SFU board faces injunction

By MIKE BOCKING

The student union at Simon Fraser University filed an injunction with the B.C. supreme court Wednesday demanding the university stop collecting tuition fees above last year's levels and return fee increases already collected.

The SFU board of governors approved a 25 per cent fee increase in April, raising fees to $283 per semester from $227 per semester for a full course load.

In a statement issued Wednesday the student society says the tuition fee increase was unlawful because the decision to raise tuition fees was made by the provincial government and not the board.

"This, we feel, is in contravention of the Universities Act which charges the board of governors with fixing and determining tuition fees at SFU."

The statement says the board had no choice in raising tuition fees because the Universities Council of B.C. made its budget recommendation to the government based on a standard tuition fee to apply to all universities.

"By fixing tuition fees at the three universities in this way, SFU was faced with a potential budget penalty if they decided not to raise fees last April.

"Our board made it clear at the time they passed the decision to implement the fee increase that they were not doing so willingly."

SFU board chairman Ray Parkinson said he was doubtful of the case's validity.

"It seems more of a political statement than a legal case," he said. "I will have to consult with the lawyers before making any judgment."

Parkinson said he was not sure if the board was forced into raising tuition fees.

"Yes, I remember that (fee increase decision) happening but it was so complex I forget who said what to who."

UBC Alma Mater Society president John DeMarco said he supports the court action by the SFU student society.

UBC administration president Doug Kenny said he also doubted the case's merit.

"I would be doubtful that there is any contravention of the Universities Act," he said. "In no way did the government direct the university, it was plainly the university's decision."

"I don't think there is a thread of evidence, but that is for the supreme court to decide, not Doug Kenny."

SFU Student Society spokesman Ross Powell said the Universities Council and the provincial government should not be involved in determining student fees.

"The university cannot possibly be responsible to the education needs of the public if the government continues this policy of direct intervention in the management of the university," he said.

Powell said a policy of government intervention in university affairs uses education to satisfy political purposes instead of providing students with a good quality of education.

"The attempt by our provincial government to have tuition fees raised is yet another attack on spending for social services which penalizes those who can least afford it."

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Kenny rejects clean-up plan

UBC administration president Doug Kenny criticized education minister Pat McGeer Wednesday for trying to interfere in UBC's financial operations.

Kenny was responding to a letter sent by McGeer Sept. 14 to Kenny and William Armstrong, Universities Council of B.C. chairman, in which McGeer requested the council to "develop as a high priority a plan for establishing suitable standards for their physical surroundings."

In a reply to McGeer Oct. 13, Kenny estimates that improvements to all the areas shown in 21 photographs that McGeer enclosed in the letter could cost up to $36.3 million.

Kenny questioned McGeer's high priority plan for a campus clean-up project.

"Our priorities are extensively on the academic side," Kenny said in an interview.

"As soon as operating funding improves it is my intention that the level of grounds maintenance will be improved."

McGeer says in the September letter that campus sites should live up to their potential.

The letter says, "the site for the University of British Columbia was selected some 70 years ago by an international panel. Many considered it to be the finest physical location for any university in the world."

Among the eyesores included in the photographs are "unsightly war huts," uncut grass, parking lots and "low quality temporary buildings" of the psychology and physical plant buildings.

In his October reply to McGeer, Kenny says, "during the past two years, the university construction and grounds development programs have followed the highest standards possible commensurate with available funds."

He notes also that as part of its five-year capital program, UBC submitted a number of proposals, designed to eliminate the huts and temporary buildings, to the education ministry.

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—matt king photo

SEIZING SUDS, Pit waiter Ray Crawford, education 4, displays pitchers of draught beer now available at pub under new policy begun Wednesday. Pit patrons can retrieve pitchers of brown liquid from bar themselves, although bottled beer, cider and glasses of draught will still be served by waiters.

Pit policy change means jugged suds

After a year of tight regulations at the Pit, the screws were loosened Tuesday when the Student Administrative Commission decided to bring back jugs of draft beer.

The commission also decided upon a partial return to self-service by allowing patrons to get their own jugs from the bar. Waiters will continue to serve bottled beer, draft beer in single glasses and cider.

And SAC voted to switch its brand of draft beer to Carling from Molson's.

Things tightened up at the Pit last November after the beer parlor was closed temporarily because of alleged rowdiness and vandalism caused by Pit customers.

Under the old system, customers bought tokens and then went to the bar for their drinks. Under the controlled system, patrons continued to buy tokens but had to have waiters bring their refreshments.

The 1.6 litre jugs re-entered service Wednesday at three tokens, or $2.25, each.

"We did this because of all the complaints about Pit service," SAC chairman Paul Sekhon said Wednesday.

"Now, if you don't want to wait you can just go to the counter."

Sekhon said SAC wants to place the beer suppliers on yearly rotation. "SAC decided last night to change from Molson's draft to Carling O'Keefe," he said.

"We thought we'd give all the companies a chance."

Sekhon said SAC wants to try Labatt's draft next.

Alma Mater Society president John DeMarco said Wednesday the draft switch has nothing to do with this fall's beer company promotions on campus.

"Molson's has been spending more than anybody," DeMarco said.

"There has been discussion in SAC regarding promotion (by beer companies) in the Pit," Sekhon said.

"Gary Glover from Carling's, a commerce student, and Brent Tynan of Molson's have been buying tokens at cash registers . . .

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Student unions consider bank boycott

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The University of Manitoba student union is considering withdrawing its money from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce due to that bank's loans to the government of South Africa.

At its conference in Calgary last month, the National Union of Students (NUS) passed a motion calling on student unions to withdraw their money from the Bank of Commerce, the Royal Bank, the Bank of Montreal, and the Toronto Dominion Bank because these banks have loaned money to the government of South Africa.

And the UBC student representative assembly is considering withdrawing Alma Mater Society funds from the Bank of Montreal, student board of governors representative Moe Sihota said Wednesday.

The SRA has tabled a motion to investigate withdrawing their funds until a group protesting the Bank of Montreal's South Africa policies has addressed them later this month, Sihota said.

The Manitoba action will influence UBC's position on the withdrawal of funds, he said.

"The University of Manitoba decision will probably play a role in our decision," Sihota said.

AMS president John DeMarco said Wednesday the amount of money involved could not be estimated because AMS funds fluctuate in the school year.

