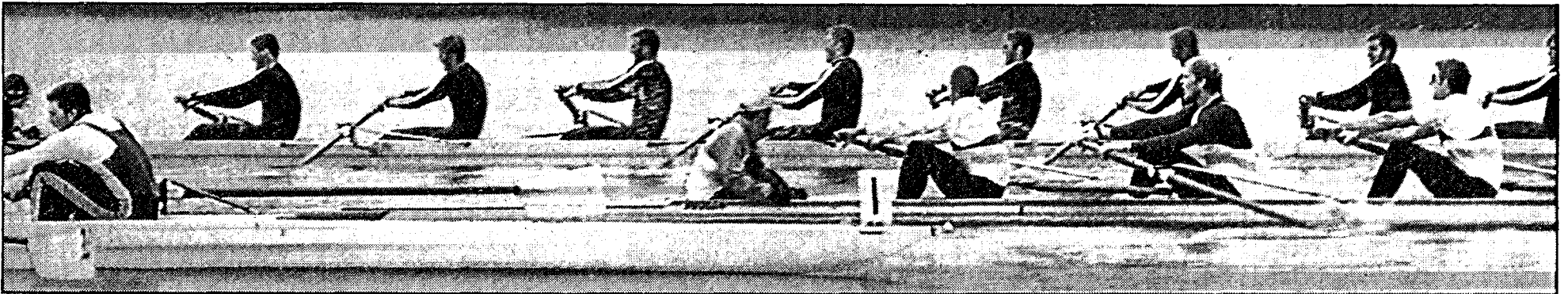


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SONIC DEATH SINCE 1918



UBC boats win Rowers post best-ever national championships

by Holland Gidney

VICTORIA—While UBC's field hockey and soccer teams lost crucial games on the field, the UBC rowing team had its best performance ever at the Canadian University Rowing Championships (CURC) this weekend. UBC rowers Laura Middleton and Fraser Pearce won the women's single and men's lightweight single, respectively, and UBC placed second in six other events, leading the team to a second-place finish overall in both the men's and women's categories.

Held on Victoria's Elk Lake and hosted by the University of Victoria, the CURC is one of the only times during the school year that eastern and western universities meet each

other in head-to-head competition. This year's regatta attracted teams from 12 different schools from BC, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Québec.

Universities from BC dominated the regatta, as UVic won almost every event, UBC placed second in almost every event, and Simon Fraser University placed in the top four in several events. The wins by Middleton and Pearce in the single kept UVic from sweeping every event at the regatta, though the host school still won the overall men's and women's titles.

"I'm really happy with our crews' performances. This year all our boats rowed really solid," said Craig Pond, UBC women's rowing coach. "We proved once again that we're

one of the best university rowing teams in Canada."

Middleton started things off well for UBC on Sunday, winning the first race of the day. At last year's event in St. Catharines, Middleton placed a very close second in the same event. This year, she owned the event, winning it in a time of 8:07.23, a full five seconds ahead of UVic's Jenn Alcock.

"I was pretty confident going into the race because I'd beat everyone before," said Middleton. "After coming so close last year, I didn't want to lose this year."

The UBC rower led the race right off the start and had enough of a lead that she didn't need to sprint much at the finish, which allowed her to save some energy for the



PULLING HARD: UVic inches ahead of UBC (top) in the men's eight race. Above, the women's lightweight double has a few last words with coach Craig Pond.

TARA WESTOVER PHOTO (ABOVE), HOLLAND GIDNEY PHOTO (BELOW).

women's eight race later in the day.

Like Middleton, Pearce was predicted to win his event. He lived up to expectations by winning in a time of 7:22.6.

"I knew that Mike [Lewis of UVic] and Pete [Ingis of Brock] were fast and that I had to stay with them off

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Research funding debated ¡Revolución!

by Shaun Dychko

A professor of botany is concerned that scientists may be forced to change the direction of their research in order to secure industry funding.

"Scientists should be left to pursue their curiosities," said professor Anthony Glass, who is worried that faculty are putting their personal interests aside to conduct research for the private sector.

According to university figures, 24 per cent of external research funding to UBC comes from industry sources. Seventy-six per cent of research funding still comes from public sources.

Glass said he doesn't agree with industry making profit from publicly-funded research.

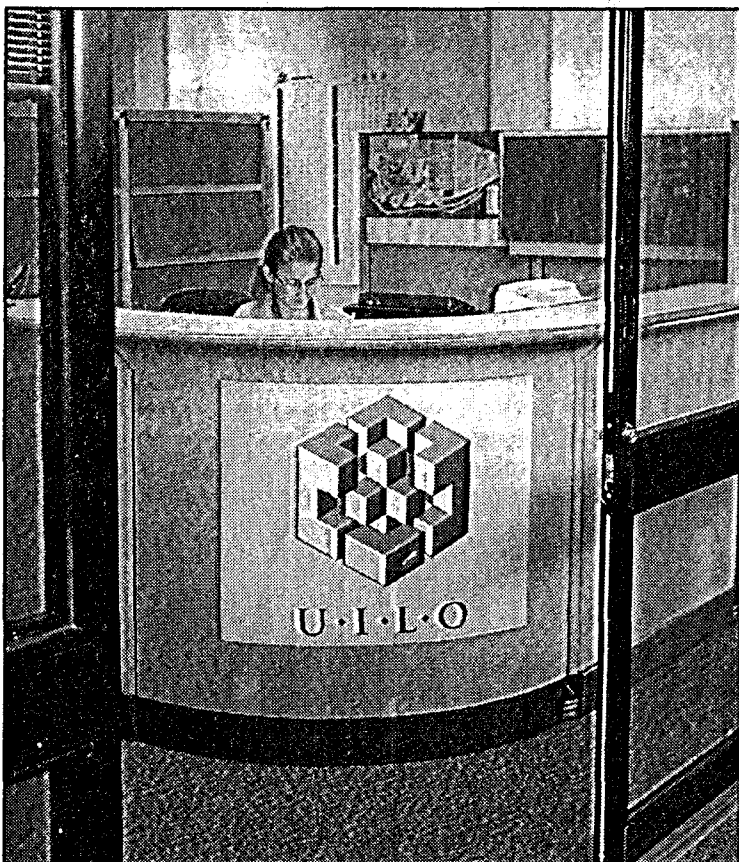
No company gets exclusive rights to see the results of UBC research, since it must be publishable within 12 months of completion.

UBC's University Industry Liaison Office helps UBC and researchers capitalise on new technology by, for instance, licensing the technology to existing companies, or creating a spin-off company.

UBC also allows faculty members to take off one day per week to do professional activities related to their field of research.

There are currently 72 active UBC spin-off companies which have created 2432 jobs. The private-sector has licensed 156 technologies from UBC.

Rick Spratley, UBC's director of Research Services, said that industry funding helps UBC researchers, although he added that UBC "has to be careful that what we do with that money is university research."



UILO: Reception at the research office, designed to improve relations between UBC and industry. USA DENTON PHOTO

Researchers can gain financially by being a part of private-sector arrangements. UBC also takes a cut of any royalties, and retains a small share in the spin-offs.

But Glass stresses the importance of continuing to do basic research, which is motivated by curiosity and

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Mexican student strikers visit UBC

by Cynthia Lee

Last February, Alejandra Salas found herself face-to-face with armed Mexican federal police who were sent to quash a student strike that had taken over Latin America's largest university for almost ten months.

Last week, Salas and fellow student striker Oscar Carillo sat in front of roughly two dozen people at UBC to share their experiences.

"The military tried to take me and torture me," said Carillo through a translator. Carillo was also placed under police surveillance for six months. He has since moved to Montréal as a political refugee.

"It's something we have to get used to—being looked at as bad people," he continued.

Most of the 270,000 students at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma

de México (UNAM) went on strike in April 1999 after the Mexican government under President Ernesto Zedillo announced a plan to raise tuition fees from the equivalent of less than \$1 to \$200. The Mexican constitution guarantees free education.

UNAM officials eventually withdrew the proposal, but Mexican students continued the strike to draw attention to their other demands, including the creation of a democratic forum that includes students in decision-making processes, and a repeal of 1997 reforms that imposed admission quotas and other restrictions on the university, which were based on recommendations from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

"Being on strike for nine months put us out of the university environ-

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merit, despite the possible immediate financial benefits of industry-work.

Glass said that while basic research may not have immediate applications in industry, it has "broad based benefits at large." He cited the creation of the hydroponics and bio-technology industries, which he said developed from basic research on plant nutrition and genetics, respectively.

While UBC researchers are not so desperate as to need to accept industry funds, Spratley concedes that there is "never enough money."

Public sources of funding provide money on the basis of merit, not exclusively on whether markets exist for the research. According to Canadian Foundation for Innovation figures, Ottawa will be funding an additional 2000 research chairs in Canada, 160 of which will go to UBC. These public funds will be used to benefit existing professors and to attract new faculty.

Spratley said that UBC research has contributed to improving the BC economy, helping to move it from a resource-based, primary economy, to one based on knowledge and services.

"BC is not going to survive by cutting down trees and pulling fish out of the water," said Spratley. ♦



GLASS

CORRECTIONS

In an article that ran on October 27, *the Ubyssy* reported that the RCMP has stepped up its effort to combat drunk driving. The story erroneously attributed this to Jennifer Dixon, head of UBC Counterattack Club. Jennifer Dickson (correct spelling) is, in fact, the co-chair of the club and did not provide the newspaper with the information. *The Ubyssy* regrets the error.

In an article that ran on October 31, *the Ubyssy* erroneously reported that UBC Commerce professor Michael Goldberg was the co-author of a study on minimum wage. The Michael Goldberg who wrote the study is, in fact, not UBC Commerce professor Michael Goldberg. *The Ubyssy* regrets the error. ♦

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A lesson learned?

Investigation into contraceptive ad campaign nears completion

by Alex Dimson

"No one remembers how you arrive. It's how you leave." In the case of the birth-control pill ads that brandish this slogan, 'how you leave' is under a cloud of controversy.

Of course, they may not have left quite yet. Ads for Alesse, a birth-control pill developed by Wyeth-Ayerst Canada—the Canadian division of a major US-based pharmaceutical company—have been featured in a variety of media formats, including television commercials, transit ads, and newspaper ads across Canada, including in *the Ubysssey*.

