Libel suit threatens EUS antics

UBC's engineering students are well on their way to getting another slap in the face — and a writ in the hand.

Star Mahara and Arlene Francis are currently involved in negotiations to launch a lawsuit against the engineering undergraduate society, according to a reliable source.

The source also said that the Alma Mater Society, the university administration and a number of individuals such as EUS president Russ Kinghorn and administration president Doug Kenny might be named as respondents in the action.

The negotiations are continuing after the EUS refused to comply with the two women's demands before the established deadline of March 4, the source said.

The source added the engineering students ignored the demands, of which the main part was a printed retraction in The Ubyssey. No information is yet available on the current points of negotiation, the source said.

The lawsuit is based on a nEUSletter last year that published nursing undergraduate society president Mahara's name and correct home telephone number. Shortly after the publication appeared, she received a series of obscene telephone calls. Her telephone is currently not in service.

The offensive edition of the nEUSletter also made demeaning remarks about Francis, then vice-president of the law students' association, and several members of the women students' office.

On several occasions, Kinghorn has denied that the nEUSletter contains sexist material and "hostile humor." But on Feb. 28 Kinghorn told The Ubyssey that the publication of Mahara's telephone number was "unintentional." And he said he disagreed with that kind of behavior.

Since then the EUS has been reprimanded by women's groups outside the university, by the administration, the committee of deans, applied sciences dean Martin Wedepohl and some engineering students.

The complaints of offensive and sexist behavior have resulted in the engineers promising to alter the Lady Godiva ride and clean up the content of the nEUSletter.

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—kevin finnegan photo

ANOTHER IN CONTINUING SERIES of mellow cutlines has serene woman commune with nature and Eco 319 in mild drizzle of Canada's west coast. A rock, a bush and a year's worth of notes to digest in three weeks . . . Ah, what more could one want?

Born-again engineers promising new look to appease criticism

Students and faculty at UBC may have seen the last of the annual Lady Godiva ride and the Red Rag.

The engineering undergaduate society executive announced Friday the Lady Godiva ride will not continue "in its present form." They also said EUS publications will become more professional.

The announcement suggested UBC Engineer, a publication modeled on professional journals, might be revived to replace the Red Rag, which has been attacked along with the Godiva ride in the past several years as sexist and insulting to women.

But at least one community women's group remains skeptical that the EUS will make major changes.

Suzanne Perreault, a Women Against Violence Against Women project worker, said she personally feels the statement does not imply the Godiva ride will end.

"I think it's about time it stopped. But it sure doesn't sound like they (the EUS) are going to stop the Lady Godiva ride," she said.

The statement concerning the ride is ambiguous and suggests the ride will continue in another form, she added.

But Erich Vogt, UBC faculty and student affairs vice-president, said the announcement is a "major step forward."

"I think they understood a change was needed. They're trying to improve relations," said Vogt.

But while Vogt admits the statement does not indicate the ride will stop he said he hopes it will. "I think it's a healthy statement. It should be redirected."

Vogt added there are "all kinds of questions as to what people find offensive about the ride," adding that the EUS executive will discuss the event with the university administration in the near future.

U of T dean says no to A for lay

TORONTO (CUP) — University of Toronto professors have been told to stay "at arm's length (plus at least one inch)" of their students following an arbitration board ruling upholding the dismissal of a professor for sexually harassing a student.

In a memo to arts and science professors, faculty dean Arthur Kruger stated: "Members of the academic staff should think very carefully before taking any action which might possibly be seen to compromise their objectivity in dealing with students.

"It would be wise to remain at arm's length (plus at least one inch) in such dealings."

Kruger said he was prompted to write the memo by a recent arbitration ruling which upheld the dismissal of University of Ottawa professor Rudi Strickler for sexually harassing a student.

"The U of O case was the first in Canadian history to result in arbitration," said Norma Bowen, whose role as one of three arbitrators to hear the Strickler case has prompted her to undertake a study of the sexual harassment problem at Canadian universities.

Bowen said she suspects the problem is widespread, and points to a survey conducted by the University of Toronto student council last year which revealed that a majority of 100 surveyed had been sexually harassed, but did not report it.

Bowen, who is a psychology professor at the University of Guelph, said that because women are reluctant to prosecute for fear of retribution and for fear it will be assumed they contributed to the incidents, the question of sexual harassment has been traditionally ignored.

And she says universities have yet to establish proper channels for students to report harassment.

Harassment incidents have occurred at other Ontario universities besides Ottawa and Toronto. Ann Shteir, status of women advisor to York University's administration president, said York is about to announce a decision on an allegation of rape by a student against a professor.

Bogus Brooks babbles

Craig Brooks, director of administration for the Alma Mater Society, is a most forgeable fellow.

In the fall a phony petition was circulated demanding that he and arts representative Bob Staley be impeached from student council. One of the tip-offs the petition was fake was a signature supposedly scribed by Brooks himself.