According to John Loxley, an economics professor at the U of M, the four banks are members of an international consortium of banks which has loaned approximately $3 billion to the government of South Africa. Loxley said that the banks are very secretive about this consortium and refuse to release the details of the operation.

'Tween classes

TODAY

TYNEHEAD CLUB
Film on the San Diego wild animal park, noon, Bio 2361.

ECKANKAR CLUB
Introductory lecture, noon, SUB 213.

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Talk and slide presentation on dental hygiene, noon, IRC 1.

SKI CLUB
Information booth open, noon to 1:30 p.m., SUB concourse.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Christians in the academic world, noon, SUB 205.

HOMOSOC
Homophile meeting, noon, SUB 211.

PRE-VET CLUB
Lecture by veterinary practitioner, noon, MacMl 158.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Dan Gardener speaks on Our Spirit Knit With God's Spirit, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre lounge.

SUS
Speaker on Nuclear Fusion: Unlimited Energy for the Future, noon, Hennings 201.

LIBERALS CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 215.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Speakers Don MacLeod, Neil Graham and Thena Ayres, noon, Chem 250.

HILLEL HOUSE
Israeli poetry, noon, Freddy Wood Theatre.

PHOTOSOC
Photography exhibition, until Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., SUB art gallery.

STUDENTS OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR IRRESPONSIBILITY
The film Lovejoy, noon, Scarfe 210.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
General meeting, noon, SUB 212A.

FRIDAY

SKYDIVING CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 212.

BAHA'I CLUB
Informal discussion on the Baha'i faith, noon, SUB 113.

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS
Executive meeting, noon, Graduate Student Centre committee room.

GSA
Folk night, 8 p.m., Graduate Student Centre garden room.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Dr. Park Davidson on Future Developments for Clinical Psychology in Canada, noon, Angus 321.

HANG GLIDING CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 215.

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
John Hodge speaks on Philipians, 6:30 p.m., Regent College lounge.

POTTERY CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 251.

SKI CLUB
Free style disco and draw for Whistler pass, 8 p.m., SUB party room.

HILLEL HOUSE
Shimon Levy on the Image of Israel in Modern Hebrew Poetry, noon, Hillel House.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
La conversation informale, noon, International House.

SUNDAY

CANADA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION/CSA
Guest lecture by Chinese author Han Suyin, 8 p.m., Orpheum Theatre.

MONDAY

SAILING CLUB
Executive meeting, noon, SUB 216F.

TUESDAY

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
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C'tee choice taken from students' fed

The provincial government has taken away the right to choose student members of the student loans appeals committee from the B.C. Students' Federation.

"This year the (student) members of the loan appeal committee have been chosen by the government," student services provincial co-ordinator Dean Clarke said Wednesday.

BCSF spokeswoman Karen Dean said Wednesday that many BCSF members think the government did not like student committee members chosen by the federation in previous years.

Clarke said the education ministry, which administers student loans, asked colleges and universities and institutes to send nominations for student representatives.

Dean said the federation attempted to fight what members thought was an undermining of its power by asking all institutes, colleges and universities to submit the names of the two people chosen in September by the federation — UBC student arts senator Paul Sandhu and Camosun College student Don Hunsell.

She said the plan was not as great a success as the federation had hoped because McGeer has the final say in the matter and can appoint whomever he chooses.

Clarke said one student each from a college, university and institute has been appointed.

"Obviously the ministry has chosen people not recommended by the BCSF," Dean said.

"Either some of the schools sent in names other than the ones we asked them to or the ministry chose some students on its own."

Clarke said the names will not be released until education minister Pat McGeer has approved them. McGeer must also approve other members of the appeals committee who are drawn from the loans committee and from student aid officers at various institutions.

Clarke said the loans committee, comprised of three representatives from the ministry and two from institutions has chosen the members of the loans appeal committee but the selections cannot be announced until they are reviewed by the ministry.

The committee is made up of three students, two awards officers and two representatives from the ministry. Only the awards officers and the students have voting power.

But, Clarke said, few cases judged by the appeals committee ever require a vote because the committee usually makes a unanimous decision.

Once McGeer has approved the committee members, the committee will meet monthly or as often as necessary. It will be in operation until August.

Federation members complained that although the committee will be in existence until August it has been formed too late.

"This is typical of the provincial government," federation spokesman Gordon Bell said Wednesday.

"They never get anything done."

But Clarke said the committee was not necessary until recently because it only deals with final appeals, not appeals made of initial awards.

Appeals of initial awards are dealt with by the loans committee. Clarke said that usually about 75 per cent of these students are given the amount they asked for originally.

—matt king photo

"CORNER POCKET," grunts pool shark Brian Ecclstone, science 1, as he takes aim at cue ball in SUB pool hall Wednesday. Ecclstone, lured away from books by sinful sport, managed to avoid having thumbs broken by angry opponents.

Kenny dumps on McGeer scheme

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The projects, he estimates, would "generate an operating ongoing commitment of approximately five per cent of the capital cost."

Kenny concludes the letter with a suggestion that the ministry provide funds for the improvements.

"I welcome the initiative you have taken in this matter and I look forward to the provision of adequate funding for these 'clean-up' projects," the letter states.

Kenny said the university submitted its specific proposals to the ministry in February but has yet to get a response.

The campus clean-up project is "fine" if money is available and academic interests are realized, UBC administrative services vice-president Chuck Connaghan said Wednesday.

"There has never been any money to clean up these 'slums,'" he said.

"We have always put as much as possible into the academic enterprise."

UBC is allocated money in two separate budgets — one for annual operating funds and another for capital projects. Under legislation introduced by the Socred government last year, capital projects are funded through borrowing approved by the universities council and the cabinet.

Operating funds come from an annual grant from government revenues. The five-year plans submitted by UBC, SFU and UVic will be used to plan borrowing for capital projects.

"It is a well-established fact at this university that the highest amount of money goes into academic pursuits," Connaghan said.

"We're fully aware of the areas that need upgrading."

Alma Mater Society president John DeMarco also criticized McGeer.

"McGeer is more concerned with what the university looks like to tourists driving through than to the quality of education," he said Wednesday.

"McGeer's not worried if tuition fees go up or class sizes increase.

"He's just concerned that the parking lots don't look nice.

