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## Homosexual teens get support

by Alan Woo

Members of the BC Teachers' Federation voted overwhelmingly Monday to examine how to deal with the issue of homophobia in BC schools.

The vote came following a contentious debate at the federation's annual meeting at the Hyatt hotel downtown.

Federation President Alice McQuade said Monday the resolution will support students and provide teachers with resources to understand the realities for homosexual youth.

In her nearly 20 years in the classroom, she said, "I didn't necessarily have training in how to deal with homophobic incidents, and I think that's one of the things we have to do."

But other teachers said they were disappointed with the result. Erma Vietorisz, a teacher from Coquitlam who has opposed motions on support for homosexual students in the past, said she thought the resolutions missed the point.

"We could have done a lot more for a lot more students," she told the media after the vote. "I have put amendments forward to deal with harassment, to deal with victimisation, to deal with teenage suicide for all students. But we're now focusing on one group."

The vote came after more than 200 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their supporters protested outside the Hyatt Sunday afternoon to show their support for the addressing of gay issues in schools.

Barbara Findlay, one of the rally coordinators, said the purpose of the protest was to



**FAMILY VALUES:** Vancouverites rally against homophobia in BC schools. ALAN WOO PHOTOS

demonstrate to teachers at the convention "that their decisions about what to do about homophobia in schools really matter. [The decisions] will affect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students for the rest of their lives."

A number of emotional speeches were given to the crowd and media. Cora Wagner told the audience, "Kids need to grow up tolerant and accepting of others' differences, whether they're racial, religious, gender specifics or because of sexual orientation. We need to stop homophobia before it can devel-

op. The best way to combat homophobia is through education and the time to start is now."

Publicly out Grade 11 Maple Ridge student, Romi, said "This is not special rights. This is human rights."

As the teachers came out of the building for a breather, they were handed "high school stories" from the people in the crowd, as well as a fact sheet on queer youth and a pride sticker to wear on their name tags. Many of them were very supportive; one even commented, "It's really great that [they're] here." ♦

## Senate delays decision on student BoG rep

by Kersi Regulous

The suspense continues for two would-be student Board of Governors (BoG) representatives.

Senate elections committee has postponed a decision on holding a second recount of this year's ballots for student BoG representative.

Results from this year's student elections in January originally gave one of the two student BoG seats to Jeff Meyers by a margin of just 10 votes over candidate Kera McArthur. The other student BoG seat was won easily by David Borins.

Because of the close result and allegations of elections irregularities, AMS Ombudsperson Michael Curry recommended the ballots for the BoG vote be recounted.

The recount, conducted on March 6, reversed the original outcome, placing McArthur two votes ahead of Meyers who has been serving on BoG since January.

Meyers has appealed the recount to the senate elections committee.

According to Chris Gorman, student senator-at-large, the committee has sought legal advice, and are soliciting input from other BoG candidates.

In the meantime, Meyers will continue to represent the interests of students at the next BoG meeting.

Meyers has expressed concern about the length of time the Senate has taken to address the recount issue, saying in an interview earlier this month that the delay interferes with student representation on the BoG while important issues are being addressed by the body.

But Richard Spencer, UBC's Registrar and Secretary to Senate said some elapsed time is inevitable in this kind of process.

"You can't just make this stuff happen immediately. Once we get an appeal, we have to call the committee together and that takes time," he said.

The senate elections committee will next assemble on March 25 for further discussion. ♦

## Student housing still not in OCP student rep warns

by Todd Silver

Students may continue to have limited access to housing under the university's proposed Official Community Plan, despite concerns voiced by the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

Last fall, the GVRD told the university its Official Community Plan would not be accepted until it developed strategies to ensure that 50 percent of the housing would go towards faculty, staff and students at UBC.

But Ruta Fluxgold, Alma Mater Society vice-president and the only student representative on the OCP housing subcommittee, said there is still not enough attention is being paid to students' housing needs.

"I am the only student on the committee, while a lot of the other representatives come from [development] companies," she said.

UBC's Director of Housing and Conferences Mary Risebrough, who also sits on the subcommittee, said one of the problems has been that the advisory board has had problems finding students with the time to participate.

"I always like student representatives, if there could be more, I would welcome more," she said.

The important thing to remember, said Risebrough, is that the committee does not have the power to rewrite the OCP. It can only provide a possible strategy for the university to follow.

"The plan is finished, and it has been through third reading and is heading for its final reading before adoption. It is not whether if the 50 percent is the right number, that policy is already in there," she said.

No concrete plans have been formalised by the committee yet; only three of the four scheduled meetings have been held. The fourth meeting will be held Wednesday.

Risebrough said that so far the meetings

have focused on the figures needed to come up with a strategy; the real meat of the plan being determined at the final meeting.

"We are trying to determine how many units would be projected, how many people work at UBC, what are the target markets at UBC, and would students be interested in renting a room from someone who owned market housing," she explained.

Fluxgold said that while unlimited student access to new housing is an unrealistic goal, she questioned how much of the proposed housing will be directed towards faculty and staff, and how much will actually be available for student use.

"The focus has been on the faculty and staff, but the faculty and staff are more able to afford living off-campus while students are less able to do so," she said. ♦

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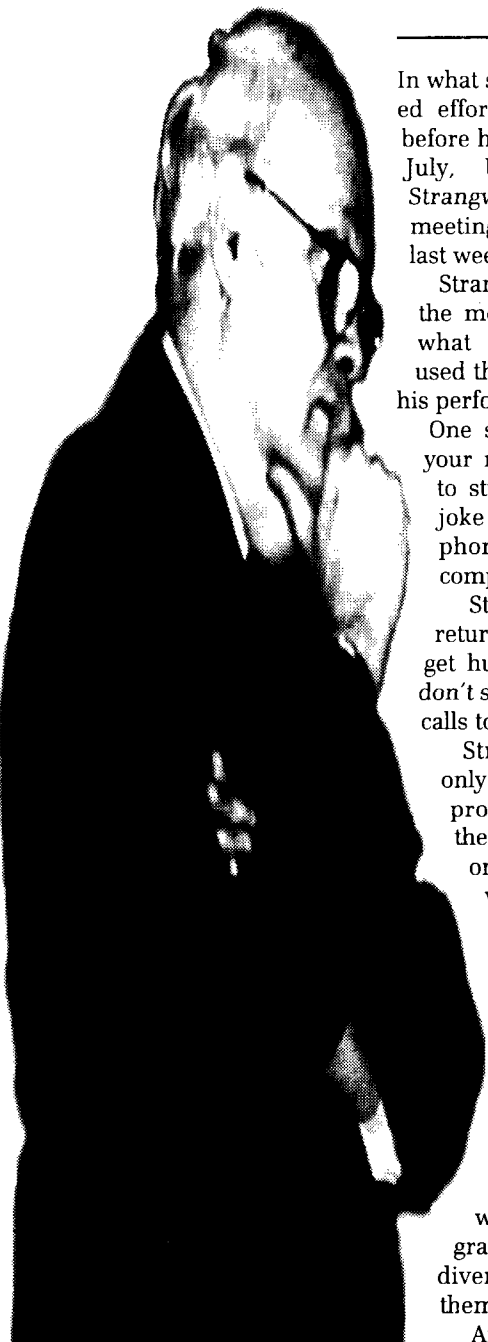
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# news

## UBC president and students worlds apart

by Stanley L. Tromp



UBC PRESIDENT David Strangway.  
RICHARD LAM PHOTO

In what some thought was a belated effort to mend some fences before his 12-year term ends this July, UBC President David Strangway held a rare public meeting with about 40 students last week.

