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Turner woos students at UBC

By Katherine Monk

Calling for Brian Mulroney to come out of his glass bubble and address the issues, John Turner spoke to six-hundred students in the SUB ballroom Wednesday.

UBC's golden boy put the problems of the plagued Liberal party aside and made a solid pitch against free trade to a pumped-up crowd of both Liberal and Conservative supporters.

"It's more than an election issue, it's your future," he said.

"As a Liberal, I have always believed in free trade, and lowering the trade barriers. Since the war, we have negotiated internationally and 80 percent now going across the Canada-U.S border goes across free of duty.

"For the remaining 20 percent Mulroney sold out Canada," Turner said.

If a Liberal government were in office, it would have worked with the General Agreement on Trades and Tariffs (GATT) in a way that didn't sacrifice Canadian sovereignty, Turner said.

The biggest problem in the agreement is the termination of Canada's ability to screen American investment, Turner said, adding that American companies or individuals would be exempt from foreign ownership regulation. "We have lost the ability to control the future and destiny of this country."

More specifically, he called attention to the effect free trade would have on Canada's capital markets. "We have lost our control of agriculture—there's no way a Canadian farmer can compete, without the support of the marketing boards, with a Mississippi, Alabama, or California farmer," he said.

In response to the few but loud Conservative hecklers, Turner's tirade against free trade culminated in a challenge to the Prime Minister.

"I tell you what—I would love to have Mr. Mulroney standing right here next to me. I would love to give him equal time to satisfy everybody here, but he won't come out of the glass bubble, he refuses to meet me, he refuses to meet students."

If the Prime Minister wanted Canada to be exempt from American protectionist trade laws, Turner said, he did everything but counteract American protectionism, because in the signed free trade agreement, which would be implemented if the Conservatives were elected, offending U.S. trade laws still apply.

"We didn't get what the Prime Minister said we were going to get. He said American trade laws cannot apply to Canada—I agree—but we didn't get what we were supposed to get," he said.

What seduces people about free trade, Turner continued, is that the agreement uses the vocabulary of free market forces.

"It is based on the assumption that we are a continental resource reservoir to the United States. They looked to Mexico, but the Mexicans were smarter than we were."

"I believe in competition and rewarding success, but I want to remind you that this country never could have been built on free market forces," he said. "Unless we hung together, and unless we deliberately resisted those free market forces we would have become a part of the United States."

What it comes down to, Turner said, is that Canadians are responsible and mature enough as a nation to make their own decisions.

In the question period following the speech, Turner was given a chance to communicate the Liberal platform on such issues as nuclear submarines, Katimavik, super-boxes, and the deficit.

Turner said he would restore the delivery of daily mail, eliminate super-boxes, start a child care program, and re-establish Katimavik, financing these policies with monies saved from the nuclear sub plan he proposes to sink.

"Who are we looking for under twenty feet of ice, and what would we do if we find someone under there? We don't need nuclear subs—if we are looking for surveillance, there are cheaper means through robotics and other technologies," he said.

On one question concerning Meech Lake, Turner was forced to explain his support for the Mulroney government's accord.

"Despite the crap I've taken on this," Turner said,"the Liberal party wants to bring the two sides together. The accord did not add to the provincial power, it merely recognizes Quebec as a distinct society—and it is distinct."

Turner addressed a question concerning AIDS, and said it was a serious matter, but declined comment on the use of experimental medicines.

As Turner left the ballroom, he responded to a question on gay rights saying the rights of homosexuals did not need to be enshrined in the Charter of Human Rights as they were already recognized.

MANDEL NGAN, CHRIS WIESINGER PHOTO

Students suspect stacked question period

By Deanne Fisher

Liberal leader John Turner's Wednesday visit to UBC has left an aftermath of controversy.

Audience members are complaining that members of the Young Liberals, who organized the event, "stacked" the microphone for the question and answer period and did not give others an opportunity to ask questions.

"(The Young Liberals) had about six of their people lined up at the mike before they even opened the doors," said Ken Armstrong, a member of the Progressive Conservative club.

"Those questions were intended to be read to Mr. Turner," said Armstrong. "They were soft questions. (The Young Liberals) had talked about question strategy in advance."

But Dean Crawford, UBC Young Liberal president said the questions were not set up. "You've got to look at the type of questions they were getting. They were pointed questions and they were fair," he said.

"If our people on their own accord want to go to the microphone and ask our leader a fair question, that's up to them," said Crawford.

Turner's campaign manager May Brown said she did not think the mike was stacked. "There's no point in stacking the mike because it is not to (Turner's) advantage to have patsy questions," she said. "He never backs away from questions," she added.

In response to accusations that Young Liberals were allowed into the SUB ballroom before the rest of the students and were therefore first at the microphone, Young Liberal second vice-president Robert Morehouse said, "We tried as diligently as we could to make sure the room was clear at 12:15."

Morehouse said that only Turner's entourage, the media and Young Liberals who were helping to set up remained in the ballroom.

"The people who've been complaining are the Young Tories," said Morehouse. "The Young Tories were 150 people back in the line-up. My advice if they want to crash a meeting is to get there earlier."

But Armstrong said the Tories left their office at 12:00 to get in the line-up. "It never clued in to me that there'd be people cheating," he said.

Armstong said he wanted to ask a question on the ineffectiveness of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs. "The question was designed to make him say 'uh'," said Armstrong.

Another student who stood in the microphone line-up but did not get to ask his question said he was disappointed with the event. "The whole show was a big piece of rhetoric," he said.

Yet another student, who asked to remain anonymous, said they were mistaken for a Liberal supporter, let in early and given a sheet of paper with a question on it.

Morehouse said he thinks stacking the mike would be "abhorrent" and said that people were quick to say the questions was stacked "because Turner wasn't lambasted by the Tories who crashed the meeting."

And Morehouse added that "there were 13 minutes there that could have been devoted to questions had the Tories not disrupted the meeting."

The Tories chanted "Free Trade, Free Trade", while the Liberals counteracted with "USA,USA".

"(The Tories) weren't being the most courteous spectators there," said Morehouse.

Student questions Turner on election isssues. CHRIS WIESINGER PHOTO

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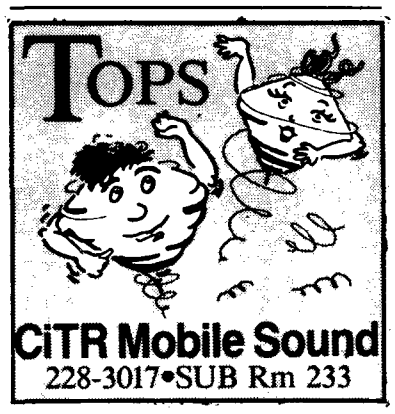

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Corrigan dismantles government

By Robin Muehlebach

Overshadowed by some other national party leader, a lesser known PM hopeful visited UBC Tuesday attempting to present his party's election platform.

Dennis Corrigan is the national leader of the Libertarian Party and his speech focussed on the evils of the welfare state.

"What the government provides for the public does not justify the fact that 50 per cent of an average Canadian's income has to be paid in taxes," he said.

Corrigan said his party would slowly phase out all social assistance programs if elected to office.

Canada's economy would be better off if left completely to market forces, said Corrigan. "All these regulations with which the government restricts voluntary trade have the effect of slowing down economic growth", he said.

Asked about the party's stand on free trade, Corrigan said Libertarians see the free trade agreement as an important step towards unrestricted trading between nations. "It is a violation against personal freedoms to prevent an individual to trade with someone across the border," he said.

The latter half of his speech dealt with civil liberties. The Libertarians push for the legalization of hallucinatory drugs, pornography, prostitution, and gambling.

"Once you are an adult, you should be able to choose the lifestyle you want to live," said Corrigan.

Fielding questions about the environment, Corrigan said pollution is an act of aggression, and companies destroying the environment should have to pay sufficient compensation directly to the people affected.

"If such compensations prevent a company from making any profits, neither the good produced nor the jobs supplied are justified due to the social cost. Also, by selling off crown land, an incentive to preserve nature would lie with the owners", said Corrigan.

No reading break for students.

Reading Week will not be extended

By Sheila Hansen

The new Telereg system has created five extra days this term but any hopes of a longer reading break have been quashed by the registrar's office.

