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Do sneaky inconsistencies keep *you* up at night? PAUL GORDON PHOTO

New UBC paper seeks funding from US right-wing foundation

by Rick Hiebert

The editors of a new right-wing UBC student periodical wants a conservative US foundation to help fund their paper.

The Independent, a periodical devoted to providing an "alternative" point of view to The Ubyssey, was launched Friday by nine UBC students.

The students plan to distribute 3,000 copies of their paper monthly and if all goes according to plan, advertising revenue and a donation from the Madison Center for Educational Affairs will cover their costs.

"We're getting money from a private US foundation. The Madison Center for Educational Affairs has expressed interest in funding us," Jason Ford, chair of the paper's steering committee, said.

The Madison Center for Educational Affairs funds The Campus Network, an alliance of 65 papers with a conservative perspective across the United States. About half of the papers are partially subsidized by the foundation, and some of them have been criticized for printing material said to be racist, sexist or homophobic.

"We have heard that there is a paper in Canada—it's probably The Independent—that wants our assistance," said Campus Network programme officer Brian Fraley.

"It's Madison Center policy that we don't fund a paper until we see that two or three issues have come out. We see if they make it and their organization is strong enough to keep going. Then we decide," he said.

"I have no problem with a Canadian newspaper," he said. "If they meet our other criteria, I wouldn't think that being in Canada would exclude them from participating in our network, advertising or subsidy programme."

Ford, a fourth-year UBC microbiology student, sees no problem in affiliating his paper with the Campus Network.

"If the Madison Center funding comes through, it's a no strings attached deal, they have no editorial control," Ford said. "I like the idea of being in contact with other universities across the continent, but I want to stress that The Independent is a UBC paper put out by UBC students."

The paper has a budget of $2,800, according to documents filed with the AMS. The Independent, according to their filed budget, plans to get $2,100 from donations from the paper's contributors and "the private sector."

Tim Lo, commissioner for the Student Administrative Commission, the AMS body that regulates clubs, said the staff of the paper "kept saying that they were going to be funded by the Madison Center" during the SAC meeting that approved the formation of the paper as an AMS club.

"They said they were getting their donations from the Madison Center for Educational Affairs, a right-wing group that funds papers in the USA," Lo said. "Jason Ford said they would pay for the papers themselves if they had to...we said that would cost $2,100 and they shrugged it off.

"We didn't look at their funding as if it would be bad for students, as in a religious cult group or something like that. We saw it more like the funding of a political club, like the Young NDP," Lo said.

The monthly periodical has dubbed itself as an "alternative" to The Ubyssey, although Ford said it was "not a newspaper."

"We published The Independent because this campus needs an alternative. The Ubyssey provides a biased approach and while we do not claim to offer an unbiased one, at least we offer a response," Ford said.

He added that the paper would not provide alternative news, as the staffers "don't have the time or the wherewithal to write news."

"What we do provide is a forum for UBC students to discuss and debate ideas," Ford said. "We want input from UBC students, letters and opinion articles, even if they aren't conservative." He said the paper may ask contributors to help with production costs.

However, he said, most of the material found in The Ubyssey would be unsuitable for his paper.

"The overwhelming majority of Ubyssey material would not run in The Independent," Ford said. "The Ubyssey only runs a very limited amount of rational letters, articles, or opinion pieces."

Ford and his paper may have a long way to go. The first three students this writer found Friday who had read The Independent, were critical of its point of view.

"I don't find anything wrong with them exercising their right of free speech to put out the newspaper, but personally I find their point of view oppressive and degrading, highly irrational and debatable," Tamara Eberle, a second-year sociology student, said.

Sedgewick library expands

by Terrie Chan

A $24-million addition to Sedgewick Library will be built in the garden pit area between Sedgewick and the Math Building.

"The new addition is planned for completion by August 1995," said Derek Miller, a student representative on the Board of Governors.

"The university figures out a five to ten-year plan of what kind of construction will go on—of buildings and new facilities," he said. "However details of plans can't be discussed until final contracts are signed."

Though final contracts with architects Arthur Erickson and Aitken Wreglesworth have not been signed, the structure will have two stories above ground, according a UBC External Affairs pamphlet.

And a significant proportion of the stack areas will be constructed underground, according to information from the Campus Planning Office.

About 100,000 square feet of Library Centre Phase I to be added to the existing 113,000 in Sedgewick, will roughly double Sedgewick's current size.

However, there have been previous proposals for expansion. According to a November 1980 Ubyssey article, the administration proposed to improve UBC's library system, a project then estimated at more than $43 million.