Strangway smiled throughout the meeting, but looked somewhat distraught as students used the opportunity to criticize his performance as president.

One student complained, "On your record of being available to students, you just made a joke about not returning phone calls. To me, that's completely offensive."

Strangway replied, "I don't return calls to lots of people. I get hundreds of calls a day. I don't select groups not to return calls to."

Strangway seemed angry only when he denounced the provincial government for the pressure it had exerted on him. "The level of intervention there is just beyond belief. I got calls from people asking, 'What are you going to do about your medical school teaching abortion?'" Ministers and deputies rotate, each with their own agenda, and they threaten to cut our budget if we don't do what they want. The saving grace is that there is some diversity and you can wait them out."

And for that comment, Aaron Delany, president of the Political Science Students Association (PSSA), the group that sponsored the meeting, scolded him.

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"You say, when you retire, that the one thing you're going to bitch about is that the one democratically elected actor in the decision-making process was a pain in the ass. That's horrifying. Are you fundamentally opposed to the democratic process at this institution?" he asked.

"Of course not," Strangway replied. "But universities should have autonomy, they should not be dictated to. Over the centuries that we've had universities, the use of the senate and boards of governors have provided an immense amount of checks and balances, and we have done a wonderful job for our society."

Another issue Strangway was asked about was his stance on the Gay Games. In 1990 it was reported that Strangway did not want the Gay Games to be held at UBC because he considered homosexuality "abnormal." When asked to elaborate, Strangway said he never used that word and had only meant to say that homosexuals could stay with the "normal" or regular games. "I am very sympathetic to the issues of gays and I think they're quite normal," he said.

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The president responded, "Some of my predecessors bragged that they never left the campus. Well, I don't think you can have a president like that today. So you spend your time in the business community, in Victoria, Ottawa, Toronto. You have to delegate to VPs and deans."

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UBC PRESIDENT

Calling the university system an "inverted hierarchy, which is not the usual way of describing it," Strangway said students were at the top, with levels of department heads, deans and vice-presidents below them. These lower levels may hold more power, he said, but they have less freedom to do research and teaching, "which is what a university is all about."

To a student who worried about growing corporate influence at UBC—prompting Strangway to chuckle, "especially the fact that I'm on some of their boards, eh?"—the president suggested the real influence may run in the other direction. "Though people don't like the university-corporate linkage, by and large [corporations] will buy into your vision," he said.

The president has scheduled no further meetings with UBC students. ♦



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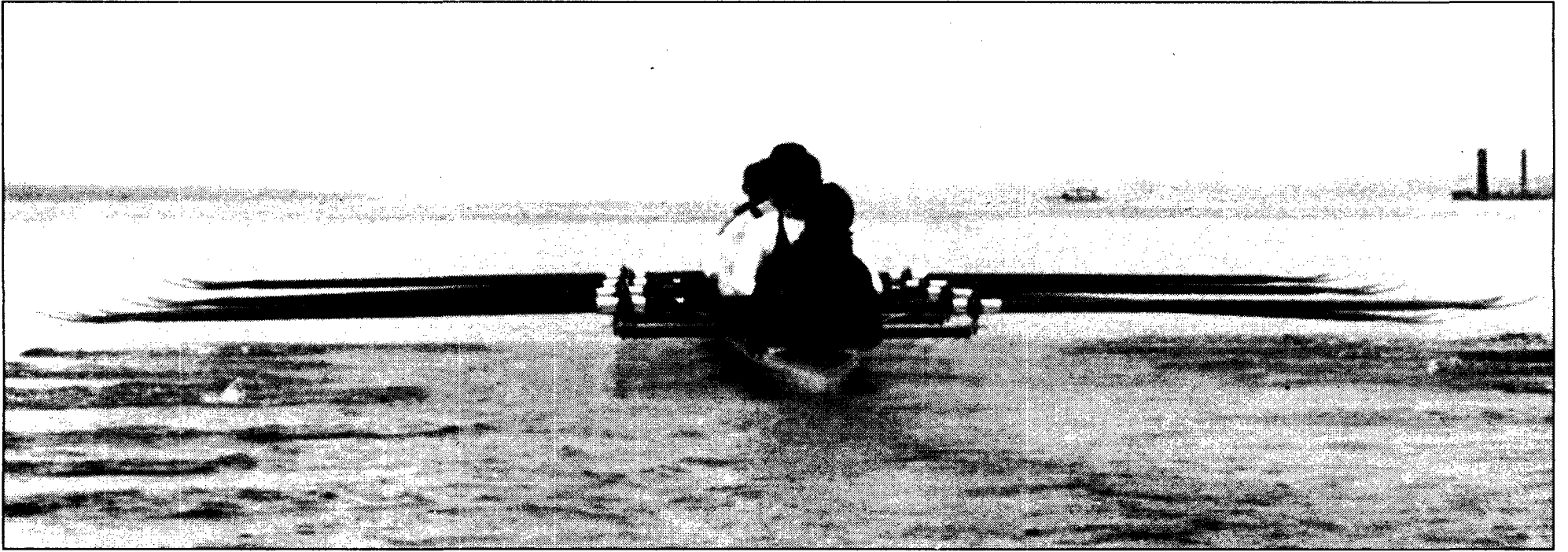
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1-2-3 PULL UBC rowing team flex their oars on the Fraser River at the UBC Regata last weekend. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

## NATIONAL ROUNDUP



### Gov't not keeping green promises

by Sarnier Muscati

OTTAWA (CUP)—Making environmental promises is easy for the federal government but keeping them is a different story, according to a new report by Canada's environmental commissioner.

One of the government's main problems is implementing their green objectives and meeting targets for key programs, said Environmental Auditor General Brain Emmet, in his inaugural report released March 5.

After reviewing 42 existing federal audits, Emmet found 70 percent of them had problems with the implementation of environmental measures.

The report comes on the heels of a new poll that found nine in ten Canadians were troubled by the state of the environment, with most serious concern over global warming.

### Students stage 'virtual' sit-in

by Pete Brieger

LONDON (CUP)—Abbey Hoffman and the Chicago Seven they are not, but a group of students at the University of Western Ontario have broken new ground by creating a cyberspace sit-in to protest rising tuition fees.