This time someone tried to make him look like the Social Credit government the time they legislated Seaboard Insurance out of existence.

The letter, purportedly signed by Brooks, was circulated to all UBC clubs and undergaduate societies and informed them they no longer existed because of the new constitution.

Fortunately, Brooks got to the mailboxes in the AMS office before too much damage was done. "Only about five or six groups were inconvenienced," he said Monday.

Brooks said the Gay People of UBC were the first group to pick up the letter. Somewhat concerned, the club member who received the letter immediately brought it to Don Tolson, chair of the student administration commission.

"Don Tolson come up to me and asked me, 'What the hell's going on?' He realized it wasn't my signature but knew that something was wrong," Brooks said.

Vince Manis of Gay People of UBC said the letter would have been more believable if it had been addressed to specific clubs instead of "to all clubs and undergrad societies."

"I find it amusing that people would find the time for this kind of joke at this time of year," Manis said.

Analysis

Get that long distance AMS feeling

By VERNE McDONALD

The new student council and executive at UBC have failed their first test. It wasn't hard. They were simply required to understand the operation of a basic telephone.

In Friday's Ubyssey you will read about one of the biggest events this year in the fight of students against ever-increasing tuition fees, inadequate student loans and unfair criteria for receiving student aid.

Students from every post-secondary institution in the province will be sending delegates to Victoria Thursday to lobby MLAs, education minister Brian Smith and especially universities minister Pat McGeer. Every post-secondary institution, that is, except UBC.

Representatives from the Alma Mater Society won't be there because the B.C. Students' Federation hasn't been able to get hold of them. And no one in the green carpeted end of the second floor of SUB will return their calls. So far as the federation is concerned, UBC and its AMS are as substantial as the Flying Dutchman or the rider of Sleepy Hollow.

External affairs officer Alan Soltis can't complain he hasn't had the time, or that he wasn't there when the calls and visits have been made. BCSF fieldworker John Doherty has been trying now for a month to contact Soltis and has left a lot of notes on his door. When Doherty isn't trying, Simon Fraser University student society external relations officer Doug Fleming is.

Neither of them have had any luck, despite at least four personal visits to UBC between the two of them. Either Soltis can't read or he has a nasty habit of totally disregarding notes left for him. Or he is still somewhere trying to figure out how a telephone works.

Condemnations shouldn't be made of people who have been in office only a few weeks. But Soltis is not alone. AMS president Bruce Armstrong has been in the green rooms before — once before as president, matter of fact.

And there are others who should have realized the significance of the protest BCSF is trying to put together, or at the very least the importance of maintaining communications with other institutions and the province-wide student organization.

The contrast between the reaction of the AMS and all other student bodies is startling.

Where BCSF had originally planned to send some of their workers to Victoria and quietly lobby, student councils at SFU and other campuses complained until the concept of student delegations was accepted.

Then the idea caught on and the protest grew and accelerated. At SFU the response to a call for demonstrators was so great the student society there has rented a bus to carry them over. And they tried to get hold of the AMS to invite them along.

Fleming, SFU's counterpart to Soltis, was perplexed that no one wanted to talk to him when he visited UBC on Friday to offer space on

See page 2: AMS

AMS 'screwing students'

From page 1

the bus. He couldn't understand why a protest that has so many others excited is getting no response at all from the AMS.

On other campuses, several thousand cards to Smith and McGeer have been signed by students wanting a better break on tuition fees and a student loan system that reflects reality. At UBC, Soltis blandly promises a campaign to have students sign the cards starting this week and ending next Wednesday — six days after the protest.

Oh, the quick action and blinding speed of the AMS. On Wednesday, the day before the protest, a committee will be formed at the meeting of student council to be responsible for the card campaign. The protest will probably be finished before that committee meets for the first time.

So there will be no delegation from the AMS in Victoria fighting for the 23,000 students the AMS represents.

The AMS has screwed its own members by failing to represent their interests and is in danger of screwing everyone else as well. Not out of maliciousness, political disagreements with BCSF or even an honest mistake. It all took place without anyone in the green rooms even being aware of what happened.

Students concerned about the issues of aid and tuition might go to Victoria from this campus. It would correct, to some small extent, the blank-eyed fumbling of the executive that is supposed to be taking care of business for them.

In the meantime, Al Soltis, you can get to work on figuring out what all those little holes on the front of a telephone are for. When you do, you should phone John Doherty at 291-4677. The Ubyssey has been talking to Doherty two or three times a week for quite some time — and he says he wants to talk to you.

Union vote set for next week

UBC's fledgling teaching assistants' union has a date for its first attempt at solo flight.

The certification vote for the Canadian Union of Public Employees local 2278 will be held March 20 and 21, union spokeswoman Vinny Mohr said Monday. She added the vote will be supervised by a B.C. labor ministry officer.

The vote will require a simple majority to be successful, Mohr said.

