

Davis report 'inexcusably wrong'

By NANCY CAMPBELL

Opposition continues to mount against a "totally inaccurate report" by MLA Jack Davis which advocates differential fees for foreign students.

The report has already been accused of being racist, but now administrators and students are slamming the report for its blatantly incorrect statistics.

Davis advocated the implementation of differential fees of up to \$8,000 a year against the "many thousands" of foreign students studying at B.C. universities.

But his statistics are "inexcusably wrong" said student affairs vice president Erich Vogt Wednesday. "During 1979 there were 742 foreign students at UBC," said Vogt. "Only one per cent of the undergraduates were visa students — a number well below the Canadian average."

During 1979 there were 719 undergrad foreign students at Simon Fraser University and approximately 220 at the University of Victoria, a total of approximately 1700 foreign students attending all three universities.

"(Davis') inaccuracy is so bad we should send him a recall notice because he was one of (UBC's) engineering grads," said Vogt.

UVic president Howard Petch said he felt Davis was not aware of the difference between visa students and landed immigrants. Landed immigrant students are treated like Canadian students, he said.

In his report Davis said foreign students made up 20 per cent of the typical engineering class. But he admitted his figures were not sound, and obtained the 20 per cent figure by asking three UBC engineering students what their classes were like.

"I find it amazing that this so called Rhodes scholar can use unsubstantiated statistics so irresponsibly," said Doug Fleming, SFU student society external relations officer, Wednesday.

"Davis is not alone in attacking foreign students and immigrants — there's the Ku Klux Klan as well."

Davis originally-prepared the report to be debated during the presentation of universities minister Pat McGeer's university budget. But there was not enough time during the nine minute debate to introduce the paper and Davis subsequently distributed it to university heads and boards of governors.

Davis said he developed the report out of concern for accessibility for "our own people" at universities in B.C.

"I think our institutions should oppose the Davis report," said SFU Arts Dean Bob Brown Wednesday. "I question the economic premises he has made." There have been no cases of "reverse discrimination" at SFU, and the administration actively encourages increased foreign student attendance at the university, said Brown.

There are no differential fees at any of B.C.'s universities, and the presidents of UBC and SFU have both said they are opposed to their implementation.

The Universities Council of B.C. has "no intention of interfering" with the controversy. "I feel a reasonable number of foreign students is the best

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No rebate for Dene residents

By GAIL SHAW

Residence students in Totem Park and Place Vanier are "disgusted" with the housing service provided them this year.

Students in Dene house have demanded reimbursement for their inconvenience during recent renovations, and Place Vanier residents are upset over fumigation procedures carried out Oct. 1.

Dene residents asked for reimbursement for the time spent in residence without the full facilities listed in the residence handbook at a meeting with housing director Mike Davis Sept. 25. Davis told them "I'm not sold on (the idea of reimbursement)."

But Davis refused to comment on the topic Monday and said, "we have a committee that's going to discuss that."

Residence administrator Mary Flores said Wednesday "housing is not considering reimbursement. Our office is not going to charge the students of Dene for their new and better facilities," so students should not expect to be credited for the time spent on renovations.

The delay in renovations originally slated for the summer is causing problems for several students at Place Vanier. One enraged student sent a letter to the senior residence advisor at Vanier, Pat Chan, and he will be forwarding the letter to housing.

Susan Briggs, classics 4, is disappointed with the housing department's handling of repairs and fumigation in Hamber house, Place Vanier.

"Not only have the residents of Hamber house been infringed upon with regard to their privacy, due to the decision to begin repairing the roof and the water damage in various rooms at this time, and to the

impending lock change, but further we are literally coerced into having our rooms treated with pesticide for silver fish," she wrote in her letter dated Tuesday.

Flores said there were a number of reasons for the delay in construction and extension of the Sept. 1 completion deadline for Dene.

"The renovations were contracted out to a construction firm and they had to call in small trades who were reluctant to come in and work with a threatened labor strike over their heads," she said.

"There were a number of building materials slow to arrive, such as fixtures for doors ordered from the east. The changes are an immense amount of work and it takes a lot of time," Flores said.

But Dene residents feel the renovations have been poorly managed and not worth the trouble. "The renovations aren't worthwhile now because they aren't completed," said Jennifer Mountain, arts 1, Sunday.

Davis considers Dene to be a "pilot project to see if, when completed, it satisfactorily meets students' demands. I'm concerned that the renovations are taking longer than expected," he said.

Students in Place Vanier are also suffering as a result of summer students who left the houses in a state of disrepair.

Commenting on the poor preparation and cleaning of Vanier following summer occupancy, Briggs wrote, "this inefficiency and utter disregard for the individual's privacy, choice, and welfare is clearly manifested by housing's backward, if not narrow-minded, attitude towards dealing with the silver fish. These are extremely vulnerable pests with predictable habitats; they

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NOW WATCH closely everybody while I try to break the speed of light, shouts crazed runner on the last lap of accelerator track. Relatively speaking, Heisenberg should be in picture somewhere, but trying to observe him is impossible as Jean-clad scientist attempts to track down principal principle in mutated test tube. Bemused crowd just stands in awe of it all — after all, nobody said science would be easy. Too bad it has to clash with nature though.

Gov't hit for UBC cutbacks

The provincial government's priorities do not emphasize people services and one of the effects is the \$2.1 million cutback at UBC, the NDP education critic said Wednesday.

"The New Democratic Party is not impressed with the government's budgeting priorities," said MLA Gary Lauk.

Salaries at UBC must be cut by \$2.1 million over the next year because the provincial government operating grant hasn't kept up with inflation, an administration spokesman said Sept. 17.

The university received an effective increase of only 7.9 per cent in the operating grant, after asking for 10 per cent. The provincial average for operating grant increases was 12.5 per cent.

"The government's priorities do not emphasize people services like health care and education," said Lauk. "(The NDP) has been vocal in our opposition to education cutbacks, especially with the government planning to spend money on

questionable items like B.C. Place, Transpo 80 and third crossings of the Fraser."

But Lauk would not comment specifically on the cutback faced at UBC. He said he was critical of the way UBC has allocated the budget cut to salary costs, but he did not want to interfere with the university's autonomy over budgeting decisions.

"I personally feel services should be emphasized rather than capital costs," said Lauk. He charged the UBC administration with "monument building."

While \$2.1 million is slashed from the operating budget, the sod has just been turned on a \$2.5 million coal and mineral processing centre — a capital expense which administration president Doug Kenney said may not receive adequate maintenance because of restricted operating budget.

"The university's mentality appears to be a reflection of the government's with monument building," said Lauk.

Lauk criticized the lack of involvement with the budget estimate by university administrations and students. The NDP had requested the university communities to submit critiques on the budget when it was first tabled in March but there was no response, he said.

"The NDP is focusing its energies on a major debate on education this spring," said Lauk. "Taking on (universities minister Pat) McGeer is a task we're looking forward to."

Other groups on campus have not hesitated to criticize the way the UBC administration has allocated the \$2.1 million cutback.

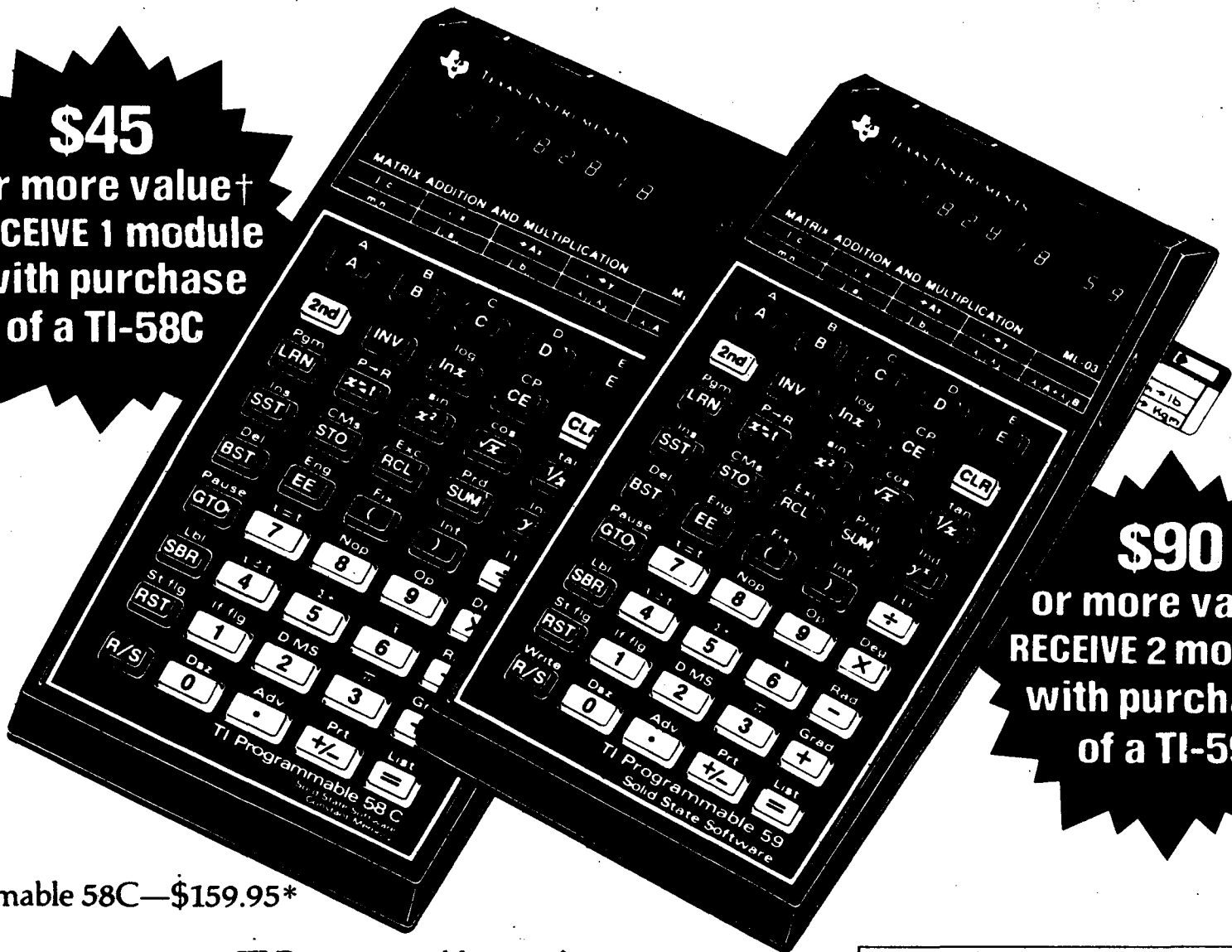
"We don't want (the administration) to save their 1.7 per cent at our expense," said Wendy Bice, coordinator of the UBC local of the Association of University and College Employees, Sept. 24.