Dave Tompkins, president of Western's student council, has developed a web page on the Internet that allows students to engage in a 'virtual sit-in'.

Students can join the 'sit-in' by clicking on one of an array of happy faces that appear on-screen, their names added to the list of protesters 'occupying' the president's office. An e-mail, including a list of demands, is then sent to UWO president Paul Davenport.

As of last week, there were 835 students 'occupying' Davenport's office. Tompkins sees the virtual sit-in as a compromise, integrating a non-confrontational stance with the recognition of a need for protest.

"Western is not what it was five to ten years ago, but is still a very conservative university. I'm not sure my council would have endorsed a physical sit-in," said Tompkins.

Davenport's reaction to the virtual sit-in has been positive. "He appreciates the fact that it is being done in a civil way," explained Dalin Jameson, Davenport's assistant.

## Reform bill would legislate women's consumption

by Craig Saunders

VICTORIA (CUP)—Women who drink while pregnant could spend up to a year behind bars if Reform MP Keith Martin has his way.

Martin, MP for Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, recently introduced a private member's bill that would make it illegal for pregnant women to consume "certain substances."

"It would enable the courts to put women that have been using significant quantities of a damaging substance into a treatment facility for up to a year," Martin explained, adding that the intent of the bill was to prevent women from causing long-term damage to their unborn children.

The bill, however, would not apply to women who plan to have an abortion.

The bill is a response to the high number of children born with fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), according to Martin. He said treating and caring for children affected by FAS "costs society millions of dollars for each individual...somebody has to do something for these kids."

He refuted the notion that more spending on treatment programs is a better solution, because "there are individuals who will refuse treatment."

But not everyone agrees with Martin.

Sherry McLeod of the University of Victoria's Family Health Centre said criminalising is never the answer. "It doesn't prevent women from becoming drug addicted," she said.

The complex problems of FAS and alcohol addiction can't be solved by Martin's bill, McLeod added.

"Reform is just reactionary and quick to blame and punish," she said. "Most parties like to simplify issues and don't want to deal with the complex issues."

McLeod also worried the bill will change

the definition of "child" under Canadian law. The bill defines "child" as being "every fetus that its mother does not have a fixed intention to abort."

The concern about this definition stems from fear that it could be interpreted as giving rights to the unborn. Martin, however, is quick to point out he is "pro-choice," so there should be no concern.

Dr. Margot Young, an assistant professor of law at UVic, said the bill would disproportionately target poor women.

"It catches a certain public hysteria...one that is not necessarily valid," she said.

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UVIC FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE

Young was also angry the bill focuses on the fetus, while ignoring the rights of women. There is also concern about the apparent separation of fetus and mother into two separate beings, antagonistic to each other.

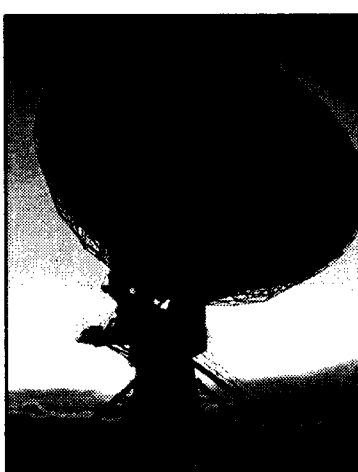
"It's irresponsible," said Young. "It doesn't move our understanding of the situation of these women in any sort of constructive way."

Young said she would rather the government address the conditions that lead women into addiction, such as poverty.

Even though the bill will likely never be debated in the House of Commons, Martin said his intent is to foster debate on the subject.

Young remains sceptical however. She questions what kind of positive debate can come from a bill that places a greater importance on imprisoning women than treating them.

"In terms of fostering some kind national debate...that's a hypocritical statement," Young said. "It's a mean piece of legislation. ♦"



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# Fee fight intensifies as BoG considers increases

by Ian Gunn

The argument between UBC's student societies and administration over proposed increases in mandatory ancillary fees is heating up. The proposed fee increase, about \$135 for full-time undergraduate students, will be voted on at this Thursday's Board of Governors (BoG) meeting.

Student leaders say they hope the Minister of Education, Paul Ramsey, will reverse the increases.

"I think he will say no," said AMS Coordinator of External Affairs Shirin Foroutan. "The Ministry has been really, really supportive in the past and I don't think they are going to let us down now. They have clearly said there needs to be student input in these decisions."

Last May UBC's Board of Governors approved ancillary fee increases for the 1996/97 year only to have then-Minister Moe Sihota reverse the decision, saying they were not in the spirit of the NDP's tuition fee freeze.

Last week Sihota's successor, Paul Ramsey, reiterated that the government would hold UBC to the same standard this year.

"The ministry has a series of guidelines for ancillary fees," said Michael Lancaster, spokesperson for the Ministry of Education Skills and Training, "and the Minister has said clearly that he will apply them this year."

The guidelines clearly state that there needs to be student consultation on new fees and fee increases.

The university administration thinks it is.

"We certainly feel that we have tried to abide by the guidelines," said Maria Klawe, UBC's vice-president of student affairs.

Particularly with the proposed new \$90 student technology fee, she said, "there has been significant student input about the level of the fee, what the fee will be used for and how the funds will be allocated."

"The proposal that is going to the Board of Governors on Thursday is significantly different from what I and others had originally envisioned. And it's different because of what students have told us," Klawe said in an interview Monday.

The AMS, however, rejects claims of student consultation out of hand.

"Students just weren't adequately consulted," Foroutan said.

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Ramsey will examine the increases after they have been passed by BoG, Lancaster said, to decide whether they will be approved.

"[The Minister's] decision will depend on whether he feels the university is within the ancillary fee guidelines."

the four sessions.

Klawe said she was not happy with the turnout, but those students who did attend were well informed. The attendance, she said, speaks to a communication problem on campus which goes far beyond the issue of fees.



**STUDENT FEES INCREASES** sparked a protest last week outside Koerner Library which drew the attention of Campus Security. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

"And now [Dr. Klawe] says that her [student forums] show there is a student support here. How can we show support when we don't even know it is going on?"

A series of administration-sponsored meetings with students earlier this month on the fee proposals saw fewer than 20 students attend any of

"If I stop a random student on campus and ask them about these fees increases, the random student will not know a great deal about them. But that will be the same if I ask them who the president of the AMS is," she said.

The AMS is not waiting for either the BoG decision this Thursday or the Minister's verdict; the lobbying effort with Victoria has already begun in earnest.