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Future clouding for solar housing

By PETER FERGUSON

It might cost $110,000 to bring two solar houses built by UBC housing up to habitable condition, a member of the Acadia Park coordinating committee said Sunday.

The member, who did not want to be identified for fear of losing her job, said the figure came from a report written by the student housing office.

"Michael (housing director Michael Davis) gave the figures at one of our meetings," she said.

She said the housing office is in the process of deciding between spending the extra money to fix the houses or tearing them down. She said the original cost of the two houses was about $35,000.

"The question remains now as to whether to tear them down and lose that amount or fix them up," she said.

Davis admitted there was a problem with the houses but would not talk about amounts of money. "They appear to be, in many respects, not fit for occupancy," he said on Wednesday.

Davis said he would not release the report to The Ubyssey because he said it was still being studied. "It is not public because it's still under consideration," he said.

But Charles Haynes, the architect and builder of the houses said $100,000 is ridiculous and it would only take $15,000 to finish the houses.

"That's crazy. It's just ridiculous," said Haynes. "How can you spend a hundred and ten thousand? Are you going to have golden door knobs?"

He said he is upset that the housing office does not seek his advice.

"The part that disturbs me most is that nobody ever contacts me. Why doesn't someone come to me about it? I built them."

William Joyce, an Acadia Park area representative said the houses have structural problems.

"The original construction was very shoddy and they were not inspected properly," he said.

But Haynes denied there were structural problems. He said the houses have been vandalized and there is some problem with the solar panels.

"I've got the data here. This (the allegation of structural problems) is really disturbing," he said.

Lee Decosas, another area representative at Acadia Park, said she is worried the price of finishing the house will place them out of students' financial range. She said the rents could become as high as $400 a month.

"This land is essentially for student housing and at these prices students can't afford them. It's taking housing away from the students.

"There's been some talk of rezoning them for use by visiting professors," Decosas added.

Haynes said the two houses were started in the summer of 1978. They have never been occupied. A third house was built a year earlier and is occupied.

All three houses were built by students from continuing education, architecture, engineering and local high schools.

—kevin finnegan photo

SECRET AGENT MAN rushes to board bashful B.C. Hydro transportation instrument. Agent, bored with cloak and dagger aspects of various embassies, jumped at opportunity for tougher puzzle like why Hydro uses too few buses on the UBC runs, making everyone stand up all the way from, say, Granville so that we all get angry as all hell and yell at our friends for no good reason when we should really be heaping it all on Hydro chair Robert Bonner, available at 224-1936.

U.S. government announces war on loan defaulters

SEATTLE — Federal officials here have declared war on students defaulting their student loans.

The officials are doing detective work to trace the $5 million in student loans they say students have not decided to pay in the Seattle region.

The U.S. Office of Education, responsible in Seattle for the loans, has begun a massive crackdown to get their money, hiring bill collectors and asking the Internal Revenue Service for help in tracing the debtors.

And the office has sued thousands of former students, causing some federal attorneys to say they feel more like bill collectors than lawyers.

The Seattle office gave more than 3,000 delinquent accounts to U.S. attorneys throughout the country for collection through court action last year.

And the attorneys will soon be getting another 2,500 cases from Seattle.

But the attorneys' caseload is so heavy that officials say most cases won't be resolved through the courts for another four years.

Going to court is the last step usually taken by the office, which generally will only act after banks and other institutions — which handle the loans — try to get the guaranteed money for delinquent accounts from the federal government. The government started guaranteeing student loans in 1965.

"At the peak of the default curve for the guaranteed loan program three to four years ago the default rate approached 14 per cent nationally," said Phillips Rockefeller, director of the Office of Education's student loan office in Seattle. "It has apparently declined to seven or eight per cent nationally since then. I presume the state figures are about the same."

Rockefeller says one of the major problems is trying to trace former students who have defaulted.

"We are dealing with a very mobile population. They move around a lot and if they don't want to be found, a lot of them aren't found."

McGill students hit racist bank

MONTREAL (CUP) — A dozen McGill students picketed the Bank of Montreal on Friday to protest its policy of granting loans to South Africa's apartheid regime.

McGill's external affairs committee on South Africa organized the protest at the branch where the university has its funds. Chanting "Don't bank on racism," the students convinced several patrons to withdraw their accounts.

"We didn't have time to convince principal Johnston," said one committee member. "He began walking to the bank but when he saw us he did a double take and abruptly turned around and walked away."

Leaflets were handed out to passersby informing them of the bank's financing of the South African government, which has been condemned by Amnesty International as the world's most repressive state.

"The pickets were also set up to publicize McGill's monetary interest in a bank which deals with South Africa," said committee chair Rick Boudreau.

Protesting off campus is necessary to publicize McGill's extensive involvement with institutions dealing in racism, he added.

Women march

VANCOUVER RALLY . . . draws 1,000

Vancouver city council's ignorance of the actions of the Vancouver Status of Women led to their recent funding refusal, an International Women's Day march was told Saturday.

