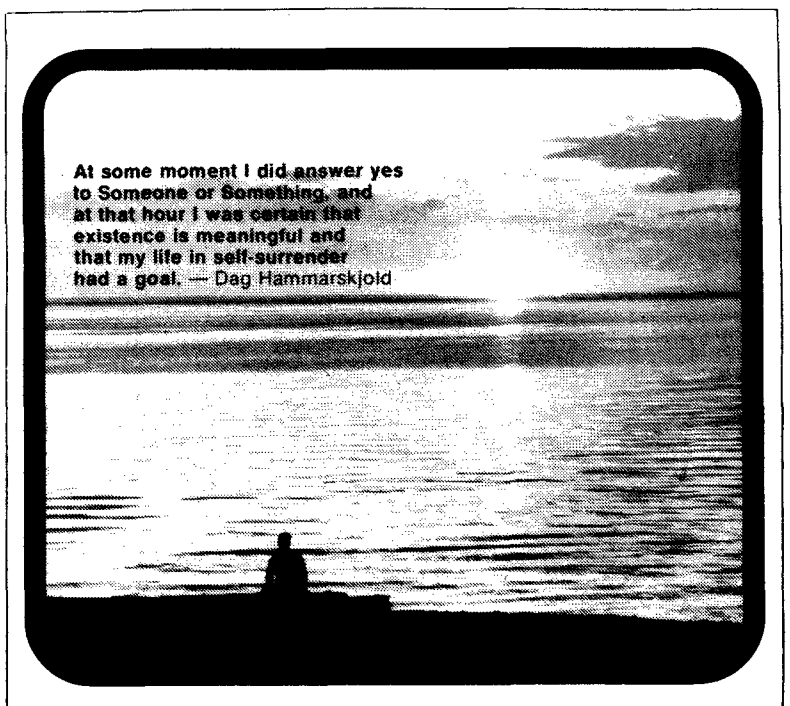

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Writer boot predicted

A UBC Slavonic studies professor said Wednesday he predicted the deportation of Soviet writer Aleksander Solzhenitsyn the day before it happened.

"Strangely enough, the actions of the Soviet government are often predictable," Jan Solecki said. "The action against Solzhenitsyn was carefully orchestrated. What surprised me was the speed with which the operation of his deportation was carried out."

Solecki spoke Wednesday at a panel discussion of Solzhenitsyn and the Soviet past.

As far as Soviet authorities are concerned, Solecki said, Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago is probably his most outrageous publication.

"The book is a systematic presentation of material collected by him in captivity, and later on as a free man, on the activity of the security organization."

Solecki said the material published so far by Solzhenitsyn is trying to prove the terrors and abuses that followed the 1917 revolution had the knowledge and approval of Lenin.

"By doing this Solzhenitsyn is, of course, destroying the carefully nursed legend that Lenin was an 'all-wise, benevolent, humanity-loving leader' and placing him in the same category as Dzierzhynski, Trotsky, Stalin and others," he said. "This alone is enough to condemn Solzhenitsyn in the eyes of the Party."

Solecki said Gulag Archipelago is not an easy book to read. "It is like a history of some condemned, accursed nation," he said. "It is gruesome and morbid and, what is also terrifying, it rings true."

Solecki concluded by speculating that Solzhenitsyn may only be "a very small pawn in the game for power and for life, between those who fear the past and look forward to the future and those who fear the future and look back to the past where in repression, in terror and inhumanity they see their own strength and the possibility of survival through well-tried methods."

Lefeaux wants rocks

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blanket of sand on the beach without the gravel and rock mounds called for in the current plan.

But the board later rejected this solution when a representative from the company which drew up the plans said he felt the project would have a greater chance of succeeding using rock and gravel.

"I would feel more comfortable with the gravel and the rock mounds," he said.

The idle equipment and the salaries of the people guarding it is costing $700 a day.

Commissioner Sandy Robertson has expressed concern that the project may no longer be possible because of rising construction costs if it is delayed through the summer.