In a March 13 letter to the Minister of Education, AMS Policy Analyst Desmond Rodenbour wrote that "the [society has] requested that you block the creation of new ancillary fees at UBC (and increases to existing fees) until we can create protocol with the university regarding these fees. I urge you to take such action now." ♦

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# culture

## Retro rock 'n reggae

**Kula Shaker – TATTVA Lucky 13 Mix**  
**Dance In Your shadow [Columbia]**

That Kula Shaker is decidedly retro cannot be denied. These guys hark so determinedly back to the cusp between the '60s and '70s, one cannot help but feel one has somehow entered a timewarp back to the days of Cream, 10 Years After, the Kinks and that much ballyhooed psychedelic swinging London era when Britpop conquered the whole damn world. Throw in a bit of Beatles, very early Pink Floyd, Moody Blues, Traffic, Yardbirds and a tribute to Jerry Garcia and you'll know where Kula Shaker are coming from.

I daresay this intense revisitation of Flower Power, London style, was inevitable. The children of them fuggin' hippies are revisiting the era with a vengeance. Which is not to say that Kula Shaker ain't worth a spin or two on the ol' CD player. They do what they do very well – better than the originals, in fact. It's just that I prefer listening to something new, rather than something recycled.

For my money, the best track is the much more modern, hot psychedelic Bhangra number 'Govinda.' This is one song that I can guarantee I will be programming for end-less replay.

—Andy Barham

**BOB MARLEY**  
**Soul Almighty: the formative years Vol. 1 [JAD]**

The name of this CD pretty well sums up its content since it is both soulful and reflective of the early, formative years of the man who brought reggae, from its humble beginnings in Kingston, to the whole world.

Listening to *Soul Almighty* makes it pretty easy to pick out the musical styles which ultimately gave birth to reggae. Surprisingly, American music à la Motown has wielded as much influence over the formation of Bob Marley's music as the much livelier ska music which dominated the clubs of Kingston throughout the '60s.

Of course, reggae Bob-Marley-style was always more easy-listening American pop than heavy Jamaican dub, laid back, sweet soul music with a dash of funk to liven up the mix. If one listens closely enough to *Soul Almighty*, one can hear echoes of Little Stevie Wonder and Smoky Robinson resonating in perfect synch with that heavy Jamaican backbeat.

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—Andy Barham

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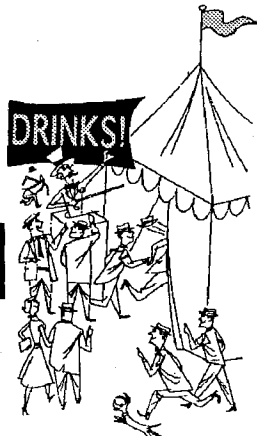
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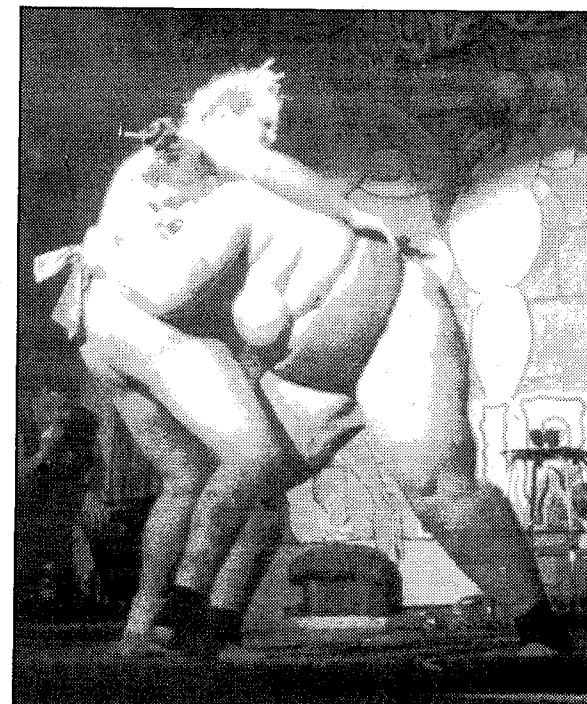
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obese women on the painted stage set gave the  
club a sinister edge.

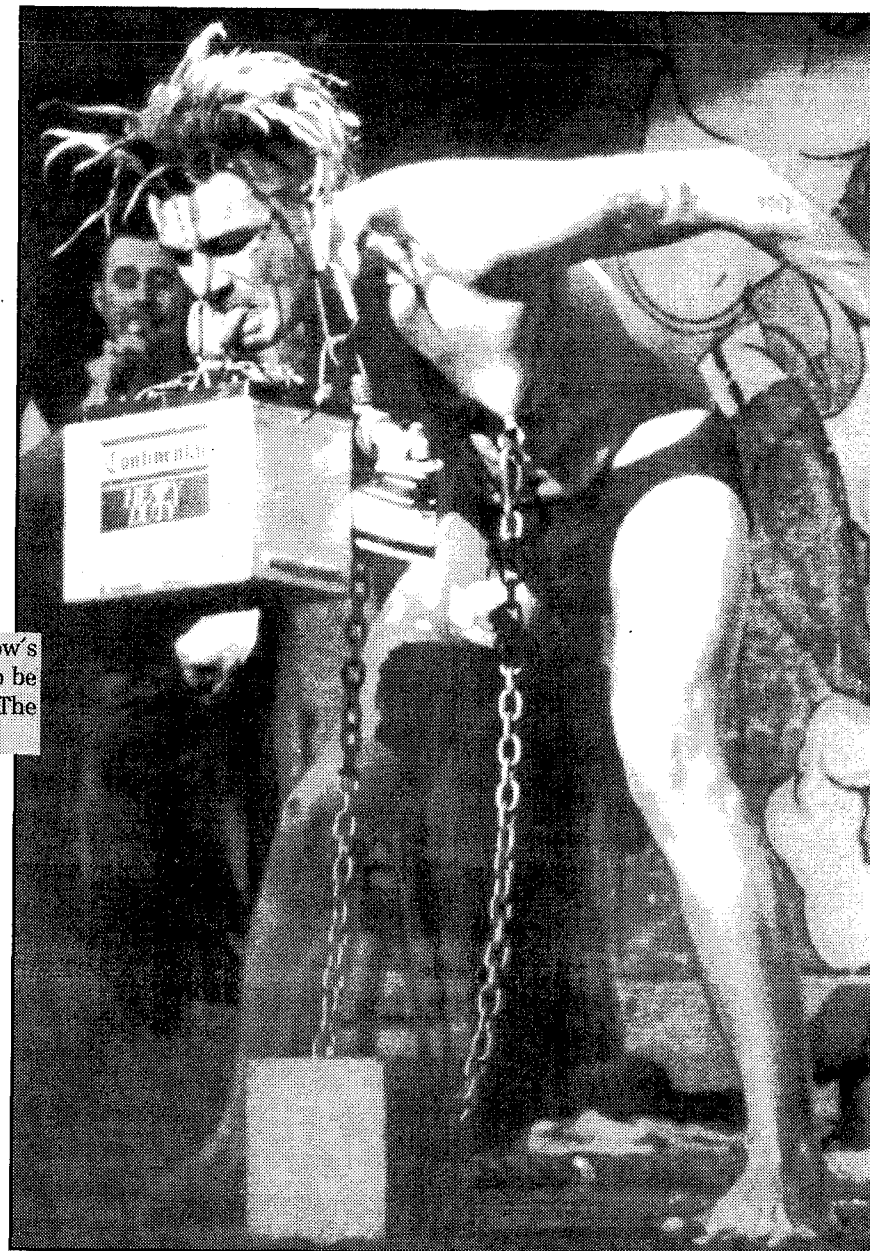
Then the lights  
dimmed and a twisted  
voice boomed from  
huge speaker banks, by  
turns entralling and  
disgusting the packed  
venue as people stood  
on anything they could  
to witness the ensuing  
catalogue of horrors.