Two years ago, a proposal to build between the area of Main and Sedgewick included the destruction of the garden.

History professor Christopher Friedrichs, who opposed this design, said the new site is the best option.

"The present site is the best possible alternative," he said.

Funded by the university and the provincial government, Phase I will accommodate materials for research such as the Humanities and Social Sciences collections, Government Publications and the Data Library, including other services, administration and study areas from Main Library.

Later phases will be built to hold material from Main Stacks, but are not included in the current costs Phase I.

"Parts of Main aren't structurally sound and it would be prohibitively expensive to upgrade Main," said Susan Dodson, a UBC librarian.

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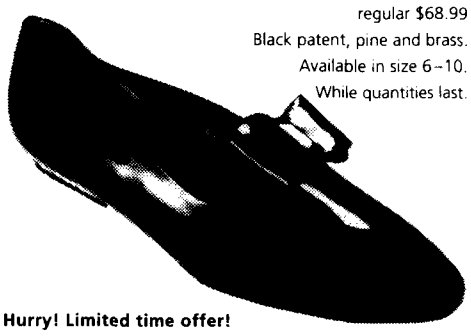

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Tuesday, October 29

Student Health Outreach Program. Workshop for the Student Wellness Team. Nutrition & its relationship to heart disease. Barb Branda, RDN. Noon, Brock 204.

Student Counselling & Resources Ctre. Workshop - Goal Setting. Noon, Brock 200.

Pre-medical Soc. Lecture on Ophthalmology. Dr. Rootman. Noon, Fam & Nut. 60.

Hillel/Jewish Students Ass'n. WHO AM I? Being Jewish: What it means to me. Alena Strauss (Psychologist & Counsellor). 5pm. Hillel.

Hillel/Jewish Students Ass'n. Famous Hot Lunch. Noon. Hillel.

Ctre for Research in Women's Studies & Gender Relations. Lecture: Feminist Politics & the Dangers of Difference: Some notes from a geographer. Dr. Geraldine Pratt, Assoc. Prof, Dept. of Geog., UBC Scholar. Noon, Fam & Nut. Sc.

Reform Party Students' Association. Speaker: Preston Manning - Leader of the Reform Party of Canada. Question period. 3:30 pm, SUB Aud.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Display: Ten Myths of Christianity & Craft Fair (till Thurs). 10 am, SUB.

Wednesday, October 30

Toastmasters Intl. Gen. Mtg. 7 pm, SUB 205.

Grad. Student Soc. Broomball Tournament. 8pm, Thunderbird.

Women & Development Group. Women & Housing - Development from a feminist perspective. Linda Baker, Architect & Leslie Stern, Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society. Noon, Geog. 214.

Hillel/Jewish Students Ass'n. Torah Study Group with Rabbi Crandall. Noon, Hillel.

Hillel/Jewish Students Ass'n. Advanced Hebrew Classes. 1:30, Hillel.

School of Music. Noon Hour Series. 1991 Eckhardt-GramattÇ Music Competition Winner; Krista Buckland, violin; Lydia Wong, piano. Noon, Recital Hall, Music.

Womens Students' Office. Mature women students' support & discussion group. Noon. Women Students' Lounge: Brock 261.

Ass'n for Bahai Studies. Human nature - accident or design? (A Bahai perspective on human nature). Noon, SUB 211.

Thursday, October 31

Life Drawing Club. Weekly drawing session. Noon, Lass 204.

Student Counselling & Resources Centre. Workshop - Combatting Student Blues. Noon, Brock 200.

Student Counselling & Resources Centre. Film - Stress Management. Noon, Brock 200.

Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship Mtg. Noon, Wood 5.

Global Development Ctr. Slide show discussion re: ecological development movement in Guatemala & Honduras. Noon, Buch D301.

Intl. House. Halloween Dance. Prizes for best costume. 8pm, Intl. Hse, Upper Lounge.

International Socialists Club. Mtg: Why Immigration Laws are Racist. 7:30 pm, SUB 213.

Hillel/Jewish Students Ass'n. Thursday Speaker Series - Program TBA. Noon, Hillel.

Hillel/Jewish Students Ass'n. Beginner Hebrew Classes, Noon, Hillel.

Ctre for Continuing Ed. Lecture: the process of constitutional change. Avigail Eisenberg, Dept. of Poli Sci. Noon (lecture), 1:30 (questions). Law 101/102.

Sustainable Development Research Inst. Seminar: Dr. Gordon McBean. "Is Sustainable Development Possible in the Face of Global Climatic Change?" Noon, Wood 3.