"With the new registration system this year, teaching was started a week earlier," said associate registrar Alan MacMillan. "The extra days that result are scheduled throughout first term."

To have a the February reading break extended into a full week, the second term would have to be extended, said MacMillan.

"I guess it is always possible, but in order to allow for the break we have to consider that each term must include 13 weeks of teaching," he said.

"A week-long break would force us to schedule exams into the month of May and most students wouldn't approve of that because they usually begin jobs at that time," he said.

This term, classes and labs were cancelled in the afternoon September 8 for orientation, which goes towards making up the extra days. There will also be an extra day between the last day of classes and the start of December exams.

"In past years, there were usually two days in between, but this year there are three, giving students an extra day to study," said MacMillan.

Another three days have been added to the December examination period. MacMillan said there are more half year courses this term than usual, resulting in more exams. The extra days will spread out the exams and again give more time to students.

The midterm break for the winter session is scheduled for the 16th and 17th of February.

Collins refuses Reform Party

By Stephen Scrimshaw

Snubbing North Vancouver voters, Columnist Doug Collins said Wednesday he would not run in the federal election for the Reform Party of Canada, nor as an independent.

Collins, who was nominated last Tuesday during a raucous meeting in his Capilano-Howe Sound riding, decided to withdraw his nomination over differences between himself and party president Preston Manning over party conduct.

Preston Manning, son of the late Alberta premier Ernest Manning, presented Collins with a letter asking him to give written consent to the party's policy opposing racism and extremism.

The letter also stated that if he declined he would be denied party endorsement.

"Such a letter would make it impossible for me to run as a candidate," said Collins.

In defense of his position, Collins stated he was neither a racist or an extremist. "What is this question of extremism or racism? Did I blow up a place? Did I rob an old lady?"

"The majority of Canadians simply prefer not to have the rest of the world move in on them. Does this make them racist?" he asked.

Manning, aware of Collins' controversial reputation on the topic of racism, said unless Collins signs the contract, the party could not afford the potential dissent Collins could create.

Ironically, however, on the day Collins was refused party endorsement, the phones at party headquarters were ringing incessantly with complaints against Manning and the party—some callers even requested refunds on their memberships.

'Firefighter for a Day' Melinda searches for 101 Dalmatians

T-Birds lose in field hockey

By Melanie Slade and Sheena Scott

The UBC Women's Field Hockey team broke their winning streak last weekend but they did emerge victorious in three of four games at the Edmonton Canada West tournament. The T-Birds were undefeated going into the tournament and have now lost their 3-point lead over the now leading Victoria Vikettes.

The first game of the tournament against the University of Calgary was interrupted after a scoreless first half by a four hour delay caused by a lighting failure in the University of Alberta's Butterdome. The T-Birds came back and played a strong second half, defeating U of C 2-0 with goals by Melanie Slade and Penny Cooper.

The Thunderbirds dominated the second game against the University of Manitoba and team captain Melanie Slade scored three penalty corner goals, giving UBC a 3-0 win.

In the third game against the University of Alberta, the T-Birds' strong team performance allowed them to play most of the game in Alberta's end and came away with a 3-0 win, with goals by Melanie Slade, Penny Cooper and Jennifer Vanstone.

The final game of the weekend was against the University of Victoria. Both teams had many penalty corners and scoring opportunities but UVic came out on top with a 1-0 victory. The goal marked the first one scored against the UBC defence in the last eight CWUAA games.

The standings now in Canada West are UVic 23, UBC 22.5, U of C 11, U of A 5.25 and U of M 1.25.

Both UBC and UVic have the same win/loss record but because of the escalating point system used in Canada West, UVic is ahead by .5 points. At each successive Canada West tournament, the points awarded for a win esculate by .5 points each time. This system gives teams that are behind, an opportunity to catch up, but can be hard on teams in the lead.

UBC must defeat UVic at the third and last Canada West tournament, to be held at UBC on October 28 and 29, to win the CWUAA title. But the T-Birds are still strong contenders for a wild card berth to Nationals in Montreal if they finish second in Canada West.

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NEWS

Safe sex not used, study shows

By Melissa Melnitzer

AIDS. We know about it, but we don't use that knowledge to protect ourselves from it.

That's the conclusion of an experiment conducted in Totem Park Residence last year by one of UBC professor Rick Mathias' classes.

Their survey of single students living in the residence showed that both men and women knew the risks of contracting AIDS and the methods for preventing it.

The students were aware that it was safe to eat and live with AIDS carriers and did not have a phobic attitude towards them.

They were also aware that it was unsafe to have unprotected sex, but few actually used condoms.

And although infections such as Gonorrhea and Herpes join AIDS as diseases passed during sexual activity, the study found few people in residence cared enough to practice safe sex.

Margaret Johnston, the outreach nurse at Student Health Services, plans to combat the problem with an educational program on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Information will be available in brochures, on videos, and through talking to people knowledgeable in the area. There will be considerable emphasis on how to practice safe sex by knowing one's partner and using condoms correctly.

And on a larger scale, the government is taking action to promote public awareness. On August 12th, a cheque for $35,000 was given to the AIDS Vancouver Society on behalf of National Health and Welfare. Another $115,000 will be granted in support of the public awareness and support project.

St. Paul's hospital recently received $240,000 to support research and clinical studies of the AIDS virus. St. Paul's cares for AIDS victims and is the leading hospital in Canada for the disease.

"Until a cure is found, however, people must practice prevention. No matter how much action is taken, people cannot be forced to have safe sex," said Johnston, who is planning an AIDS awareness campaign in SUB on November 8th, 9th, and 10th.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council supports Gay Games

The Alma Mater Society officially objected Wednesday to UBC President David Strangway's decision to deny the use of UBC facilities to the 1990 Gay Games.

AMS president Tim Bird was directed to write a letter to Strangway, the Board of Governors, and local news media expressing the AMS' opinion that such a decision "contravenes the principle of fair equality of treatment for all commercial users of UBC facilities."

Only library and archival studies representative Noel McFerron opposed the motion, which passed by four votes—11 people voted against it.

"I support absolutely the Board of Governors' stand," said McFerron, who, when asked if he was playing devil's advocate, said "I'm a Christian."

When confusion forced a second tally, Engineering representative Greg Smith voted against the motion after originally being in favour.

He later said, "I don't think Strangway should be discriminating against any group. But I was against putting words in (AMS president Tim Bird's) mouth."

Graduate student society rep Kurt Preinsperg who instigated the motion, said the Board was "stalling" on the decision. "We should make it clear that the AMS does not support bigotry," he said.

Disabled access addressed

Issues of disabled access at UBC will be studied by an AMS ad hoc committee created in response to concerns presented by the Disabled Students' Association.

DSA vice-president Lissa Temple said she would like the committee to "act as a catalyst between different facets of the university."

"I think (the committee) is one way to make (disabled access) a priority for the AMS," said Arts president Mike Lee, adding that the committee would not only study wheelchair accessibility but "all the other facilities the disabled students need."