City council refused the $9,000 funding request March 4 on the grounds that the women's group advocated abortion and the hiring of gay activists in schools, Deb Lewis told 1,000 people at the rally staged in front of the old courthouse on Georgia Street.

And Lewis said the provincial secretary's department might follow council's example, which would kill the Status of Women in less than three weeks.

But she added that the group will appeal city council's decision and is calling for public support. "Call city hall, call those aldermen. Tell them you're not prepared to let women's programs be attacked."

Almost a dozen groups addressed the rally. A spokeswoman for the newly-formed Vancouver Women's Welfare Coalition told the audience that the welfare system makes women believe they are stupid, fraudulent, shiftless babymakers.

Cathy Hunter said current welfare regulations penalize women who have large families, paying less per person as the family size increases. Hunter said all welfare rates must be raised to at least above the poverty level.

And a spokeswoman from the Service, Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada said women should fight against male-dominated unions and demand better working conditions and equal pay.

"We have the strength and power to shake society to its roots," said Ulryke Ueissgerber. "What would happen if all the secretaries, restaurant workers and bank workers walked off the job in one day?"

AND IN TORONTO . . . Women's Day's a hit

Letters

Limited Chilean facts are 'misleading'

In reference to a letter published in last Tuesday's edition, we would like to correct some misleading facts and give some additional information about Chile.

First of all, it is true that inflation has been "controlled" to 30 per cent, but that figure is by no means in its low teens. This has been achieved through the sacrifice of the middle and lower classes. Currently, a high school teacher averages $200-$300 a month, while prices of food, cars, or even gas are at international levels. Furthermore the average wage of a worker is $90 a month.

Secondly, Jim Gilchrist has overlooked some important considerations about the Chilean case. In Chile at present, there is no legal opposition to the government. Worker unions are strictly controlled and under compulsory arbitration. Most important, political prisoners are languishing in Chilean jails since 1973.

Jim, we are glad that you are interested in our country but next time you want to make public your opinion about Chile, why don't you read some books, or talk to people who really know what is happening?

Fanny Paz-Prizant
Alberto Galleguillos
Julio Galleguillos

TAs aren't holding certification vote

I would like to correct a misconception which appeared in the article in Friday's Ubyssey on the Teaching Assistants' Union certification vote.

The impression given that the vote will be conducted by TAs is in error. The vote will in fact be conducted by officials appointed by the B.C. labor relations board. These officials are neutral and impartial, and it is part of their job to ensure that there is no interference by either side in the proper conduct of the vote.

Glen Porter
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Heather Conn was already becoming wistful about her days spent at the bustling Ubyssey as buds appeared on trees and T-4 slips were issued. She remembered the many happy and jolly times spent with her comrades in the act of public service to the students . . . Tom Hawthorn opening a bottle of glue and spilling a large pool under the darkroom door. And Kevin Finnegan's face as he stepped into a pool of flames . . . Then there was the time Verne McDonald was being really nifty and nailed Gary Brookfield's head to a desk. And that rainy night when they had all been tippling and Glen Sanford and Peter Ferguson sewed Kathryn Thurman's mouth shut. Those guys were such cut-ups! Peter Menyasz, he was always great for a laugh too. Like last Thursday when he was only pretending to swing Julie Wheelwright over the edge of the office and oops! There she went. But everyone was great about it and Steve McClure said she was resting comfortably. "It was really just a giggle," she thought to herself with a melancholy air.

Hard to trust...

So the engineers are going to change. They're going to discontinue the Lady Godiva ride 'in its present form.' They're going to make the Red Rag 'more professional.'

First of all, if the engineers admit the ride can't go on in its present form, why the hell did they announce it Friday, a day after it happened? Did the sight of Lady Godiva's modest bikini bottoms cause normally red-blooded gears to think of their mothers and sisters? Did an avenging angel of God come to the engineering undergraduate society last Thursday night and tell them She didn't like what they were doing? Why wasn't the announcement made at the beginning of engineering week, and the ride cancelled?

Second, what do they mean by it not continuing it as it is? Will the bikini bottom be removed for the sake of making the change they promised? Or will the horse be clothed? Or will the drooling masses following behind be told to chant different obscenities?

Third, what do they mean when they say that EUS publications will become "more professional"? Will it be better-drawn sexist pornography, wittier sallies at minority groups, more elegantly written obscenities? They hint they might revive UBC Engineer, a publication so long gone from campus no one knows what it looked like in the first place. But changing the name will not prevent the EUS from making UBC Engineer as infamous as the Red Rag.

We welcome the announcement, hoping that it means real change in the EUS. But suspicion rears its ugly head again when we start looking for possible motives for this sudden turnabout.

The administration is getting harder and harder to deal with. They're under pressure from students, faculty and the community to do something and they're passing the pressure on to the gears. An announcement like last Friday's, now that administration vice-president Erich Vogt has set his seal of approval on it, means the heat from that direction is off. And it doesn't interfere with this year's festivities. Perfect.