Jim Rose was a powerful ringmaster, revelling in his freak show's  
every last gruesome detail and inviting audience members up to be  
hypnotised, to grind his face into broken glass and to feed The  
Enigma live insects.



THUD THUD JIGGLE JIGGLE two female Sumo wrestlers  
get up close and personal RICHELLE RAE PHOTO

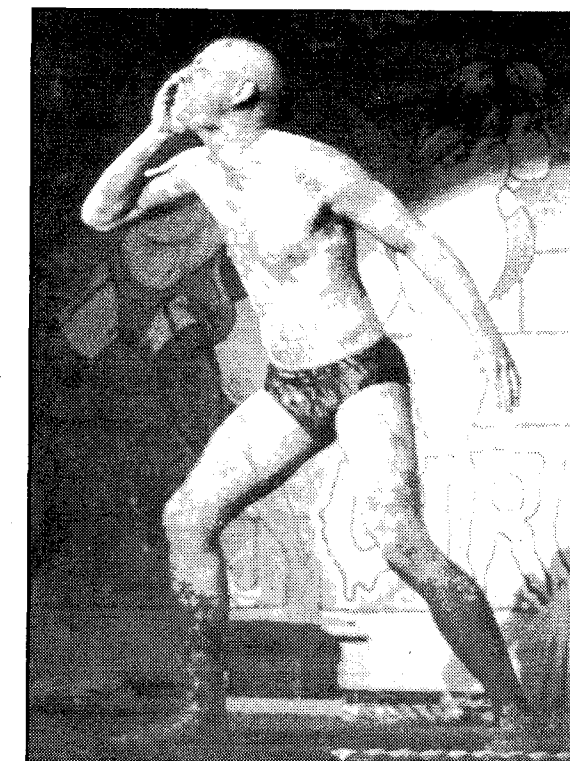
For much of the show I couldn't look — but I had to. This  
spectacle uniquely appeals to the dark underbelly of the human  
psyche, the part that digs horror movies and used to burn  
insects with a magnifying glass when it was young. These people  
are not only proud to be freaks — they are very, very good at  
it.



AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE Mr.Lifo demonstrates his talents. RICHELLE RAE PHOTO.

"He's got hair in places monkeys don't!" The Enigma is tat-  
toed from head to toe and has surgically implanted horns grow-  
ing out of his head. They're seriously committed. A while ago  
Rose broke his back trying to motorbike jump 26 cows and the  
only thing he worried about while recovering was his circus. In  
this dark circus, the people are the tricks.

More traditional stunts were mixed with Mexican sumo  
wrestling, razor blade regurgitation, and Mr. Lifo, the  
man who chained a concrete block to his nipples, two irons  
to his penis and a car battery to his tongue and defied gravi-  
ty with them all — only to have fireworks strapped to him  
and ignited. The climax of audience participation came  
with balaclava-clad chainsaw stuntmen running round the  
packed room. "If they get too close to you, scream!" was the  
safety measure.



BLOWING UP CONDOMS Enigma shows us that the  
nose is for more than picking. RICHELLE RAE PHOTO.

The Enigma performed good  
old-fashioned sword-swallowing,  
though apparently this sword  
was one inch longer than the  
world record, followed by the  
slightly more novel approach of  
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## Rude & smelly, but not offensive

**BLOODHOUND GANG—One Fierce Beer Coaster [Geffen]**

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— Andy Barham

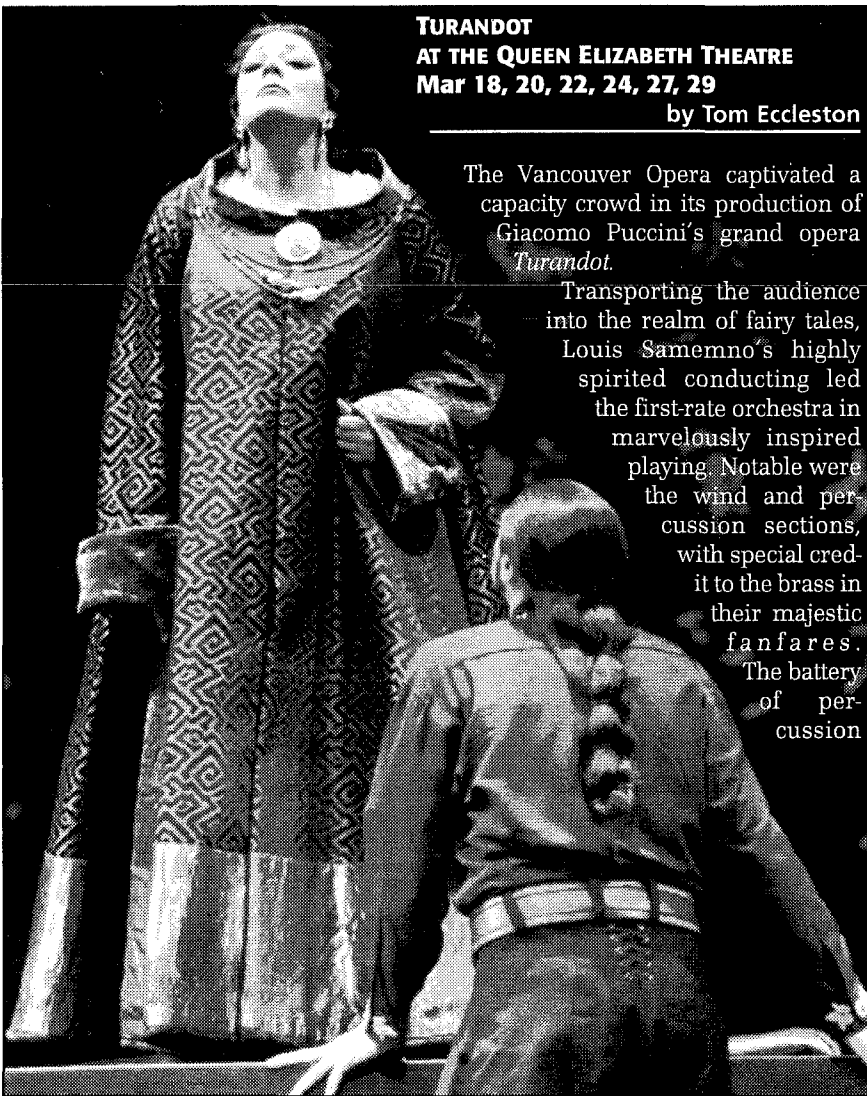
**BIG RUDE JAKE—Blue Pariah [Canadian Heritage]**

Every half-decade or so, some group of artsy fartsy types tries to revive the jazz era. Everybody associated with this 'new trend in the making' gets all hot and bothered about it: record company execs and promoters get behind it for reasons known only to themselves, the band's mums and dads and grannies get behind it because it's the music they remember from their youth, and the rest of us make polite noises and otherwise ignore it. Consequently, this pointless attempt to revive a long forgotten fad sinks like a stone, to be completely forgotten until the next gang of artsy fartsy types discovers the Jazz Era. Big Band, Jive, Swing, Dixieland, you name it, someone has tried, or will try, to revive it.