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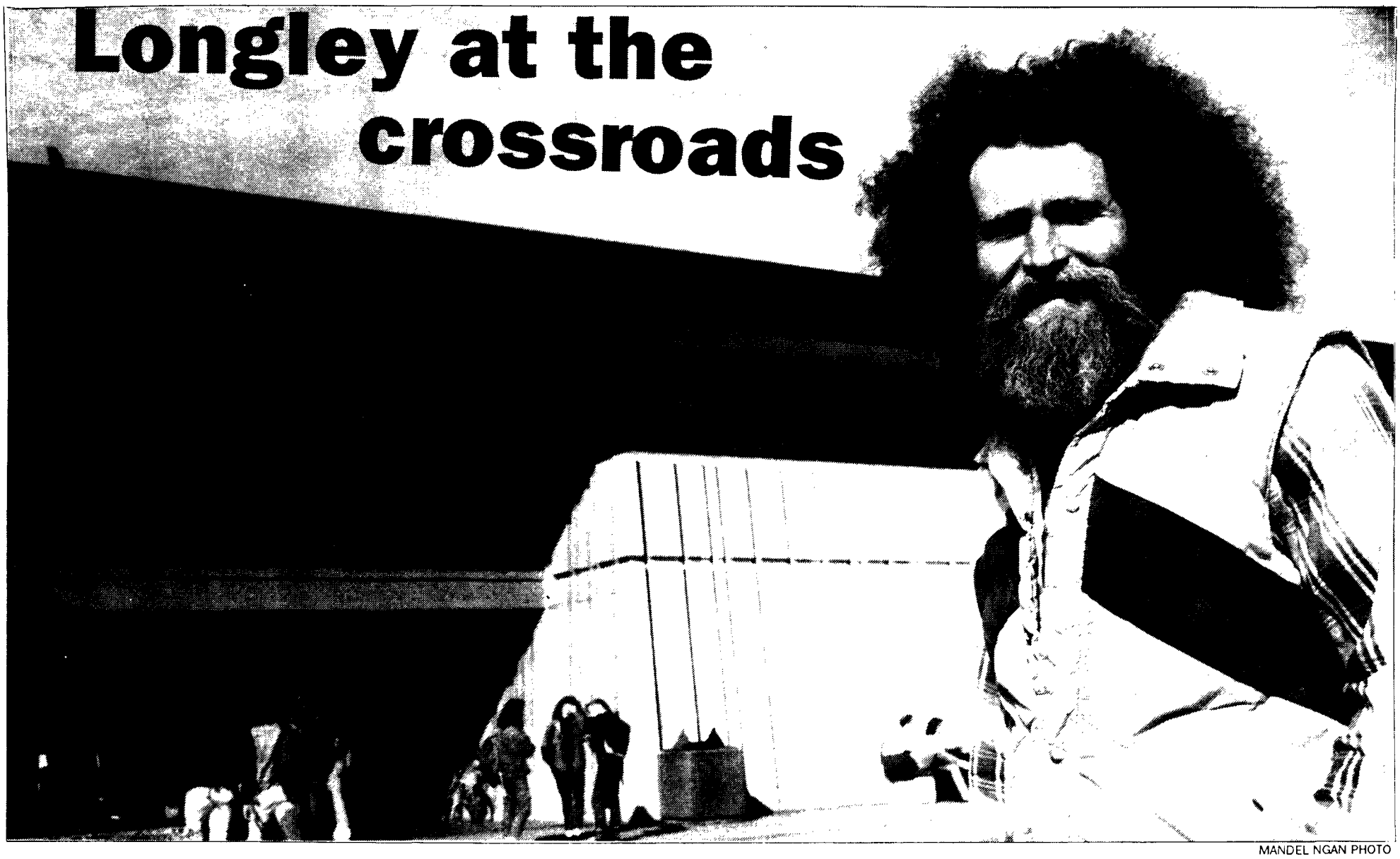
Longley at the crossroads



MANDEL NGAN PHOTO

By Chris Wiesinger

There are no Guccis in Blair Longley's closet. He doesn't wear silk ties and his hair hasn't seen a stylist in living memory.

But he has a dream. He wants to be Prime Minister.

Longley lives on the political fringe, out beyond the Greens, the Communists—even the Rhinoceri. As national leader of the Student Party, the man with the flowing light-brown hair and scraggly beard has little chance of living at 24 Sussex Drive.

Longley's party, which was registered by Elections Canada the day before Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called the federal election, is teetering on the abyss of failure or success. By next Monday, 28 days before the election, the Student Party must have candidates running in 50 ridings across Canada. Longley's running against Liberal leader John Turner in Vancouver Quadra.

But he needs another 49 people to run and time is running out.

During a discussion in his small, cluttered apartment, Longley sits in a chair with his back to the window. Outside the door stands a lone bicycle with a child-seat. A typewriter, which has pounded out hundreds of letters to student societies, newspapers, politicians and bureaucrats, rests on a make-shift table to his right. The table in front of him is littered with Elections Canada papers and toys belonging to his 3-year-old son, Lucas, who is also the junior officer of the party.

The Student Party's main selling point is a tax loophole that allows contributors to decide how their contribution to the party will be spent. Longley calls it the Longley Loophole.

Essentially the scheme works like this.

If a person contributes $100 to the Student Party, they would receive from Revenue Canada a $75 tax break. However, under the rules governing election spending, there is nothing to prevent the party from giving the contribution right back to contributor as long as it is for legitimate political work.

The Student Party gives its contributors $75 back from the $100 donation—providing they work for the party. That income is then taxed $25 by Revenue Canada, leaving the contributor with $50. That money, plus the original $75 tax credit, totals $125—a $25 gain on the $100 donation.

If the contributor does not work for the party, they still receive a $100 tax credit and they can decide how the funds are allocated.

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This system allows people to direct their donation to groups which are not registered charities. The cash could also be used for political activity, including the creation of bursaries. Longley says students could cut their tuition in half by taking advantage of the scheme.

But Longley needs candidates for the system to survive.

"I've had nibbles. Just people phoning to ask what's going on. But nobody has phoned and said—yes, I want to do this," he says.

The timing of the election has been a major obstacle to the realization of the party. Federal legislation states that once a party has 100 confirmed members, it has until 28 days before the next federal election to come up with 50 candidates in different ridings.

Longley says to revive the project after the election would take a huge effort because legislation governing the creation of parties is on the verge of change.

"To apply for a federal registered party after this election will take ten thousand names, not 100 as it does now. Ten thousand. So it would be literally a hundred times harder to apply to register a party," he says with frustration.

Finding himself up against the wall is nothing new for Longley. He has been fighting the system for 20 years. As his grizzled look suggests, Longley is a left-over from the '60s. But the look can be deceiving—there is a method to Longley's madness.

His education has spanned twenty years, three institutions and several disciplines. He has a degree in general studies from Simon Fraser University, which he says took 12 years to finish. He's studied chemistry, physics, biology, and many of the social sciences. Today he's in political science at the University of British Columbia.

But how does one finance 20 years of education? Longley smiles broadly, looks around at bookshelves made of bricks and boards, and says—"barely."

In the early '80s, Longley took on B.C.'s welfare system in an attempt to demonstrate that the system had severe flaws which remained unrecognized by the government.

He wrote letters to people like then-premier Bill Bennett and Grace McCarthy, who held the human resources portfolio, urging them to hire him to study the "systemic inefficiencies of the system."

Needless to say, he was ignored.

What he wants to achieve, Longley insists, is to draw attention to contradictions in the system.

"There's a regulation which says that if I'm not looking for all available work, then I'll be cut off welfare. So you cut me off welfare, and what happens is this: There's no money to buy food, so you starve until you're medically incapacitated and then you become a 'handicapped person' and you're re-entitled to welfare. And you recover your strength, and you're supposed to look for any available work, and you get kicked off welfare again. No food, back to starving—medically incapacitated."

He grins.

"I went through a few cycles of that, some longer than others. Of course the medical bills far exceed the welfare bills. One day in the hospital costs about $100. One day on welfare costs about $15. And it all comes out of the same provincial treasury."

The welfare example is typical. Canada, he says, has a de facto guaranteed annual income, but the government refuses to recognize it because of the philosophical problems the admission entails.

"There's no systematic accounting, and there's no consideration of the point that if you put up the welfare rate a hundred dollars a month, what would it do to the rate of crime, or the rate of illness? Those kinds of questions are systematically ignored by governments. They don't want to be told what they could do about these kinds of situations because it's right out of their ideology."

Longley practices what he preaches.

"The last time I went in for my welfare interview, I said: 'I'm forming a political party and the only job I'm willing to take is Prime Minister. So get off my case.' "

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He smiles. "And they said 'OK, we won't bother you.' So I have Gold Card Welfare. They don't bother me because it's not worth their trouble."

Another subject Longley has spent a great deal of time on, and with, is marijuana. He's collected a lengthy file to back up his claim that the laws against the cultivation of marijuana are based on racial prejudice, not the government's concern for the well-being of its citizens.

Citing Hansard and a 1973 study produced by the LeDain Commission—Gerald LeDain now sits on the Federal Supreme Court—Longley argues the reason marijuana was criminalized in 1923 was because the Chinese community made extensive use of the fibrous plant for clothing and food. Racial hatred of the Chinese in the early '20s made it convenient for the government to use possession of the plant as a reason for deportation, Longley says.