The biggest kick in the groin for the gears, the one that's got them playing angel, is that someone, at long last, is taking concrete legal action against them.

Star Mahara deserves hearty praise for taking a stand for personal rights, maturity, privacy and dignity. She is suing the EUS for libel after the EUS newsletter published her name and home phone number last year. The result of the EUS's immature degradation and malicious stupidity was a series of demoralizing, victimizing and slanderous obscene phone calls from anonymous people who read the newsletter.

What happened to Mahara is all too obviously an example of how the engineers too often go beyond the bounds of prank or harmless fun. They have offended, humiliated and infuriated too many people too many times. Mahara's case proves it is not enough to ignore the engineers and hope they will go away. It is a sad commentary on the UBC engineers that it took legal action to make them soften their stand and it may take the courts of justice to make them stop their childish, yet depraved, acts of idiocy.

If you ski and hike, vote 'yes' for VOC cabin

By DAVE WALDICHUK

Today, Wednesday and Thursday of this week the Alma Mater Society is holding a referendum on the question of whether it should award the Varsity Outdoor Club $30,000. Perhaps you're wondering whether you should bother to cast a ballot. You're probably like the majority of students on this campus who don't really know enough about the issue to make their minds up one way or the other. The executive of the VOC hopes that if

perspectives

you care enough to read this, you will care enough to vote YES today, March 12 or 13.

During the past 60 years the VOC has built a number of cabins for the use of UBC students. These cabins have served as focal points for the club's activities. The Whistler cabin was the last cabin that the club constructed. The VOC began construction of the cabin in 1965, and for three years the club's activities were focused on the completion of this project. The volunteer labor of club members was used to construct the cabin, while material costs were financed by obtaining three short term loans from the AMS. They were partially paid back using the proceeds from the sale of the club's previous cabin on Mount Seymour. The rest of the money was raised and donated by club members. The remaining funds and materials which were necessary to finish the cabin were scrounged by the club.

By 1973, however, the cabin had become a problem for the VOC. It was costing in excess of $2,000 per year just to pay light, heat and supply bills, and this figure was continually increasing. In short, the club could no longer afford to finance the rest of its activities, and maintain the cabin at the same time.

While this was happening, the character of the community of Whistler was changing. Whistler was becoming a fashionable alpine ski resort. Many VOCers began to advocate the creation of a downhill ski club at UBC. At this point, the club decided that the cabin could be put to better use by a group of downhill skiers.

In the spring of 1974, the UBC ski club was formed. At this time an informal agreement was made between the two clubs that if the ski club took on the responsibility of maintaining the cabin, it could have the use of it. The VOC still retained control of the cabin, and its members were given special privileges with respect to its use. The cabin was to be run by a committee composed of members of both clubs.

By the late spring of 1975, it had become apparent that a permanent agreement had to be drawn up between the VOC and the ski club. It was becoming necessary to renovate the cabin in order that it conform to the building code, and to make it more attractive to skiers. A temporary agreement was drawn up between the VOC and the ski club, with an understanding that a permanent agreement would be worked out in the fall. This would enable the ski club to work on the cabin during the summer.

During the summer of 1975, the VOC was told by the AMS finance committee that they had no right to ask for compensation for the cabin since they did not own it. By the end of 1975, it had become apparent that the AMS regarded the Whistler cabin as their property, under the administration of the ski club. Since 1975, all efforts by the VOC to come to an agreement with the AMS have failed.

The VOC feels that it has a two-fold interest in the Whistler cabin. First of all, we have an equity in terms of money, which is about $30,000. Second, we have an interest in terms of the time and effort which club members have put into the cabin.

In 1977 the VOC took the issue to the student court. The court's decision was that the VOC should be awarded $30,000. The AMS has refused to pay, claiming that the issue was outside the court's jurisdiction. In April of 1979 the VOC instigated outside legal action against the AMS.

In 1980 the VOC has tried a new approach to the problem and has opened up new lines of cooperation with the AMS, which have since led to this referendum. In return for the referendum, the VOC has agreed to drop its court case against the AMS.

If we win the referendum, what will we do with the $30,000? The VOC plans to repair and refurbish three local outdoor cabins. The first is the Burton hut at the Sphinx glacier on Garibaldi lake. The second is the Tenquille lake cabin near Pemberton. The third is the old McGillivary Pass cabin north of Pemberton. With the remaining funds we will construct a new cabin in McGillivary Pass with work beginning in 1982 with completion scheduled for 1986.

We in the VOC believe that hiking and cross-country skiing will become even more popular in the coming years. Please help us make these four cabins available to all UBC students as well as the outside community. If you're into skiing at Whistler, and you've ever used the ski club cabin, then give a thought to the people who made that cabin possible, and give the VOC a YES vote in the referendum. We need at least 10 per cent of the student body to cast a yes vote in order for the referendum to pass. Remember, this referendum is costing the AMS between $700 and $1,000, so please don't let that expenditure go to waste. Please come out and vote YES so we can make an OUTDOOR experience available to all UBC students.