This year's version is Big Rude Jake. There are a few cuts on *Blue Pariah* suitable for easy-listening background music when studying, and a few cuts would probably be a lot of fun live—especially for those fortunate enough to know how to dance to them. The CD is polished and well executed and musically interesting enough to spin a few times on your CD player. But it does belong to another era, an era which, despite repeated efforts to bring it back, ain't gonna make it.

— Andy Barham

## Ping, pang, pong and Puccini



**TURANDOT**  
AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH THEATRE  
Mar 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29

by Tom Eccleston

The Vancouver Opera captivated a capacity crowd in its production of Giacomo Puccini's grand opera *Turandot*.

Transporting the audience into the realm of fairy tales, Louis Samemno's highly spirited conducting led the first-rate orchestra in marvelously inspired playing. Notable were the wind and percussion sections, with special credit to the brass in their majestic fanfares. The battery of percussion

strongly held the rhythmic integrity but, unfortunately, the pitched gongs were at times noticeably flat. More string sound was necessary at times to warm the balance between the strings and the large wind complement.

Singing the title role, American soprano Mary Jane Johnson was breathtaking as the icy princess. American tenor Craig Sirianni (Calif) and a marked performance by American bass Chester Patton (Timur) were both enjoyable. The sensation of the stage was Canadian soprano Liping Zhang (Liu), who from her early aria, 'Signore, ascolta,' charmed the audience with her sweetly lyrical voice. The chorus, especially the children's section, was well prepared by Canadian director Lesli Uyeda.

The stage design was disappointing. The sparse set resembled a fire escape, consisting mainly of black stairs and metal railings with a couple of wooden chairs and tables; this was an attempt at authentic Puccini, reflecting the Eurocentric perception of the exotic Orient. The characters Ping, Pang, Pong were astounding in their ten-foot-high rolling costume contraptions. The masterful lighting, which included slide images on the backdrop, compensated for the emptiness of the stage.

As with *Carmen* and *Jenufa*, this latest Vancouver Opera production is extremely spartan and underworks the stage. Although the set design, costumes, and drama were visually tame, this *Turandot* was striking because of the sensational music of orchestra, chorus and soloists like. ♦

PRINCESS TURANDOT gazes over Prince Calaf at the Vancouver Opera production of Puccini's operat. ANDREE LANTHIER PHOTO

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# Why does racism still exist?

photos by Paul Kamon

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—Caroline Kindle (SCIENCE)



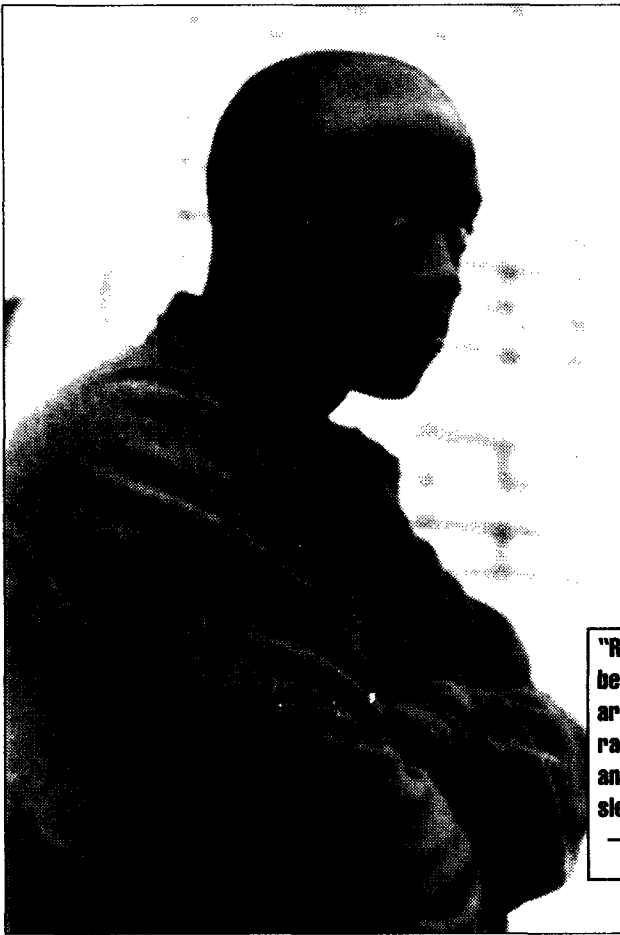
"Racism exists due to ignorance of other cultures and the bizarre need for some to feel worthy. If they can't achieve this from their own life, they oppress others."

—Jan Blanchard (SCIENCE)



"Racism exists because there are not enough inter-racial relationships, and not enough sleepovers!"

—William Mbaho (ARTS)