DeMarco said he thinks this concern with what he called "campus cosmetics" is unfortunate because it ignores academic quality.

SAC backs jug revival

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and passing out tokens. 'Here, buy a cold one.'

"It's just an idea, but we're thinking of saying 'leave the Pit alone and work through undergraduate societies. That way you'd spread it (freebies) around to more people.'"

The changes have the RCMP's sanction. Sgt. Al Hutchinson, head of the RCMP's UBC detachment, told Pit manager Tor Svanoe in a recent letter that "you are at liberty to adopt any means of serving that is permitted under the B.C. Liquor Control and Licensing Act regulations. . ."

"Our concern is that you monitor the situation and retain a reasonable atmosphere and standard of conduct.

"To be specific, there is no law against serving beer in jugs, self-service is permissible and, governed by your own management policy, chanting and singing are not specifically prohibited by law."

Voters clash at UEL meeting

By BILL TIELEMAN

The election of a regional district representative for the University Endowment Lands is turning into a fight between ratepayers and tenants, despite efforts by both candidates to draw broad support in the community.

At a public meeting Tuesday night, tenants, supporting candidate Jane Corcoran for the UEL seat on the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and ratepayers, supporting the incumbent representative, Iva Mann, argued back and forth for most of the evening.

The majority of the audience of about 120 appeared to have made up their minds before the meeting started.

Both candidates urged residents to work together toward attaining self-government for the UEL.

"I don't know how to convince you to work together. We can only take control through the exercise of political strength," Corcoran said. "How much longer must we suffer under the status quo?"

Mann said she favors municipal status for the UEL and anticipates no problems getting it from the provincial government.

"I've taken steps to inform the government that the UEL wants to control its own affairs. I don't think we're going to have to have too much negotiation," she said.

Corcoran said that municipal status may present problems for UEL residents. "I've always had reservations against municipal status protecting the community," she said.

The UEL should consider all the implications of becoming a municipality before asking the government for municipal status, Corcoran said.

Mann said municipal status is the only form of self-government UEL residents should consider, but that the GVRD cannot deal with the issue.

"The GVRD has nothing to do with getting municipal status," she said. "The provincial government does the planning for the UEL."

But Corcoran said the GVRD does have a say in making the UEL a municipality.

"Municipal status is involved because it is a planning activity. The GVRD is responsible for regional planning," she said.

Audience members got involved in numerous arguments about campaign expenditures, traffic control problems, communication between Mann and the UEL community and the problems of municipal status.

One resident, UBC education professor John Dennison, said the UEL community should be united in trying to achieve self-government.

Garbage study gets research grant

A garbage dump study is the recipient of a large chunk of a recent research grant made to UBC.

The $112,000 grant, announced Nov. 7 by the attorney-general's office and the education ministry, will fund six engineering projects.

The garbage dump study, which will receive from $40,000 to $45,000, is a four-year project that was allocated $50,000 by the government last year.

Assistant civil engineering professor Robert Cameron, who heads the project, said the study involves a garbage dump at the south end of campus.

The grant will fund three full-time technicians, graduate students and expensive chemical analyses, Cameron said. The project workers measure rainfall over the dump and analyze leachates — dissolved materials in the soil.

Cameron is interested in the types of leachates that develop from the refuse. He is attempting to determine how long the garbage dump will be a problem and how leachates could be treated so they are environmentally safe.

Another research grant will go to an environmental engineering project that is engaged in finding ways to remove trace organic materials such as pesticides from sewage.

Another grant, totalling about $35,000, has been awarded to a water resources research program headed by associate civil engineering professor Samuel Russell.

The rest of the $112,000 has been allocated to the following:

- a grant of $11,040 to the study of particle collection in packed beds and the purchase of an aerosol generator which will be given to the provincial government after the study is finished;
- a $6,740 grant for the development of fluidized bed claus reactors; and
- a $2,220 grant for the analysis of ambient air data.

Keep talking, Doug

We have been very pleased lately with administration president Doug Kenny.

This week he has come out swinging against the provincial and federal governments, who he said are jeopardizing higher education in B.C. with callous hold-the-line fiscal policies. That is just what we've been saying for years, especially about the provincial government.

Such talk is music to our ears. Prior to his speech Monday before the Vancouver Board of Trade, Kenny had been relatively quiet, apparently content with trying to wrest more money from the Socreds in Victoria through backroom complaints.

From his occasional thickly-veiled mutterings about low funding, it was clear that Kenny was unhappy with Socred fiscal policies which have forced students to pay at least 25 per cent more this year for a lower standard of education.

Kenny has also been unhappy about lowering levels of research funding. While research funds do not immediately affect students, they do finance an important part of what a university does, and provide employment for many people. As Kenny said, research plays an important part in establishing Canada's independence.

And to show that the sentiments expressed in Monday's speech were not a fluke, Kenny told education minister Pat McGeer, part of the Socred bunch that is choking off operating funds to UBC, to forget his plans to beautify the campus until our academic needs are met. Great.

The Ubyssey has rarely had kind words for Kenny. So little that some people have spread the fallacy that we oppose Kenny no matter what he does. That isn't true, because we have criticized Kenny for what we believe are good reasons.

We don't agree with everything Kenny said in his Monday speech. But on the occasions Kenny takes a stand we agree with in general, we are glad to praise him for it.

We are not vain enough to believe that his new hard line comes as a result of our complaints or those of others. But he has probably realized that UBC is suffering because the Socreds (and federal Liberals) have made a cynical calculation that starving higher education will not cost votes.

While wisely not taking a partisan stance, Kenny is finally aggressively selling UBC and making quite clear his feelings on the government's policies of neglect.

If this toughness and the newfound openness to the press continues, Kenny may find himself more popular because UBC, and by implication, students and faculty, are bound to benefit.

Letters

Reality for women is not as nice as writer believes

We would like to address ourselves to a recent article in The Ubyssey, Women given 'special status' (Nov. 10) by L. Smit.

The thrust of Smit's article seems to be that women in our society are given special status, to which they are not entitled. This assumption reflects a rather naive perception of our society. Unfortunately, reality is not as nice as Smit would have us believe; women continue to be discriminated against in almost every aspect of our society.

And yes, Smit, there is discrimination at UBC.