"AUCE totally opposes these cutbacks which may result in reduction of already under paid and overworked staff."

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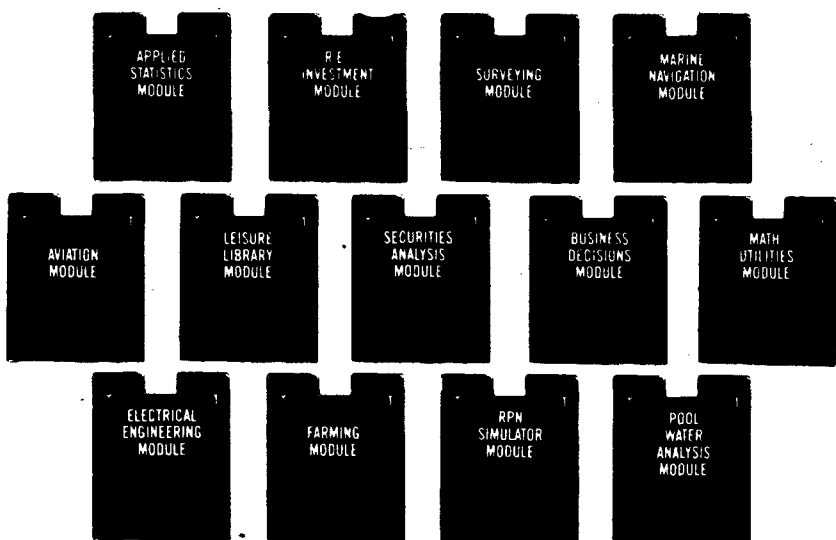


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Cross-burnings shock Alberta

RED DEER (CUP) — Three lawn-burnings with racist overtones have shocked this central Alberta city in recent weeks.

The burning of lawns in the shape of a cross at the homes of families of Asian descent has corresponded with an upsurge in activity of the Ku Klux Klan in the area.

But local police have ruled out Klan involvement in the incidents which they prefer to call "willful damage to lawns."

This despite the discovery by a boy of a recruitment poster urging "keep Alberta strong, join the Ku Klux Klan" a block from two of the

homes where burnings occurred.

There were three lawn-burning incidents in all, causing fear and disquiet in the quiet suburban neighborhoods of this city of 42,000. All of the families have lived in Canada for at least six years.

The first two incidents occurred in early August early on a Sunday morning. The two families — one of East Indian and one of Japanese descent — were away from their homes when gasoline was poured on their lawns in the shape of a cross and set ablaze.

The East Indian family reported earlier incidents in which eggs were

thrown at their car and house. On one occasion someone jimmied open the kitchen window and hurled eggs into the home.

A third burning occurred ten days later at the home of another East Indian family.

Police suspect the third incident was the act of a "copy cat" but no arrests have been made in any of the cases.

Tearlach Macpherson, Alberta leader of the Klan, denies the group had anything to do with the incidents and said the organization may begin its own investigation if the RCMP are unable to find the

culprits.

Macpherson said the burnings are giving the Klan a bad image. It will sue the culprits for misrepresentation since the fiery cross is a Klan symbol, Macpherson said.

The Klan has two chapters in Red Deer and plans a public rally in the city this fall, he said.

The group's literature says the Alberta Klan is separate from all other Klan organizations. It has been legally registered with the provincial government under the name of the Invisible Empire Association of Alberta, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Klan membership is open "to all men and women of all races, religions and colors," says the literature.

The lawn burning incidents have sent shock waves through the city.

Mayor Ken Curle, who received Klan recruitment letters two months ago, says he "deplores racist attacks."

"There is a certain element of people who say 'they (immigrants) are taking my job away,'" says Curle.

"I guess we are still a WASP society, and some people think that's all we should be," Curle said.

Canada dragged into socialism

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's policies of wealth distribution between Canadian provinces is dangerously leading the country toward communism and mediocrity, a Conservative MP warned Tuesday.

"If we overly equalize, that's socialism in the most extreme form. That's communism. If everybody shares exactly the same standard of living, we'd become a mediocre society," Tom Siddon, MP for Richmond-South Delta, told 25 people in SUB 205.

"A socialistic unified government is what Mr. Trudeau is trying to create," Siddon said.

He attacked Trudeau for trying to take too much power from the provinces in his version of constitutional reform, and was particularly concerned about control of natural resources.

"There must be individuality allowed to emerge by allowing provinces to control their own natural resources," he said.

He condemned Trudeau for providing central Canada with cheap gas at the expense of Western provinces. He said Canada has borrowed tremendous amounts of money abroad, using Western Canada's

natural resources as collateral.

"We're financing a life style beyond our present means to pay. Sooner or later people are going to call the loans," Siddon said in an interview after his speech.

He added, "What we're doing is trading off your future for politics' sake so we can promise the people of central Canada cheap energy."

Siddon said he is worried that Trudeau is not politically concerned about Western Canada because there are no Liberal MPs from this area.

"We have been told that Trudeau told premier Bennett he 'couldn't give a damn about B.C.' They (the Liberals) have written off the western provinces," he said.

Siddon said he wasn't a Western separatist but added, "Anyone who believes in individuality must act with a certain degree of self-interest."

"We're generous in that we feel we should foot the bill (for subsidizing cheap gas in central Canada). But only within the framework of a national energy policy," he said.

He warned, "As soon as you start to subsidize everything, then you may as well have nation-wide socialism."

AMS president 'railroading'

By GLEN SANFORD

Alma Mater Society president Bruce Armstrong was attacked Wednesday night for railroading his own \$2 million pet project through students council without seeking adequate student input.

Armstrong's plans for renovating SUB and constructing a plaza on the south side of UBC were criticized by school of social work representative Marty Lund following the student council meeting.

"Now that the aquatic centre has been paid off, Armstrong has taken it upon himself to do all the planning. The priorities (on how to spend the extra money) have been set by Bruce Armstrong," Lund said.

He said the plans in themselves are questionable, but he is primarily concerned that they "are being railroaded and council is being pressured into accepting them."

Armstrong said the plans are designed to meet students needs. The plans entail expansion of SUB to include a plaza mall and court yard renovations which would make way for bars and office space.

The proposed south side centre would primarily feature a combination bar/conversation pit, Armstrong said.

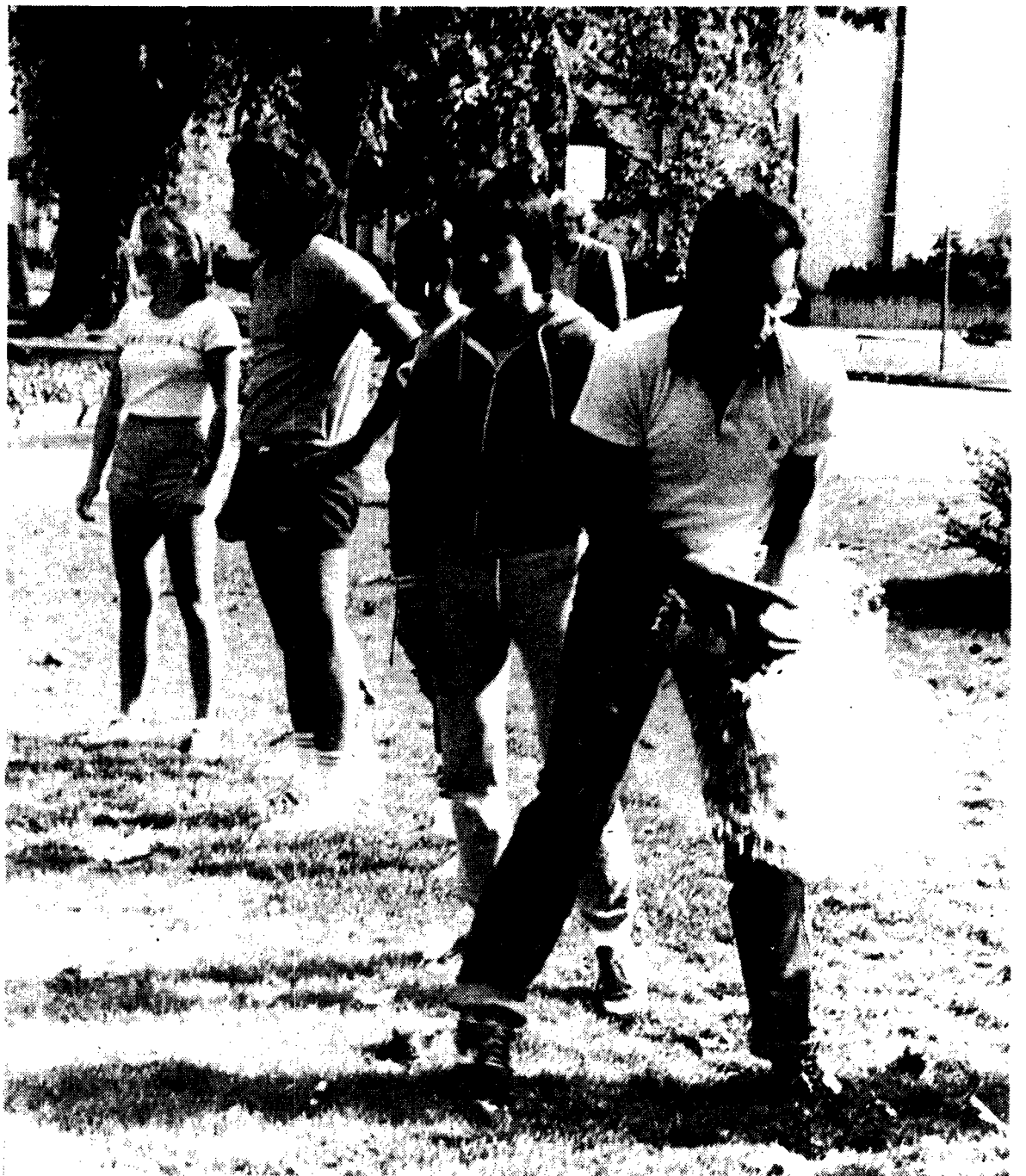
He denied he is trying to rush council into accepting the proposals.