Dave Waldichuk is the VOC membership chair, writing on behalf of the VOC executive.

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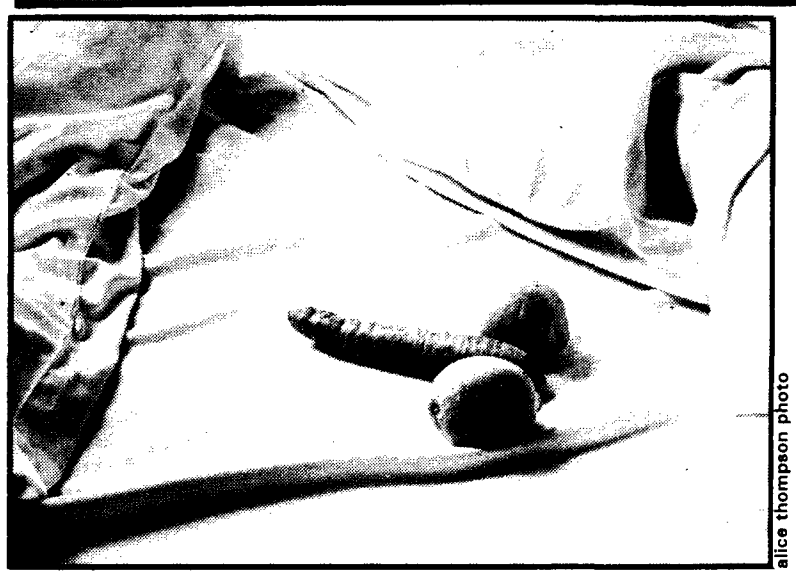

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PENIS POWER . . . 'grotesque display of insensitivity'

'Chains cheapen sex'

It seems dreadfully unfortunate that the editors of The Ubyssey do not take the time to read the articles they publish, or if they do manage to skim through the collections of words and phrases that they fail to comprehend the essence of the article. I am specifically referring to the Page Friday section of The Ubyssey, published Friday, March 7.

George Hermanson's article on sexuality pointed out that one's genitals do not entirely determine one's sexual expression of self. The title, contrived by The Ubyssey itself, stated "Sexuality transcends genitals." Bravo! Here, here! Agreed! Sexuality definitely goes beyond our physical selves. It is our means of relating to the world.

"Fundamental, obvious, believable" you say. Well, let's just flip back to your dazzling front cover!

Chains, locks, rings and wings decorating a penis! Does that epitomize your understanding of human sexuality?

I believe that this grotesque display of insensitivity in the editor's choice of graphics for the "sexuality" articles is indicative of the reasons we all, as sexual beings are deterred from full and open expression of self in our society!

Diane Baker
arts 1

Get gays 'away and out of sight'

During Gay Week I read in The Ubyssey that the UBC gay club hopes to influence the leaders of tomorrow. I hope they do influence tomorrow's leaders, influence them to keep fags off the street and out of sight.

Mike Fahey
science 1

'It's plainly stupid sensationalism'

I am writing to you concerning the article in The Ubyssey Friday, March 7, 1980 "Sexists relations, part of gay life!"

Firstly, I appreciate the fact that a reporter has written fairly on our meeting dealing with the topic of sexism in gay males' relations. As is obvious by your article itself, Gay People of UBC is trying openly and honestly to deal with some very difficult issues such as this one.

However, I must strongly protest the objectionable, insensitive and plainly stupid caption under Dale Kegler's name: "fuck a friend!" As reported our guest speaker was condemning impersonal anonymous sex in any relationship, therefore, to sum that up by claiming he called for people to 'fuck a friend' is not only irresponsible but sensational journalism. That caption was in complete opposition to what Kegler was indicating.

I was actually quite surprised to read the caption because The Ubyssey staffers, who are usually fairly sensitive to these issues, simply blew it this time!

Tim Stevenson
president
Gay People of UBC

It was all wet

I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of the Pit for all those people who participated in the wet T-shirt/jockey short contest held last Tuesday at the Pit.

We at the Pit are proud of all the faculties for their generous donation of over $280 to the crippled children's fund. A special thanks to the engineering and forestry faculties for contributing over $100 each towards an excellent cause.

The Pit would like to join in the spirit by offering an additional $100, to make a total student donation of over $380 to this worthy charity.

John Nevison
pit worker

Petition not obstructing progress

The Alma Mater Society research park committee is *not* involved in "opposing UBC's 58-acre research park" as stated in Thursday's Ubyssey; we will not "continue to fight the park," because we have *never* fought the park. In our statement to the board of governors on Tuesday, this was stressed: "This petition is not to be considered a move on our part to obstruct the progress of the research park."