But the ads may have violated Canada's *Food and Drugs Act*, and Health Canada is just concluding its investigation into the ad campaign. The drug company, meanwhile, denies any wrongdoing.

At issue is whether Wyeth-Ayerst Canada complied with the laws surrounding the advertising of prescription drugs, and how a company's right to advertise its product competes with the rights of the public to know about a drug's effects.

"You get the kind of image building and hip young women making some cool statements about relationships. It's quite different from the kind of decision-making you want to make about medicine or the birth-control pill.

"Which is not the same as someone who is going out to buy perfume."

So says Barbara Mintze, a Ph D student in epidemiology at UBC, and a critic of the Alesse campaign.

Mintze, along with UBC researchers Kenneth Basset, a medical consultant with UBC, and Arminée Kazanjian, an associate director with UBC's Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, said they believe that the campaign presents only one side of the birth-control issue because it does not include any information about other contraception.

According to the *Food and Drugs Act*, a prescription drug may only be advertised to the general public if it complies with specific conditions.

"Where a person advertises to the general public a drug for human use, the person shall not make any representation other than with respect to the brand name, proper name, common name, price and quantity of the drug," the Act reads.

In short, the company cannot advertise what the drug is used for.

The Alesse campaign consisted of two series of ads. The first series of television ads appeared in May, and featured women discussing contraception, without mentioning Alesse specifically.

After a break, the second series of ads went on the air in the summer, and featured the same women discussing relationships and other issues. These ads displayed the Alesse logo and the image of the pack of pills.

Health Canada is close to completing its investigation into the Alesse campaign. According to Ross Duncan, a senior policy analyst with Health Canada, each ad series was fine—on its own.

"The individual stand-alone pieces are fine. The complaints are [that these ads] are being broadcast relatively close to one another," he said.

Duncan explained that the investigation focused on determining whether the combination of these ads would make people equate Alesse with birth control, which would make the ads illegal under the Act.

"A young woman is going to see both ads," he said. "The same actress is talking about making choices, but using the word Alesse

again. I think they'll be able to put two and two together and say 'listen, they're advertising a birth-control pill.'"

But Wyeth-Ayerst Director of Communications and Public Affairs Theodora Samiotis asserted that the 'unbranded' and 'branded' ads "were not being run at the same time."

"This is not something we did or were intending to do," she said.

Samiotis said that the ads were approved by Advertising Standards Canada (ASC), a national advertising association responsible for regulating the advertising industry. ASC is one of two third-party agencies that have the right to review pharmaceutical ads for Health Canada.

But while the ASC has been delegated by Health Canada as the authority on ads for over-the-counter drugs aimed at the general public, it can only make recommendations to advertisers about direct-to-consumer (DTC) ads for prescription drugs. Health Canada retains final authority for prescription DTC ads.

According to Sarah Crawford, communications director for MuchMusic, the cable TV channel that carried both sets of Alesse ads, ASC included a series of guidelines for the television ads, including the requirement that the break between the two series of ads be equal to the length of time that the first ad ran.

Ray Chepsiuk, the commissioner of the Pharmaceutical Advertising Advisory Board (PAAB), the third-party agency responsible for reviewing drug ads targeted at medical practitioners, said that when he was shown the Alesse ads two days before they were aired, he had some concerns.

"Running the two in close proximity in a series to me gave it a different dimension as far as what the message is, and it brought it closer to home: this product was for oral contraception," he said.

"It's pushing the lines, it's pushing the edge. Did they go over? In my opinion, yes I think they went over the line. Are they far over the line? No."

But Kevin Brady, president of Anderson Advertising—the advertising company that created the campaign—emphasised that campaign respects the guidelines recommended by the ASC.

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**—Ray Chepsiuk,
Pharmaceutical Advertising Advisory Board**

Health Canada did not directly approve the ad before it was aired because Canadian law does not require "mandatory pre-clearance" for prescription drug ads.

Duncan said that if and when Health Canada receives formal complaints about ads, it investigates, as it has done in the case of Alesse.

But the length of time it has taken Health Canada to investigate the campaign, which is now in its last phase, has angered some academics.

Mintze, for example, is "very concerned that Health Canada didn't respond right away." Mintze is currently researching the potential impact DTC prescription drug ads could have in Canada.

"With an advertisement, if it's illegal advertising, if a misleading statement is shown, you've sent a message to quite a few Canadians that's too slow," she said.

But Duncan indicated that the Health Canada investigation stems from complaints that were only recently filed.



A LIFE LESSON? Wyeth-Ayerst Canada's ad campaign for Alesse is under investigation. The crux of the investigation is whether the public understands from the campaign that Alesse is a birth-control drug.

If the investigation concludes that the ad is in violation of the law, Duncan said, Health Canada has a number of enforcement options, including requesting "a cease-and-desist order."

If an agency refuses to pull the ad, said Duncan, Health Canada may take the com-

pany to court, or even revoke its right to sell a product.

In the midst of the investigation, the Alesse ad campaign has sparked debate about issues surrounding birth control.

UBC's Mintze, Basset, and Kazanjian said that they believe that the campaign presents only one side of the birth control issue because it does not include any information about contraception.

Crawford, meanwhile, said that MuchMusic "feels that it's an important public issue and certainly a relevant one for [their] audience demographic."

"I would say that generally we welcome stimulating dialogue and getting educational information out there about birth control availability," she said. "Provided it meets with Health Canada legal requirements...I think on balance it's a positive thing."

But Basset said that he believes it is very important that the side-effects of the drugs be

clearly stated in any ad. Certain groups, including the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC), have approved the campaign.

In a statement released to the media by SOGC in May, SOGC Executive Vice-President Andre Lalonde endorsed the Alesse campaign.

"Canadian women must have reliable and accurate information on birth control and we recognise that this ad campaign helps to address that need. In addition, it encourages them to speak to their

doctor about birth control and to ask questions to make informed decision," indicated Lalonde.

Chepsiuk, however, said that the public should question such endorsements.

"Are they legitimising the advertising? It's the same message that would go out anyway from the company. There's some thought that if you attach a disease-association name to the information or even if it's deemed to be advertising it's suddenly okay."

Health Canada is nearing its decision, and will be notifying Wyeth-Ayerst soon. In the meantime, the Alesse ad campaign is nearing the end of its scheduled run, meaning that Health Canada's decision may be a moot point. Regardless of its decision, the drug company has benefitted from all this controversy. Samiotis said that Wyeth-Ayerst has had "much success" with the campaign, which she said is "targeted towards 18- to 24-year-olds to encourage them to speak with their doctors and begin an important dialogue regarding contraception." ♦

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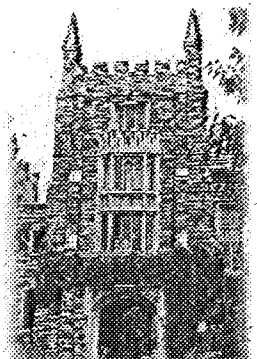
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ment and made us see the realities of the country," said Salas in Spanish at a talk hosted by the Social Justice Centre student resource group.

A member of the UNAM strike committee, Salas later added, "It's the problem of hunger, not having adequate medicare and not having jobs. It's not just the problem of what classes we can't have."

The majority of the Mexican population lives in poverty, with the minimum wage at less than US\$4 per day.

"I learned more in nine months being on the strike than in 15 years of



STRIKE ORGANISER

Alejandra Salas talks at UBC last week. TARA WESTOVER PHOTO

being in school," Carillo told the Ubyssy in an interview after the talk.

Salas, who was a graduate student in philosophy at UNAM before the strike occurred, agreed.

"I basically had to learn a new way of life, from being very individualistic to learning to adapt to a community setting," she said. "There were times when we didn't have enough food for everyone, so we had to share."

Both Salas and Carillo said the strike was a part of the larger social movement resisting neoliberalism, the political ideology which includes free trade and government downsizing among its tenets.

According to Gerardo Otero, director of Latin American Studies

at Simon Fraser University, both the student strike and the Zapatista indigenous peoples movement represent "the plight of the excluded by the neo-liberal model of development in Mexico."

Otero, who lived in Mexico until he came to Canada in 1990, said that while the Zapatistas have been excluded for centuries, the students represent "a new group being left out."

He explained that students of the middle to lower income class often rely on public funding of universities for their chance at social mobility.

"Their struggle tries to go against the privatisation trends of the university symbolised in the government's attempt to introduce tuition fees," Otero said.

According to Otero, the strike was a continuation of several waves of student protests that occurred in Mexico during the latter part of the 20th century, including the student reaction to the 1968 police occupation of the UNAM campus.

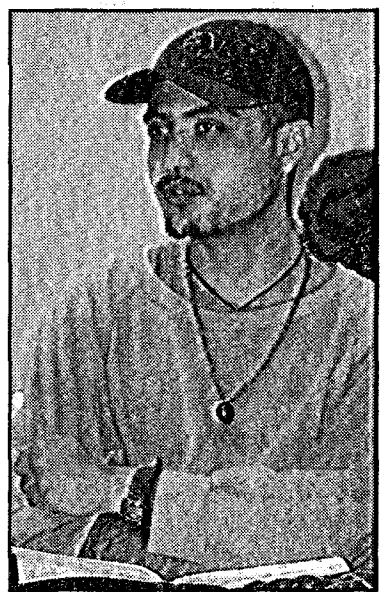
In February, a mass raid on UNAM's main campus by armed federal police led to nearly 1000 arrests and ended the strike, but the issues remain unresolved.

"The Mexican government did not find a solution, and only used force. So the strike continues today," contended Salas.

She said that although there is no ongoing full-blown strike, students are occupying the faculty room and the auditorium—the only two free spaces on campus—on rotation for a few hours at a time.

Reports from the international media have indicated that Vicente Fox, the winner of July's Mexican presidential election who will assume office in December, has promised to make changes for education. The victory for Fox, the Partido Acción Nacional candidate, represented a huge upset of the Partido Revolucionario coalition of liberals and conservatives, which has governed Mexico since 1929.

"The neo-liberal model is probably going to stay intact, but there's still a question of whether the new administration might try to engage



STUDENT STRIKER Oscar Carillo is now living in Montréal. TARA WESTOVER PHOTO

in social policies," said Otero, who added that he is uncertain of the direction the new government will take on education.