At the same time, the government was paying white farmers one-and-a-half cents to grow cannabis for binder twine and rope.

"From 1923 to 1938 the government was paying one group of people to grow it, and criminalizing and deporting another group of people for doing the same thing," he says.

"You can read it in Hansard. When they wanted to whip up enthusiasm for making the law more stringent, they would talk about how young, white women were being led to moral degradation by dirty Chinese drug peddlers. Here is this fatal narcotic, they said, that those Chinese men are gonna use to seduce young white women. They also passed a law that young, white women were forbidden to work for Chinese businessmen."

Longley agrees smoking marijuana isn't healthy, which is why he eats the stuff. The reason most people smoke dope, he says, is because it's a cheaper way to get high. If grass were legal, he says, more people could afford to put it in their salad.

Longley pulls out a copy of LeDain's report to back up his argument. "In spite of strong disagreement amongst extremists on many points in the cannabis controversy, major governmental and international reports by independent groups of various backgrounds and covering three quarters of a century have come to surprisingly similar conclusions regarding the use and effects of cannabis. However, the effects of these reports on government pol-

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FEATURE

Crossroads

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icy have generally been limited."

He leans back in his chair and shrugs. "Because they would always find out after reading the studies that it (the effects of the plant) wasn't anything like what had been represented to people."

Last year, fed up with the government's refusal to recognize scientific studies showing marijuana to be a relatively harmless plant, Longley decided to openly cultivate marijuana. His purpose was to be charged under Section 6 of the Narcotics Control Act so he could, by way of a defence, launch a constitutional challenge to the legislation.

Finding himself up against the wall is nothing new for Longley. He has been fighting the system for 20 years.

Things went according to plan until he came before the B.C. provincial court last October. Though he stated very clearly in his testimony that he was "self-evidently cultivating marijuana" in a garden plot adjacent to his apartment building, the court dismissed the charges against himon a technicality

"There I am in court, jumping up and down saying I'm cultivating marijuana, I did it, I did it, and they're saying no, no, we have no evidence. We refuse to recognize that you've done this. So it ended up completely goofy."

Since then, he has maintained correspondence with federal Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn trying to convince the government that pot should be legalized.

"I kept writing to them. I said: 'Look, I'm still cultivating cannabis, I am cultivating cannabis right now.' And they never answer."

It is no surprise that one of the Student Party's major policies would be to legalize the cultivation of marijuana.

"Now there's talk about compensating the Chinese who were nailed by that $500 head tax. Who is going to recompense the 500,000 that have criminal records, or the 50,000 who have done jail terms?"

Another injustice Longley hopes to address through the party is ageism—discrimination on the basis of age—in the political arena. Longley says children should be given the vote.

"As with sexism or racism, our ordinary approach is not to be reflective about them. You have these knee-jerk attitudes. When someone proposed that women should vote, it was immediately countered with, well women are not rational creatures, they're not competent to vote.

"It's the same thing with the voting age. Some people believe that an arbitrary external condition—the number of times that the planet has gone around the sun—determines whether or not a person can or cannot vote. Now if they don't see that that's just a stereotype that has no validity, rationalizing it is futile, because the person already knows that a young person can't vote."

Longley's position was given additional weight this week when the Supreme Court ruled that the denial of franchise to the mentally handicapped was unconstitutional. The decision, he says, sets an important precedent for the elimination of ageism because it removes mental competency from the discussion of where the age barrier should be.

Longley says it's important children be brought up participating in the democratic process because decisions made today about the economy or the environment will have a profound effect on future generations.

"Our economy is controlled by the age-group 45-65. They'll all probably be dead of natural causes before the consequences of what they're doing are fully manifest. The people who are 15 will be facing the full consequences of what these people are doing, and they have no say in regards to it."

So Longley—either a misplaced hippie or a version of Renaissance man—sits with bated breath and hopes his political party becomes reality on October 24.

To be honest, he says, he doesn't have much hope. He's offered as many incentives as he possibly can for people to join him in his mission of bringing some sanity to government, and now it's out of his hands.

What will he do if the project collapses?

He smiles and says, somewhat resignedly: "I'm gonna stop reading the newspapers and stop listening to the news. I'm gonna do my own back to the land reality. That's what Jan (Longley's companion) wants to do. She doesn't want to do this stuff anymore. She thinks it's all bullshit."

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by Chung Wong

The outside is easy to miss. Once you walk in, you see an alley between two buildings with pipes along the walls, a ceiling, no electricity, and fire as your only light source. The milieu is very intimate.

FEATURE
The Classical Joint
231 Carrall Street in Gastown

On my first visit, I witnessed a jazz vocalist from New York City who, to my disbelief, bebopped twelfths with her voice—in momentum. The drummer who accompanied her had great rhythmic finesse in him. His art embodied the intricate delicacy of vintage Anton Webern.

Only that which is necessary is placed on the canvas of his music. It is much like Oriental art. The open space gives the canvas a great deal of spirituality. Human character is the pervading force.

Recently, I spoke with Andreas Nothinger, 'Architect.' Andreas ran the Classical Joint for the first 15 years. He explained to me the club's genesis.

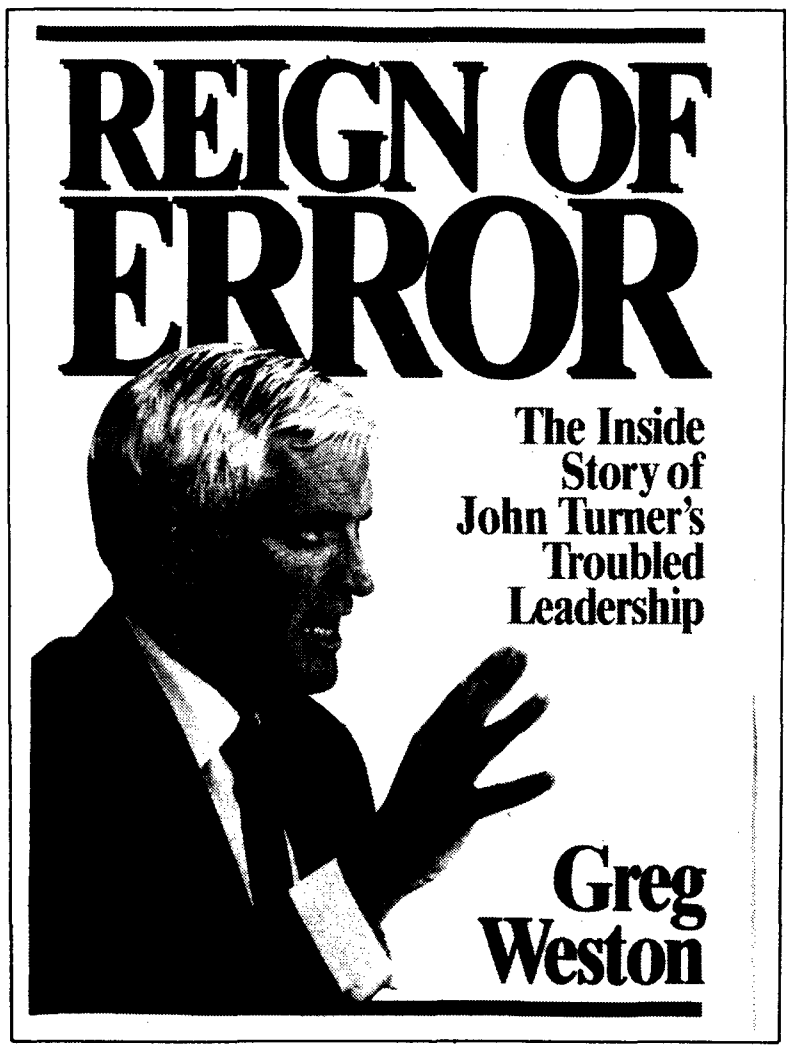
"The Vietnam War was a subversion of the American Dream. It went against everything America was built upon. People with vision were forced to become exiles. Vancouver was their alternative. You had this migration of these great minds into deteriorated territory(Gastown) which was given to them for very little. Gastown was nothing when they arrived, but you'd be surprised what people with vision can do with nothing. The Joint became a neighborhood gathering place for these writers and musicians. It became a place for literary, musical, and historical movement. We all had a contribution. Musicians began to strum their guitars to the times in the air. That's how music got started here. That's how it all got started..."