Everyone in British Columbia stands to benefit from the technology that may be developed by the research parks proposed for the province's three universities, for B.C. Institute of Technology and for the provincial marine station on Vancouver Island. However, since large amounts of public funds are being spent on these projects, they must be accountable to the public. This will ensure maximum benefits for the public, with minimum harmful side effects. For these reasons, the 1,700 signators of our petition have called for public hearings on the project, and the establishment of a permanent representative body of students, faculty, staff and members of the community, to be on the board of management of the park.

Arle Kruckeberg
AMS research park committee

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION
Testimony meeting, noon, SUB 211.
EL CIRCULO
Alan Sawyer speaks on pre-Colombian art, noon, Buch. 218.
PRE-MED
Dr. John Smith lectures on microbiology, noon, IRC
WUSC
Film and meeting, noon, Buch. 312.
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
General meeting, noon, SUB 130.
CUSO
Film on CUSO in agriculture, 7:30 p.m., International House upper lounge.

WEDNESDAY

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTRE
Election speeches, noon, SUB 211.
UBC SAILING CLUB
General meetings and elections for executive, noon, SUB 207.
VOC
Elections for 1980 executive, noon, Chem. 250.
DEPT. OF SLAVONIC STUDIES
Robert Jackson of Yale University speaks on Kierkegaard, Christianity and Revolution, noon, Buch. 2230.
OXFAM
Two films on South Africa: Last Grave at Dimbaza and White Lasger, noon and 1:30 p.m., then at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., SUB 115.

THURSDAY

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Lesbian drop-in, 1:30 p.m., SUB 130.
IVCF
Vocation panel with regent students, noon. Chem. 250.
AMS ART GALLERY
General meeting, noon, SUB 230.
TOASTMASTERS
The meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. has been cancelled.
AQUA-SOC
General meeting, noon, SUB 205.
GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Dr. Jaime Smith speaks on bisexuality, noon, SUB 212.
AMNESTY UBC
Election meeting, noon, SUB 224.
UBC NDP CLUB
Election of new executive, noon, SUB 119.
LSA FILM COMMITTEE
Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang — film on the effects of fallout in Nevada in the '50s, noon, Law 101/102.
CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Slide presentation: Hong Kong challenge and response, noon, SUB 207.
IYS
Akber Ladha speaks, noon, SUB 215.
UNIVERSITY LECTURES COMMITTEE
Henry Gleitman of the University of Pennsylvania speaks on 20 Questions for Cognitive Psychology, noon, IRC 3.

FRIDAY

WINDSURFING CLUB
Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 205.
AQUA-SOC
Club dinner, tickets available Mon.-Fri. at noon, 7 p.m., SUB 207.
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Letters

Residents' attitude is 'abusive'

With respect to the "unfair eviction" of two Gage residents (for allegedly throwing beer bottles down the stair well) I would like to point out that the standards committee investigated and deliberated this case at length, giving full regard to the residents' side of the story.

Physical evidence was as important, if not more important, than the evidence given by the house advisor, the residence attendent and the police officers who attended at the scene. The physical evidence itself pointed to a particular quad in north tower. Thus to say that there was "a lack of evidence" (per The Ubyssey article) or "absolutely no evidence" (per the letter from one Sandy Correia) is, at the very least, misleading.

Two separate meetings were held to hear all the evidence, including the residents' version of the incident. Their cause was certainly not helped by their initially evasive, then highly abusive attitude towards the house advisor, the residence attendent and the two police officers. Nor were their answers to the questions of the committee entirely satisfying.

I note that their quad-mate has taken responsibility for the bottle-throwing incident. It is unfortunate that these residents were threatened with eviction before he came forward.

Murray Blok
chair
Gage standards committee

Hot heavies want cool comfort

We are expressing our displeasure with the excessive temperature of the conversation pit and the games room in the student union building. We estimate a decrease of at least 3° Celsius would be good. The high temperature is both uncomfortable and costly to the students as well as being a waste of energy.

Daler Penner
science 1
and 20 others

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Women tied in ice hockey playoff

The UBC women's ice hockey team went down 5-2 to visiting Coquitlam Sunday in the second game of a best-of-three playoff series to determine the Vancouver women's league 'B' division champions.

In the first game played last Tuesday, UBC showed much better form, dropping Coquitlam 4-2.

UBC scorers in Sunday's match were Marna Mueller and Diane Howe with third period singles, while last Tuesday's action saw Mueller collect all four goals in a game dominated by UBC.

UBC coach Ralph Fraser said the second round loss was a matter of Coquitlam being up for the game and UBC being at low ebb. "Coquitlam had the extra incentive Sunday because a loss would mean elimination from the playoffs," he said.

UBC returned from an invitational tournament in Saskatoon last week where they placed third against women's teams from eight other Canadian universities.

"UBC was known as the dark horse from beyond the Rockies as every other team there was used to playing each other on a regular basis," said Fraser. "And boy were they surprised at our enthusiasm and calibre of play — at the end of the tourney, everyone was remarking at the spirit and drive UBC displayed throughout."