Salas has been in Canada since early September and said that her trip has allowed her to compare the problems in the respective education systems.

"Being in Canada helped me to understand the reality in my country...The model of university that exists in Canada is the one we want to implement in Mexico," she said.

Salas said she is visiting schools across Canada to bring information back to Mexico about a planned protest action for the Summit of the Americas, which will be held in Québec City next April. Negotiations for the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas are on the agenda for the Summit, a meeting of government leaders of North, South and Central America.

The two students indicated their strong opposition to the free trade agreement, which they say would exacerbate the social inequalities in Mexico.

"For us as Latin Americans, it's important what is going on in Canada," said Carillo. "It's kind of like a platform to resist what is going on at a continental level." ♦

NEWS briefs

GSS to address paycheque problems

The Graduate Student Society (GSS) has set up a working group to address problems experienced by graduate students employed by UBC who are not receiving their pay on time.

"The GSS is trying to impress upon UBC the importance of actually paying people and paying them on time, and not just being satisfied about a job not very well done," said GSS President Roger Miller.

He said that the paycheques issued for teaching assistants and research assistants in particular are often delayed in September and January because of lost paperwork or improperly filed forms.

UBC Payroll has indicated that it will work with the GSS in the near future to resolve the concerns, and that any delayed paycheques are processed as soon as possible.

"We're the last link in the chain," said Jeff Garrad, manager of Payroll, adding that issuing paycheques on time depends on other UBC departments giving proper notification of hiring and work hours.

Garrad said the department is planning to look at ways to streamline the current process.

Conference called a success

Organisers of a conference hosted by UBC last week

hope to have helped Canadian Asian women develop a network of social connections.

Women's Studies: Asian Connection was a four-day conference which examined a wide variety of issues surrounding Asian women, with a general focus on the effects of globalisation of women in Asia, and around the world.

Valerie Raoul, one of the conference organisers, said that she received a "very, very enthusiastic response" from those who attended the conference.

"We had women there from 21 countries, which was pretty amazing, and we also had a lot of involvement from community organisations in Vancouver who were working with women of Asian origin."

Raoul, director of the UBC Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, said that the varied origin of the conference's participants should help Women Studies students find places to do internships or work on practicums.

The conference was organised by the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relationships and the UBC Institute for Asian Research and Simon Fraser University's Women's Studies Department.

UBC honours Michael Smith's life

UBC plans to start an endowment fund in the honour of the late Nobel laureate and UBC biotechnology professor Michael Smith.

UBC President Martha Piper made the announcement during a celebration of Smith's life held yesterday at the Chan Centre, though no further details were available before press time.

The hour-and-a-half long presentation featured commentaries on Smith's life from many of Smith's friends and members of the UBC community.

Smith passed away a month ago at age 62. ♦

UBC students asking for peace

by Julia Christensen

Students at UBC are taking action to raise awareness about the violence in the Middle East that has been ongoing since the latest round of Palestinian-Israeli unrest began in late September.

"The Palestinian-Israeli conflict has existed since 1948. It's not just the conflict we're concerned about," said Haitham Tayyar, a graduate student at UBC and an executive member of the Muslim Students' Association (MSA). "People are dying and that is what students need to care about."

At least 173 people have died since this wave of unrest began on September 28, the majority of whom were Palestinian.

Daniel Mikelberg, a fourth-year Science student and a representative of the Jewish Students' Association (JSA), said that Jewish students at UBC have been actively supporting each other during the crisis, and praying for family and friends in Israel.

Mikelberg, who visited Israel on an exchange program last year, said that his familiarity with the places and people of Israel makes him increasingly frustrated at being so far away from the site of the conflict.

"I feel so separated from what's going on," he said. "Reading e-mails and watching the news doesn't make it real."

For others in Vancouver's Jewish community, however, the violence hits closer to home.

"We have family in Israel," said Judy Mandleman, vice-chair of the Canada-Israel Committee. "And their two sons are in the Israeli army. I feel very close to the issue."

Tayyar, meanwhile, a Palestinian whose

family sought refuge in Lebanon in 1948, added that "it is important for students to be able to talk to those of us who are directly implicated by the conflict."

Muslim students plan to use Islam Awareness Week, which began yesterday in the SUB concourse, as an opportunity to inform students about the conflict.

"A lot of people have no idea what is really going on between the people of Palestine and Israel," said Walaa Al-Saadi, an executive member of the Rising Crescent Club, explaining that she thinks that the North American media's coverage of the conflict has been incomplete.

Mikelberg said that the JSA is trying to keep students informed of the conflict, offering the Hillel House at UBC as a resource for those who are interested in learning more.

"The media can be very one-sided," he said. "We're trying to keep people informed of what is really going on."

"It's difficult for people to get the whole story," said Al-Saadi, adding that the conflict is commonly misunderstood to be a battle between religions.

"Muslims are not against Jews. Muslims and Jews have lived together peacefully throughout history. This conflict is not a matter of religion. It is a matter of nationalism," explained Ryan Salaheddine, an associate member of the Rising Crescent Club.

Mandleman has been in contact with the JSA, and said that she is "pleased and grateful that negative dialogue or violent conflict has not emerged on UBC campus."

Tensions, however, have recently emerged on university campuses in both Montréal and Toronto. Refqa Abu Remeleh, a UBC student

from Jordan on exchange this year at the University of Toronto, confirmed that "there has been quite a lot of tension between the Arabs and Jews on [the Toronto] campus."

Some Arab students at UBC have shown support for Palestine by attending a handful of candlelight vigils held behind the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Students are also questioning the actions of politicians in the Middle East.

"Negotiation has been a waste of time," added Tayyar. "Every Palestinian has lost faith in that word."

"It is long overdue for Arafat to step down," added Tayyar, who said he believes that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's policies do not reflect "what the Palestinian people really want."

Allen Sens, a lecturer in UBC's department of political science, said that Arafat is in a very difficult position, forced to "appease a lot of sides."

According to Sens, the "hollowness" of peace negotiations between Palestine and Israel set the stage for the recent unrest, saying that "the central issues between Palestine and Israel are not being dealt with. Peace negotiations have never been able to move past that brick wall."

Meanwhile, some Jewish Canadians are critical of the Canadian government's voting record at the United Nations on issues surrounding the Middle East.

"We're asking Canada to be more objective," said Mandleman, adding that she feels Canada is in a position of influence because the country is currently a member of the Security Council, a major decision-making body in the UN.

"The UN resolutions have been very one-sided and unfair," claimed Mikelberg, referring to a recent UN resolution condemning Israel for its use of force against Palestinian civilians. Ninety-two countries in the UN General Assembly voted in favour of the resolution, six opposed it, and 46 member countries abstained, including Canada.

Sens, however, doubts that Canada will become more involved in the issue, adding that Canada's policy in the Middle East has "always been constructively vague, manoeuvring around the conflict in the interest of trade." He cited the Canada-Israel bilateral free trade agreement as an example.

Both Mikelberg and Mandleman consider the United States, on the other hand, an effective mediator in the conflict.

Sens disagrees. He thinks that the only effective role an external party like the US can play is to prevent violence from spilling over into other countries in the region. He added that it is very difficult for a third party to remain neutral in such a volatile situation.

Tayyar and Salaheddine said they believe that US involvement in the Middle East has worsened the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

But Mikelberg and Mandleman say they have not lost hope in the situation.

"We see the immediate future as difficult," said Mandleman. "But we continue to pray for peace and we always will pray for peace."

"For me," said Tayyar, "what matters most is preventing the violence and the loss of life."

"But until we solve the main issues, the demonstrations are going to continue. If we keep avoiding the fundamental issues dividing Palestine and Israel, we're never going to solve the problem." ♦

Student groups agree with NDP priorities

by Jesse Morantz

Student groups are mostly pleased with the federal NDP's policy on post-secondary education, but it remains to be seen whether the party will have any influence when the new government is formed.

The NDP platform, unveiled last week, names education as a high priority, and targets several areas of weakness in the current post-secondary education system.

The NDP, usually considered the most left-wing of Canada's five major political parties, is promising to give priority to the fight against rising tuition fees. According to party statistics, tuition fees in Canada are the third highest among industrialized nations, with a 125 per cent increase in the fees in the past ten years.

The NDP promises to freeze

tuition at 1995 levels by restoring \$5 billion to the Canadian Health and Social Transfer, the federal fund distributed to provinces for social program funding.

Anita Zaenker, BC Chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), said that she supports the NDP's tuition policy.

"We're glad to see that the NDP proposes to work within a national strategy to reduce tuition fees," she said.

According to Libby Davies, the incumbent NDP candidate for East Vancouver and the party's critic on the issue, there is a need for equitable fees across the country. "In some provinces you might be okay, in other provinces you get screwed."

"Education is a provincial responsibility but when it's tied to money you attach strings," she said, referring to the capabilities of the

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federal government's ability to affect tuition rates.

The NDP also promises to abolish the Millennium Scholarship Fund, a federal needs-based loan system that is an initiative of the current Liberal government, as the party claims the fund helps only seven per cent of students.

Instead the party promises to replace it with a program capable of helping a larger number of students, a program they call the Canadian Education Accessibility Fund,

though the platform contains few details about the plan.

Mark Kissel, national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) did not return the *Ubyssy's* calls by press time.

A paper released by the national student lobby group, however, indicated that while CASA agreed that there are some problems with the Millennium Scholarship, it "does not advocate for its abolition."

CASA said that overall it concurs with the NDP's emphasis on education, but indicated that some parts of the platform may not be plausible.

The NDP also promises to make all student debt interest-free and to retroactively credit interest paid on debts since 1995 to the principle of the loan.

In addition, the NDP plans to oppose any public subsidy for pri-

vate educational institutions, a move heralded by CFS as essential to maintaining quality public education.

While the party's platform may seem to make a lot of promises, Davies says that the government has enough money to help students as well as improve university infrastructure, resources, and as professors salaries.

Zaenker agrees, stating that it comes down to whether a government wants to implement tax cuts, or if they "want to reduce tuition fees, implement grants and make student loans interest-free."

But no matter the NDP's platform policies, the party is facing an uphill battle even to have any say when the next government forms.