After we spoke, I experienced the sound of the Kora, a lute harp from the coast of Mali. The player and builder of this instrument was Michael Dunn, the guitar maker whose sound stopped the tracks of the legendary Stephan Grappelli as he began to leave his concert auditorium. The sound of the Kora reaches the ear like waves to the cliffs of Dover. The soothing sensation is endless.

There is a certain magnetic aura about the Classical Joint. It's like a powerful force field. The music draws you in with its warm life. When the musicians break loose, so do you.

"I think if musicians could make a living out of this, this is what they'd be doing. There is an intimacy you can get here that you can't get anywhere else. I just have to turn my head and there's a person right there. I can be in contact with anyone in the joint."

Michael Dunn spoke with sweat and sincerity as we sat in the back room of the Joint, a room that has not changed since the beginning of time. The chairs have torn cushions. On the walls are pictures and posters of Count Basie, members of Dave Brubeck, Louis Armstrong, and others that have passed through this room.



Weston blasts Turner

By Rick Hiebert

John Turner looked like a political saviour when he was elected Liberal party leader in 1984. The former lawyer and cabinet minister had dazzled Canadians with his success in public service. The Liberal loss in the election that year can be attributed to Canadians desiring a change, but why have Turner and his party floundered since?

PRINT
Reign of Error
by Greg Weston
McGraw Hill-Ryerson

Reign of Error, by Ottawa Citizen reporter Greg Weston, though flawed, goes a long way towards answering that question.

Weston's portrait of the Turners is scathing and brutal.

John Turner is portrayed as a politician overly concerned with public popularity, a puppet of his leftward drifting caucus, a man afraid to stand up for his convictions (Turner is quoted after a passionate Commons speech in favour of increasing Unemployment Insurance as saying "Jesus Christ, I'd never thought I'd see the day when I was calling for more unemployment insurance...") who treats underlings poorly.

Geills Turner is portrayed as a shrewish harridan— selfish, spoiled and having John wrapped around her little finger.

Weston has done his homework. He uses both interviews and internal Liberal documents to show how the Liberal party has been falling apart in recent years. He sheds new light on the disasterous 1984 campaign, the conversion of Stornoway into a Schloss Turner with public funds and the 1986 leadership review when Turner forces, "under siege", "stacked" the convention, according to Turner organizer Terry Popowich. Reign of Error exposes a lot of dirt that Turner may prefer to keep under the carpet.

As a writer, Weston provides a taut, eye opening read. The book flows well and Weston has a knack for amusingly caustic characterizations (Newfoundland MP Brian Tobin "can smell a headline in his sleep") that, though catty, add colour to his book. Reign of Error is easy to read, and intellectually stimulating.

However, the book has two glaring flaws.

The first is the absence of interviews with John and Geills Turner. While Weston isn't at fault for not getting the interviews, second and third hand accounts of Turner behaviour is not as factually dependable as having John and Geills discussing their own foibles.

Furthermore, Weston uses anonymous sources throughout the book, identifying people by their connection to Turner or the Liberal party. One has to question how strongly these opinions can be held if the people interviewed were too scared to identify themselves. Weston's reliance on anonymous sources reduces the crediblity of the book.

These niggling problems mar what is otherwise a lucidly argued thesis about the collapse of the Canadian Liberals. Although this is a very good book, the reader cannot escape the nagging suspicion that Weston could be doing a hatchet job on John Turner, a suspicion that Weston could have easily dispelled by making a point to include material sympathetic to Turner.

Nevertheless, Reign of Error is a valuable look at John Turner's often troubled leadership of the Liberals.

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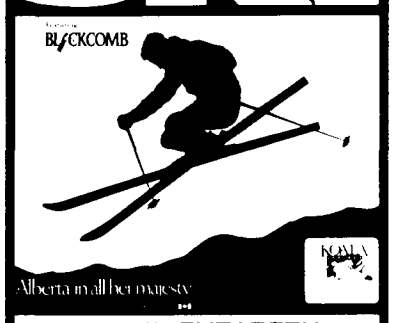

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ENTERTAINMENT

Babette serves up hot

By Keith Damsell

When was the last time you thought about God?

For me, it was watching The Last Temptation Of Christ. But Scorcese's work only added confusion to my ideas on all things biblical. Remember that crazy dream sequence? And Jerry Falwell? Holy cow, what was all the fuss about?

FILM
Babette's Feast
The Ridge Theatre
Until November 11

Just when you thought religion would bring only protestors to the theatre, along comes Babette's Feast. Winner of the 1987 Oscar for Best Foreign Film, this lyrical work blows recent religous cinematic meanderings out of the water. Take that, Cecil B.

The film, adapted from a story by Isaak Dineson of Out Of Africa fame, tells the tale of two sisters, Martina and Phillipa, and their lives in a nineteenth century fishing village on Denmark's Jutland Peninsula. The daughters are devoted to their father, a priest, and his Lutheran sect, teaching the renouncement of earthly pleasures for spiritual grace.

Martina (Brigitte Federspiel) and Phillipa (Bodil Kjer) remain devoted to God after their father's death. Dissent grows in the parish. A miracle arrives in the person of Babette (Stephane Andran), a refugee from the French Revolution. Years pass and Babette becomes essential to the community. She wins 10,000 francs in the French lottery, her only link with home, and decides to prepare a beautiful dinner for the congregation. Upon seeing the bizarre ingredients involved in a "real French dinner", the sisters suspect the devil's work. In fear, they impose a vow of silence on the dinner guests.

Despite the odds, Babette's feast allows the parish to come together and reconcile their differences.

By being deliberately understated and allowing the story to tell itself, Babette's Feast becomes a wonderful meal indeed. There are many clever subtleties that extend the sense of atmosphere. The grocer changes hats to become the postman, delivering Babette's winning lottery ticket. The final dinner sequence and its elegant gestures resonate long after one has left the theatre.

Rather than detracting from the storyline, the subtitles further the beauty of the narrative itself. Babette's Feast progresses effortlessly, like the human spirit, creating a world where all things are possible. It is a cinematic gift much like the magnificent feast Babette prepares; full of beauty and enriching for the body and mind.

A real French dinner.

Sewer rock dazzles

'Assholes with guitars' epitomize Shindig

By Greg Davis

Another Shindig shootout has come to pass. The three bands that played last Monday night explored the nether regions of music, the frontiers of noise, and various ways of expressing insanity.

The show began with six colorful looking musicians occupying the stage to spray the crowd with their mindblasting jazz. Shades of the Shuffle Demons - it was Video Bar-B-Q. They fired up some groovy dirty jazz.

The Railway Club was packed, hot and steamy, and it was easy to drift off into Bar-B-Q dreamland. With wailing horns and funky percussion they took the audience on a extra-textured subway ride of sound. The band, composed of fab musicians who played really tight, sank into monotony on occasion, but kept the house swinging most of the time.

Floundering up next was Puke Theatre. They beamed down from God knows where, and billowed out noise like vomiting up a hot dog from a 24-hour food mart. The lead vocalist/guitarist looked like Hare Krishna's mutant brother as he coughed out odes to skinheads and "outer space babes". The rest of the band vented their frustrations on a diverse array of instruments, including a shopping cart, a garbage pail, and a paint tray. I dropped two Tylenol and enjoyed the show.

As Arnold Schwarzeneggar once said in Conan, "crush your enemies", and that is what Evil Al and the Soul Crushers set out to do. They epitomized the spirit of Shindig with their mad, energized sewer rock, underscored by skilled musicianship.

What do you get when you cross Richard Dreyfus, Joe Perry, Woody Allen and a Russian Cossack dancer? The singer for Evil Al. His antics were the highlight of the evening— a totally unique front man in this insipid world of Mike Stipe and Bono rip-offs. All those people who ever wondered what happened to the Boy Wonder now know he grew up to become Evil Al, slagging his former master Batman.

Yes, Robin was bobbin', the bass was throbbin', the drums were crashing, and the guitar and keys wailed away like a 33rpm record played at 78rpm. It was a pity that the vocals did not come across clearly— the only drawback in an otherwise explosive performance. Though full of soul, the band failed to thoroughly crush the crowd.