The provincial government, which originally gave a $350,000 grant to the project, refused to indicate to the board whether the plan should be continued.

Resources minister Bob Williams told the board to either proceed or cancel the project.

The project is an attempt to stop erosion of the Point Grey cliffs, which studies have shown are slowly disappearing into the water. In the path of the erosion is the Cecil Green Park complex and the planned Museum of Man.

Coup 'paradox' says Neff

The Chilean coup is a paradox, a Chilean Christian Democratic party sympathizer said Tuesday.

Jorge Neff, a professor at the University of Santa Barbara, told a small meeting the coup in Chile must be considered in view of a changing U.S. policy toward Latin America.

That policy, he said, changed from the Alliance for Progress in 1969 to the Rockefeller doctrine which shifted from a democratic emphasis to a totalitarian emphasis.

Neff said since 1964 there have been increasing numbers of military coups in Latin America. He cited the examples of Brazil, 1964, Bolivia, 1971, and Ecuador, 1972, as well as Chile and Uruguay, 1973.

Neff said he finds the Chilean situation a 'paradox' because of "Chile's long tradition of democracy." He stressed the role of the military in the coup as central to the overthrow of the Allende government.

"Allende was not a socialist," Neff said.

"Rather he was someone who tried to set the stage for eventual socialism."

Several students said Allende represented the national interests of the Chilean bourgeoisie, not those of the Chilean working class. The government's perpetuation of the myth of a "peaceful transition to socialism" was largely responsible for the success of the fascist coup, one said.

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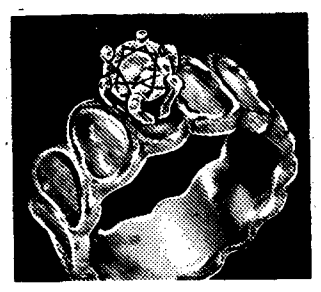

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The monthly meeting of the poetry reading circle will be held 8 p.m., Wednesday at the Artist's Gallery, 555 Hamilton.

The circle is for unpublished poets who wish to read their works. A prize will be awarded for the best poem. Admission is free and the readings will be followed by coffee and discussions.

Jobs

The provincial government is sponsoring an industry initiative employment program this summer which will pay for half a student's wages if they are hired by small businessmen and farmers.