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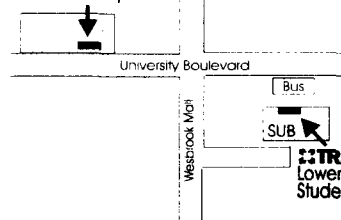
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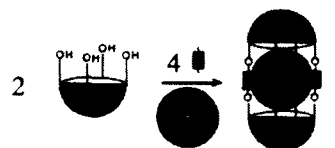
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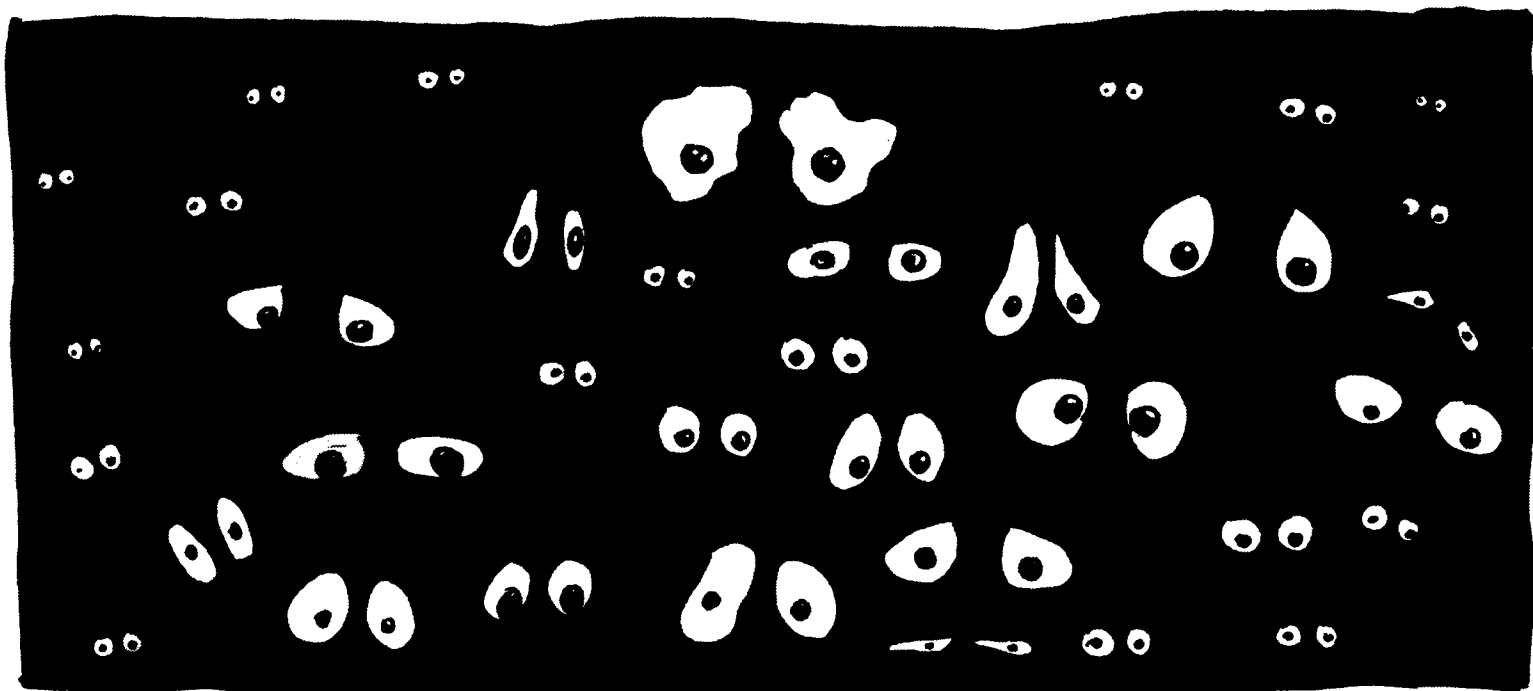
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Alan Woo stepped carefully into the cave as Todd Silver brandished his flashlight. "Look!" Kersi Regulous exclaimed, pointing, with delight. Stanley Tromp knelt down and gingerly fingered the sharp-edged piece of clay. "Do you know what this means?" Matt Green cried. Paul Kamon nodded soberly, wondering if he could capture this moment on film forever. Tom Eccleston scanned the walls for music notes, while James Bainbridge scoured the shadows for skeletons with horns. Alas, no luck; all he found were the pulverised remains of Andy Barham, garbed in white and trapped beneath a boulder the size of Wolf Depner. Geoff Urton flashed his light even deeper into the cave, then stopped dead. His abrupt stillness caught the eye of Bruce Arthur, who whispered to Michelle Rae, "Do you think he found it?" Joe Clark was too excited to remain still — he leapt over Ian Gunn and ran into the shadows. "Watch out!" Afshin Mehin cried, but it was too late. Sarah O'Donnell grimaced at the sound of shattered pots. "Well, there goes the neighbourhood," said Federico Barahona. Peter T. Chattaway felt about for the body, then squealed with delight when his hand brushed against the scrolls. Scott Hayward held it up for Christine Price to read, and she, standing on Richard Lam's back, announced, "This is the last will and testament of John Zaozirny ..."



## Where were you when the lights went out?

The development of the university's Official Community Plan continues to keep students in the dark. The housing subcommittee is no exception. Although it does not have the power to write any concrete changes into the plan, it is an advisory board. Unfortunately, it appears to be a developer-friendly body; AMS Vice-President Ruta Fluxgold is its only student representative.

Time and time again, those involved in the OCP have demonstrated they are more concerned with the amount of capital in the endowment fund than with the maintenance of the university as an environment of learning. Repeated calls to build up a sorely lacking sense of community at UBC—which, given the university's isolated location, should not be an impossible task—go unheard in favour of

'residential sub-divisions and shopping districts.'

And when the development is built, keep in mind that the current committee can only recommend "alternative strategies" to fulfill the goals set out by the Greater Vancouver Regional District. With the current level of student consultation, there is little doubt that when the OCP is implemented, students can expect little in the way of affordable housing.

The GVRD set out the guideline—and this is only a guideline—that 50 percent of all new housing ought to go to faculty, staff and students of the university. But students, apparently, are the least of the university's concerns. To fulfill this goal, one "alternative" the committee is considering would be to try to convince those

who *already* live in the development—and who presumably purchased their homes at market value—to come and join our university community. Such a move would sidestep the whole point of the guideline, which was supposed to ensure affordable housing for those with some claim to the land being developed.

The endowment fund cannot be the priority of those making a decision which will forever change the very landscape of the university. And with the effect that environment has on a community's social make-up, any development is of paramount concern to every student at the university.

Mary Risebrough told *The Ubyssy* that she would welcome more student involvement in the committee; students should take her up on that. ♦

## letters

## Students don't want higher fees

The claim in Friday's *Ubyssy*—that student apathy during the ancillary fee forums should be interpreted as implicit support for the proposed increases—is disturbing.

Anyone who has actually talked to students knows that students want a referendum over the fee hikes. Instead, student apathy should be interpreted as a rebuff to the administration's lame consultation process. Students know a genuine consultation from a token one. We know that the decision to raise fees will not take student opinion into account.

During the debate over tuition hikes for international graduate students, faculty and students were united in their opposition to the increase. They sent over 700 letters and collected more than 2000 signatures, but the administration did not listen to their concerns. This administration systematically refuses to take into account the views of the

UBC community. Is it any surprise that student apathy is the result? President Strangway says that he believes in an inverted hierarchy where he is at the bottom, and students are at the top. Perhaps he should look up from time to time and listen to management...

Students must also take some responsibility. It is true that genuine democracy at UBC would encourage participation, but we must also realise that without increased participation, we will never achieve democracy.

Jonathan Oppenheim  
Physics Grad Studies

## AMS doesn't want higher fees

As the AMS Coordinator of External Affairs, I would like to respond to the comments made by Maria Klawe in the Friday March 7 issue of *The Ubyssy* regarding ancillary fees.

Dr. Klawe states that she took it as a sign of support from students that there was a low turnout at the Administration's "traveling information panels"

regarding ancillary fees. The guidelines set forth by the Provincial Government clearly state that the University must engage in a consultation process with students to inform them of any proposed ancillary fees.