A recent Ipsos-Reid poll had the party with only nine per cent of the popular vote. ♦



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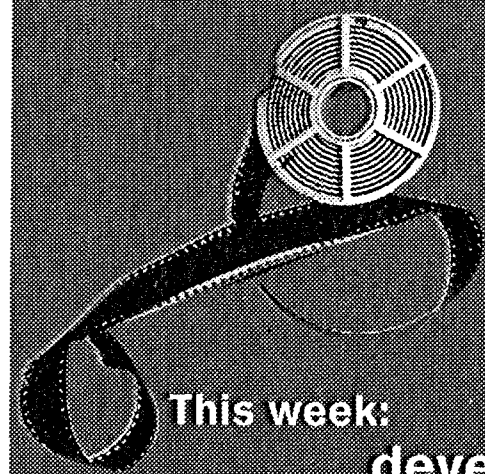
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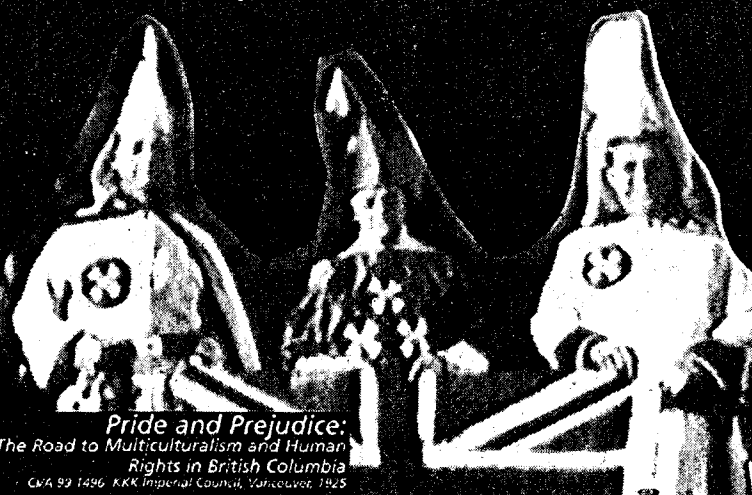
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Everything but the goal

Unlucky field hockey defending champs finish fourth at CIAU nationals

by Bruce Arthur

VICTORIA—The law of averages said two things about the 2000 CIAU women's field hockey championship tournament. It said that only three teams had a genuine shot at winning, and that UBC wouldn't be one of them. And after winning consecutive CIAU titles in the past two seasons, the law of averages—and the bounces—caught up to UBC.

The T-Birds fell 1-0 in the national semifinal Saturday afternoon to the number one-ranked University of Toronto (U of T) Varsity Blues despite thoroughly dominating the match. The dispirited Birds then lost another game in which they were the superior team, falling 1-0 to the University of Alberta Pandas Sunday morning in the bronze-medal match. For UBC, the semifinal loss was a devastating end to their run as national champions.

"We played a great game," said fifth-year midfielder Jen Dowdeswell. "We had all the play...and U of T got a corner and scored. We've been the people who've done that before—other teams had had the play and then we've gotten the corner and scored and won the game."

The University of Victoria Vikes beat Toronto 3-0 in the final Sunday afternoon to win their ninth national title.

Coming into the tournament, the safe bets were on three teams—Toronto, UBC, and UVic are the only three schools to win since Dalhousie won in 1976, and they

came in ranked one-two-three, respectively. But no team had ever won three titles in a row. But after an 8-2-2 regular season, including a 2-0-1 record against the Vikes, UBC's chances looked good.

The Birds started round-robin play Thursday against the Vikes, who they beat in the past two national finals. But on Victoria's home turf, UBC just managed to scrape together a 0-0 tie thanks to the superb goaltending of both second-year keeper Emily Menzies—whose aggressive style was reminiscent of departed All-Canadian goalie Ann Harada—and defender Jennifer Regan, who stopped at least two sure goals in midair with her stick.

UBC's chances of winning the three-team pool were erased Friday morning, though, when the Vikes demolished the St. Mary's Huskies 13-0. So when the Birds beat the Huskies 7-0 that afternoon, it put them in the national semifinal against the Blues for the third straight year.

UBC plays best under win-or-go-home pressure, and they showed that Saturday against Toronto. The Birds played a near-flawless half, tackling brilliantly, forcing seven short corners and owning the play—but they just couldn't put the ball in the net. At halftime they told one another not to change anything, that the goal would come. It never did.

After another burst of UBC pressure to start the second half, disaster struck for UBC. Toronto forced a short cor-

ner in the 39th minute, and fifth-year All-Canadian Emily Rix sent a high shot whistling in that was blocked by Menzies, dropped, and finally poked in by a diving Dianne Canzius. But on a short corner shot, the ball is not allowed to travel above 18 inches—for safety reasons—and the initial shot appeared to be well above that line. Fifth-year defenders Andria Shannon and Alison Taylor immediately jumped to protest the play, but were sharply rebuffed by umpire Trevor Martin, who just shook his head at Shannon and barked "You! Get away from me!" The goal stood.

"It was about thigh level on me, which, short as I am, is above 18 inches," said Shannon, who has seven years of umpiring experience.

The goal shocked the Birds. Suddenly, they were losing. UBC's sharpness was dulled by a slight sheen of panic. They were still in command, but with no results. Chance after chance hit a stick, or was stopped, or was whistled down. And the minutes leaked away. UBC forced four short corners, and even tried them from the right, but the barrage of shots produced nothing. The fifth-year players played sharper, harder, better, generating more chances, but still the ball never saw its way through the tangle of arms and legs and sticks. And too suddenly, the worst sound in the world to a team down 1-0—the burst of the airhorn. UBC's season effectively ended.

"I don't think we blew it," said fifth-year midfielder Kim Buker. "We just never finished."

Every UBC player looked lost, alone, broken. They gave the postgame cheer, shook hands with Toronto, and melted back to the bench. It was an awful thing to see, 20 people with their hearts broken.

"We were better, and you could see that," said forward Wieske van Zoest, wiping away tears that wouldn't stop. "We tried our best, all of us, just worked and worked and it wasn't just quite enough."

"They played unbelievable," said UBC head coach Hash Kanjee. "I'm really proud of them. That's the best game we've played all year."

Sunday's third-place game against Alberta ended the same way. The Birds played the first fifteen minutes like they were somewhere else, and Alberta capitalized for a quick goal in the 18th minute. This was a signal to the Birds—they woke up quick and started pushing Alberta back. But again, the ball wouldn't cooperate—it hit posts, it whistled wide, it skipped. But then suddenly, late in the half, it went in, on a textbook short corner blast by Shannon, bang, back of the net. But Martin quickly waved off the goal, claiming that the ball had rolled out of the trap, which it cannot do. And again, the Birds felt robbed. In the end, after the Alberta goal, they pushed fiercely for 52 minutes and the ball stayed out. The airhorn sounded. The worst



DISAPPOINTED: Andria Shannon's goal during the bronze-medal game against Alberta is called back. TARA WESTOVER PHOTO

sound in the world, again.

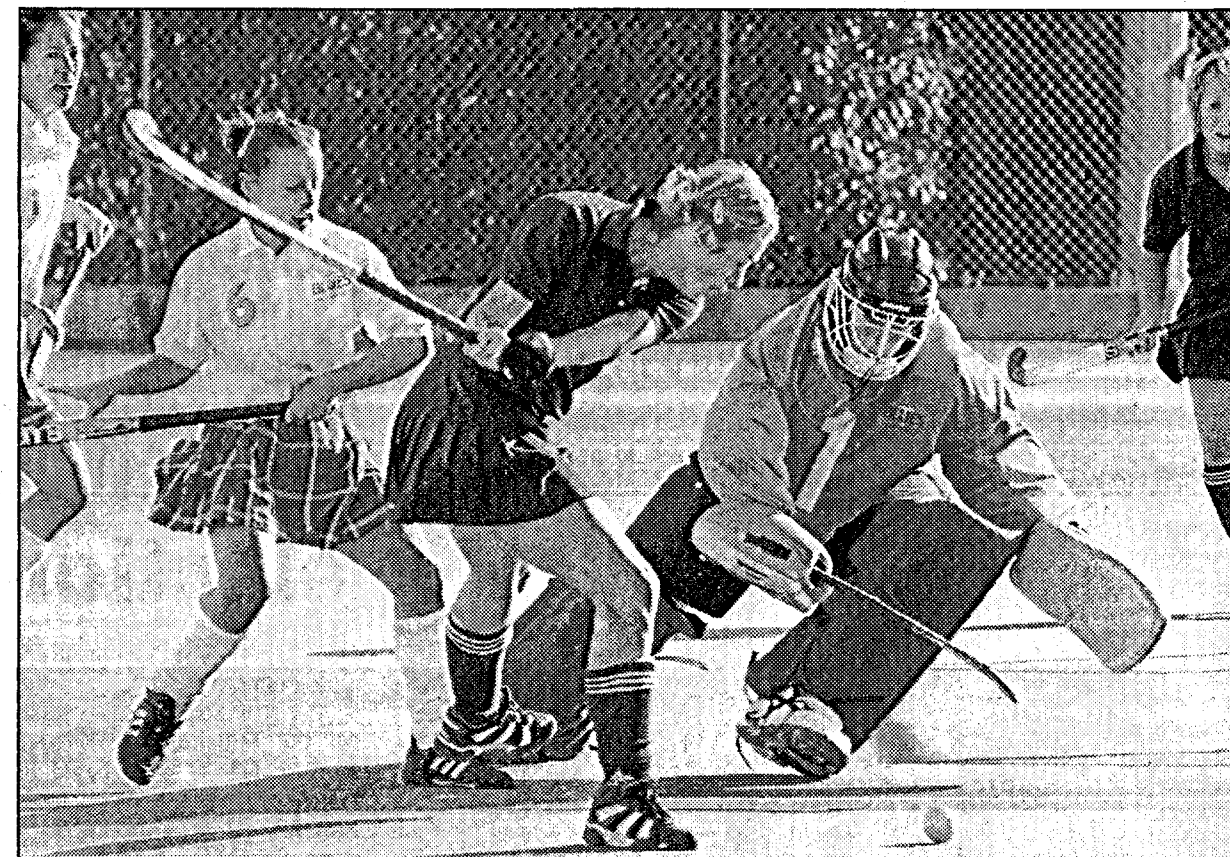
In the end, UBC's fortunes could be found on the tip of Shannon's probably-broken finger. It was hit by a ball late against Toronto, and they had to drill two tiny holes into the nail to relieve the pressure. Like a snakebite.