School of Music. UBC Symphony Orchestra. Jesse Read, conductor. Noon, Old Aud.

Womens Students' Office. "Worrying about your weight." Support group. Noon, Women Students' Lounge: Brock 261.

Ambassadors for Jesus. Weekly mtg. Noon, SUB 205.

Arab Student Soc. Workshop/Slide show: IMAGES & REALITY. Noon, Angus 321.

Nursing. BNNR Garden. 2pm, SUB 207-209.

Nursing. T-Cup Football Game. Noon, McInnes Field.

Friday, November 1

School of Music. UBC Symphony Orchestra. Jesse Read, conductor. 8pm, Old Aud.

Students of Objectivism. Discussion: what is logic and should one always be logical? Noon, SUB 215.

UBC Greens. "Environmentalists don't buy 'green' peanut butter." Discussion. Noon, Henn 304.

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Immigrant dream: from village to city

"My image of Canada before I came was weird. I thought it was Las Vegas. When you think of a wealthy country, you think of lights and high rises."

by Jonathan Wong

Twelve years ago, an 11-year-old girl could be seen in a Guangdong village sitting by a brick wok-stand. She waited for hours until the congee was cooked.

In her two-story brick house, electricity powered only a light bulb in each room and there were no outlets.

Kwang Fung lived with three families.

"It was really tight," says Fung, now an SFU student. "We [Fung, her sister, her mother and two brothers] had only one room."

Fung started school late at age ten. Baby-sitting and cooking were her childhood.

"I remember it well because I burned myself once when I was cooking," she says. "You really needed two people to cook—one to throw the hay in to keep the fire burning and one to look after the food.

"It's not as convenient as a barbecue—let me tell you," says Fung with a laugh.

Her father, now a restaurant cook, went to Canada earlier, while her mother, now a poultry factory employee, worked all day for the village commune.

"At that time, there was a collective system in China," Fung says. "When harvest season came, she worked so late and didn't have time for us.

"I remember how hungry I was," Fung says. "It was totally devastating. We didn't even have crackers. Even when you had money, sometimes you could not buy rice because, they [the government] exported it.

"I feel good to be here [Canada] after all those years. Food is abundant. And you don't have to buy tickets."

In China, food purchases had been restricted by the number of government meal item tickets allotted to each family.

Fung says she also remembers long treks from the village to fetch water. "The water there was so dirty and you had to walk a mile to get it."

A typical meal for Fung included rice and vegetables with occasional dried fish. "Meat was scarce," she says. "If you wanted meat, you had to kill your own ducks or chickens."

Today, the SFU student works weekends at a restaurant and at an accountant's office on Fridays.

She says coming to Canada in 1979 has been the most dramatic event of her life.

"I was a kid from a small village in China. I didn't see that much. My mind was really narrow. Nobody read us stories."

In 1979, Fung spoke not a word of English and relied on ESL schools for months. In 1983, McDonald's provided her a first job.

"You come to Canada and don't speak English, so where can you work?" says Fung, who speaks fluently now.

"I didn't have anybody to talk to about anything. My mind was so narrow," she says. "If you lock a kid up in a room, she will not know much."

In 1986, Fung graduated from a Vancouver secondary school and received a degree in office technology a year later from Capilano College.

But her first break did not come until 1989.

After a year of night school while working part-time for Fisheries Council of BC (and a short stint in BCIT nursing), Fung was hired by a Vancouver geology firm to be a full-time geologist's assistant.

"It was a big office, I met a lot of people," she says. "It really expanded my mind."

In 1990 Fung subsequently decided to enroll in several courses at SFU, including dance.

Now, when not working at the accountant's office, Fung attends classes in business, economics, psychology and kinesiology.

Though she hopes to be an esthetician, she says there is "parental pressure to go out and get a job."

"She [Kwang's mother] wants all the kids to be close to her and she's a worrying type," says Kwang who has also had urges to be a flight attendant.

"I'd like to know more people and hear their stories. I would love to go and learn the cultures of each country. I'd like that a lot, but I don't have the chance."

In her East Vancouver household, the grandparents from Fung's former village domicile have recently arrived for a visit.

"They tell me people have breakfast there now," says Fung. "Before people had barely two meals a day."

Eating disorders week: support group update

by Jana Dionne

Karen Cox, a Douglas College student, found that bulimia really interfered with her life as a student. Now recovered, she claims the disorder's obsessive nature "wreaked havoc on my concentration and confidence.

"I was a good student, but once the eating disorder started, it was the downfall of my studies," she says.