Those gone daddies, Video Bar-B-Q, came first in the contest, and those assholes with guitars, Evil Al and the Soul Crushers, followed in second place. Perhaps because Puke Theatre failed to live up to their name and bring up all over the stage, they came in last. This ranking suggests the judges might be a bit too mainstream.

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Blue line pulled taut

By Lisa Doyle

Just when you thought humanity was headed for an era of kindness, equality, and good old love, along comes a documentary like The Thin Blue Line.

FILM
The Thin Blue Line
Film Festival

Errol Morris (director of the pet cemetery hit Gates of Heaven) came upon this story by chance, while interviewing prison inmates for an entirely different film. Abandoning that project Morris set out to investigate the possible innocence of Randall Adams (on death row for supposedly killing a police officer), and the possible guilt of David Harris, then a 16-year-old who was with Adams on the night of the murder.

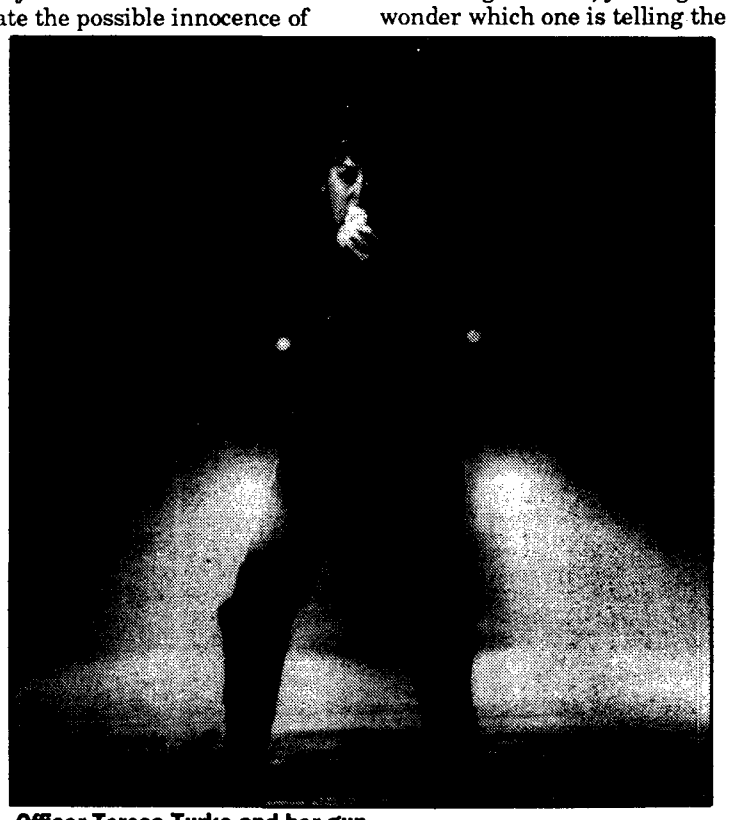
Through a series of interviews with police officers, friends, Adams and Harris, the audience begins to realize the discrepancies and mismanagement of the case. Harris looks like a sweet amiable boy next door, yet he's on Death Row for a later killing and suffers frequent memory lapses when questioned about his crimes. Adams looks like your local pharmacist, yet is so clinical and unemotional when discussing the case, you begin to wonder which one is telling the truth because neither one seems capable of committing murder.

The film suggests that Adams, then a 28-year-old drifter, was in the wrong place at the wrong time and in the wrong company. David Harris, who appears to be the more likely suspect, says, "[Adams was] the proverbial scapegoat."

Harris was only 16 at the time of the murder, and so could not be tried in adult court. Being a resident of the town in which the crime took place, the town rallied around him. Even the police department was hesitant to lay murder charges against one of its own citizens, despite the fact that it was know that young Harris was a bad kid.

Cinematically the film is very different from most documentaries. Between interviews are re-enactments of the shooting, shot in film noir style. Morris uses noir conventions to move the film along: clocks ticking, extreme close-ups of crime reports, typewriters clicking, and newspaper dates and headlines. At first this experiment is a little jarring,but it successfully utilizes the concept of motion inherent in filmmaking, and it breaks the monotony of talking heads. The repeated re-enactments at first seem a little too much like Crimestoppers, but they do keep the audience from accepting the facts as unquestionable simply because the story is a true one.

Director Morris does not attempt to be objective as many documentary filmmakers do. It is obvious that Morris believes Adams is innocent, and this moral stance is what makes the film so powerful.



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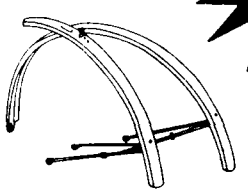

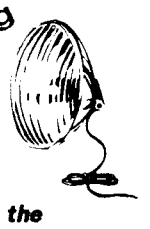

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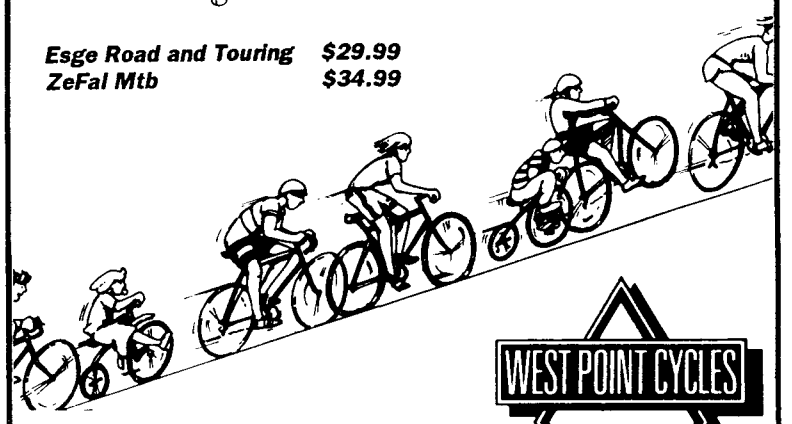

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Editorial

Front page shame

The student press often looks up to the professional media as a model. Like a learning child, we seek the years of experience a parent may have to offer. But there comes a time when we must see the faults of the elder and voice disgust.

The National ran a story Wednesday night on a Liberal non-confidence movement brewing within the party—during a campaign. The Liberals may be facing some drastic problems, but committing political suicide in front of the national media seems unlikely.

The story was based on a nameless source, and the supposed mutineers, such as Raymond Garneau, denied all the media's allegations and later felt nothing but repugnance at the actions of the CBC and The Globe and Mail.

The Vancouver Sun ran an updated story, stating the whole mutiny was unsubstantiated, but buried the salient facts in the continuation on the second page—at the very end of the piece.

It is not hard to see where the monopolized Canadian media draws their party lines. The backroom boys at Southam have a stake in the results of the election, and free trade certainly couldn't hurt the Thompson coffers.

What is surprising is the stupidity of a Canadian public refusing to question the voice of a shackled press.

One need only look at yesterday's Globe and Mail to find the stupid photos of Broadbent and Turner in between the polished pictures of Mulroney. Not to mention the full page ad for the Globe itself which shows a sterling chin and smiling Irish eyes.

The media is too powerful to be irresponsible. The damage has already been done, and even moreso than the targets—the Liberal party and John Turner—it is the Canadian electorate which is losing out.

The issues are blurred by the media's selective lens and lack of depth.

Worse yet, they know what they are doing.

The eyes, ears and mouth of the population have been blinded, deafened and gagged by the Hogtown moguls, while those watching the media try to figure out if the opinion polls reflect or create reality.

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The clouds were dark, heavy, pendulous.Ted Aussem asked "What ever happened to Fay Ray?" Katherine Monk, humping the banister, shrieked "Look! The rag's on Alex Johnson!" "No," responded Chung Wong, "Alex Johnson's on..." Deanne Fisher proposed a toast, and Robert Groberman asked what was for dinner. "Where're you going?" asked Mandel Ngan. "I'm going home," Chris Wiesinger replied.Catherine Lu performed strange rituals with a blow drier and made promises to Rick Heibert about what she could do to him in just seven days. Olivia Zanger ripped bandages for the wounded but stupid Tim McGady, and was heard rhyming thrill, chill and fulfill. Greg Davis looked up at Keith Damsell with anticip, p, p, p, SAY IT! p, pation! Barb Wilson began to tear as she stared up into the blue sky. Dan Andrews tighteded his corset. Steve Chan's make-up ran. Melany Slade lit a cigarette, surprised but not upset when Stephen Scrimshaw's wig fell off. Melissa Melnitzer put her hands on her hips. Heather Jenkins emerged from the darkroom and swore violently, destroying the ambience of the masthead.Robin Muehlebach, fanned away the mist from his and reclined to watch old Lost in Time episodes. Sheila Hansen was seen enjoying naughties with her brother.