Smit questions the necessity and even the validity of the existence of a dean of women's office, which provides services for women only. Following this line of thought to its logical conclusion, we would like to ask Smith how s/he feels about the health services at UBC, for they too discriminate against people in general by providing their services for only those students who are sick.

This is not to imply that women are ill, it is merely to point out that they, in an analogous way, are at a disadvantage in our modern world. The dean of women's office attempts to correct the inequities women face at UBC and to focus attention on the problems confronting them.

Smit also bewails the fact that there is no dean of men. We would like to point out that 11 out of the 12 deans at UBC are men. Although none of them is specifically titled 'dean of men' it is obvious that the male point of view is well represented. We wonder how the dean of women feels when she, representing nearly half the campus population, faces this slightly overbalanced group, as the sole proponent of the female viewpoint.

The crux of Smit's article is that women are being given an unfair advantage at this university through special allocation of monies, special programs, special library collections, special offices, in sum, special treatment. We would like to note that the adjective 'special' would not be necessary if women were adequately represented in these areas in the first place.

Smit goes on to say that ". . .women do not want to be equal within the job market (as persons working with other persons) but rather they seek to conquer the job market."

This sounds almost convincing until one remembers that women are not the equals of men in the job market, never have been and unless measures are taken, never will be. Of course we want to be equals in the job market, and it would be nice if employers simply regarded men and women as "persons working with other persons." Sadly, they do not.

The most insidious statement the author makes in the article is her/his correlation of the two facts: that unemployment in Canada is growing and that women, because of the dean of women's proposed internship program, will be taking jobs away from that shrinking market.

Taking the jobs away from whom, L. Smit? Surely you don't object to a qualified woman filling a post? And remember, L. Smit, the woman in question is filling the post, not just collecting a salary.

Recall, too, the practice of internship for future doctors and articling for law students. There are no howls of protest about these intern programs, yet it could be argued that the interns and articling students are taking away perfectly good jobs from paramedics and legal assistants.

Further, what is the objection to employers knowing the "quality and kind of person" they are thinking of hiring? Surely any employer has this right? If the internship program provides this kind of information, how can it be called non-objective?

But it is the last paragraph that L. Smit reveals how little understanding s/he has of the situation, both at university and in the job market. Some thought is indeed being given to the integration of males and females as persons seeking higher education and job placement. The whole purpose of intern programs, such as the one proposed by the dean of women, is to ensure a more equitable balance of the sexes in these areas.

But pray tell us, Mr. or Ms. Smit, what exactly you mean by ". . .the integration of males and females as persons in their perspective roles?"

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that yes, we do know that everything is not all right with the male population as regards awareness. Have you ever considered joining a consciousness-raising group?

Susan Ursel
arts 2
Kate Andrew
fine arts

Miscreants

Having been at UBC for approximately two months now, I cannot say I have received a very favorable first impression of this university's undergraduate engineers. A segment of this group seems to get its jollies directly from the degree of disturbance and annoyance it causes in the community. Is it just a minority who condone or participate in such "mischievous" antics as the harassment of Bimini picketers reported in the Nov. 8 Ubyssey?

If so, I suggest the responsible majority begin policing the miscreants in their ranks, lest they succeed in convincing the rest of us that there really is an "engineering mentality."

Leon Kolankiewicz
graduate studies

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"Burn down the Burro! Out with the Georgia Straight pseudo-hippies!" screamed the savage Marcus "the Match" Gee, who had just discovered fire. "Burn Kathy "Older Model" Ford's bra," yelled Chris "Gunner" Gainor. "Fan the fire, bring the boiling oil," added Bill "Flame-out" Tieleman. Mike "Macho" Bocking bragged with idle threats of bodily harm and Tom "the Hulk" Hawthorn threatened Heather "Cold Power" Conn with a haircut. Matt "Kong" King beat his hairy chest after a round of liquid lunch and offered to fight Heather "Wonder Woman" Walker. Steve "Horrible" Howard tried to use Tom "Bulldog" Barnes as a tackling dummy but Bob "Killer" Krieger knocked him to the ground while Sylvana "Deadly" Di Giacomo devastated the staff with her witty remarks. But the vicious newsiders finally called a truce to prepare for Thursday's holy crusade against the infidel Pooftas. Remember, survivors will party at Merrilee's on Saturday and the walking wounded will commiserate at the Gee residence staff meeting Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Nukes are dangerous, Alex

Tuesday's issue of The Ubyssey carried a front page story about NDP MLA Alex MacDonald and his thoughts about nuclear energy development for British Columbia.

Before MacDonald starts chattering away, he should check his facts. Nuclear technology is a dangerous business and they who would have us adopt it should understand its history.

MacDonald is quoted as saying, "there has been no loss of life in the development of nuclear energy."

During the early 60s, an SL-1 reactor exploded in Idaho, killing three men. The bodies were so radioactive that the heads and hands were buried with nuclear waste material and the remainder of the corpses were interred in lead-lined coffins.

In 1966, the Enrico Fermi reactor outside of Detroit, Michigan experienced a melt-down. No lives were lost but it was very very close.

In 1974, workers at the Kerr-McGee nuclear facility were exposed to excessive doses of radiation. Karen Silkwood, one of the exposed Oklahoma workers had all the furniture in her apartment destroyed by the Atomic Energy Commission because her belongings were "hot." Silkwood herself died a short time after while en route to an interview with the New York Times. An investigation into her death is now being conducted as there is evidence that her car was forced off the road and over a cliff.

I could list other accidents like Chalk River or Port Hope, Ontario. Explosions, melt-downs, jammed fuel rods, human error have all happened and will continue to happen as long as nuclear reactor construction proliferates.

Another fact which nuclear proponents consistently ignore is that reactors have a limited life of 30 to 40 years at the most after which the building housing the reactor becomes too hot. The reactor then must be abandoned and another built. The old reactor must be guarded to protect the unwary public from becoming too close to the site. The site will then remain off-limits to all life forms for 30,000 years.

The CANDU reactor, Canada's gift to the world, has already provided the atomic bomb to India and thanks to our generous donations, South Korea and Argentina will soon join the big bomb club.

Plutonium is a target for terrorists. Many pounds of plutonium have already disappeared and remain unaccounted for. When you consider that an ounce of plutonium could destroy the population of Vancouver by simply scattering the lethal dust into the wind, then you can begin to realize the horrific scope of the problem.