"I definitely want it to be discuss-

ed in council. It's an important issue," Armstrong said.

But Lund said "council will be asked to approve the plans next week. Council has had little opportunity to examine the plans in detail, and we cannot be expected to make rational decisions on the three major proposals in a single meeting."

He added that \$15,000 has already been spent on architect's fees for drawing up the construction and renovation plans.



COMMERCE WEEK explodes upon campus population as students lose control in excited anticipation. Balloon throwing is through until next year, but the semi-annual golf tournament takes place today and pancake breakfast, featuring president Doug Kenny as cook, occurs tomorrow morning. Commerce week concludes with a beer garden at the Commodore.

Alberta the place for students

EDMONTON (CUP) — The Alberta government left critics of its post-secondary education policies awestruck with its announcement

Tuesday of a \$100 million Heritage Scholarship Fund.

The scholarships will be financed from the interest on investments in the Heritage Savings and Trust Fund.

\$5.3 million will be awarded in 1980-81, the first year of the new program. But advanced education minister Jim Horsman said the individual awards and the total amount are flexible.

Horsman claimed the scholarship fund will be the only one of its kind. "This scholarship and awards program will be unique in the western world," he said.

The 1980-81 program will include \$1,500 scholarships for first year students, \$3,000 scholarships for second, third and fourth year students and \$10,000 and \$15,000 scholarships for graduate students.

In addition, \$1 million will be available in 1980-81 for athletic and recreational scholarships.

The \$1,500 first year scholarships apply to all students who maintain-

ed an 80 per cent average in grades 10, 11 and 12.

In addition, first year students who did not maintain 80 per cent through all three grades will be paid separately for each: \$300 for grade 10, \$500 for grade 11 and \$700 for grade 12.

Five hundred \$3,000 undergraduate awards will be offered to second, third and fourth year students. These awards will be given on the basis of academic standing.

Twenty masters and post-graduate professional students will be eligible for \$10,000 awards. In addition, up to 20 people in Ph.D. programs will receive \$15,000 scholarships.

Both the masters and doctoral scholarships may be used to study abroad as well as in Alberta.

Ten more awards of \$10,000 and \$15,000 will be given in 1980-81 to members of the labor force who return to school for post-graduate training.

Rents down in Quebec

MONTREAL (CUP) — In at least one part of the country tenants are not plagued by perpetual rent increases.

In fact, a new law entitles some Quebec tenants to retroactive rent decreases.

The law benefits people living in buildings with more than eight apartments or buildings owned by corporations.

The legislation came about as a result of a 20-40 per cent tax cut given to landlords earlier this year to help preserve housing in Montreal and Quebec City.

An article of the new law empowers the Quebec Rental Board to order retroactive rent decreases for tenants of buildings that have experienced rollbacks.

Montreal community groups have praised the new law but have been critical of its implementation.

The Notre Dame de grace tenants' association believes the government has not done enough to publicize the law.

Even the clerks at the rental board didn't know about the law until recently. Finally, the government has gotten its act together and the rental board has put out an information sheet.

Don't spend it

While quality of education at UBC suffers, the administration allows the provincial government to start useless monuments to technology like Discovery Park and the mineral processing plant.

And at a time when the Alma Mater Society is doing less for students than it ever has, AMS president Bruce Armstrong comes up with a ludicrous idea: blow up to \$2 million on bars and other unnecessary recreation facilities.

If you need an idea of how much good this will do for us all, you only need take a walk downstairs in SUB and view the \$80,000 worth of bad taste that has transformed the Pit.

Other than a new sound system in a place which already is one of the noisiest echo chambers on campus, not one thing has been done for the customers: the students who footed most of the bill.

That is, unless the AMS really thought the thing we'd most hungered for in our deprived and desperate lives was a black rubber floor.

Two million dollars is a lot of money. Several times the AMS' annual budget, in fact. Yet student council is being given the equivalent of a few hours' time for consideration and discussion of the largest expenditure in years.

If they had any respect for the students they represent, and the depleted wallets of those students, student council would turn Armstrong down flat. Then they might have a chance to think about what they should really do with all that money.

Armstrong and his cohorts in the AMS seem to work much better during times like the summer, when there's no students around to raise bothersome questions about what's being done with their money. They try to make up for it in the fall by railroading anything that might draw some thoughtful criticism or require lengthy consideration.

The AMS, last we heard, is a non-profit organization. Why this obsession with competing in the business world?

And we wonder why they want so badly for us to get insensibly drunk in no less than three full-scale bars. Are they hoping we won't notice something even worse that will follow?

Let's fight

Have you wondered lately why your classes are so large, why your residence is run-down, why your prof is so grumpy on the days when research funding allocations are announced?

The answer is simple. The provincial government doesn't give a damn about education in B.C. It has created a new law of diminishing returns, and what is diminishing is our university.

It's a shame you can't point to the damage being done by keeping the universities in the province three steps behind inflation.

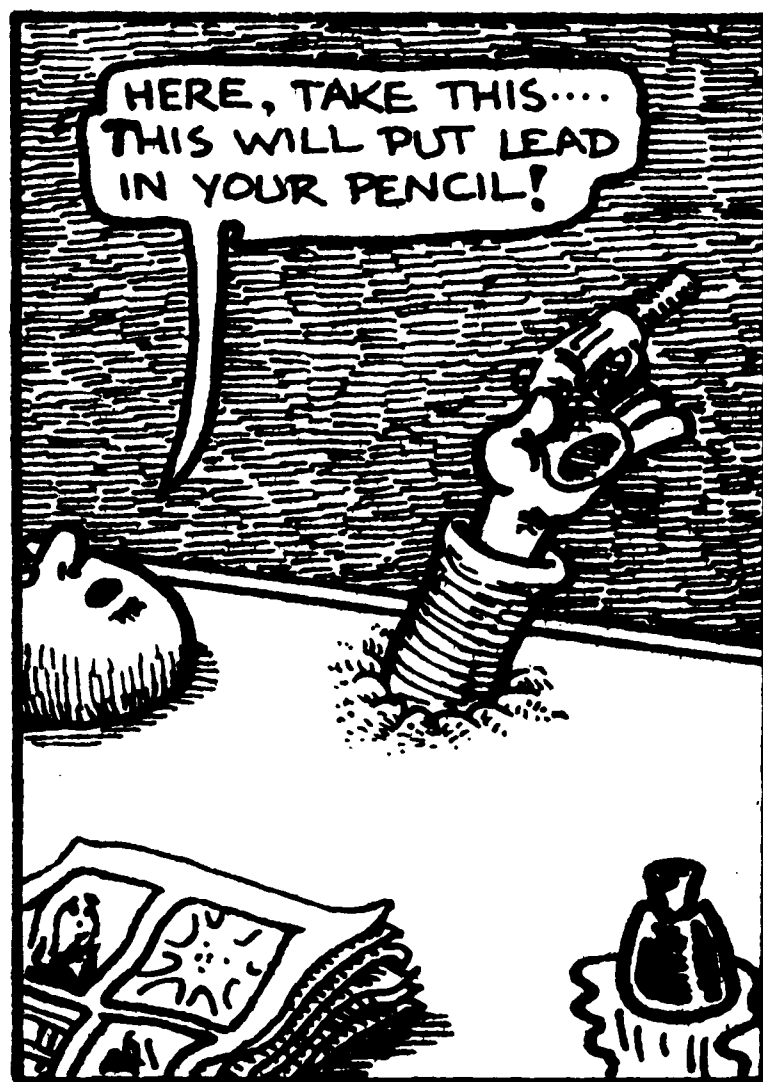
Administration president Doug Kenny meekly submits and sends a letter around to his department heads that they have to trim. Though he talks of opposing the government's tight-fisted attitude, he takes no real action, such as, for example, running the university into debt and daring the government to leave it that way.

Sure, he might be risking his job, but at least he would be retaining some of his principles as an educator. As it is, he is aiding and abetting universities minister Pat McGeer's rape of the quality of education in B.C.

Ah yes, Pat McGeer, who, as a Liberal MLA in opposition, demanded massive increases in education spending and advocated the abolition of tuition fees and who now, as minister in charge of education, fiddles with satellite receivers on the legislature building while universities dwindle away.

The future is arriving every minute. The time will soon be here when whole departments will be cut, when you will be asked to pay the price of Sacred short-sightedness.

It's time we got angry.