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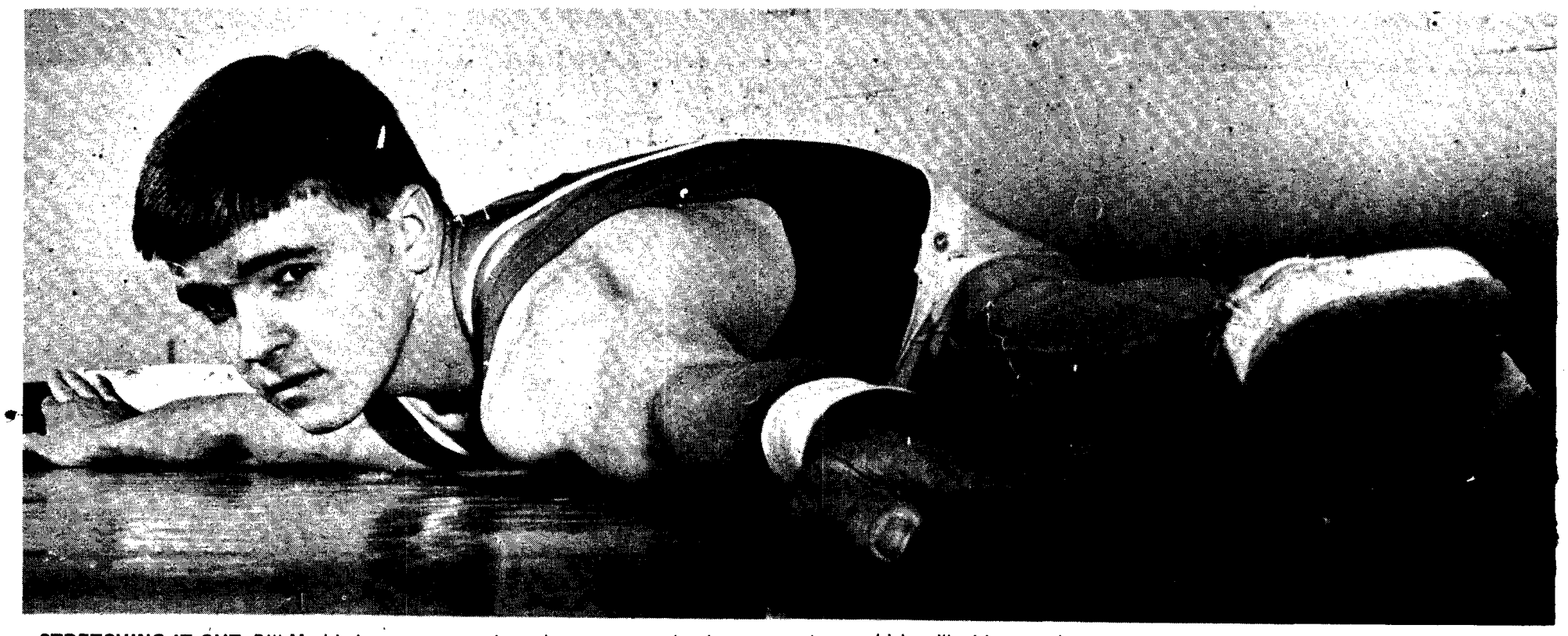


STRETCHING IT OUT, Bill Mackie has gone upward another step towards whatever he's headed for. Mackie has been selected to Canadian National touring gymnastic team which will visit several exotic places on the globe in the upcoming months. Gordon Mackie his younger brother has also been selected to the team.

Mackie brothers vault to Canadian gymnastic team

Two members of the UBC gymnastic team were named to the Canadian National touring gymnastic team.

Bill and Gordon Mackie were selected from among the 23 top competitors attending a competition at York University.

As members of the Canadian Team, they will compete in Russia this month, China in April and Hungary in August. They will also see action when the Russian National team has its tour through Canada this summer. Much experience should be gained in these tours, especially through China and Russia as the Chinese and the Russians have two of the best teams in the world. The Russians are very well known but the Chinese have had very little publicity, but during their tour here last year they showed strength and depth.

Of the 23 invited competitors, 14 were chosen and named to the team. Not all the members on the team had to compete at York University. Bill Mackie qualified based on past performance. Gordon on the other hand, competed and finished seventh over all to qualify.

The competitors at York University competed on a full slate of events; that of floor exercise, pommel horse, rings, vaulting, parallel bars and high bar. Although only the over all scores were of concern in the selection of the team, Gordon made strong showings on the parallel and high bars.

Bill Mackie is well known in the gymnastic world both at UBC and in Canada. He has been an Olympic team member and a Canadian team member since 1967. His international career started at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg. In an attempt to add more depth and scope to his style Bill trained in the United States at University of Michigan as well as UBC. While with UBC, he won the Canadian Collegiate Championship twice; in 1969 and 1973.

Gordon Mackie, Bill's younger brother is fast gaining recognition in the gymnastic field. He was B.C. provincial junior champion in 1972 and B.C. senior champion in 1973. In 1973, in his first year with UBC team, he finished fifth at the National Collegiate Championships and eleventh at the Canadian National Open Championships. Earlier this year, Gordon finished fourth at the National Collegiate Championships.

Ubyssey going places

In the eyes of coach-hit man-acupuncturist Vaughn "The Venereal" Palmer, The Ubyssey Austin Brewins floor hockey team are really going places after Tuesday night's game, mainly the minors in Tibet, Borneo and Roanoke, Virginia.