"We're unlucky," said Taylor hoarsely. "We played one of the best games of the season [against Toronto], and I think it was shattering to play a game like that and not win, or at least tie them. It was absolutely a blow to us."

After the game, the team circled for its post-game meeting, and for this one, everyone was invited. A sea of parents, friends, partners, and family surrounded the circle, and cried and smiled, and laughed along with the players. The fifth-year players—Buker, Stephanie Hume, Dowdeswell, Shannon, and Taylor—divided up the bouquets that fifth-years always get with van Zoest and Jennifer Regan, who are also leaving the team. Van Zoest is returning to her native Netherlands to complete her Ph.D. Regan is graduating after four years.

"I came into this tournament thinking that if we didn't win, that I would just be devastated, and I'm not devastated," said Shannon. "I'm so proud of my team, I'm so incredibly proud of my team, 'cause those girls went out there and we fought, and we fought, and we got down a goal, and we kept fighting the whole entire game, and no one ever put their head down. We played smart, we played the entire game our way, and we dominated, and it just didn't go in the net for us. And that's sport. That's how you play it." ♦

Jen Dowdeswell was named a first-team All-Canadian, and Andria Shannon and Wieske van Zoest were named second-team All-Canadians.



DENIED: Wieske van Zoest takes a shot on University of Toronto Blues goalie Amaris Wilson during the CIAU semi-final match as UBC teammate Stephanie Quinn looks on. TARA WESTOVER PHOTO

Football team's rocky season over

by Daryl Wener

WINNIPEG—Shawn Olson played his final game as a Thunderbird Saturday in Winnipeg as the UBC football team's disappointing season came to a bitter, inevitable end, with a 14-4 loss to the Manitoba Bisons in the Canada West semifinals.

Olson threw for 116 yards, completing 12 of 24 passes, but also threw two interceptions, including one on his final throw. It was not the kind of performance that the Surrey native had hoped to end an illustrious career with. Olson was playing with severe bone spurs, and a broken pinky on his throwing hand, but refused to use the injuries as an excuse.

"I was disappointed with the way the offence played. We just couldn't get anything going, but it was our best team defence of the season," he said after the game.

It wasn't too cold in Winnipeg's University Stadium, but the wind was a definite factor—as was the officiating. UBC was flagged in the football game 16 times, while Manitoba was zinged for only six penalties.

Two minutes into the fourth quarter, on a third-and-one on the Bisons' 45-yard line, with the score tied 4-4, Manitoba fullback Max Irabor took a handoff and rumbled up the middle. The UBC defence couldn't contain Irabor, and 1500 Bison fans rose to their feet as he ran down the field for a sizeable gain. Irabor fumbled the football near the 30-yard line, and UBC eventually recovered.

This could have been the turning point in the football game for UBC.

However, the officials had already called Irabor down, and the Bisons held onto possession; halfback Ken Vermette scored a touchdown later in the drive.

"The official came to a player, and said he had made a mistake, and that he hoped it wouldn't cost us the game," said Rob Kenney, UBC's backup quarterback after the game.

The Birds' offence was nowhere to be found, only racking up a total of 193 yards. The running game struggled as Olson led the rushing attack with 33 yards on 4 carries, while second-year running back Sean Dove added a mere 29 yards on 10 carries. Fullback Julian Radelein was the leading receiver with only 3 receptions and 29 yards.

Scott Rintoul and Dan Lazzari, standouts so far this season, were stifled by the Bison defence, and caught only 4 receptions for 43 yards between them. Third-year wide-receiver Matt Lyons was a bright spot for the UBC offence, though, catching a season-high two catches for 25 yards, while also drawing an important pass interference penalty which set up UBC's loan field goal. Lyons also blocked a punt on special teams.

The big question coming into this football game was whether the UBC defence was going to be able to contain the Manitoba offence. In the two games the teams had played already this year, both Bison victories, Manitoba scored a total of 68 points and averaged 339 yards rushing yards per game.

But the UBC defence played admirably on Saturday, holding the Bisons to four first-half points, and 330 total yards for the whole game.

"It was a good effort, everyone played great. We gave up a few plays, and that's what cost us," said UBC's Javier Glatt, this year leading tackler in the

CIAU.

Glatt had four tackles and a fumble recovery; linebacker Caid Callaway and defensive back Sandy Beveridge, added six tackles each, while defensive back Chris Frankowski had UBC's only interception.

Manitoba opened the scoring 7-31 into the game on a Dimistis Scouras field goal. Scouras added a single before the half, and the Bisons went into the locker room with a 4-0 lead.

UBC broke the goose egg as Duncan O'Mahony cut the lead to 4-1 with a missed field goal single from 48 yards early in the third quarter. The Birds tied the score 4-4 after O'Mahony connected on a 15-yard field goal attempt 40 seconds into the 4th quarter. But the game didn't stay tied for long, as Manitoba regained the lead 11-4 on Vermette's 8-yard touchdown run with 13:10 left in the 4th quarter, after the fateful Irabor play. On the following kickoff, Scouras, aided by a strong wind, kicked the ball into the endzone for an important point, and the Bisons had a 12-4 lead.

UBC had one more solid chance to get back into the football game. Late in the fourth quarter, with the game seemingly won, the Bisons fumbled on the UBC two-yard line. Shawn Olson and the UBC offence had 5 minutes and 29 seconds to go 108 yards, get a two-point conversion, and tie the game. But the dream didn't last long—on the first play of the drive, UBC coach Jay Prepчук called for a Sean Dove sweep, but the Bison defence wasn't fooled, and Dove never got out of the endzone. The ensuing safety gave Manitoba a 14-4 lead, and UBC never threatened again. UBC's up-and-down season was finally over. ♦

BIRD
droppings

Cross Country

UBC's cross country running team was in Lewiston Idaho for the NAIA regional championships this past weekend. The team did not qualify for the NAIA National Championships in Wisconsin on Nov. 18. Byron Wood, who finished first in the men's event last weekend in course-record time, will represent UBC at the Nationals. While Melissa Hungerford recorded a personal best time and finished sixth in the women's event, Alice Miro and Amy Higginbotham both did well enough to earn the women a fourth-place finish overall.

Men's Soccer

The Birds beat the University of Calgary Dinos in their semi-final game of the Canada West playoffs on Saturday. But their hopes for a CIAU Championship were cut short when the University of Victoria Vikes rallied to beat the Birds by a score of 3-2 in the Canada West gold-medal match. Iain Shepherd scored both of UBC's goals, and was named a Canada West All-Star. Mid-fielder Randy Celebrini, forward Adam Plummer, and defenders Aaron Richer and Nick Seddon were also named All-Stars.

Women's Hockey

The women's ice hockey had a tough time this weekend at Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre against the defending national champion University of Alberta Pandas. The Pandas walked away with a 6-0 win on Friday and a 4-1 win on Saturday against the Birds, who are 1-3 so far this season.

Men's Hockey

The University of Calgary Dinos were in top shape this weekend, trouncing the UBC Thunderbirds 7-0 on Friday night, and beating them again 6-4 on Saturday. The Dinos are now in second place in the Western division while the 1-6-1 Birds have sunk to last place.

The Birds stay home next weekend for a doubleheader against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. The puck drops at 7:30pm both nights.

Men's Basketball

The court Birds had a disappointing weekend in Calgary, suffering two losses to the Dinos. The 1-3 Birds are last place in the Canada West heading into a homestand next weekend against the University of Regina Cougars.

Women's Basketball

Another disappointing result for UBC sports teams was filed this past weekend by the women's basketball team, who lost to the Dinos on Friday and Saturday. The women are in sixth place in the West heading into next weekend's two games at War Memorial against the University of Regina Cougars. ♦

Football Notes

UBC loses several players to graduation—wide receiver Aaron Iverson, cornerback Simon Quinto, and right tackle Eric Collings all played their final games in UBC uniform Saturday.

Defensive lineman Tom Montes and wide receiver Brad Coutts were both sidelined with knee injuries. Coutts' season ended two games into the season when he tore a ligament in his knee against the University of Calgary on September 15. Coutts' absence was particularly painful for the Birds—he finished his UBC career as the school's all-time leader in receptions (210) and reception yards (3539).

But the Birds' biggest loss is that of quarterback Shawn Olson, who, along with Coutts, will go down as one of the greatest players in Thunderbird history. Olson finished his career with 7774 passing yards, 42 passing touchdowns, 1012 rushing yards, and a 1997 Vanier Cup title.

This season was arguably Olson's best—he fought through an assortment of injuries ranging from a broken left wrist to a concussion to finish third in the Canada West in passing yards (1936) and first among starting pivots in touchdown-to-interception ratio. He also led all Canada West quarterbacks in rushing with 404 yards.

"I have nothing bad to say," said Olson after the loss to Manitoba. "I would have liked to have won more, but I have no regrets and definitely left everything I had on the field. I can see now how when people are older, they sit around and talk about old games. I loved playing football here." ♦

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A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED: The UBC men's eight wasn't smiling after finishing second to UVic. TARA WESTOVER PHOTO

"Rowing" continued from page 1

to fight to hold him off."

Pearce also placed third in the men's lightweight double, with partner Mike Tessaro. His performance in both races at the regatta impressed UBC men's rowing coach Mike Pearce (no relation).

"Fraser's done a fantastic job," said the coach. "He's starting to develop a superior sense of feel for moving the boat and he's essentially taught Mike [Tessaro] how to scull by rowing with him in the double." In the heavy-weight men's events, the UBC men's eight almost pulled an upset when it nearly knocked off UVic in the final race of the day.

The two teams from BC were neck-and-neck coming down the course, and it looked like UBC was ahead entering the final 50 metres, but UVic crossed the line first and stole the victory. UVic posted a time of 5:49.1, with UBC just 1.5 seconds back. The University of Western Ontario and Adam Gant finished first in the B final, placing them fifth overall.

"If everything had gone perfectly, we would have won, but UVic showed its experience," said Mike Pearce. "We're a young crew and

we've made a big step-up in our level of rowing."

The women's eight race was nowhere near as exciting as the men's race. UVic, which has won the eight at every CURC, powered away from the other crews and finished a full 13 seconds ahead of the rest of field in a time of 6:12.5. UBC finished a solid second in a time of 6:26.3, eight seconds ahead of Trent and Brock.