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"I hate covering council meetings," Glen Sanford said with a snarl. "Christ, for a real thrill, you ought to try the res beat," said Gail Shaw, taking a chunk out of Gray McMullin's cheek with her trusty knife. Gene Long complained about being tortured in Bolivia while Nancy Campbell wondered if Doug Kenny really existed. Chris Fulker complained about everything. Tom Hawthorn bitched about being so young his parents were hippies and Verne McDonald lamented being so old he was a hippie himself. Mark Leiren-Young, to his surprise, had almost nothing to complain about, so he listened while Stuart Davis vented his spleen about unfeeling editors and their lack of consideration for photographic artists. One thing, with all the complaints, it wasn't necessary to accept any more gripes from the publishers for yet another day.

Letters

'Capitalism creates racist violence'

David Malloy of Librarianship recently wrote a letter (Sept. 23) in which he insulted me at length, and in a pompous manner.

Apart from the torrent of personal and gratuitous abuse, he made on objection, so far as I can see, to the letter I wrote on Sept. 18: he dismissed as preposterous the proposition that the rich and their state are the source of racist and fascist violence against the people. But there is no other valid conclusion that can be drawn from Canadian history.

The Canadian state was founded, in part, on the genocidal subjection of the native people, and this genocide continued to this day. The British colonizers murdered the entire native population in Newfoundland; they swindled, brutalized, and imprisoned the Metis and native people. They created concentration camp style reserves, and the parliaments of the rich passed statutes such as the Indian Act,

which put the stamp of legality on these outrages.

The immigrants from many lands, driven from their homelands on account of ruthless exploitation, made their way to Canada where they have been attacked, exploited and oppressed, and subjected to the threat of deportation when they raised their voices against their oppressors.

The present Immigration Act, and the barrage of anti-immigrant propaganda which accompanied it, singles out for attack immigrants from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The various "studies" commissioned and released by the government focussed on these immigrants, citing them as the sources of social and economic problems in Canada, and provided justification and inspiration to racist gangs to beat and murder innocents.

The criminal record of the rich and their state is overwhelming. The evidence is in the statutes, the

regulations, and the public pronouncements of the various parliamentary representatives of the rich at every level of government.

The anti-Asian immigration acts, the wholesale confinement of Japanese-Canadians without any compensation or reparation, the "friendly" attitude of the state to many nazis, war criminals and reactionary generals, the wholesale and summary deportation of immigrants during the Depression whose only "crime" was to oppose their oppressors — these and many other facts show that the Canadian state, the state of the rich monopolists and bankers is racist to the core.

Small wonder, then, that when the American fascist and head of the KKK arrived in Canada last winter, he was feted by the local radio stations and not arrested and deported by the immigration men. Instead, he was asked to "leave voluntarily" so that he would not

be barred from returning to Canada.

At the cost of many millions of lives, including those of tens of thousands of Canadian people, the events prior to and during the Second World War showed that in order to really defend democracy, one must not allow the racists and fascists to organize. Here, they cannot be permitted to lay hold of an abstract "right to speak and to organize" so that they can terrorize and attack the people.

A conservative estimate is that over 50 million people lost their lives fighting against the nazis. We know that the present day nazis have the same murderous and genocidal plans in the wings. To permit them to speak and organize is therefore to abdicate one's responsibility to defend the rights and freedoms of the people.

One further point: the sentiment and anger of the ordinary people

against racist and fascist violence alone won't stop this violence. It is necessary to build organizations which are the embodiment of this sentiment and anger, organizations which can mobilize the people to take action against racists and fascists whenever such cut-throats dare to come up from the underground.

The UBC Committee Against Racist and Fascist Violence is such an organization, and we call on all progressive and democratic people at UBC to join and build this organization.

I assume Mr. Malloy of Librarianship wants to respond. In closing, I challenge him to a public debate, to be held at UBC, on the ways of dealing with the evils of racist and fascist violence. If Malloy is serious about being concerned with the problem, he'll welcome a chance to present his views in a public forum.

Allan Soroka

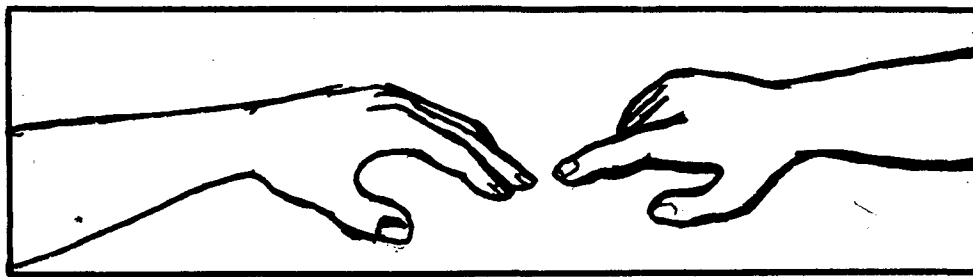
Letters

How can the finite grasp the infinite?

Kurt Preiusperger's essay, "A Logical Look at the Church Cult" (Sept. 25), so far from delivering the coup de grace to the Christian God in particular and "religionism" in general, is a morass of unsupported assertions and bald prejudice; its scanty logic is mainly faulty.

I would ordinarily disregard such a paper, but there is something annoying and perhaps even pernicious in Mr. Preiusperger's lopsided, near-fanatical observations which impels me to point out the grossest of his errors.

His essay lacks a recognizable theme. Mr. Preiusperger begins with some patronizing remarks about campus Christians and then summarily dismisses the existence of God with an argument in which logic plays no part. The remainder of the paper is devoted to desultory attacks on various aspects of religion, such as belief, the church and Christian morality.



Since his opinions are predicated on the nonexistence of God, an examination of his rejection of God will determine his right to hold them.

"... It is fair to say, I think," writes Mr. Preiusperger, "that Christians generally conceive of 'God' as a personal and benevolent creator, infinite, immaterial, immutable and immortal, omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent..." What does this tell us? Only what Mr. Preiusperger thinks is fair to say of what Chris-

tians "generally" conceive God to be.

He then, confusing his list of attributes with God Himself, goes on to say, "... I have come to reject this God-idea (the one he has just defined himself) on five grounds: that it is largely unintelligible, unsupported by evidence and partly contrary to it, partly self-contradictory and wholly non-explanatory."

"Christianity, to anyone who dispassionately considers the arguments against it, is a clearly refutable and refuted superstition..."

Let us say that Mr. Preiusperger is talking not about his own "God-idea" but about God, and look at his five grounds separately:

1) "(God) is unintelligible." This is a self-evident condition for God's existence; how can the finite grasp the infinite?

2) "[God] is unsupported by evidence." To believers God is evident. This assertion points to one of the major flaws of the essay: Mr. Preiusperger stridently insists on having "evidence" of God, when he himself provides nearly none for his own argument. He also fails to define "evidence" (scientific? legal? sensory?), and thus leaves the question of its existence open.

3) "(God) is partly contrary to the evidence." What evidence? If Mr. Preiusperger considers the presence of evil in the world as evidence against God, he has made the best point of his paper, and one that has troubled Christianity since its inception. I can only say that to many Christians evil is not an obstacle to faith, and in most Eastern religions it is taken for

granted that good and evil, as opposites, are inseparable. Could one have high without low, or light without dark?

4) "(God) is self-contradictory." Mr. Preiusperger is here referring to his own list of God's attributes, which contradicts itself insofar as it includes both "personal" and "infinite."

5) "[God] is wholly non-explanatory." This is what, I suspect, really irks Mr. Preiusperger about "the hypothesis of God:" its imperviousness to logical, scientific experimentation and analysis.

His writing oozes the tacit certainty that scientific method can render comprehensible every corner of the universe: physical, intellectual, moral.

That someone can believe in God and declare Him to be superordinate to reason is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost of logic, which, to Mr. Preiusperger, however scarcely and poorly he uses it, is much more than a useful, if limited, mental tool: it is a transcendent principle in the same sense that God is, and Mr. Preiusperger's religious ardor is something to make most Christians' faith seem lukewarm by comparison.

But what, when it comes down to it, can reason explain? Can any scientist, any logician, truthfully and confidently answer the question, "Why?"

The schism between "faith" and "reason" has become irreconcilable over the centuries, but the dilemma exists only inasmuch as the defenders of each principle declare the two to be antithetical; in their proper places, they are not inherently so.

Mr. Preiusperger seems to have a Cartesian desire to possess only true beliefs, and thinks that these truths will be drawn to the transcendent magnet of logic, which he deifies uncritically.

Unlike Descartes, to whom God and reason were not incommensurable and who used logic as a clarifying tool, Mr. Preiusperger is a priest and tool of logic, the sacredness of which he feels must be defended at all costs, even that of his own rationality.

His argument, despite the fact that he drags in (by the hair) a number of topical political issues — abortion, fascism, separatism (!) — is centuries old; better minds than his have failed to rob the "God-idea" of its numinous potency, its attractiveness.

Lastly, I think Mr. Preiusperger's essay is severely undermined by his erroneous conception of belief. Religious belief is not hypothesis, theory, or conclusion in the scientific sense; it is certainty which one person possesses as the result of experience and cannot be communicated to another through the abstract medium of words.

"Belief" is a word used by non-believers, people whose experience has not led them to knowledge of God. Once "believers" and "non-believers" have grasped this point further argument is useless.

Mr. Preiusperger, no doubt with the best intentions, has written an inept essay. His garbled thinking and lack of criticality seem to have infected The Ubyssy and you must be blamed for the essay's publication.

Even if the essay's sole purpose was to stir up responses such as this one, at least it could have been done with a lucid and truly provocative paper.

It is one thing for a student publication to dabble in the playground of politics but transcendental issues call above all for clear thinking and discretion, and therefore should be avoided in a paper where these are in short supply.

Paul Vitols

RCMP support erodes

With regard to your story Friday about the towing of vehicles parked on Chancellor Boulevard, I was sufficiently surprised by this story that I had to go and see for myself that no signs were there.