The only noticeable effort made to advertise the Administration's consultation period was through *The Ubyssy*. With all due respect Dr. Klawe, I cannot believe that with all the resources at hand, that enough effort was placed in informing students of your "traveling" panel.

When I spoke to Dr. Klawe, I asked her why the panel avoided the largest gathering of students—namely the SUB—on their two week road trip. She responded by telling me that the "Your UBC Forum" held months ago already covered that ground. In addition, I asked her why her office didn't think to contact the constituencies or clubs to let them know that the event was taking place. No clear response was given.

My message to Dr. Klawe is that in order to be certain that

students are in support of your project, they have to know what the project is. Namely, communicate to your students. If the Administration is so sure that these fees are needed, why will they not make the appropriate efforts to consult students?

One of my goals this year as an AMS Executive is to broaden the lines of communication between the AMS membership and the UBC Administration. Then why wasn't even a phone call made to the AMS to let us know of the plans? I truly hope that the University shares my firm belief that an informed student body is an effective student body.

At this point, the Administration has left students little choice but to join the efforts of the Graduate Student Society this Thursday at 12:30pm outside the Old Administration Building, to show protest against the fees.

Shirin Foroutan  
AMS Coordinator of  
External Affairs

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## Tasteless ads in Koerner library

On Sunday the 16th of March I went into the Koerner Library to study, and I found the wings and other sections of the library littered with signs naming them after corporate donors. I found the advertising tacky, tasteless, and upsetting.

I am not usually the type of person to get angry over such issues as corporate involvement. In these tough economic times corporate donations are sometimes a necessary evil that allows things to happen that normally wouldn't. I am also not against recognition of these donations,

perhaps with a discrete plaque that thanks the donor for their generosity. What I am against, and what makes me sick is the in your face advertising that I can't get away from every time I sit down to study. It's just wrong. Why should anyone have to be continually reminded that without Shell and the Nova Scotia bank they would not have access to a proper education?

I urge you to do the right thing and take down such signs before you discourage even more people from making use of such a fine building that would have made Walter C. Koerner proud. A university library should not be one big advertisement.

Paul Kundarewich

## Planet Lollipop

Two teenagers, wearing too much make-up, sitting next to me in the skytrain, so happy they made it. Right now, though, they're tired. They stood for seven hours outside Planet Hollywood, hoping to catch a glimpse of a star. They could've watched the whole thing on TV, but they had to see it in person—stars look different on TV. "Arnold's so big," says one of them, sighing, clearly in awe.

The two guys from Surrey standing by the door seem to agree. But, unlike the teenagers, they didn't have to wait. They got there late and pushed their way through crowd to see Will Smith chilling with the lucky girls standing in first row. The Surrey guys are kind of surprised at how black Smith really is—he looks lighter on TV.

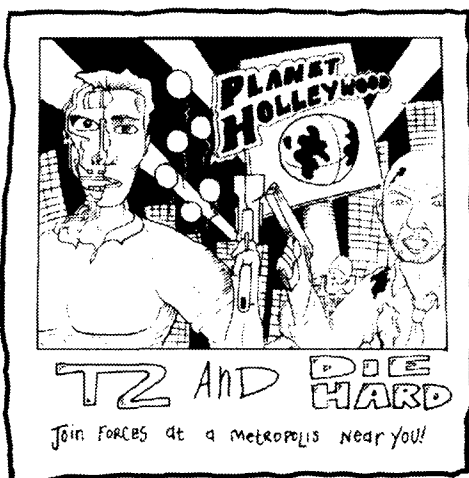
I'm thinking, the sun always shines on TV, and I almost want to say something when they get off the train and I lose my chance.

## freestyle

Tons of people—15,000 of them, according to *The Sun*—come out to see the stars. Planet Hollywood—which Bruce Willis says employs 500 Vancouverites—is having its great premiere tonight. Hollywood style, no less. All kinds of people come out. Families, lots of them with little kids, cool Gen-Xers, teenagers, old people, and even long-haired metalheads come out to celebrate. All to catch a glimpse, to be part of

something big.

"It's gonna be big," says a man buying a hotdog on Robson & Granville as he hears the roar coming from a barricaded Hornby. The man grilling hot dogs only shrugs. Vancouver's out tonight, getting carried away in its own excitement.



The party poopers come out of nowhere, carrying cardboard signs, and trying to get the attention of the TV cameras that surround the crowd. *Planet Hollywood* is excess, reads one of them. A family man with two little kids seems disturbed by the signs. "Go home," he yells. See, he wants to move closer to the police line where—he heard this on the radio—some lucky fans would be given VIP tickets. "What's excess," he wonders aloud.

Yeah, what is excess? I ask a homeless man, sucking on a lollipop on Robson & Burrard, what he thinks of the premiere and he shrugs. He sits next to a sign that reads, *Need to eat something*. He answers, but I can't hear what he says. The crowd roars. I hear Arnold on a loudspeaker, saying, "Hello Vancouver."

—Federico Araya Barahona

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## Publishing Schedule

The Easter Weekend is going to cause a few changes in our publication schedule, and since we know you wouldn't want to miss a single issue of *The Ubysssey*, make sure you remember the following dates!

**Today**

**Friday**  
March 21  
Ad close: Wed. Mar 19  
**Race & Representation Issue**

**Wednesday**  
March 26  
Ad close: Fri. Mar 21

**Wednesday**  
April 2  
Ad close: Thurs. Mar 27  
**Environment Supplement**

**Tuesday**  
April 8  
Ad close: Fri. April 5

**Friday**  
April 11  
Ad close: Wed. April 9  
**Last Issue!**

## Student Rush Nights!

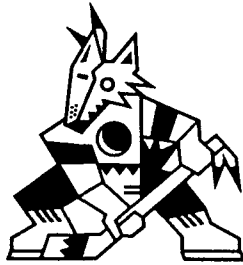
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**Wednesday, April 9th @ 7:00 pm**



**Tickets start from just \$20.50**



**Come on in. Vancouver Grizzlies**

**vs. Houston Rockets**  
Sunday, April 6th • 12:00 noon

**vs. Portland Trail Blazers**  
Thursday, April 17th • 7:00 pm



**Tickets start from just \$12.75**

## The Ubysssey Environment Supplement Meeting

**Date: Friday, March 21**

**Time: 1:00pm**

**Place: SUB 241K**

**Anyone interested in contributing to the issue can contact Andy or Ed at 822-2301 (or by email at [eyeung@unixg.ubc.ca](mailto:eyeung@unixg.ubc.ca))**

On April 6th, come and cheer on Rookie of the Year

candidate **Shareef Abdur-Rahim**. Join in the excitement as he performs in front of a spirited group from his alma mater... the **UC Berkeley Pep Rally Band**! After the game, see Michael 'Air' Jordan in *Space Jam* on the OrcaVision screen.. **for free!**

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