The Brewins almost dropped a close one in Gym E, but scored three quick goals to overcome the 30 scored earlier by Kootenay House.

Palmer said after the game the Brewins had forgotten the basics of floor hockey. "Like running, breathing, carrying a stick," he explained.

"I don't want to make excuses, but I think 30 goals deserve some excuses.

"Firstly, Boyd 'The Fist' McConnell a real lady killer on the floor as well as off, played with a charley horse on his eardrum and a giant metal pin holding the top and bottom halves of his body together.

"Doug 'The Deke' Rushton, who scored a goal as did McConnell, is a Boer War veteran who has bad legs due to an old war wound incurred when someone dropped a case of tinned beef on his foot.

"Tom 'The Tarantula' Barnes, who scored once, is asthmatic, has a diesel-operated heart pacemaker and his pet rabbit died two minutes before game time.

"Alan 'The Aimless' Doree gamely played with a case of terminal mediocrity which caused him to stickhandle his feet instead of the ball and shoot his right foot wide of the net 17 times.

"Ryon 'The Gargantuan' Guedes had his contact eyelids knocked off by a shot after only 88 minutes of play and had to struggle through the entire remaining two minutes without them.

"Ralph 'Cheese and Rice' Maurer played with Persian diarrhea which has his weight down to 13 lbs.

"Sue 'The Vigilante' Vohanka, Lesley 'The Keystone' Krueger and Marise 'The Meat Grinder' Savaria are all 23 months pregnant and understandably rather overwrought.

"Gary 'The Shot Glass' Coull of course, was laboring under the overwhelming handicap of sobriety and it obviously had a degenerative effect upon his play.

"Also, Eric 'The Red' Ivan 'The Coral Pink' Berg is a CYVR member which is the greatest possible handicap a floor hockey player can have.

"Pemme 'Florence Nightingale' Muir just returned from her third tour of duty amongst the troops on Easter Island and it was hell over there, sheer hell.

"Ken 'The Kamikaze' Dodd is on the limp with the worst set of split ends I've ever seen in all my years in this business."

Palmer said his strategy to tire out Kootenay House worked.

"They did sag in the third period of their game with another team who showed up after we left the ice."

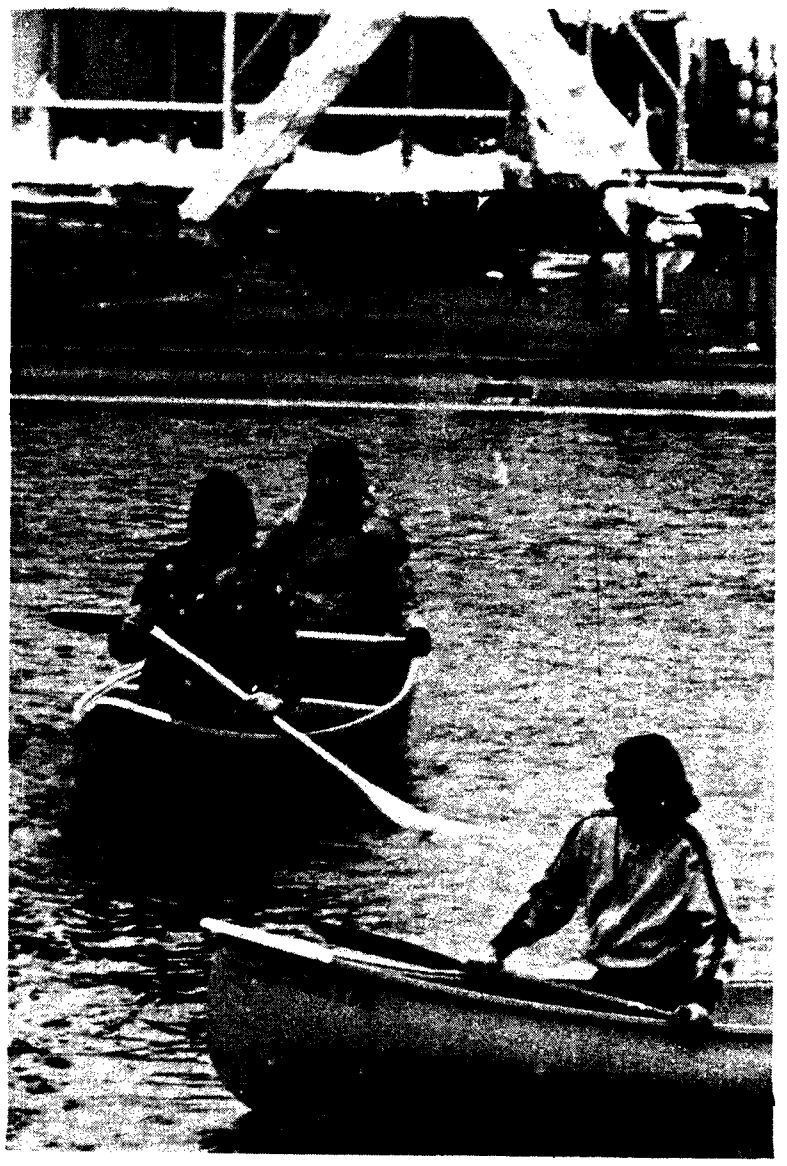
Palmer said the play wasn't as close as the score indicated. "But I felt we had a chance until the second minute," he added.