UBC's second-place finish, a repeat of last year's CURC result, didn't surprise women's coach Craig Pond.

"We finished exactly where I thought we'd be," Pond said, "though it's hard coming second and not judging yourself against UVic."

UBC also finished second in

the lightweight women's single (rowed by Lailey Wallace), the men's single (Rob Weitemeyer), the light-

weight women's double (Wallace and Dior Holms) and the women's pair (Aly Leith and Diane Wilson). The men's pair of Geoff Hodgson and Adam Gant finished first in the B final, placing them fifth overall.

The UBC rowing team next races November 12 at the Head of the Lake regatta in Seattle. ♦

"We're a young crew and we've made a big step up in our level of rowing"

—Mike Pearce, Men's rowing coach



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Future plans

On Saturday November 4, coaches attending the CURC voted to form the Canadian University Rowing Association (CURA).

The first tasks for the new association is drafting a constitution and rules for hosting the annual CURC. Following those tasks, the associa-

tion will look into becoming an associate member of the CIAU and adopting some of its regulations.

The formation of the association is a big step forward for university rowing in Canada, which currently has no formal organization or rules governing it. ♦



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Thur Nov. 16

Philip Resnick

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The playoff curse

UBC women's soccer loses heartbreaker semi-final to Victoria

by Trevor Kew

VICTORIA—On a cold, clear Friday night at the UVic Stadium, UBC women's soccer team coach Dick Mosher watched anxiously as a huge upset materialised in front of him.

The University of Alberta Pandas (3-6-1) had just defeated the previously undefeated University of Calgary Dinos (7-0-3) in a shootout to advance to the Canada West final. Memories of UBC's shocking shootout defeat by those same Pandas in last year's final game was surely dancing through Mosher's mind, and those of his team, as they took to the field to face the hometown University of Victoria Vikes in the second semi-final match of the night.

The Vikes came out hard, inspired by a large and boisterous home crowd that had braved the cold to cheer on their team. Right away, UBC goalkeeper Sian Bagshawe was forced to make some saves as UBC was a bit shaky during the first ten minutes. Canada West's leading scorer Wanda Rozwadowska, silenced by UBC last week in Vancouver, looked dangerous every time she touched the ball.

She unleashed two fearsome shots early on, one which was saved by Bagshawe, and the other which was blocked bravely by the head of rookie defender Amber Brownlee.

The game evened out after ten minutes though, as Kim Spencer chipped Morgan Leverman, UVic's netminder, only to see her shot fall inches wide of the goal, and Roz

Hicks got in alone on Leverman only to be thwarted by the UVic keeper.

In the 21st minute, a dangerous UVic cross was punched away by a diving Bagshawe only to fall at the feet of Rozwadowska. She made no mistake, lashing the ball into the back of the net and putting the Vikes ahead 1-0. After the goal, UBC continued to carry the play to the Vikes until halftime, with Hicks and Martino both coming close to scoring.

In the second half, UVic continued to sit back on their lead, but they were punished almost immediately by UBC captain Lyanne Westie, who fired the T-Birds back into the game in the 46th minute. Tough tackles continued to be the order of the day, and the referee seemed, at times, to have forgotten his whistle in the dressing room.

UBC held the ball inside UVic's end for most of the half, and were desperately unlucky not to score on several occasions. The UVic counterattack loomed ominously, however, when Rozwadowska raced in on a breakaway, only to be stonewalled by Bagshawe. Canada West Rookie-of-the-Year Jacqueline Ferraby, who had a towering game for the Birds, powered a header that bounced over Leverman. It was cleared off the line by a defender.

In the 81st minute, a scramble ensued in front of the UBC net, and UVic forward Carey Gustafson stabbed the ball home to put the Vikes ahead against the run of play.

"How many chances did [UVic] have in the second half? About two,"

exclaimed a disappointed Mosher after the game, "It's unfortunate; somebody wins the tight ones, somebody's got to lose the tight ones. I just thought it might be our turn."

UBC threw everything forward, and nearly scored on two injury-time corners, but the score remained 2-1 for UVic when the final whistle sounded.

"I think we played well," explained Westie. "We just have bad luck."

Westie, Ferraby, Hicks and midfielder Kelly Donaldson all made the Canada West All-Star Team and Ferraby earned Rookie-of-the-Year. "It's a big honour," said Ferraby, holding back tears after the heart-breaking loss, "I'm happy about it."

After the game, Mosher emphasised the contributions of veterans like Donaldson, Spencer, Veronica Lie and Dayna Schweizer to the program, all of whom played their last game for UBC this weekend.

Fifth-year veterans Lie and Spencer both added that the commitment was "definitely worth it."

Saturday saw the Birds lose to Calgary 3-1 in the bronze medal final, a match both coaches described as "rather pointless." UVic beat the Pandas 1-0 in the final to claim the Canada West title.

What made the loss so difficult, according to Westie, was that the teamwork shown by UBC this year has been nothing less than astounding, with all players fulfilling their role in the collective. The only player who didn't pull her weight for the Birds this season was Lady Luck. ♦



NOWHERE TO GO: Calgary gets third in West. TARA WESTOVER PHOTO

Volleyball men lose

by Dirk Schouten

On Friday evening in War Memorial Gym, the nationally third-ranked University of Calgary Dinos hammered the listless Thunderbirds men's volleyball team 3-0. Although UBC wasn't able to exact revenge on Saturday night, the Birds pushed Calgary to the limit, losing after four very close games.

The Birds began the match aggressively. Middle Jake Cabott and team captain Chad Grimm led an opening charge that saw UBC take a 12-4 lead. For a while, the 250 spectators in attendance had good reason to believe UBC would steamroll its opponents.

Strong play at the net by the Dinos, however, allowed Calgary to climb back, closing the gap to three points. Eventually, Dave Belezny, a 6'2" first-year setter, ended the first set in UBC's favour, 25-22, with a kill down the middle.

In the second set, UBC's Ryan Cawsey, who was pulled in the first set for missed kills, resurrected his offensive weapons to help UBC build a 14-12 lead. But the Dinos' two offensive stars, Denis Zhukov and Bill Byma, began to overpower the Birds at the net. The Dinos' 6'7" Warren Jerred, or "Goonie" as the heckling UBC fans insisted on calling him, led the Dinos to a 25-19 win with a string of power-serves.

In the third set, the Birds began to fall apart. While English continued his strong play, Grimm missed several kill attempts. The Birds mounted a comeback on blocks by McParland and Cawsey, but Grimm's serve into the net cemented a 25-22 win for the Dinos, and the score in games was 2-1 Calgary.

In the final set, the Thunderbirds were unable to block Zhukov, whose repeated kills sustained Calgary's lead. UBC's poor communication led to confusion, which resulted in missed sets and stray kill attempts. As in the other games, the Birds stayed with the Dinos until the end but could not put together an offensive

attack. The Dinos walked away with a 25-21 set win and a 3-1 match victory.

"The weekend could be summed up as 'lost opportunities,'" Coach Ohman said after the match, which dropped the team's season record to 2-2. "The opportunities were there but we just didn't step up and take them. Vice-versa, Calgary stepped up and made the plays necessary to win after [the team reached] 16 points."

After the match, Ohman talked to the team about its need for mental toughness at crunch time, the end of the game. He congratulated the team for playing as a unit, but noted that the ideal team performance is one in which a limited number of players rotate onto the court.

"We were having to put players in because others were tailing off or weren't performing or we needed a new spark. [But] we'd rather have that come from the seven guys that are playing right off the bat."

Ohman noted that the poor blocking was one area which still needs improvement.

English cited poor communication as the major reason behind the loss. "We need to work on our communication, but that's what we'll do in the upcoming practices."

Grimm was generally pleased with the team's performance and emphasised that the team played more like a unit than on Friday night. Grimm, recently back from an ankle injury, is confident that he can play at peak level.

"Playing in Winnipeg [last week] was a good chance for me to get back into it, and tonight I felt good."

The team will depend on Grimm, a 6'4" offside with tremendous leaping ability, if they plan on beating any of the top teams in the nation.

The team will play a double-header at Trinity Western University in Langley next weekend. Trinity Western is 0-4 so far this season. ♦

V-ball women win one of two

New-look Thunderbirds volleyball team off to a good start this year

by Tom Peacock

Though things were generally pretty bleak for the UBC Thunderbirds this weekend, in War Memorial Gym the women's volleyball team managed to split its home-opener doubleheader against the University of Calgary Dinos.

On Friday night, the Dinos came out on top after a grueling five-game match, but on Saturday, the Birds, who went into the weekend ranked first in the country, would have none of it, spanking the Dinos in three straight games, 25-21, 25-20, and 25-17.

"We practised [serving] this afternoon. We had a little bit more focus on serving and what we wanted to do," said middle blocker and team captain Kaley Boyd after Saturday's match.

Calgary was ahead by five points in the second game on Saturday night when the Bird's clutch server Michelle Collens subbed in and served for eight straight UBC points. The score was 21-18. UBC was already up 1-0 in games, and the match was then firmly in their hands.

"[Collens] is our number one server for sure. She has about ten different serves to choose from, so she's our go-to girl for that," Boyd said.

But UBC's dominance during the second match wasn't just about serving—the Birds also changed their strategy at the net. And the results were evident. Third-year blocker Sara Cummings, for one, had an exceptional match Saturday—throwing down some decisive blocks and kills at key moments in all three games.

"We went out there and instead of just saying, 'I want to block,' we went up and focussed on their angles,

where they were coming at us from, and just got up there straight on, put big arms in front of them," Boyd explained.

Unfortunately for the Birds, who outgunned Calgary over the weekend, the matches count individually towards the standings—and they went down on Friday three games to two.

"It's very frustrating, because I thought we were the better team for the match as a whole," UBC's head coach Doug Reimer, who has returned to coach the women's team after spending three years coaching Team Canada. "I think we had some chances in the first game to put them away, and we didn't do that."

Reimer added that, even though the Birds had a phenomenal pre-season (undefeated against CIAU teams), the teams in the Canada West are all fairly equal, and no one on his team is prepared to take winning for granted.

"Calgary is ranked tenth or eleventh, and there's not a huge difference between our teams," he said.