Deanne Fisher:	news
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Letters

The Ubyssey welcomes letters on any issue. Letters must be typed and are not to exceed 300 words in length. Content which is judged to be libelous, homophobic, sexist, or racist will not be published. Please be concise. Letters may be edited for brevity, but it is standard Ubyssey policy not to edit letters for spelling or grammatical mistakes. Please bring them, with identification, to SUB 241k. Letters must include name, faculty, and signature.

Bird fills in facts on rec-facility

I am writing to thank the five students whose letters regarding the Oct.-31-to-Nov.-4 Rec Centre Referendum appeared in the October 14th Ubyssey. It is this sort of concern and input on both sides of the issue which will lead to the best overall decision.

Unfortunately, there were a few mistakes in some of these letters, and they must be corrected if students are to be accurately informed. So please take note.

One letter quoted the increase in fees would be $25.00, and another mentioned $20.00. In fact, the proposed increase would be $30.00.

In addition, "Recreation Facility Financial Folly" from Steve Katz, Grad Studies, had the following errors. Steve, the number of students who would pay the fee is not 33,950; it is closer to 23,000, and you have not considered interest expenses.

I suspect you have calculated all intercession, summer session, non-credit and part time students into your 33,950. This number counts one student who is enrolled in winter session, intercession and summer session as three students—$90.00 would be collected from this student in one year using your approach. In fact, the number to work with is about 23,000 (counting each student once and with part time students paying a proportionate fee).

Then you must calculate the present value of this annual amount of (23,000 X $30 = 690,000) over 10 years, for example, at an interest rate of 12% compounded annually. These estimates would amount to a student contribution of about $4,000,000 if we were to pay our portion in one lump sum tomorrow. But three years from now at 12% interest, this sum would total $5,619,712, which would be about 20-25% of the overall cost depending on unknowns such as future costs of materials, labour, interest, and on the amount of other fund raising we can do on our own. We would expect to pay our share two or three years after the construction begins.

In the letter entitled "Enough is Enough" from Ed Wishow of Grad Studies, the following errors were noted: this proposed fee is not an athletic fee as you have indicated; this fee will go towards a building that will house the overcrowded student needs in the way of dances, concerts, AMS club offices, drop-in sports, daycare, recreation, intramurals, beer gardens, speakers and debates. UBC Athletics will not be using this centre. Yet in your letter you have made eight references to athletics and then concluded you point with "I am surprised at how politicians rely on the poor memories of their constituents." Ed, I am surprised at how you rely on the deception of our constituents just so that you may continue eating your lunch where the proposed centre might go.

You have charged that "the AMS has sprung" these plans upon you. Ed, believe it or not, we've been doing everything we can to make students aware of these plans. In the past eight weeks, we've made and circulated posters, flyers, banners and ads. Come into the SUB concourse most days, and you'll see the model, the plans and the video we've prepared. In the next two weeks if you keep your eyes open you'll be able to see and read plenty on the Recreation Centre. I suggest that you talk to the Ubyssey staff about reporting on the Recreation Centre. They have had access to and copies of everything we have—but we can't tell them what to report and what not to do.

Finally, you have claimed that "none of the present AMS officers, specifically proposed building this facility when they ran for office." When I ran for this office I spoke about this recreation centre (as well as many other issues) where ever I went, and it appeared on every poster I had. Many other AMS representatives did the same. I am surprised at the poor memory of at least one of our seemingly informed constituents.

But once again, I thank you all for writing in about this referendum (it may be the only way it will appear in the Ubyssey). I encourage all students, pro or con, to do the same–but please do have your facts straight. This way every concern can be addressed, and the students can make an accurately informed decision.

Tim Bird
AMS President

Forests and finances

I think that Dave Christie's letter in the October 14th issue has some valid points, although I can understand how some people would be offended by Omar, and I am sorry that they've been made to feel this way. As an older forestry student, who's had the opportunity to be in the forestry work force for several years, I think I can say many foresters are indeed environmentally concerned.

Myself, I feel caught in the middle of this environmental debate. I see no reason why we can't have a certain percentage of our land put into wilderness reserves before they're all gone. Wilderness adds a certain character and pride to B.C., offers prime recreation and wildlife benefits and preserves whole ecosystems. Otherwise, we're going to have to change our motto to "Super Managed B.C.".

On the other hand, where does it end? Every year there seems to be more groups wishing to preserve other wilderness areas. This makes for a very insecure timber supply, especially if one or two keep being successful now and then. I would hope that everybody realizes the importance of forestry in B.C.'s economy. It makes it very difficult for forest companies to do business if they are unsure of their wood supply due to wilderness issues. First, they are in danger of reduced profits. Second, there is a potential of lost investment in existing mills due to possible shutdown (not to mention loss of jobs). Thirdly, how does a company decide to invest its money (i.e. mill renovations) if there is a potential for reduced production?

The net result in all this is confrontation, and I fear it's going to continue until some decisions are made. I think it would be in the best interest of the province if government, environmental groups and forest companies sat down together and agreed on what lands they could set aside. This would eliminate the confrontation, would ensure preservation of some strongly needed wilderness areas and would allow for better security of timber supply in the future. Of course, this is easier said than done.

Howard DeLong
Forest Science 2

SATISFIED?

Aaron Drake Physics 4

Let's hear it for the Ubyssey. An apathetic paper for an apathetic university. Arm in arm, right? C'mon of Oct 18, '88 lying around? Look closely - they aren't even fluent lines. I know it was late and you were tired, so you decided horribly unprofessional. If a million monkeys with one million computers had a crack at you advertise a movie called Shame, no irony intended. It was an eye-catcher, I'll he can do better, why doesn't he come out and try it?" I don't think I could do posed to know what you are doing. You should have experience and the you have, I imagine. What about perfectionism? Obviously, you're guard against it, even at four in the morning. Wake up. Monotonous layouts should not go into print, and you editors. Your paper is definitely not happening. Do you have an issue side it is encased in two thick lines that could have been painted on. Page four and five were the first examples only. Page six was the "Entertainment" section. On the last page, where this letter about saying, "if this smartass thinks hand, you are the editors and you are sup- Dedication is a part of that, which movie locations do not get past

Ubyssey is swamped with it. You should also have professionalism. editors, it is your responsibility that little slip- ups such as

as well as any of you. But that's why I'm not the editor. On the other playing. You are slipping, editors. I can guess that at this point, you are passing You slipped, got lazy, and let it by. Strike two. Strike three came from a curve ball in

it would offset the rigidity. It doesn't cut it. But one or two pages... big deal, right? Wrong. You are supposed to be a quality paper. One column of page four is ads, ads, ads. The column be

You start off professional, but decay to soupy mediocrity. Mediocrity couched in laziness. You let it slip, guys, let's get it together. A little consistency should be the menu, I think. plays lax organization that you would expect from a high school paper. that perhaps if the picture in the lower corner was tilted, then that page, they'd come up with a million better layouts. admit. I'd even go to see it, if I knew where it was a better job. I don't even know if I could do creativity, and I don't doubt that the lacking in this department. As are supposed to be the

A strong navy means a strong North

PERSPECTIVE

The government is currently involved in a controversy over whether or not they should shell out $8 billion to purchase nuclear powered submarines. While questionably giving this purchase more monetary importance than other policies like combatting illiteracy or Prairie relief, the government seems undaunted by pressure from peace groups to change its decision. The only pressure it does feel is from the two countries wishing to sell Canada the subs. The subs, the government says, will increase our defense capability and help us assert our national sovereignty, particularly in the North. The subs will, along with the current class of warship currently being built in the Maritimes, update the navy and make it one of the most powerful and technologically advanced navies in the world (Jane's Defense Weekly).