"If we'd had referees, their calls would have hurt us," he said.

"All we needed to get back in it was a couple of touchdowns and maybe a field goal," he said.

"It wasn't my fault," he said.

"Shit," he said.



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LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS PE canoeing class searches Empire pool for passengers from Titanic rumored to have gone down during icy weather two weeks ago after skidding out of control when it hit an oil slick.

Summer students have use of rec facilities

Summer session students will have the use of recreational facilities, summer session head Norman Watt said Thursday.

Watson said the War Memorial gym and the swimming pool would be available to all summer session students. They would not have to pay a fee to use them, such as the Recreation UBC fee winter session students must pay.

Watts said each year a certain amount is paid to the physical education department out of the summer session budget to pay for the use of the facilities.

He said the amount paid last year for 3,450 students was less than $1,000, and would be about the same for the 4,000 students expected to enrol this summer.

The facilities would close at 4:30 p.m. during the summer session.

AMS told to make fees voluntary or decentalize its structure

By RYON GUEDES

A decentralization scheme and a volunteer fee structure were two proposals presented Alma Mater Society council Wednesday by a committee investigating society restructuring.

The report was drawn up by the ad hoc committee to investigate structure of the AMS, after a month of discussing how the AMS could be improved to better fill student needs.

"The current centralized structure of the AMS implies the student population is homogenous which is not the case," the report says. "Their prime interest at UBC is education but their fields of study and consequently special interests are diverse.

"A better way to structure the society would be to build strong basic units which would then select a central governing body to handle issues of common interest," it says. "The basic unit of the AMS would become the undergraduate society, or in the case of large faculties, the departmental union."

Undergraduate society representatives would make up the council, the report continues, rather than councillors elected independently.

"Either the undergraduate society president would sit on council — as is the case with some faculties already — or a member of the undergraduate executive selected by the executive would represent a given faculty on council," the report says. "This would help councillors to know their undergraduate societies and make sure they will be in closer touch with the issues and opinions of the students they represent."

Committee member Rick Knowlan told The Ubyssey Wednesday students fail to realize the potential of the AMS and what it can do for them.