Fraser and his fellow coaches met at the tourney and discussed the possibility of establishing a Canada West women's ice hockey league.

Fraser said the consensus at the meeting was that women's ice hockey at the various western universities represented had shown enough accomplishment, drive and year to year continuity to merit Canada West intercollegiate status.

Fraser added the results of the Saskatoon coaches' meeting will be presented at the annual meeting of Canada West athletic directors in May.

UBC plays Coquitlam again tonight at Coquitlam in third round sudden-death playoff action.

SPORTS

—kevin finnegan photo

BACK TO BASICS like hooking, holding, slashing, boarding, cross checking and elbowing went women ice hockey players in September, with predictable results. Thunderettes face Coquitlam in final game of playoff series tonight after dropping Sunday match 5-2. Marna Mueller, who has scored five of UBC's six playoff goals, breaks around Coquitlam defence in Sunday game but to no avail. Thunderettes might just be only local team to make ice hockey playoffs this year.

UBC succumbs under pressure

The Thunderette volleyball team learned about pressure Friday in their first match of the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union championships in Saskatoon. It was an expensive lesson.

"I couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe it was my team I was watching," said coach Sandy Silver Monday.

"People were just shaking they were so nervous."

The Thunderettes dropped the opening match to Dalhousie University in straight games, but recovered enough composure to finish in third place in the six-team tourney.

"Losing that match made it almost impossible to make the finals," Silver said. "We played well after that disastrous first match."

The Thunderettes, who Silver said had less playoff experience than any other team in the nationals, defeated the University of Manitoba and Universite Laval but also lost to finalists Universite d'Ottawa and the University of Saskatchewan in the round robin tournament. Saskatchewan defeated Ottawa in four games in the finals to win the national title for the second consecutive year.

Tara Senft of UBC was named to the first all star team for the tourney and Marianne Branson made the second squad.

In the men's tournament Manitoba defeated Saskatchewan in the finals.

"I'm pleased with third place. I'm just really pleased the team came back," said Silver, who added the tournament was the most competitive national final she had ever seen.

The ordeal by fire should strengthen next year's Thunderette team as only Sandy Walhovd will be lost through graduation.

The Thunderettes wrap up their season at the third round of the B.C. "AA" championships this weekend at Britannia school. The winners will be invited to national club finals in April but UBC could not attend those due to exams.

Cory sinks his teeth into the big time

The loss of the first tooth is a milestone in every life. For Ross Cory, it happened in early January.

"It was against Boston, I went into the corner and took a big chunk out of the butt end of a guy's stick," Cory says, grimacing at the memory.

Cory, who spent four years with the UBC Thunderbird ice hockey team, started a new life with the Winnipeg Jets of the National Hockey League in late December. After participating in a 2-1 loss to the Canucks in Vancouver a week ago, he talked about the problems of adapting. One of the biggest changes is the schedule, he said.

"Eighty games is a lot and you have to try to be up for every game. Sometimes that's impossible.

"The attitude is once you play a game it's over with and you've got to be ready for the next one. It's not like college hockey where you play two games and then you have a week to sort of look back on it and get ready for next week," Cory said.

CORY . . . battling Tigers for a living

And in the NHL every player is strong and quick, Cory added.

"The players here are a lot stronger, a lot smarter with the puck. You don't get the breaks you do in college hockey," he said.

But Cory, who was a Canada West all star defenceman for two years while playing at UBC, said college players can compete against players coming from the junior leagues, the traditional training ground for the NHL.

"A college player, with the number of years of practice, has enough fundamentals to play pro hockey. He just has to prepare himself for the different style of game, the more games, the travelling schedule.

"For me, all it took was a trip to the minors," said Cory, who played the first half of the season in Tulsa of the Central Hockey League, where he led the team in scoring.

"There's a jump, but then again the years I spent at college have taught me a few things too, and some of the things I picked up at college can't be picked up playing junior.

"I'm thinking of the mental aspects. At college you develop a sort of mental discipline," Cory said.

Cory said he thought the concept of a Canadian college "super league" was a good idea but was upset when told UBC might not be included in the new league, scheduled to commence play next season.

"I think that's ridiculous. Over the years UBC has been a really strong member of the Canada West league. Just because UBC picks these two years to rebuild they get shafted in the super league? I don't think that should happen at all.

"If they don't include UBC they're making a big mistake," Cory said.

Cory had only praise for UBC coach Bert Halliwell, saying he is "a great fundamental coach."

"When you play for Bert you really improve on your fundamentals — skating, passing, and shooting."

"I'd have to say he's one of the reasons I'm playing in the NHL right now," said Cory.

And now that he is playing in the NHL, with the long schedule, the constant travelling, the cuts and injuries, is the game of hockey still fun for Ross Cory?

"Oh yeah. I wouldn't play it if it wasn't," he responds immediately.

"Personally, I don't know if I'll stay in the game until I'm 51 or anything like that, but right now it's new and it's a challenge and I'm just going to stay with it until it isn't any more."