The Birds have seen major changes to their roster this season, and Kaley Boyd is the only returning starter. But new starters like Cummings, Christine Bonish and Kathryn Peck have shown that they are ready to step up and fill the large shoes left by departed players such as Barb Bellini and Sarah Maxwell.

Though nobody knew what to expect from the new-look team, so far they have been nothing if not strong.

"It's a completely different feel this year," Boyd said. "The whole team has a different attitude...We were at first kind of the dark horses—no one knew how we would be. We lost six starters. We came out this year, and we're just going for it. We've got nothing to lose, we're going as hard as we can." ♦



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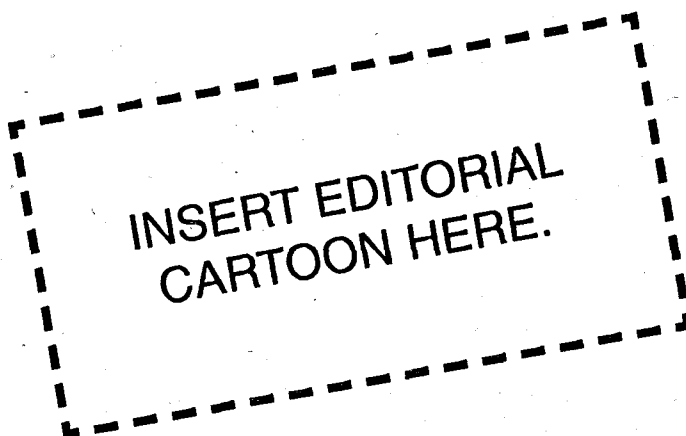
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Shalene Takara

Michelle Mossop ran through the streets, past the silent figures of Alex Dimson and Cynthia Lee. Tom Peacock didn't even raise his head as she ran across the Regina Yung square, in front of the stately Graeme Worthy building, towards the great Nicholas Bradley statue, sculpted by Tristan Winch and sponsored by Holland Gidney several years previously. Tara Westover was momentarily distracted from her pigeon-feeding by the passing runner as huge clouds of dust were kicked up. Daliah Merzaban watched from her window in awe as Laura Blue, Lisa Denton, and Bruce Arthur followed in hot pursuit, guided by Shaun Dyckko's sniffer dogs. The loud barking and the shocked cries of Trevor Kew drew Jesse Morantz and Julia Christensen of the narrow alley where they had been sitting quietly to avoid the noon sun. Derek Schouten and Daryl Wener shouted angrily at Hywel Tuscano and Fara Tabatabai, who tried to claim nothing had happened. And George Belliveau could only look on from the edge of the square as the runner, her pursuers, the dogs, and a throng of other followers raced down the hillside.

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This really _____ (verb) me _____ (adjective)

It's November, that harsh time of midterms and term papers. Every student needs a break from the self-torture of cramming and plagiarising, and so too, do the good folks at *the Ubyssy*. Everyone needs to relax and the best way to do that is a game. Everyone loves games.

So we dredged up the past—all the way back to 1989 when they had the wonderful idea of writing a Mad-Lib instead of an editorial. Normally, we would use this space to rant about some topic, whether it affected our campus or some other place that we hold dear. Normally, we would espouse some lofty goal or slam something we don't find so hot.

But today all we give you is the Platonic form of the editorial, a perfect rant against something non-specific, all ready for you to fill in.

The rules of the game are simple, ask a friend for each of the things in the parentheses, circle the subject that agrees with the term grammatically in gender or number, and read it aloud. Forgive us for the number of _____s (noun) we use at the end. After all we're only _____s (noun).

Well, _____ (name of person or group) has/have done it again. His/her/its _____ (adjective) disregard for the basic tenets of _____ (noun) has made us so _____ (adjective) that we can barely _____ (verb) at night. It's not enough that _____ (same group or person) has been around for so long, but that they/he/she had to add insult to injury and start using _____ (something people use) to _____ (something people do) simply boggles the mind.

There was a time when _____ (same group or person) was far less _____ (adjective), and we could happily _____ (verb) him/her/them. But after last week's removal of _____ (adjective) _____ (noun), we wonder how (he/she/they) can live with him/her/themselves.

The utter lack of common _____ (noun), of reasonable _____ (noun) or of unaffected _____ (noun) is beneath contempt. The

world would be better off if he/she/they would simply _____ (rude verb) all the way to _____ (funny-sounding distant locale).

We realise our _____ (noun or verb) may make enemies of certain _____ (plural noun). We accept that our _____ (noun) is beyond all limits of _____ (noun) and _____ (noun). But the crushing onus of _____ (noun) weighs heavily on our shoulders. We are after all, the only fighters against the injustice of _____ (noun). So when _____ (same person or group) comes _____ ing (verb) on your door asking for _____ (nouns) let the door slam in his/her/their face. This is a call to all UBC _____s (noun) Come join our protest! Make your way to _____ (specific locale) at _____ (time and date) drop your pants _____ (verb) and show the world what _____s (noun) do to _____s (noun)!

If we come together for the right reasons, we, all of us can actually make a _____ (noun). ♦

LETTERS

Ubyssy erred

I am writing to inform you of the numerous incorrect facts that have been stated by two of your reporters in the Oct. 27 and 31 issues of *the Ubyssy*.

Firstly, Tim Wood's article titled "Driving Unsafe Around UBC" included an indirect quote from "Jennifer Dixon, head of the UBC Counterattack club." Aside from the gross spelling errors of my name as Co-chair of the organisation, I never spoke with Wood about the issue of road checks, or their location on campus. Although I support the effort to spread awareness of the importance of driving safely, I resent being misquoted. In addition, it is important to note that the purpose of road checks is to combat not only drinking and driving, but also to identify drivers impaired by drugs.

Secondly, I would like to point out the irresponsible reporting of Jo-Ann Chiu with respect to the women's T-Cup football game. When I first read the two articles

(one in each issue) it was not my intent to focus on picky details. Unfortunately the number of errors is so unacceptable that I am compelled to point them out. In "Annual women's football game today" [Oct. 27], it is stated that "last year's game netted over \$700," that the bake sale products were "baked by the football players themselves," and that the "Nursing team has lost the last three T-Cups." In fact, last year \$1076 was fundraised for BC Children's Hospital and the bake sale was facilitated by all students in the School, not only the football players. Also, the women of Rehab have won the last five T-Cups. In "Nursing team breaks Rehab streak in T-Cup" [Oct. 31] Chiu re-states that Nursing has lost the past three years and also states that the "cheerleaders in drag are occupational therapists." As students in Rehab, we are very proud of our *Pink Ladies* who happen to be both occupational and physical therapy students.

As a student of the UBC and a loyal reader of *the Ubyssy*, I am

disappointed to have to write this letter. It is my hope that in the future your reporters will continue to cover these important stories with more professionalism.

Jennifer Dickson
President, Rehabilitation
Sciences Undergraduate Society
Co-chair, CounterAttack UBC

Lifeline promotes hate toward women

Did you have an abortion because you were raped or because your contraception didn't work 100 per cent and you simply were not in the position to or didn't want to raise a child? If you let members of the anti-choice club Lifeline know that you had an abortion, you better be prepared to be called a 'Nazi' when you walk through the SUB to get your lunch. If you attend a pro-choice rally be prepared to get filmed by Lifeline members in the name of free speech—what an

absurdity to dub intimidation 'free speech.'

In the sexist society we live with in, anti-choice groups like Lifeline make life even harder for women than it already is. Their hate speech encourages violence against pro-choice people: Last week a man uttered a death threat against a pro-choice supporter at UBC. Doctors at abortion clinics get shot. The lack of teaching safe abortion procedures to medical students at universities is also linked to fear of the tactics of anti-choice groups.

It is one thing to be of the opinion that abortion is wrong for yourself—don't have one. It is another thing to intimidate those who want to have the right of self-determination over their bodies and to limit their choices. You will never succeed in controlling other women's bodies. You can only limit the methods available to us in doing so. Please don't limit them. Don't try to make us go back to using coat hangers and other painful and cruel

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methods.

How can you think so little of women that you want to deny them the right to choose for themselves? If men could get pregnant, the right to abortion would be a given and contraceptives would be free including the morning-after-pill that is finally available without prescription. If Lifeline members had respect for the right to self-determination, they would not promote hate against women. And please, don't reply to me by saying that the murders committed by KKK members or Nazis are comparable to an abortion.

Who do you think you are to assume the right to define when life begins? Does it begin at birth? When a fetus is seven months old? three months? two weeks? At the time conception? When a sperm enters a woman's body?—In this case I hope you don't use contraceptives

and only have heterosexual intercourse when the woman can conceive.

Stop being ridiculous and endangering us all! End your disrespect towards women and the victims of the Nazis and the KKK.

—Katja Cronauer
Graduate Student—Interdisciplinary Studies

Ads don't sway voters

I would like to comment on Friday's editorial concerning election advertising limits ("Day's a-wreckonin'" [Nov. 3]). I find it hard to believe that a publication that owes so much to Freedom of Expression would support election gag laws. I fail to understand how using coercive state force to suppress individual speech is in the public interest. How do you justify gagging citizens when it comes to something as

important as a federal general election?

Your editorial mentions the \$150,000 limit on a national campaign for special interest groups and private individuals. That sounds like a lot, but in reality that's less than \$500 per riding, will that buy me an ad in the *Ubyssy*? Your editorial fails to mention the \$3000 limit on any particular riding. That's probably not enough for a spot in the *Vancouver Sun* let alone a TV commercial. Thus, you would have my friends and I fined and jailed for expressing our political opinions in any meaningful way.

I am also disturbed with your editorial's patronising view of the Canadian electorate. Does the *Ubyssy* editorial board make their voting choices based on the number of ads they see? If not, then why do you assume that the general public is unable to form an unbiased opinion as well? With so many mainstream and alternative information sources,

more than ever before voters are able to cast an informed ballot. The gag law effectively allowed only registered political parties to determine the campaign issues and thereby ignore uncomfortable subjects. Now, any determined group can force candidates to face up to their actions in office and address their concerns—that's democracy!

Promoting equality by suppressing the rights of others is not the way to proceed in a free society. I have confidence that the vast majority of Canadians vote with their heads and aren't operating under the mind-control of advertisers, as you would suggest. I sleep better at night knowing the Elections Canada Police aren't going to bust down anyone's door for saying too much at the wrong time, don't you?