Throughout the summer session, the two blocks fronting the theological colleges were constantly full of parked cars. There were, initially, signs prohibiting parking between 4 and 6 p.m., but these were removed by the highways department one afternoon in late July, I believe.

For the remainder of the summer season there was no apparent attempt to restrict parking there, and indeed no need to.

I would be curious to know who initiated the change in the RCMP policy. The RCMP appear to have no legal grounds, and certainly no moral grounds for ticketing or towing cars parked there.

The Motor Vehicle Act permits parking on highways in front of residences or business if it is practicable to do so, not restricted by sign, and not contrary to laws regarding stopping (e.g. driveways).

Chancellor Boulevard is thus in the same category as any ordinary city street in any residential neighborhood.

It should not be necessary for the citizenry to acquaint the constabulary with the statutes but it seems officer Derouin could use a short course.

He is quoted as having said "you don't put up 'no parking' signs on freeways." He is of course correct. The signs placed alongside the freeways by the highways department

read 'Emergency Stopping Only' which he might note the next time he is illegally parked beside a freeway.

The highways department apparently felt it was necessary to post 'No Parking' signs along Marine Drive from Chancellor to Spanish Banks where parking is far less practicable. I believe I also missed the notice of the designation of Chancellor as a freeway.

I also agree with him that students should be aware that they are not to park on a highway and "interrupt traffic," but since interrupt means to stop, I hardly see how it applies. It could be reasonably argued that the obstruction of one lane of Chancellor between Marine and Westbrook does not even impede the flow of traffic since Marine which feeds it is only one lane wide.

In any event the impediment caused by the highways department's flight of fancy on the South campus is infinitely greater.

Ms. Baker appears to have every right to costs and damages because of the action of the RCMP and if I was a victim I would surely attempt to collect same.

If the highways department feels it necessary to restrict parking on Chancellor, let them erect signs indicating that restriction and their lack of common sense. And let us have no more of these idiotic acts by the RCMP which only serve to further erode their public support.

Daryl Cockle
technical wizard
computing centre

Faith over reason please, Kurt

In his article "A logical look at the church cult" in The Ubyssy Sept. 25, Kurt Preiusperger starts his attack on "the religious sects on campus" with five proofs for the non-existence of God.

If this conjures up a *deja-vu* image in the unsuspecting reader, let me remind you of the five ways that Thomas Aquinas put forward in his *Summa Theologica* to prove the existence of God. If one were inclined to prove the existence or non-

existence of God through philosophical reflections, one would be in excellent company indeed.

But let us not confuse logic or philosophy with faith here, for logic has at best had an uneasy relationship with metaphysics in the last two centuries. In fact, "modern" logicians have found it necessary to dispense with metaphysics altogether.

But back to Kurt P. and his justifiable claim that "his (God's) name has inspired countless atrocious wars, witch-hunts, colonialism, etcetera." Let me remind Kurt P., however, that those crimes were committed through human and not divine folly.

The next point Kurt P. raises is even more reasonable, for he says that "there is not the faintest rational basis for accepting the alternative to faith — reason and its off-spring technology that brought upon such devastating disasters as Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

Let us remind ourselves, lest we forget, that the exclusive cult of reason is potentially more threatening to humanity than all the crusades and witch-hunts throughout the ages combined.

Moreover, from Kant to Heisenberg, philosophers and scientists alike have demonstrated the inadequacy of pure reason and the potential paradox pure logic is capable of.

The alternative to faith, reason, does not look that attractive from close range. So help us keep the faith, Kurt P., for the worship of pure reason is potentially more dangerous for humankind than the worship of the divine paradox — Jesus.

Brigitta O'Regan
grad studies

Dangerous decor depressive says Pit patron

I'd like to take a few more whacks at a dead and decaying corpse and make a comment concerning our new Pit facilities.

The primary problem with the Pit is not, as seems so obvious, merely an orgy of bad taste, though to deny that would be impossible. Nor is it something so simple as an effort, by people who can barely chew their own food, to burn us for a few more bucks.

No, it is something infinitely more subtle.

First of all, there is a problem in that there is a conflict of architectural styles. There are several influences present, but by far the most aggressive are two known respectively as Reichsfuhrer Bunker and Goodyear Tire Plant.

These two styles are not necessarily incompatible and with the right touches can work successfully. Unfortunately, the designers showed no restraint whatsoever, and chose a Manic Depressive color scheme.

This particular combination of interior decorating, known colloquially as Auschwitz Modern, is not as popular as it once was, and is now used almost exclusively by the KGB and chartered accountants.

Why did they choose to renovate in a fashion that has been shown to cause suicide in laboratory rats? God only knows. However it is obvious to me that the Pit has become a particularly dangerous place and patrons should take heed of the warning signs.

If you find yourself wishing to strangle your waiter merely because he's taken an hour and forty minutes to bring your drink or if you'd like to take a chainsaw to the five guys with greasy hair and red jackets who keep singing and chanting

The management of the Pit should be treated like the strongarm thieves that they are and have their piggy bank smashed or be dangled by their toes from the clock tower.

I took math and I know that the difference between 90 cents and a buck fifteen is a lot of money, especially when you drink like I do. If I drink only a dozen beer a day then

in the corner, you had better leave.

Go home, take a Valium, or better yet, open up one of your texts. The feeling will pass.

David Halpenny
commerce 3

Prices slammed too

the difference in eight months is more than my tuition. Somebody's gotta do something!

I can only do so much by not paying for my Ukrainian dogs and taking a dozen out the back door now and again. Damn those suckers!

Chuck "Thirsty" Celeryhead
science 1

Nature not simply a tool for man's use

On Sept. 25 there appeared in The Ubyssy an article by Kurt Preiusperger entitled "A logical look at the church cult." It implied that most of the world's problems have been primarily related to religion, rather than to deficiencies in human character, and that only if reason (rational behavior included) would triumph everything in this godless world would be saved.

An attack on religion in this form is really an attack on man's spiritual nature, that is, his essence and his purpose, and it can only lead to great misunderstandings about what being a human being is all about.

I have no religious training, and I was not raised to go to church. The author, therefore, shall not be able to claim that I was brain washed or that I am some sort of religious fanatic; in fact, I am in many ways an atheist.

It is this that allows me to say that Preiusperger's arguments are based on a misunderstanding of what religion is all about and of human nature.

If understanding tells us anything, it is that the religion question is simply not a case of truth versus superstition. The traditional way of seeing truth as an empirical study is no longer considered to be valid.

Therefore, to decide whether something is true or not has a lot more to do with our preconceived notions about man and nature than previously thought. This in a very real sense reduces the question about 'religion versus truth' to

which thing is going to make us live better lives.

I personally believe that religion makes us, both as individuals and as members of a community, better people, that it enhances our lives, and that it gives us reasons to respect each other in more than just a hedonistic and utilitarian sense.

Preiusperger's arguments are as follows. Religion has added nothing to our lives, so we would be better without it; it is unnecessary. That it has deformed the role of science, women, sex, etc., and has really caused many useless and senseless wars. That religion is responsible for nasty things such as colonialism, and overpopulation in poorer countries. That religion is a crutch, which I guess means that it makes men humble and makes them feel they need help, which I guess Preiusperger thinks is a bad thing. And that in the end religion is just "silly" (my word) superstition.

I do not wish to deny all these claims, and I may even be willing to agree with some. But I do not think that the reasons mentioned are good reasons for suppressing religion.

The idea that religion is superstition because it does not have facts is invalid. If modern philosophy teaches us anything, it is that facts can only have real value when they are laden with theoretical assumptions (Kuhn, Feyerabend, Rorty).

The question of which set of assumptions we are going to accept as true does not really have much to do with what is really out there, but more with which 'what' we want; therefore, any choice is really on the form of which is better for us to believe: ethics precedes knowledge.

With regards to the statement by Preiusperger that religion is a crutch, I might be willing to agree; but as regards to it being a bad thing I cannot.

If a man has trouble walking (perhaps because his leg is broken), do we give him an aid to help him walk, or do we tell him that there is nothing wrong with him? A crutch shall help him walk better, it shall stop him from doing further damage to the way things should be.

Maybe, according to Preiusperger's logic, we should just let him fall and tell him that nothing is wrong with his condition. I think that religion fills the role to the spirit of humanity, that a crutch does to a man with a broken leg. It assumes that things are not for the best and that there can always be improvement.

The conflict between modern physical science and religion is a

very interesting one. The two in their most potent forms offer incommensurable views about human nature and nature; to combine the two is almost to destroy both.

Religion's purpose is to explain man's place in nature and why it is special; that is, what is special about the human condition which can not be found to have any other bearing on any other animal.

Modern physical science says that man has no special place; that he is just an accident, a freak of nature; that his existence is not eternal, but only something which occupies an almost infinitely small piece of space and time.

To illuminate what I mean I shall draw an example from my own life.

I have a grandmother who is now about to die. She is an old lady whose life has been rather well lived. Her understanding of religion was small, but her devotion to it was great. In the end it gave her a humble spirit, and a profound sense of purpose.

Yes, perhaps she was ignorant of science, of the modern truths. Yes, perhaps she even had those prejudices that the author mentioned (and the hypocrisy).

But her religion not only illuminated her life, but those of the people

around her, her family, her friends, and even the community. If this sounds self-indulgent, just remember that the author wishes to live a life free from sin.

To think of a woman whose life was full of emotion, both love and hate, strife and struggle, as just a piece of dust, just a random assortment of atoms spinning on a planet, is to me not only very horrifying and frightening, but also very sickening and sad.

I am not talking about how she feels about herself at the end of her life, (as the author probably thinks), but how it makes us see ourselves, not as individuals but as human beings.

If we think of ourselves as meaningless, it is bound to affect how we see and treat each other. That is, that it does not matter, that everything is fucked up so why bother.