MacDonald is uninformed and his ideas are more dangerous than he himself realizes.

The best place for uranium is in the ground.

Paul Watson
executive director
Earthforce Environmental Society

Quebec: one year after Nov. 15

Support for the Parti Quebecois is waning as the economy worsens

freestyle

By TOM HAWTHORN

Most Canadians will never forget how they first reacted when they learned of the astonishing Parti Quebecois victory on November 15, 1976.

On that night a year ago, the Quebec electorate voted in favor of their first separatiste government. It was to mark a new era in Ottawa/Quebec relations.

Many Quebecers were ecstatic. Wild celebrations took place in all parts of French Quebec, from Old Montreal to the Lower Town in Quebec City.

Pierre Vallieres, author of the original separatiste bible, Les Negres Blancs d'Amerique (White Niggers of America), regarded the PQ victory as the culmination of the struggle against the colonizing effect and yoke under which Quebec had been held for more than 200 years.

The PQ was regarded by many as being the final saving force of the Quebecois people.

Now, a year later, the first stirrings of discontent from the French population are being felt. The honeymoon between the PQ and the Quebec people is rapidly diminishing, as many Quebecers have begun to demand that the PQ fulfill its many appealing social and economic electoral promises.

In understanding the PQ victory, it is of extreme importance to view the pre-election mood in the province.

At that time, the Liberals were a dying party and electoral force. Almost every action of Robert Bourassa's government was met with strong opposition from both the media and the general public.

RENE LEVESQUE . . . hasn't solved economic problems

The poorly contrived Bill 22 and the infamous Bill 23, which outlawed strikes or walkouts on the part of teachers, hospital workers and other public employees, only served to antagonize Liberal supporters. Public opinion polls indicated that Liberal support was hovering about 30 per cent.

The Olympic stadium bungling, the horse meat scandals, and the many governmental scandals were all examples of Liberal ineptitude.

At the same time, the PQ was acting as a very effective official opposition. By the time the election was called, the PQ undoubtedly smelled blood.

Stymied electorally in 1970 and 1973, the PQ was anxious to finally achieve the victory they had sought since their formation in 1968.

In an earlier party convention, the PQ had decided to replace their philosophy of immediate separation following a PQ victory with the policy of the referendum.

The benefits of this action were more than evident in 1976.

The Quebec electorate, faced with the only other alternative option of supporting an inefficient and corrupt administration, decided that the PQ was the only party capable of running the province.

The PQ decision to promise a referendum on independence unquestionably aided their political position. Voters sympathetic to the basic social goals of the PQ but who were federalists regarded this situation as the opportunity to replace an anti-labor, big business government.

It is important to note that Quebec has historically been devoid of a viable leftist party in the political spectrum. The Liberals, l'Union Nationale, the now defunct Parti Nationale Populaire, and the Creditistes are all parties of the right.

Being as the CCF/NDP has never been a political force either provincially or federally in Quebec, an obvious void existed. When the PQ was formed in 1968, the party membership voted to ensure that the new party was to fulfill leftist goals.

As a result, and I quote from 1973 and 1976 campaign literature, the PQ wished to extend social community resources, give labor increased power and position, increase family allowances, solve both the educational and economical problems facing CEGEPs and universities, reduce unemployment, and to accomplish a host of other "socialist" goals.

There really is no question that the PQ's popularity was established as a result of these greatly needed policies.

Quebec in 1976 was obviously in extremely poor economic shape. Unemployment was higher than in any other North American region, except for the Maritimes. The province had massive debts from the Olympic construction, the James Bay project, and from other governmental expenditures. Labor unions were striking daily, as everyone from teachers, bus drivers and gravediggers struck sometime during the Bourassa administration.

Quebec's lost man hours through strike activity were rivalled only by Italy in the western world.

The Parti Quebecois was to be the messiah that was to lead the Quebecois out of this devastating economic and social degeneration.

Or so the people thought.

In looking back on the PQ's first year in office, it is quite simple to define the government's primary goal. There is no question about it, the PQ is dedicated to the establishment of a sovereign and autonomous Quebec state.

Premier Rene Levesque's recent trip to France is evidence of this. So are Levesque's weekly attacks on Ottawa's involvement in Quebec affairs. In fact, the PQ is already preparing for the proposed spring referendum of 1979.

Independence is a goal that the PQ and Levesque are determined to achieve.

The effect of so much governmental attention devoted to the question of Quebec independence is becoming quite evident in both public reaction and opinion polls.

Increasing numbers of Quebecers believe that their problems are being ignored.

As a Gallup poll indicated last week, 59 per cent of the Quebec population believed that unemployment, inflation and the economy were to be the important issue in the next federal election. Only 37 per cent thought Quebec separation and national unity were the paramount issue.

Astonishingly, the Quebec sample was the least concerned with separation!

A recent survey released by the CBC's 90 Minutes Live program indicated 58 per cent of the Quebec population was dissatisfied with the PQ's economic accomplishments.

A Carleton School of Journalism poll showed 49 per cent of Quebecers were concerned with the economy and unemployment more than any other issue.

Quebec's problems today are economic ones. Unemployment this winter will approach 15 per cent in the province, while some regions with seasonal economies will have to face upward of 50 per cent unemployment.

Little more than a week ago, more than 1,000 Quebec students protested high tuition fees. PQ education minister Jacques-Yvan Morin's speech was drowned out with shouts of "Parti Quebecois, Parti Bourgeois." A year ago, French student protests against the PQ government would have been unthinkable.

Labor leaders are also beginning to stir. The PQ has already had to replace their first labor minister, while the current one is having a difficult time convincing the trade unions to cut back on demands. Again, it would have been unheard of a year ago for the unions to be fighting with the PQ.

Something is definitely stirring in the province of Quebec, and it no longer is support marching behind Levesque. The woeful state of the Quebec economy is slowly but surely strangling any form of economic growth.

And with the movement of companies from the province, the economy is not only stagnated, but it has degenerated at a rate that may be impossible to check.

But there are many questions which need answering. First of all, why is Quebec's economy, blessed as it is with abundant natural resources, in such a pitiful state? Why is unemployment so high with no prospect of decreasing this winter? And, in the midst of Canada's gravest constitutional crisis, why are the Quebec people more concerned about their own economic stability rather than about Quebec separation?