—Greg Frey
Engineering 5

Why the federal NDP is on the down-and-out

by Devon Rowcliffe

Election season is once again upon us. Platforms, promises, and personalities abound, as all of the Canadian political parties vow for our attention, and inevitably for our vote.

One of the early pillars of the 2000 election campaign has been the issue of health care. Various recent polls have all clearly shown that the state of medicare is of great importance to Canadians.

These same polls also argue that Canadians see issues and party platforms as the most important reasons for voting. If this is accurate, we should expect to see the parties that make the most promises to fix our health care system performing relatively well both in public opinion polls and in voting booths come Nov. 27.

Of the "big five" federal political parties here in Canada, the New Democrats clearly offer the most improvements for health care in the form of both increased funding and the establishment of a national pharmacare program.

This is where things become confusing. Polls suggest health care is the issue Canadian voters feel most passionately about, and yet the New Democratic Party (NDP) still lags in public support even though it has been campaigning heavily on health care policy. Why is it that most Canadians seem to support fixing our health care system, and yet do not support the federal NDP?

An NDP representative recently made the excuse for her party's current low support that health care does not surface in the polls until formal debates begin. However, this is clearly not the case.

Some would argue that it is because the NDP has never formed the federal government, and thus cannot be adequately

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trusted. But if this is the case, why does the Canadian Alliance (CA) have the support of about one quarter of all Canadians? The CA has never formed government; additionally, its leader Stockwell Day did not even become a Member of Parliament until as late as Sept. 11 of this year.

Using a hypothetical example, if we were to look at a European country with a history of a socialised health care that had recently seen a drop in the quality of its health services, political analysts could easily predict that country's centre-left party to do relatively well in an election, perhaps even becoming the official opposition. Yet in Canada, such a party remains virtually unheard of.

The reason that the NDP lags in support is because of the Canadian media, and its lack of coverage of parties other than the Liberals and the CA over the past couple of years. If newspaper readers are exposed to coverage of no more than two political parties, inevitably they will come to see the political realm as a two-horse race.

The idea that media coverage (or lack of it) significantly affects the popularity of political parties has been supported by recent research. Various studies have found that there is an unmistakable correlation between media coverage and electoral success.

Despite their lagging numbers in the polls, two factors may

allow the NDP to breathe a small sigh of relief. First, with the current split of the right-wing vote, the NDP should be able to take advantage of its monopoly of the "centre-left" come election day. Additionally, is it also true that the NDP is virtually non-existent in Québec, dragging down the NDP's national average to a number that is likely lower than what it should be in most provinces.

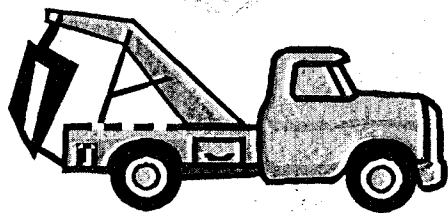
But these are two small bonuses for a party that is in danger of finishing last come Nov. 27. The reality is that the NDP is being ignored by Canada's media outlets despite the fact that the NDP apparently best reflects the issue Canadians want dealt with most.

Canadians have made it clear that health care is their number one priority, and thus the media should do a better job in reflecting the opinions of its readers. Media owners and editors should assume the responsibility to provide accurate and non-partisan news and political coverage to their readers. Pushing one view on a readership assumes that Canadians aren't intelligent enough to make informed decisions on their own based upon the facts. Is this the message Canadian media outlets want to be making? Media should stop making decisions on behalf of Canadians, and respect their readership by giving them coverage of all political voices.

It is the responsibility of Canadian media to prevent such a political aberration as the right-wing two-horse race we are currently witnessing from occurring. If the 2000 election campaign remains a two-horse race, it is not because such parties as the NDP are irrelevant. Far from it. It is because the media, which apparently has far too great of an impact on the Canadian political system, has made it so.

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I'll be honest: I don't 'get' modern dance any more than I 'get' modern art, calculus, or theoretical quantum physics. So it's very possible that, watching the three pieces playing Saturday night at the Vancouver International Dance Festival, I was missing something integral.

I suspect this because the lady sitting on my right would periodically lean over and whisper to her companion something like, "See how the filtered green light symbolises her descent into a state of spiritual death and rebirth?" while I was thinking "Yay! Pretty green lights!"

Okay, so I'm no critic, but I know what I like. Sadly, for the most part, I did not like the performance. The first two pieces, "Icone" and "Transverbero," were performed by Jocelyne Montpetit who is certainly a very good dancer.

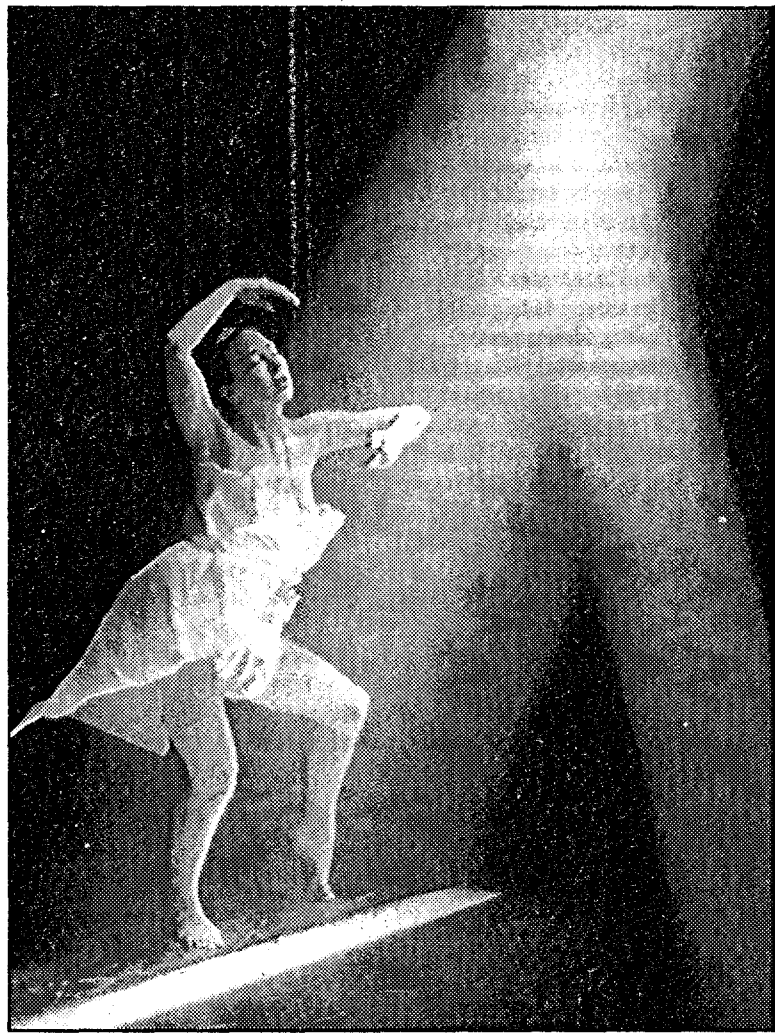
The interesting thing about her pieces is that the dancing seemed incidental to them, as if the lighting and music were the true performers and she just happened to be on stage with them at the same time. There were

several moments in her work, particularly in "Transverbero," that were quite stunningly beautiful, that made light and smoke seem like solid, tangible things cascading from the ceiling.

Unfortunately, the metaphor of the soul searching for the warmth of spiritual light was carried out too far, making the choreography sometimes stale and repetitive. The same can be said for SU-EN's choreography in her piece "Atomic." A ring of lights on the stage started flashing, a woman came out, making a series of bizarre chicken movements, screamed a few times, then left a green apple in the centre of the ring and walked off. Am I missing something here? Or is there nothing to miss? "Atomic" was considerably more vibrant than the pieces performed by Montpetit, which made the dancing all the more impressive (SU-EN has amazing muscle control), but lacking in the quieter beauty of "Icone" and "Transverbero."

As we were getting up to leave, the lady to my right turned again to her companion and whispered excitedly, "Wasn't that revelatory?" Revelatory? No. Entertaining? No. Occasionally beautiful and sporadically insightful? Sure. After all, it's modern dance—what else can you expect? ♦

—Fara Tabatabai



Le théâtre français bien reçu

CAP ENRAGE
at la Maison de la Francophonie
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Teen love goes to extremes in L'Escaouette's French production of *Cap Enrage*. The co-production between the New Brunswick troupe, the National Arts Centre, and Theatre de la Seizième is currently touring BC high schools, but played for the general public on Saturday afternoon.

Written by renowned Acadian playwright Hermenegilde Chiasson, the play investigates a murder which took place at Cap Enrage, NB. A young boy, Martin, is found dead at the bot-

tom of the cliff, and police suspect that two of his friends (lovers Patrice and Veronique) may have been involved. As the play unfolds and evidence is brought forth, it becomes clear that Martin's love for Veronique was not reciprocal, and that suicide is a strong possibility. Patrice and Veronique are eventually released from custody, yet the process leaves a strong mark on both of them. Afterwards, Patrice returns home, after a three-year absence, to try and fix his relationship with his father, while Veronique leaves to live with her aunt in Toronto.

The set needs to be minimal for touring purposes, yet the scaffolding décor provides

various possibilities, and the actors make full use of it. The three actors are strong in their respective roles, but Yves Turbide as the policeman stands out because of his ability to bring out both the dramatic and comic elements of his role. The majority of scenes end with sharp lighting and sound cues, building the suspense and drama (which is occasionally too similar to a Friday night TV melodrama). However, these technical aspects create a televisual effect which likely engages the predominantly TV-hooked, adolescent audience for which the show is geared towards. The issues presented, the pace and length (one hour) of the show, the nuanced and subtle dia-

logue, along with some strong production values combine to make *Cap Enrage* an appealing piece for both adolescents and adults alike.

Theatre de la Seizième is Vancouver's only French theatre company, inviting touring companies to perform in their space, as well as produce their own work. When I spoke to Artistic Director Allain Jean prior to the show, he mentioned that one of their plays for adolescents is currently touring in Ottawa. Judging from the full house at the *Cap Enrage* presentation, certainly is an audience wanting to see French theatre. ♦

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