I do not think that this is or can be healthy. Man does need a crutch to turn his interests away from the flesh to the spirit. If there is anything wrong with saying that man should be humble because he is not the Creator, and that he should cherish his home with the greatest reverence, please tell me.

To see ourselves as molecules is to destroy our nature, and like the old cliché, we shall not be able to return to our rightful home. Nature is not simply a tool for man's personal use.

It is for these reasons that I do not think that the question of whether modern physical science has truth or not is important. If something kills purpose, drives us to desperation, makes our lives meaningless, can it be good? Can it help?

It is for this reason that we should state Preiusperger's problem is a moral and ethical one rather than an epistemological one. If we are kinder to our brothers, and love our neighbors, why does it matter if we believe Aristotle rather than Einstein?

William S. Clark
arts 3

Fanatic 'demolishes' atheist's argument

The perspectives page by Kurt Preiusperger (Sept. 25) rocked me from my fog of superstition (and my studies) to write to The Ubyssy. I had foolishly believed (oops, there's that word) that members of a university community would feel obliged to present facts (and references) when "stating and demolishing the position" (religious or otherwise) of others.

I will state in advance that I am a Christian. I realize that this will immediately cause me to be dismissed as a "fanatical bigot," "believing . . . not because (I) seek truth, but because (I) need a crutch to live." Still, perhaps, some will be interested in the ravings of a mind in a "state of self-deluded torpor."

Mr. Preiusperger is very fond of making universal generalizations without reference to the state of the real world. This serves his case well; he is able to make appeals to authorities which sound very convincing to those who have little experience with, or understanding of, religious philosophy. The fact that such authorities may not exist does not even cause him to break stride.

I do not have time to attack each of his claims in detail. If I could distill the essence of religious thought into a form that would fit within an issue of The Ubyssy, I would be a rare individual indeed. That Preiusperger's personal encounters with "believers" or on events from history.

No one is likely to argue that there have not been atrocities committed in the name of religion (or communism, love, the good of humanity, . . .), but there is a fundamental fallacy in believing that an "idea is responsible for those (or the actions of those) who believe in it."

(For example, we should not adopt the position that atheists are, in general, incapable of presenting an intellectually acceptable defense of their beliefs simply because of Preiusperger's inability to do so.) One must make a careful distinction between ideology and practice.

The article contains several seemingly irrelevant tangents, such as blaming religious stands on abortion for the population crisis, which seem to serve only to bring in broad emotional issues in the hope that they can be used to galvanize the uncritical into swallowing the rest of his treatise whole. (The idea that abortion is a solution to the population problem is either ridiculous or an advocacy of genocide . . . I am not sure which he intends).

The article even lacks internal consistency: near the beginning, God is accused of allowing 700 million children to suffer starvation (therefore he does not exist); near the end we find condemnation for "religious sentimentalists (who) continue to advocate the madness of food shipments to overpopulated countries. (Shall we reduce population by starving everyone but ourselves from the face of the globe???)

In closing, Preiusperger says that believers are committed to "the unexamined life." I agree with Plato that the "unexamined life is not worth living." I do not agree with Preiusperger's unexamined propaganda (is not worth reading?).

I am inclined to censure The Ubyssy for allowing such a fabrication to occupy a page of newsprint that could have cheerfully remained a tree, but — before I am charged with the same attempt to prevent "people of every persuasion, even intolerant people (like Preiusperger?) from having their say" — this is only the pursuit of TRUTH (like the caps?) should require the presentation of supporting evidence/documentation.

David Etherington
grad studies



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Bolivian democracy replaced in COUP

The following interview was conducted with a Canadian who recently returned from a tour of Latin America. Because the information given here may threaten the security of people who were contacts for the visit, the interviewee has requested to remain anonymous. Given the scope of the information networks operated by certain Latin American regimes, The Ubyssy has respected this request.

Q—You've recently returned from Latin America. Which countries did you visit and for how long?

A—I began my trip in February and had three months in which I visited Peru, Bolivia and Chile, with about a month in each country.

Q—So you were in Bolivia a couple of months before the July coup. Was there any indication then of what was to take place?

A—Yes, definitely. There were rumours every day. Most of the people I talked to knew a coup was on the way and were planning their resistance to it. There was an air of instability throughout the country. The military were making various moves indicating they were planning to intervene in the democratic process.

Q—And the people were preparing to resist? How?

A—They were planning various ways to prevent a coup. In March a number of groups formed a Committee in Defense of Democracy. The two major groups involved were the Permanent Assembly for Human Rights in Bolivia and the Bolivian Workers' Association. These were joined by Church, civic and various political groups and a number of individuals. They agreed on a strategy that if there was military intervention, they would call a general strike and blockade of transportation to shut down the country.

Q—Did they get a chance to call a general strike?

A—Yes. On the morning of the 17th of July, the coup began with a takeover of a military garrison in the north. The committee immediately called a meeting in La Paz and decided the strategy should be employed. It was 90 per cent effective — the same day of the coup there was massive participation by the people throughout the country in staging a general strike.

While that meeting was in progress the coup arrived at its doorstep. The para-military surrounded the trade union headquarters and began firing shots at the building. There was no way to escape and all the leaders were rounded up.

Q—Was the military able to consolidate the coup right away?

A—All the means of communication inside and outside the country were controlled. They didn't take long to remove the government — they went direct to a cabinet meeting and arrested the entire cabinet. But it took days to put down the resistance in various parts of the country, especially in mining areas where the strike lasted up to ten days in some places.

Q—Has there been any form of resistance since?

A—They were able to consolidate the coup only in a military sense. On June 29th, three weeks before the coup, there was a general election in which the people clearly showed they wanted a democratic government.

Thirty-eight per cent of the vote went to elect a centre-left coalition, the Popular Democratic Unity. The next closest party received twenty per cent.

The people will continue to find ways of resisting a military government they did not want and do not agree with.

Q—Is this coup any different from the other military interventions that Bolivia has had?

A—This coup will have more effect on Latin America as a whole and on the internal

conditions in the country. The coup was aided and abetted by an outside power — Argentina.

The reasons were ideological. The national security mentality could not tolerate even a moderate left government next door. There is evidence that Argentinian officers helped stage the coup.

Also, this coup was a much more brutal, thorough and systematic operation. Different parts of the country were simultaneously besieged and the repression was incredibly heavy. The level of cynicism by the perpetrators reached absurd proportions. There was no attempt to justify the actions and abuse of human rights.

There is another reason why this was different. In this case it is difficult to distinguish between politics and delinquency, in that this government's ties to the drug trade are widely established. It is basically financed by earnings from cocaine exports.

It was the first time that a para-military was so well organized. Civilian armed gangs were at the service of the regular army.

Q—What is the significance for the rest of Latin America and how have other governments in the region reacted to the coup?

Interview by Gene Long

A—There are major geo-political implications for the entire continent. It is one more country that has fallen to military fascism and removes the buffer between Argentina and the democracies of the north. It is similar to Rhodesia, or Zimbabwe, in relation to South Africa. This is an important analogy because of the efforts of Argentina to form a South Atlantic Treaty Organization for the express purpose of defending the dictatorships that exist, including South Africa.

The Andean Pact here is in trouble. The government of Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia and Peru are very worried about Bolivia and none have recognized the military junta.

Q—The events are reminiscent of Chile in 1973. When you visited the country, what was your impression of the conditions and the nature of Pinochet's rule?

A—The Chilean junta is completing the



process of institutionalizing its concept of law and order. It has gone through a period of several years where it has placed legal restrictions on education, social services, unions and the economy as a whole, not to speak of formalized repression and abuse of human rights. The recent plebiscite, held on Sept. 11th, the seventh anniversary of the coup, was a culmination of this process.

When you go out into the streets of Chile, you don't see many signs of repression. It appears like any other Latin American city, there are no tanks unless there is some form of open resistance.

The most important type of repression currently is the legal form and the main part of this is in the economic system. Chile's economy is being transformed into one based on export of raw materials. There is complete freedom for the import of manufactured goods, investment from abroad and the repatriation of profits outside the country.

The consequences of this are that national enterprises are forced out of business, unemployment skyrockets and poverty increases. All this along with a user pay program of social services. With the majority of the population in a difficult economic position, these services simply are not available.

Q—How do you react to the junta's reports that a large majority of the population voted in favor of the new constitution?

A—I haven't had a chance to see much on the vote, but in the last plebiscite in 1977 people were obliged to vote with identity cards. The ballot had a Chilean flag over the yes box and a black flag over the no box representing anarchy or something. There is a lot of intimidation and a lot of tricks are used. Their campaigns are mostly window dressing for the international community.

Q—Are the people mounting their own resistance campaigns?

A—Resistance is increasing but it is very hard to consolidate new forms of organization after peasant and union associations had been smashed.

But new forms of resistance are being developed. It's amazing how people can adapt their techniques. People are organizing to support mass organizations and are trying to provide education and training as an alternative to the military domination of those areas.

There is not very much armed resistance although there recently have been attacks on banks to get finances for the people's operations.

Q—Would you say there is much of a threat being posed to the junta?

A—No, not at this point. The government is solidly in power for some time to come. But the people are not giving up. It won't be a quick struggle but the people will continue to challenge the military dictatorship in whatever ways they can.

Q—How do you see the role of Western governments in relation to the stability of Chile's junta or other similar regimes in Latin America?

A—With certain exceptions, there is direct or indirect support from the West to all of these regimes. With Chile, the U.S. has to bear a large measure of responsibility. But they are changing their line — they now don't want this type of government as it is not good for their prestige.

But business goes on as usual. None of the Western governments have cut off commercial ties. Canada has continued to push nuclear power to Argentina. There is no embargo on Chilean products appearing on our grocery shelves.

Q—What sort of position do you think the Canadian government should adopt toward these repressive regimes?

A—They are in a tough position because of trade ties and Canada's efforts to play the role of arbiter in the international community. But this is a choice they have made (not to come out boldly against these governments) and we don't have to agree with it.