The answer is twofold: the PQ has been so involved with the goal of sovereignty that the economic problems have had to have been ignored, and the Quebec people are facing massive cost-of-living increases without having any financial guarantees to meet inflational demands.

The result has been that Quebec's economic situation has worsened from what it was under the Bourassa administration. And with the PQ cabinet's decision to pursue independence as part of the governmental administration, it is unlikely new investors will materialize in the near future.

Quebec is in for quite a few years of economic difficulty.

The PQ, of course, regards Bill 101 as its greatest accomplishment in the past year. The Official Languages Act was met with a good deal of approval by french-speaking Quebecers. However, there are flaws in both the constitution and implementation of the bill.

See page 7: PQ

Tom Hawthorn is a Ubyssey writer who hails from Montreal and still follows events in his home province with great interest. Freestyle is a column of opinion, analysis and humor written by Ubyssey staffers.

Levesque sells out

A recent editorial in the McGill Daily, student newspaper of McGill University, Montreal, written by editor Daniel Boyer.

The Parti Quebecois has been in power for almost a year. Despite the enactment of a strong and, among francophones, popular language law, the PQ has failed to enact any significant reforms.

The government's "progressive" labor policies have not won the support of the labor force, organized or unorganized. Private enterprise has led a very effective and low key campaign against the PQ and has continually lorded the threat of crisis over the government. In short, the PQ has been ineffective in dealing with Quebec's strongly established social blocs.

All these losses in the social area can be largely attributed to the terrible performance of premier Rene Levesque and his government in the political area. More than anything, the PQ victory was an emotional and proud assertion of Quebec nationalism — the historic right that the people of this province should be masters of their own fate.

It was that area in which the main battle should have taken place. Levesque should have made it clear to the people of this province that they would have to make an historic sacrifice necessary for the survival of a way of life. Instead, he found it more important to convince Wall Street that he wasn't going to rock the boat.

Levesque is clearly dedicated to a democratic path. He could have, and perhaps still can, provide strong leadership without abusing his powers. In the week following the election, he could have appealed directly to people for support by stating frankly what everyone knew: that there were going to be threats, flights of capital and murmurs of violence and sabotage from the anglophone community.

In fact, he should have laid it on the line that the immediate future would not see marked improvements because the established powers would as always, try to undermine any government which proclaims progressive social action.

Despite all the popular feeling that he evoked among French-speaking Quebecers, Levesque has not addressed that sector of the population even once. He has gone to New York twice and has appeared on TV with English parents but he still has to seriously set out his goals to his constituency. His detractors accuse him of creating uncertainty, yet he still has to declare himself. As long as Quebec fails to take a clear stance, it will lose out.

The federal government is more than happy to have Levesque dilly-dally around because as long as they can hold him up to criticism less attention will be focused on their own disastrous performance, which is turning Canada's economy into one of the weakest in the industrialized world, despite our obvious wealth.

This country lacks the political basis necessary to construct a strategy that will satisfy cultural, economic and social demands. No one seems capable of doing anything here except pass the buck. It is as though, instead of a government, Canada was ruled by a series of bickering opposition groups which are trying to blame the other guy for the current malaise and the obvious crisis to come.

After one year, the PQ has fallen meekly into place, dispelling a lot of hope that they were a new and vigorous political force. It can only be hoped that some constructive thinking and action will emerge in the coming referendum debate.

SPORTS

Rugby 'Birds get Boot trophy with expected win over UVic

Jim Burnam, who missed most of last rugby season with a broken jaw, scored three tries as a fired-up UBC team won the annual Boot trophy match for the ninth straight time Tuesday.

The 'Birds rolled to a 33-12 win at Thunderbird Stadium over an outclassed University of Victoria side. UBC has beaten Victoria every year since the trophy was first awarded in 1967, except in the first year, in which the 'Birds beat Simon Fraser University.

The Boot is awarded for an annual match between UBC and another university team.

But UBC coach Donn Spence found the return to form of the 'Birds more satisfying than the trophy win. Last Friday a favored UBC team was lucky to salvage a 10-10 tie in McKechnie Cup round-robin action against the Fraser Valley reps.

"We weren't very sharp last Friday, so it was relieving to come up with a good game today," said Spence. "Things weren't perfect but this is closer to the way I expect us to play."

Prop Dennis Carson returned from a two-game suspension by the Vancouver Rugby Union and shored up the 'Birds' small and inexperienced pack, helping UBC play its best game of the season, despite the fact of the slowness with which the forwards got involved in the loose play.

Not only were the backs getting the ball throughout the match, but also the forwards had a running attack which they had never before displayed.

Robin Russel and flanker Don Carson led the charge on the ground, both scoring tries, while flanker Bill Collins joined in with impressive, but short, runs.

Having established the running game early, the UBC backs dictated the game's pace, penning the Vikings deep in their end for the first half.

Burnham scored the first UBC points at 38 minutes and, with the ice broken, a penalty goal by David Whyte and another Burnham try, converted by scrum half Preston Wiley, quickly followed. Russel lifted the score to 17-0 just before the half when he broke a tackle and sprinted 27 metres for a try.

The Vikings were unable to slow UBC's momentum in the second half. Whyte and centre Andrew Bibby stood out as the 'Bird backfield dominated play. Don Carson, Whyte and Burnham each scored tries, and Whyte added a convert before the Vikings could make a comeback.

Midway through the second half, the 'Birds' impetus lagged and the backfield play consisted of clearing kicks into touch. The Vikings took advantage of this weakness and struck for three unconverted tries, which pulled the score to 27-12.

Whyte stopped the Viking offensive when he ran over for a try, then finished the scoring with a drop-kicked, old-style convert.

Because two of Victoria's tries were scored on pushovers, one from a scrum and the other from a maul, it is apparent that the UBC scrum is still weak.

But the win lifts the 'Birds' overall record to 7-1-1, which is not bad for a team some thought was in a rebuilding year.

The 'Birds meet the Vancouver Rowing Club Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Vancouver Rugby Union first-division play at UBC's Wolfson Field (next to B lot). The Rowing Club can still stop UBC from rising to grab first place in the league and take the Tisdale Cup.

Jock shorts

Shooting doubles, sprawling and taking singles, UBC wrestlers will meet U.S. No. 1 ranked Athletes in Action Friday at 7:30 p.m. at War Memorial Gym.