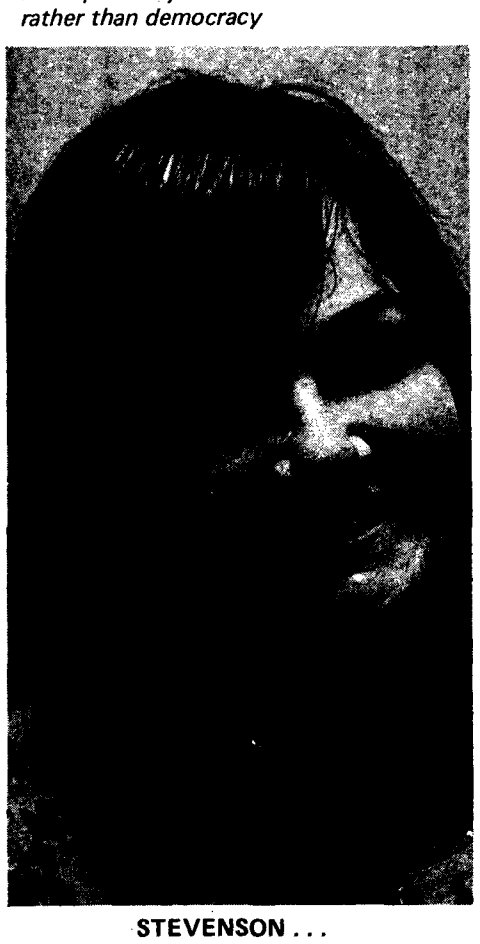
"They don't know what things they can do with the system, and they don't know how powerful it is," Knowlan said. "The organization there isn't even used.

"It just turns out to be another one of those bureaucratic things where people end up not getting involved."

Knowlan said the present structure of the AMS does not properly distribute student leadership.

"There is no way leadership that exists on campus ever gets through to students," he said. "The arts and science faculties are the best example because people capable of leading the undergraduate societies are more interested in doing something within the AMS and leaving a vacuum in the undergraduate societies."

the society is structured for expediency rather than democracy



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BLANKSTEIN . . .

AMS is legally responsible for their subsidiaries — don't set clubs loose

"In order for there to be feedback from students, there has to be a network, there has to be an undergraduate society," he said. "We (the committee) can't decide how undergraduate societies should be restructured because it's none of our business, but there shouldn't be a vacuum in the undergraduate societies."

"They should work for their own faculties instead," he said.

Knowlan said he thinks the ideal arrangement for student representation would be a "critical mass" situation.

"That's when the system is up to a certain point where every student knows personally someone who is involved," Knowlan said. "Then anyone who wants to make his views known could do so with very little effort on his part."

Knowlan cited the engineering undergraduate society's recent expansion of its executive as an example.

"We expanded it from 21 to 41 members," Knowlan said. "That's five per cent of the EUS membership, and is really a great deal of representation for the number of students in it."

The report also recommends all executive positions in the AMS except president be abolished.

"The voter turnout in AMS elections is ludicrously low and it is unlikely that any one student can ever put together a following to be elected to such positions as treasurer by a majority of students," the report says. "As well the current large executive election system encourages slates which means often incompetents can get elected on the coat tails of popular candidates."

Committee member Pemme Muir, who presented the report to council, said Wednesday the AMS should be altered to serve students better.

"It is expedient now, but not necessarily to the benefit of the students," Muir told The Ubyssey. "There will have to be a structure conducive to having the AMS directly responsible to the students."

Muir said the building of a covered pool at UBC is an example of how an AMS executive project could be pushed through.

"The 1972 graduating class gave $6,000 to an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of having a covered pool, and the study was done that summer," Muir said.

"The following fall during registration, the committee had a petition booth for a new covered pool at the end of Brock hall," she said.

"Students registering had been signing things all day, and for them this was just another thing to sign. When anyone asked how much the new pool would cost each student, they didn't receive an adequate explanation.

"Then in October, 1972, a referendum for the pool was held, and it was passed with 67.3 per cent of the 4,124 students who had voted," Muir said. "It seems wrong for 67.3 per cent of 4,124 students to decide 20,000 are going to have to pay for a pool."

"We're also telling students for the next 20 years they each have to pay $5 to make up the $925,000 the AMS is paying for the pool."

Muir used the AMS general meeting held in March, 1973, as another example.