Because of its position, Canada could exert a lot of influence demanding respect for human rights. But there are too many interests at stake. I doubt we'll see any major changes in policy.

Q—Are the economic ties the major factor in preventing Canada from taking a stronger position?

A—They are one factor. Our standard of living, our whole environment depends on the supply and flow of resources from the Third World. But it is not only economics involved. There is an international balance of power and situations like Cuba or Zimbabwe threaten that balance.

The West is determined to maintain its position of strength and is not happy with the fact that these countries might not share our type of political systems and our political concepts.



Letters

Rationality refused

Many atheists are kind, tolerant people who try very hard to be reasonable. Kurt Preiusperger is not one of them however.

He is the author of the inappropriately titled article, "A logical look at the church cult." In this article, which claims rationality as its authority, the author proposes that Christianity, and belief in God, is a clearly refutable superstition.

What he subsequently offers is hatred, intolerance, fanaticism, and one of the most profoundly ignorant contributions to the issue that I have ever read. He clearly has no understanding of logic, as the major omission from his "logical look" is anything which actually resembles a logical argument.

The content of the article itself is beneath contempt but I feel that it is necessary to point out to those with open, inquiring minds where counter-evidence may be found.

Let us consider an example given by the author of that article. "No religious apologist, by any stretch of the imagination, has ever been able to reconcile the concept of a good creator with a creation so permeated with evil." The imagination that needs stretching is that of Preiusperger!

There is a substantial body of literature which addresses this point. I suggest that he inform himself by consideration of the work of, for example, Professor Swinbourne, professor of philosophy at Keele University.

To briefly state one such argument: There is purpose to human existence and we must choose between good and evil. In order that we can make this choice we need to be able to see the consequences of both good and evil and therefore both must exist.

I am not a philosopher and Swinbourne states these arguments much better than I can, but I hope that the point is made.

I would just add that God created us with freewill but for at least 2,000 years the majority of humans have exercised this gift by choosing the low over the high, the petty over the profound, and materialism over spirituality.

It is this which has led to today's degenerate and valueless culture in which science, art, and large parts of religion are mainly at best trivial and at worst a coarsening influence.

One of the few correct statements in Preiusperger's article is his pointing out that self-deception is a neurotic defence mechanism which is ultimately damaging. He aims this little barb in the wrong direction however.

The atrocities carried out in the name of Christ, such as the Spanish Inquisition, have nothing to do with the teachings of Christ. In the same way, the atrocities committed by the Khomeini regime have nothing to do with Islam nor those committed by Stalin with the Communism of Marx.

The examples given us in the lives

of such men as the Buddha, Christ or Mohammed are the clearest antidotes to such madness that I know of.

I will not dignify Preiusperger's other "arguments" with replies although I could.

I will however, provide pointers to the open-minded in answer to his question, "Would a supreme being, if it existed and if it cared that we know it exists, fail to make its presence known in some unmistakable way?" The answer is "No, He would not fail."

Nor does He. We are surrounded by evidence of God's existence, but only the conditions set by those at low levels of existence prevent it being seen. It seems unlikely that evidence for angels would be found in a dustbin!

Evidence for God is implicit in such things as the teachings of the Buddha, ESP, the music of Beethoven, and in the perfect symmetry of astrology. I do not mean here the astrology of newspaper horoscopes but the astrology described in an excellent book by Rabbi Joel Dobin "To rule both night and day" in which it is used to understand God's will, and which a few brave scientists are now proving to be true.

More explicit evidence is to be found in the experiences of expert yogis; the teachings of Jesus and Mohammed (you don't really suppose that an illiterate trader could write the magnificent Koran without Divine inspiration do you?); the nature spirits, devi, elementals and other, even higher, electrical beings seen by sensitive, but otherwise perfectly ordinary human beings; and the religious experiences had by those who perform sacred dances such as the Tibetan temple dances and those taught by Gurdjieff.

The sheer beauty of such experiences would be sufficient on its own even if it were not of vital importance. It is certainly preferable to the kind of mind that can look at some of the highest achievements of humankind and talk of "minds befogged by superstition," "fascists, separatists, and religionists" and "organized nonsense worship."

The attitude of Preiusperger is comprehensible. I was brought up by socialist-atheist parents and had similar attitudes myself for many years. I now know however, that such attitudes are very limited and, as I have subsequently discovered through personal experience, they are quite simply wrong.

Peter Forster
department of psychology

Amen to atheists

I wholeheartedly applaud the views of Kurt Preiusperger as expressed in last Thursday's Perspectives column.

In an age when the merchants of eternal salvation hawk their wares with unparalleled fervor, it is refreshing to hear the clear and articulate voice of reason. Like Mr. Preiusperger, I have often wondered how supposedly intelligent "believers" can keep a straight face while leaning upon such a groaning crutch of irrationality as is religion.

You know, they're the types who wrap themselves in the Shroud of Turin and quote with much reverence from that amusing exercise in literary gymnastics known as the Bible. They are very proud of the fact that they are True Believers, but never question whether or not what

they believe is based on fact. They just Believe.

It's nice to know that there are other card-carrying atheists out there. Thanks Kurt, and to your article I say again, er, ah... Amen!

Jeremy Thornburg
arts 4

Damn good

Contrary to "all those" people who sent in letters rebutting Kurt Preiusperger's article on Thursday the 25th, I do not wish to "damn him." In fact his article, in my mind, is a work of art, and deserves none but the highest respect.

I'm with him all the way.

David McDonald
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Man cut in knife attack

A Place Vanier man who was attacked with a knife Sunday night has criticized the shortage of RCMP patrols on campus.

Harry Peterson, education 3, was walking towards the education building Sunday night at 11:00 when he was surprised by an attacker hiding in the bushes between two huts near L-lot.

The attacker was wielding a knife, and after knocking Peterson to the ground, cut him above the eye.

Peterson holds a green belt in karate, and managed to push the man off and fight his way free.

Night patrols should be increased "especially for girls," he said, "There should be more patrols and more police awareness."

Peterson could not think of a possible motive for the attack. "I guess I can only think he was after money. I'm not a short person, and he was quite a bit older," he said.

He described the attacker as "quite a bit older, maybe around 30

years old, with black hair and a dark complexion, wearing a T-shirt, jeans and no jacket."

After incapacitating the man, Peterson ran to a nearby washroom to wash the blood out of his eye.

When he returned to the scene of the attack, the man was still on the ground, so Peterson returned to his room.

He said he did not report the attack to the police because he "couldn't think of a logical reason" to do so.

UCBC chair is 'ashamed'

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thing that can happen to a world trading country like Canada," said UCBC chairman William Gibson.

"Personally, having had part of

my education in the U.S. and Great Britain, I would be ashamed to try to prevent foreign students from getting some of their education in Canada," he said.

"I'm sorry to see somebody who owes a significant portion of his education to foreign universities, at the expense of the British taxpayer, attacking foreign students," said Gibson. He was referring to Davis, who was a Rhodes scholar and studied at Oxford.

NDP education critic Gary Lauk said the report should not be taken seriously. "It's the report of a backbench MLA," he said Wednesday. "It's not an official government statement and the NDP is not going to respond officially."

The lack of research Davis had in the report shows it should not be taken seriously, Lauk said.

Insects doomed

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thrive wherever there is garbage." Briggs feels the extermination of the insects is doomed from the outset because of poor sanitary conditions. "Not once have I heard of or witnessed the cleaning or disinfecting of the garbage chute in the hall, and have never known it not to smell foully. Even our washrooms are so minimally cleaned at times as to be sickening."

She also objected to the style of living of summer students, who were allowed to cook in the residences, because of lack of summer food service, and felt this played a major role in the pest infestation.

But Mary Flores said, "the silverfish have nothing to do with stay-through and summer students. They thrive in old buildings and eat glue and paper in books," not rotting food.

A complaint was not made to housing about the insects during the summer, but when the complaint was submitted this fall residents "were given a can of Raid," said Linda Truant, home economics 2, "then when we asked for more, none was available."

"I had to spend all of Tuesday night packing my things, then today I'll have to spend two hours cleaning up," said Lillian Meneguzzi, arts 2. "We were only given one day's advance notice, and we didn't know what to expect," she said.

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TODAY

EL CIRCULO

Noche espanola/Spanish conversation, 7:30 p.m., International House.

ANTH/SOC

Free film: Saul Alineky on Indian Act, Messt Poylatch, Immigrants' first five years in Canada, noon, Anso 207.

ROCKERS CO-OP

New club being formed for musicians interested in rock music to meet, exchange ideas and jam using available space on campus. Interested people should call Mark or Roman at 228-5446 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

CAMPUS CAVALIERS

Last chance to join up with the square dance club, 8:30 p.m., SUB ballroom. For more information call Paul at 224-0178.

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Budget meeting with free coffee, 5:30 p.m., graduate centre committee room.

TOASTMASTERS

Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MacMillan 278.

AQUA SOC

General meeting, noon, SUB 117.

FINE ARTS

Slides with music and discussion, anti-nuke paintings from France and Tahiti, noon, Lasserre 102. Paintings displayed in lobby.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Training session in Buch. 204. For time call John Miller at 524-9281.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST

You and the local church, noon to 2 p.m., SUB 206.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOC.

General meeting, noon, SUB ballroom.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC

Eighth anniversary party and general elections with refreshments and music by David Serede, noon, Cecil Green lounge.

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOC.

Meeting and slide presentation, noon, SUB 125.

AMS POTTERY CLUB

General meeting, noon, SUB 251.

LSLAP

Free legal advice from UBC law students, noon, SUB 111.

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James Packer speaks on Evil, noon, SUB 215.

ISMAILI STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

First general meeting, noon, SUB 119.

AMNESTY UBC

Letter writing workshop, new members taught how to write letters for Prisoners of Conscience, noon, SUB 224.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS

General meeting, noon, International House lounge.

PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY

First general meeting, plus Dr. Johnston lecturing on general dentistry and fixed prosthodontics, noon, IRC 1.

FRIDAY

CANOE CLUB

Jump in, especially kayakers, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Empire pool.

GAY PEOPLE

Film: La Meilleure Façon de Marcher, noon, SUB auditorium.

SLAVONIC CIRCLE

Wine and cheese party. Bring some cheese, 4 p.m., Buch. 1256.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Women in Focus presentation, film and discussion on women in the media, noon, women's centre in SUB 130.

DEBATING SOCIETY

General meeting, noon, SUB 215.

Evening meeting, 7 p.m., SUB 213.

CANADIAN STUDENT PUGWASH

Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 205.

DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

(There is some kind of event which they forgot to tell us about, but we're sure it's worth attending), noon, Buch. 104. For more information call Paul Marantz at 228-4558.

SATURDAY

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOC.

"Welcome" dance, 7:30 p.m., SUB 207.

MONDAY

WARGAMING SOCIETY

Grand Prix auto racing simulation organizational meeting, noon, SUB 224.

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Coast of Cotton, film about the cotton industry in Guatemala and the workers' role, noon, Buch. 205.

HISTORICAL DANCE CLUB

Renaissance dance class, noon, SUB 113.

TUESDAY

PRE-MED SOCIETY

Dr. Blanchard speaks on family practice, noon, IRC 1.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Singing, prayer and fellowship meeting, noon, SUB 211.

WEDNESDAY

GATHER 'ROUND KIDDIES

Bob Dylan's Don't look back, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. today, again at noon Thursday, SUB auditorium.

Trainer needed for CNIBear

There are no bears hiding in this announcement. There was a bear running loose amongst the hot flashes wreaking havoc and overturning trash cans, but he isn't here.

A volunteer is needed to read a psychology text to a student between classes. Contact Lois Craig of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 321-2311.

And I'll bet you were expecting something about bears! ROAR!

Tu-tu much!

Have you ever wondered how Henry VIII, Napoleon, and Joan of Arc danced? Have you ever cared? If your answer to either of the preceding questions was yes, there is probably someone that can help you look under "psychoanalysis" in the yellow pages.

There is also another option. The Historian Dance Club is presenting a variety of activities on campus for students interested in learning dances from the 1400s to the 1900s.

Renaissance Dance classes are offered on Mondays at noon Sub

Hot flashes

113. Learn the Michaelangelo rhumba or the Columbus crew-step.

Baroque Dance classes are offered Sundays at 7:00 Sub 207-209. Many strange dance forms will demonstrate the evolution of such classic dances as 'the rococo'.

Interested students should contact Ken at 6626 or Elizabeth at 266-4020.

Have a ball

There are many strange happenings in this world, but none quite so strange as observing the habits of inebriated mice.

The graduate students' association should know better than to have a wine and cheese party following their annual general meeting. This will be occurring where else? The Grad centre ballroom this Friday at 5:30.

By the way, all mice will be breathalyzed after the meeting.

Afreud of PSA?

Come in. Relax. Lie down on the couch. Now, tell me . . . where did it all begin?

We understand why people might want to become involved with the Psychology Student's

Association. The first general meeting is today at noon in the SUB ballroom.

Don't worry, that's perfectly normal. A lot of people fantasize about Godzilla.

Take the plunge

Are you a group looking for a roof to put over your head to replace that soggy newspaper you've been under for the past month? If so, room bookings for SUB for Jan. to April, 1981 should be discussed in the AMS business office, Rm. 266.

Take the plunge, and become a SUBhuman.

Kayak yak

Thinking about taking your sweetheart for a paddle in the moonlight? Does the gentle sound of lapping water soothe you?

Here's your opportunity! Just show up with the canoe club at the Empire Pool Friday, Oct. 3 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., and hop into a long hollow floating thing with a hole in the top.

But hey — aren't those things single occupancy? How can you go for a "roll" alone? Maybe a kayak built for two?

LATE PAYMENT OF FEES

A late payment of fee of \$35.00 additional to all other fees will be assessed if payment of the first instalment is not made on, or before September 19. Refund of this fee will be considered only on the basis of a medical certificate covering illness or on evidence of domestic affliction. If fees are not paid in full by October 3, 1980, registration will be cancelled and the student concerned excluded from classes.

If a student whose registration has been cancelled for non-payment of fees applies for reinstatement and the application is approved by the Registrar, the student will be required to pay a reinstatement fee of \$35.00, and all other outstanding fees before being permitted to resume classes.



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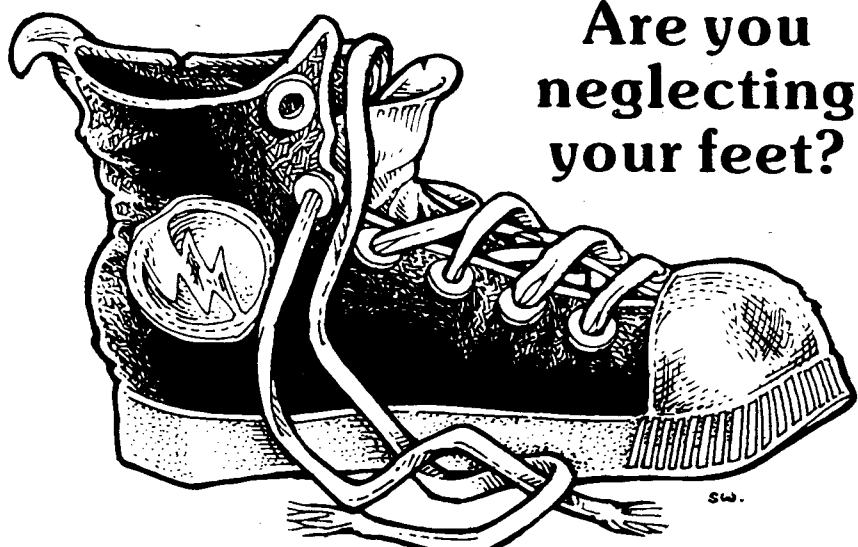
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No bucks for brains

The future of young Canadian researchers is jeopardized by a lack of research funding, a UBC scientist said Monday.

And several other scientists here are far from content with the recent increases in funding available for research at the university, observing that quality Canadians are seeking greener pastures in the U.S.

"I'm worried about our future scientists," said pathologist James Hogg. There isn't enough funding to start new research projects, he said.

Hogg has been awarded \$90,000 by the federal medical research council to learn about the cancer-causing effects of pollution. "There seems to be only enough funds to keep the established projects going," he said.

UBC health scientists received more than \$4 million from the council, an 11 per cent increase over last year. Basic and applied scientists received \$9 million from the federal natural sciences and engineering research council, a 17 per cent increase.

"The problem with federal funding is that inflation in the scientists'

fields is higher than 20 per cent," physics researcher Hannes Barnard said. "New researchers find it frustrating because they spend a lot of their time looking for funding."

Barnard will have to share with five other physicists a \$146,000 grant to study the use of lasers in nuclear fusion.

Biochemistry researcher Michael Smith said there should be more start-up funding. "The really best new people are getting appointments in the States because they find better funding," he said.

Smith received \$147,150 from the medical research council to study how DNA in genes is organized, but considers himself lucky. "There is so little money that though I did very well, many others did not," he said.

"Quite a few of our Ph.D.s are working down in the States because of better funding," admitted Roy Nodwell, head of the physics department at UBC. But he thought it reasonable that unproven researchers don't get as much as proven veterans.

UBC research director Richard Spratley said Canada is well below

the level of other developed countries in starting up and funding new research, but the problem doesn't affect everyone. "Only some fields can't find funding," he said. "It certainly isn't an over-all problem."

Biology chairman Alfred Acton said research money is unimportant. "Sheer inspirational breakthrough does not rely solely on research funds," he said. "More money means more facilities and faster results."

Spratley said funding sources include the provincial government, industry, the university and private donations in addition to grants from the two federal councils.

Research money is made available throughout the year, he said.

PANGO PANGO (UNS) — A new wave of religious fervor has swept this tiny island kingdom in the past week following the announcement that one or two hairy puce blorgs had renounced Bokonism.

"We're being persecuted by that filthy atheist — or those filthy atheists, all two of them — for our beliefs," said Snore Her-man's-son, leader of 20,000 Bokononists.

Jobs go to rich

OTTAWA — Rich students find summer jobs quicker than poor students, says an Ontario Federation of Students report.

And the jobs they find usually pay better than the jobs poor students find, the report added.

A survey at the University of Western Ontario in London indicated 42.8 per cent of students from families with incomes of more than \$40,000 found jobs through personal or family contacts. That compares with the 29 per cent of all other students who get jobs through contacts.

A survey at Carleton University in Ottawa showed that women students had a tougher time finding a job than male students. Most women took four weeks to find a job, while the average for all students was 2.5 weeks.

And if the statistics from the summer of 1979 are any indication, women look longer to get lower paying jobs. Female students averaged \$3.71 an hour compared to \$4.90 for male students.

The report also strongly condemns Canada Employment Centres as the least efficient way of fin-

ding a summer job. Jobs found through the centres are also usually the lowest paying, the report added.

Government job creation programs are also ineffective, the report said.

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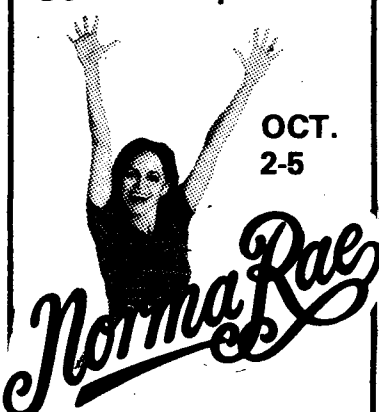
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