The Athletes in Action are ex-collegiate U.S. competitors.

UBC's returnees include 1977 Canadian collegiate champion Craig Delahunt, Joe Machial, Peter Farkas, Rob Lang and Vance Coan.

On Saturday, the annual UBC Freestyle Classic will be held all day at War Memorial Gym. Visitors include teams from B.C., Alberta, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

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Playing tougher teams builds experience, and the UBC Thunderbird soccer team will be well-experienced after this season. Currently in the B.C. Soccer League first-division cellar, the 'Birds have a chance to start climbing when they host Columbus at 2 p.m. Saturday at Thunderbird Stadium.

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Letters

South Africa first public question put to large banks

I appreciate that Stuart Clark, bank manager at the Bank of Montreal, SUB, has entered into the debate concerning banking in South Africa. I wish that he might have addressed the issue of why our banks in Canada invest money in South Africa.

By this letter he seems to indicate that the banks have considerable concern for the development of all the people of South Africa, including the blacks. Economic boycotts would only hinder this development according to Clark.

I believe that the banks have invested in South Africa, first of all, in order to make money. This is their primary goal and purpose. Economic boycotts against South Africa will only hurt them.

The question we face here is 'are there enough people in Canada who are willing to withdraw money from the banks in disapproval of their investments in South Africa so that they are threatened at home and will find it more advantageous to drop the profits received from abroad to maintain the profits received at home?' I therefore wish to support the banking boycott.

The second issue involved in this question is one of corporate responsibility. The banks of Canada are primarily using the capital of the people of Canada. Do I not have a right and responsibility to ensure that the money that I invest in a bank (meagre as it may be) is used in ways which will assist one's fellow man? Thus there are other issues than profits which must be considered.

The question arises 'will the boycott work?' It is obvious that the banks are upset by this banking boycott. In the past few months they have experienced severe competition for new accounts. They have offered new homes and other prizes as incentives.

This demonstrates their anxiety about accounts in Canada. There are also rumors of the bank act being changed to allow American banks to compete in the market. The big five would not be very happy with this. This leads me to believe that the bank policy may be changed quickly if sufficient pressure is brought to bear.

The banks are also afraid of this issue in that they have enjoyed a quiet Canadian public who have accepted their policies without question. Surely this issue of South Africa and banking will be only the first of many questions raised by the Canadian public of these corporate giants.

When the Bank of Montreal announces publicly that it has withdrawn its investments in South Africa I shall be delighted to reorder a mastercharge and to reopen my account.

Don Johnson
Lutheran campus ministry

B of M busy oppressing

The Bank of Montreal was founded in 1817. It's been around a long time, and has impeccable credentials when it comes to oppressing people.

In its early days the bank had extensive dealings with the two fur-trading companies: the NorthWest Company and the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1821 these two amalgamated to create a monopoly, the better to control the lucrative fur trade in the western half of British North America; the better to exploit the native people who actually produced the pelts and could trade with no other company — on pain of death.

In 1873 Sir John A MacDonald's government was brought down by the Pacific scandal, occasioned by dishonesty surrounding the dealings of the CPR. George Stephen of the Bank of Montreal was one of the triumvirate of movers back of the CPR. Donald Smith of the HBC was another. The CPR got millions of acres of prime land and vast subsidies in aid of railway construction.

From whom was this land taken?

Yes indeed, Stuart Clark from the Bank of Montreal, I've "considered our own native people who were placed on reservations by our government;" furthermore, I've considered the role of big corporations such as the HBC, the CPR and your very own Bank of Montreal in pushing governments to formulate such land policies. George Etienne Cartier, MacDonald's righthand man, was involved with the Bank of Montreal for much of his life, and helped devise the repressive land policies which led to two prairie rebellions.

Who was in part bankrolling the CPR and the HBC, both of which were only too willing to rush troops and supplies to the prairies to suppress native and Metis attempts to obtain self-determination and a fair land deal in 1885?

You guessed it, Stuart baby, the good old B of M!

Funny you should mention the question of the franchise and the existence of reservations here in Canada: those were precisely the arguments used by South African ambassadors to the UN in the 1960s, specifically addressing themselves to Canada.

Two wrongs don't make a right, Mr. Clark, and if your inference is that similar things are happening here in our own backyard, in a way you are absolutely correct. Let's be consistent as you yourself suggest — so why don't you bastards pull out of Canada, too?

R. Marris

Economic sanctions have worked before

Stuart Clark of the Bank of Montreal says that economic sanctions ". . . have been tried before in other countries and failed." I know of at least one instance, which occurred in my native land (which I left in disgust in 1967) where this was not true.

Part of the reason for the collapse of the Confederate States of America in 1865 was a complete lack of funds. Confederate money had become worthless as the rebel government printed more and more to meet its obligations. With no national income to speak of, the Confederates could not buy the war materiel they needed, and the rebellion was crushed.

Why did this happen, when the ante-bellum South had been so rich? Very simple: few nations wanted to buy Confederate cotton. Had England, for example, traded with the South and bought more than a token amount of cotton, the rebels would have prospered economically and might very possibly have won the American War between the states. Even the Northern naval blockade, effective as it might have been, could not have withstood British naval might.

By not buying Southern cotton, the nations of the world effectively decided the outcome of the rebellion. What do we call this when one or many nations refuse to buy the produce of another nation? An economic boycott!

It does work, so let's get those dollars out of Canadian banks investing in South Africa!

Robert M. Hunter
grad studies dropout '72

Tissues example of bookstore rip-offs

I would like to add my voice to the howl of complaint about UBC bookstore profits. Because of previous experience with over-inflated prices at this establishment, I generally avoid the bookstore for purchases other than books, but last week I was forced by circumstance to buy a box of Kleenex there.

The long, squat half-packs of tissue in any brand usually cost between 35 and 40 cents each at Safeway, perhaps a little more at a drug store. Can you imagine my shock at seeing these same half-packs of Scotties listed at 59 cents each in the bookstore, which professes to be non-profit?

By simple multiplication, this means that the standard household 200-pack would be worth $1.18! If this weren't bad enough, the package was not the usual consumer variety, the one with the birds on the box, but a "special service pack" marked clearly on two sides with "Not to be sold through retail stores."