"The general meeting was scheduled to be held in the SUB concourse, but it failed to draw the necessary 10 per cent quorum," she said. "So they moved the meeting to the SUB cafeteria and declared the meeting did have a quorum."

"When someone tried to challenge the quorum, Doug Aldridge the AMS president used an article out of Roberts' Rules of Order to ask the meeting to uphold his ruling."

"The meeting upheld Aldridge's decision, and although there were few graduate students and no part-time students there, voted to levy AMS fees on them."

"The meeting also voted to charge each student 30 cents to pay for AMS membership in the national union of students," Muir said. "After the meeting Bonnie Long the external affairs officer said a general meeting equals a student referendum."

"This is very expedient but it is not a democratic way of making decisions," said Muir. "There should be communication upward in the system as well as downward."

Another committee report preceding the decentralization report says the current AMS structure allows individual executive members to exploit AMS projects for their own personal motives.

"Most AMS executive members use the little AMS 'empire' as a steppingstone to their business or political careers," it says. "An AMS executive post provides managerial experience to point to when applying for a job."

"It is no accident the AMS administration has been steadily growing through the years."

The report also said AMS membership should be made voluntary before any other change is made in the AMS.

"It is unjust for students to have money taken away from them so some student politicians can build reputations," David Fuller, who wrote the report, told The Ubyssey Wednesday. "Voluntary membership is the only way such an organization could uphold the rights of the students. The students should be consulted first on whether they wish to be a party to the aims of the society."

But the other report rejects the possibility of instituting voluntary AMS membership.

"While the decision to build SUB was one shot, in that students who would pay for the building in future years weren't consulted, any decision to stop payment on it would also not involve consulting students in future years who might see the need for a building," the report said. "A student union building which students own and operate themselves gives the AMS independence, autonomy and a certain amount of power which can be put to good use — as well as abused."

The report said any decision to default on the loan made to pay the annual $270,000 mortgage payment would be irreversible and would cause the administration to pick up the debt and take over the building.

"This would mean not only a hike in rental rates in the building which would be passed on to users, but probably a student fee hike as well," it said.

"The administration would use the excuse of the SUB default to include a general fee increase as well — Gage and company have indicated as much on several occasions."

Committee member Sharon Stevenson said Thursday this was not necessarily the case.

"If the administration did take over the building, the AMS could use it as a bargaining point, guaranteeing students the use of the building," she said.

The report said the one area in the AMS where expenditure is questionable is administration.

"Of the $160,000 collected from the $9 activity fee, almost half — $75,000 — is spent in the AMS business office," says the report.

The report mentioned cutting the clubs and undergraduate societies loose to handle their own financial affairs, incorporating The Ubyssey and reducing the amount of AMS paperwork channelled through paid society employees, as obvious ways money could be saved.

AMS president Gordon Blankstein said at council he saw no way the AMS could cut loose the clubs to handle their own financial affairs. "As far as I know, the AMS is legally responsible for its subsidiaries."

Blankstein said he would consult the AMS lawyers on the matter and report back to council next week.

The report said outgoing AMS treasurer John Wilson had calculated the time volume the three moves would save in the business office to be 45 per cent.

"There would definitely be no need for keeping a general manager at almost $20,000 a year, a building manager at about $15,000 and an accountant at slightly less," says the report. "At least one of the jobs would become redundant and some extra work could be handled by the society treasurer."

The report says the treasurer would no longer be responsible, as he currently is, for the upholding of the society's constitution.

"This power would be vested in the president's office but would also be the responsibility of the constitution committee of which the president would be chairperson," it says. "The net result of this system would be a flow of power from the bottom of the society up through a smooth hierarchy to the top."

Council voted to accept the report and to further discuss it in the future.

Committee members say they are planning to circulate a questionnaire asking students' opinions on decentralizing the AMS and on voluntary AMS membership.

MUIR . . .

the building itself can be a strong bargaining point