Is it a good deal then?

For the most part, yes.

The navy has not been significantly updated (realistically) since the Korean War. For a country with so much coastline to protect, the navy has only been capable of doing a less than adequate job. We are unable to assert our sovereignty in the North due to the fact that the current navy can only visit the North during the summer (if the ice pack has broken up). While the government would still back down from any American infringement in the North, trawlers fishing illegally in Canadian waters wouldn't stand a chance. This advance in naval capability would prove to the world that Canada is ready to play with the big boys.

As a recruiting tool, the subs could be the biggest Armed Forces drawing card since the creation of volunteer militias during the Korean War. After all, "There's no life like it" if the ship your training on is the same one your father (and possibly his father) served on. The thrill and excitement of serving on a submarine might once again make the Armed Forces a viable employment alternative.

As for the dollar figures involved, in comparison to other government budget allowances, the price is just a bit too high. Even if the cost of the subs is to be spread out over the long term, eight billion is still a lot of zeroes. The government should instead cut the sum for subs from eight billion to five or six billion, or from ten to twelve subs down to eight. The reduced number, combined with the new ships mentioned earlier, would provide both coasts with adequate fleets and the North greater protection. The cut funds could then be added to other government budgets, for instance to increase that inadequate sum set aside for Prairie relief.

Finally, the term nuclear refers not to its weapons capabilities, but to its power core. The engine on board the submarines being considered is a miniature nuclear reactor. There is no mention of allotting nuclear weapons (missiles or otherwise) to the subs. As Canada is a nuclear weapons free zone, public and political pressure would prevent their use. However, there are those who say that capability alone should prohibit their purchase. Some who are faint of heart believe that if an accident took place, the environment would seriously suffer.

Yes it would; I can't and won't deny that. Look, everyday life is full of ifs, risks, chances and their consequences. Every day we are playing Russian Roulette with Mother Nature in the quest for physical and economic survival. Someone who is afraid to take a chance in life should therefore hide in a cave with their granola and polyester jumpsuits.

The government is putting a good foot forward in trying to change our global image as a weakling, and I think that backing down now would be both humiliating and pointless. If you don't like this policy, then register your disapproval in the upcoming election. Until then, back off and shut up, the government isn't listening to you anyway.

Rob McGowan

Note- While I write the articles, I don't write the titles to them. Please keep this in mind when comparing (or complaining about) the two.

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Woman of integrity runs for mayor

By Tim McGrady

Mayoralty candidate Jean Swanson is not a realtor, nor a lawyer, nor a corporate bigwig. She's not rich and doesn't own an amusement park.

The tall, thin, softspoken Swanson is a mother, a former farmworker, and a founding member of End Legislated Poverty. She has worked for the Downtown Eastside Residents' Association (DERA), Solidarity Coalition and the Hospital Employees Union.

"All kinds of humongous developments are coming on stream and who will these developments serve?"

Because of her tireless efforts on behalf of citizens and her close ties with both the NDP and the Committee of Progressive Electors (COPE) she was asked to head the civic NDP-COPE unity slate. She squares off against incumbent NPA candidate Gordon Campbell in the November 19 civic election.

In an interview with The Ubyssey, Swanson discussed issues for which she has been canvassing city council for the past fourteen years. Most crucial to her seemed to be housing and development.

"All kinds of humongous developments are coming on stream and who will these developments serve?" she asked.

Swanson spoke of a trend toward a "childless, executive city." And for an explanation, she pointed to Concord Pacific's proposed development of the Expo lands.

Mayor Campbell has indicated that 20 per cent of the land is slated for low and modest income family housing, she said, and the bulk, eighty percent, reserved for luxury condominiums - "for the swinging singles."

She said there were "17,000 people on a waiting list for low cost housing" in the city.

Both Concord Pacific, owned by Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-Shing, and Marathon Realty, for whom Campbell once worked, have, she said, little or nothing in their development plans for families.

The Fraser lands area near 60th and Main would have been "perfect for family housing" but was, Swanson said, recently rezoned by the city to include only 13 per cent set aside for that purpose.

She said that Campbell goes to great lengths to "cultivate a non-partisan image—he gives DERA grants, supports [NDP MP] Ian Waddell," but the purpose is "to disguise the fact that he's handing the city over to developers," she said.

Swanson spoke out strongly on the illegal suite issue. She estimated that with 24,000 illegal suites in the city, 80,000 people could be affected if the city begins a systematic crackdown. A plebiscite will be held on the issue on November 19th.

She said Campbell has taken the stand that the city "has to protect the integrity of single family neighborhoods." But, she asks, "how much integrity does a city have if its tenants are sitting on curbs?"

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She returned frequently to the need for a strong, independent voice for the city. She noted that Campbell nominated Vander Zalm in his losing battle against Harcourt in the mayoralty race in 1984. As a result of NPA-Socred overlap, she said, when it comes time for the city to lobby the province, Campbell's voice has been muted.

One need only look at the public transit issue to see a concrete example of this concern, she said. Payments on the Socred initiated skytrain system, with its yearly interest costs of $97 million, are "bankrupting the system."

"The transit system is in an incredible mess," she said, "Service keeps decreasing and fares keep increasing every April."

"We need a mayor and a council that will pull together all the interests - students, environmentalists, businesses, pensioners and low income - and put pressure on Socreds to change the cost-sharing formula so that we can pay off skytrain."

"Campbell's ties to the Socreds are so tight that he won't get out and really fight for the system," she said.

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Swanson has run for city council four times and has come as close as "eleventh or twelfth." She also ran as a provincial NDP candidate in Vancouver-Little Mountain against Grace McCarthy. Had it not been for 'Gracie's finger' she might have won, she muses.

Swanson lacks the gloss and charisma of a power hungry professional politician. In these times of image-makers, pollsters, and twenty second TV interview spots, that doesn't speak to her favor. However, her voice and her actions seem to speak with quiet integrity and dedication. A comparison with Harry Rankin, albeit without his abrasiveness, begs to be made.

Indeed, she said, "Rankin is one of my heroes -I've learned a lot from him. He always stuck up for ordinary people and when you do that, you do it fiercely."

She recalls a case when a skid row hotel owner tried to sue her for libel. She went to local papers quoting him as saying he wouldn't think twice about evicting tenants who had lived in his hotel for forty years. Rankin handled her case for free and sent her the legal costs that he received in the decision.

"Harry gets really mad when he sees right wing people trouncing ordinary people—when you see him and he's nasty that's why," she said.

Although her chances of unseating Campbell aren't considered to be great, Swanson continues to ask the simple questions which somehow get lost in the push to develop a 'world class city.' She gives the impression that win or lose, she won't stop asking for answers.

Mayoralty candidate Jean Swanson works for ordinary people

Arts fee rises

By Catherine Lu

The Arts Undergraduate Society fee will jump from $1 to $7, after an overwhelming 76 per cent of the ballots cast favoured the hike.

860 arts students voted, with roughly 250 of them voting on Wednesday, the last day of the referendum, to meet the 10 per cent quorum needed to make the results effective.

"No major quorum for Arts has been done in the past twenty years," said an excited Andrew Hicks, treasurer of the AUS.

The AUS fee has remained at $1 for the past 60 years and was the lowest on campus.

AUS president Mike Lee said the results of the referendum show, "Arts is now strong enough and active enough that we feel we can increase our support for our clubs and begin to supply more services to our students."

The additional money will be used to satisfy the "basic needs of arts students," said Lee. Besides extra grants for intramurals, new funds will also go to increase club support, special projects, speakerships, newsletters and literary supplements.

Another planned project is the purchase of photocopiers for the Buchanan Building.

Hicks said a lack of funds prevented many eager arts students from participating in intramurals this year.

The AUS plans to take out a loan, repayable over two years, so that funds will be available immediately.

Having the loan will also help the AUS make the transition from a small budget to a much larger one, said Hicks.

Each group will be allotted a maximum amount to ensure that all Arts groups will get a fair share of the funds, said Hicks.

Lee said that many students did not just cast their ballots, but asked questions and wanted to participate in the AUS.

"Our slogan has been 'Help make Arts stronger'," Lee said. "We want their input...and encourage their support."