I can only assume that this means the wholesale cost was lower than normal because the product is intended for hospitals and other institutions. It appears that the bookstore is not only ripping off the unsuspecting consumer to a ridiculous degree in this case, but violating some kind of retailing agreement as well.

This is non-profit?

J. N. Mason
English dept

Grievance c'tee formed

With regard to recent stories in The Ubyssey about problems at International House, the board of directors of International House at its Nov. 10 meeting appointed a grievance committee to gather information and report back to the board.

The committee will meet some time in the first or second week of December. Those wishing to talk to the committee or make submissions should contact George Egerton, history department, UBC. The board hopes that this procedure will help clear up any misunderstandings that have arisen and rectify any problems identified.

Biren Jha
chairman
International House
board of directors

PQ pursues separation

From page 5

It was expected that a PQ victory would insure the passing of a new language and education bill. Neither Bill 65, the Union Nationale law granting freedom of choice with regard to language, nor Bill 22, an inept Liberal attempt to satisfy both English and French Quebecers, were sufficient enough to meet the demands of the growing pro-French factions.

There was an obvious desire by most Quebecers for the French language to assume a more prominent and important position in the everyday life of the province.

If Bill 101 was simply designed to meet this goal, there would not have been much dissension among English-Quebecers. However, the preamble to Bill 101 not only accuses English-speaking residents of perpetrating "the colonization of Quebec," but also places the impetus of unemployment on this same group!

I challenge the PQ to point out how the unemployed teacher in Notre-Dame-de-Grace, or the post office worker from St. Laurent could possibly be subjecting 85 per cent of the population.

The PQ and many pro-independence Quebecers find it very easy to blame all of Quebec's problems on Westmount and the English factor.

As such, the PQ with the implementation of Bill 101 state their determination to increase French representation in corporate executive positions. Well, this may satisfy the political desires of the PQ, but it still fails to show how increased executive francization would do anything for the horrendous unemployment situation.

Under the PQ's guidance, one economic elite would merely be replacing another.

Other portions of the original bill are especially ridiculous. Such things as the changing of English place names, the unlawful use of English in municipal council debates, and the sole use of French in the courts really appear to be bordering on the asinine.

The manner in which the bill was brought to the house also exemplifies the attitude of the PQ. When Bill One was originally introduced, Levesque and cultural affairs minister Camille Laurin promised to allow public hearings to take place in order that the government could see what the population opposed in the bill.

Well, this example of democratic liberty was short-lived. As soon as Laurin bored of the debates (he blamed it on the constant gripings of English-Quebecers) the PQ decided to end the hearings.

In a display of parliamentary contempt equal in Canadian history only to the federal Liberals' closing of the pipeline debate, the PQ changed the wording a little, gave the bill a new name, and presented it to the National Assembly.

It would appear the PQ government's respect to public opinion runs thin when their stance and position on an issue are challenged.

Along with those "spontaneous" St. Jean Baptiste Society demonstrations, such as the one which occurred at Mirabel airport welcoming Levesque from his trip to France, the PQ has been attempting to drum up nationalistic fervor among the Quebecois. Most of the actions of the PQ government in its first year of office have been done in an effort to promote the validity and necessity of an independent Quebec.

The end result has been the PQ has either ignored or passed responsibility to Ottawa on more immediately pressing economic issues. On Monday, Levesque blamed the federal government for the high unemployment level in Quebec.

It truly does seem odd, perhaps even ridiculous, that a premier in favor of independence would ignore an issue and blame the problem on the federal government. Sort of a contradiction of terms, you might say.

And it is all too obvious who comes out behind after all the shenanigans are over.

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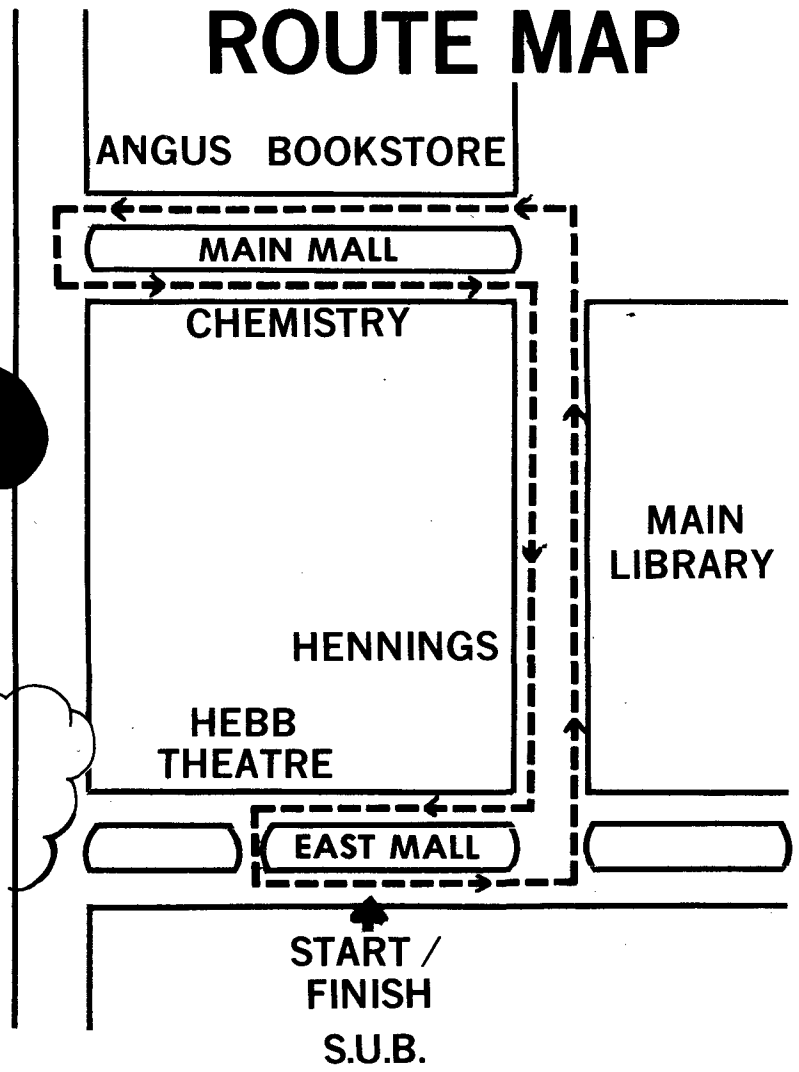

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