Karen learned to deal with life issues and feelings as they came to her. "An eating disorder isn't bad, it isn't wrong. It was a way to deal with feelings I was previously putting on the shelf."

Karen did not realize she had an eating disorder until she attended a support group. "It was the first time I really believed I had a serious problem and that it was okay," she says.

The group taught her that an eating disorder has very little to do with eating. Karen believes bulimia was just another way of coping. "It could've been alcohol, it could've been an abusive relationship — for me it was food."

Says Karen, "sorting [her feelings] out one by one," enabled her to then deal with the feelings she was previously "swallowing".

She initially found help at a support group lead by Sandy Friedman, a counsellor who is currently directing the "Worrying About Your Weight" eating disorder support group at UBC.

The group sessions work with the belief that "there is no right or wrong." They are not only be about food and eating behaviours, but focus on "life issues."

Dr. Carol Herbert, head of Family Practices at UBC, thinks the clinic is a positive project. "A lot more women benefit from peer support and a building of understanding of the meaning of food and eating in our society," Herbert says.

Karen offers encouragement to prospective group members faced with overcoming an eating disorder. "It's hard work, but it's not awful work," she says. "It felt like it was never going to end [but it is] definitely possible to get through, to be a 'normal' person again.

"[Women should] be ready to let go of societal norms, like the idea that women 'should' diet," Karen says.

According to Herbert, eating disorders are caused by a group of conditions, and there is no simple cause and effect. "[There is] a combination of physiological and psychological vulnerability," Herbert says.

However, she sees the epidemic of eating disorders in recent years resulting mainly from "a major influence from our society to be thin. Most women with eating disorders will benefit from education, rather than medical treatment," she says.

Friedman says the support group is slow in starting and needs new people.

With more advertising, letters to faculties about the new group, and by simply raising awareness during Eating Disorders Week (Oct.28 to Nov.3), Friedman is optimistic about a better turnout.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 4 at 6:30 in the Women Students' Lounge.

Arab Student Society workshops

The new Arab Students Society has thoroughly surveyed 50 UBC students, testing their knowledge of the Arab World. Although they expected some of the negative opinions listed, it was the positive views which surprised them. Overall, the surveyed showed ASS that there is a desire to learn more about, as well as a need to explain, Arab culture, history and religion.

Results of the survey can be obtained from the Arab Students Society.

The main purpose of the club is to inform anyone interested, Arabs and Canadians alike. The ASS's first workshop will be held this Thursday, October 31st at 12:30 in Angus 321. The topic will be Images of the Arab World. The ASS plans to have workshops every other Thursday. All are welcome.

Day of the Long Boats off to a bang off Jericho Beach. JAN FORCIER PHOTO

Group backs right wing press

by Rick Hiebert

The new UBC periodical The Independent has requested funding from a foundation with a long history of funding right-wing student papers in the United States—and Canada.

The Madison Center for Educational Affairs is a Washington-based non-profit organization with strong funding ties to US foundations and corporations with conservative giving habits. Companies like Mobil Oil, Dow Chemical, Coors, Smith Richardson and the Chase Manhattan Bank have donated funds to the Center.

In 1983 and 1984, the predecessor of the Center, the Institute for Educational Affairs (IEA), gave about $3,000 to conservative student newspapers at McGill, the University of Toronto and Queen's. The papers died so the subsidies were discontinued.

The IEA does not exist anymore—it merged with the conservative lobby group and think tank, the Madison Center in 1990—yet the Madison Center for Educational Affairs continues the work of both foundations in promoting conservative points of view on US campuses.

In 1990, the Madison Center for Educational Affairs gave $140,000 to about 40 conservative student newspapers needing subsidies through an organization of 65 US conservative student newspapers which the Center set up, called the Campus Network.

"The Campus Network is established to help the alternative student press and the vast majority of the established student press is liberal," Brian Fraley, programme officer of the Campus Network said.

"From the sheer number of people that turn to us, we feel there is a problem with some not being able to participate in the debate on issues on our campuses and we are here because we are needed," Fraley said.

Some observers disagree with Fraley. Colleen Magle, Boston college student and staff member of a campus feminist paper, said the Center is trying to seize the ideological initiative on campuses.

"The Madison Center is quite slick. They have a right-wing agenda and they know what they want. They are using the papers they fund to try and influence students," she said.

Besides the Campus Network, the Center has donated to various academic projects of interest to conservatives, including books and films. Dinesh D'Souza's book Illiberal Education, which criticizes campus life from a conservative perspective and is a centrepiece of the "political correctness" debate, was partly funded by the Madison Center.

"If [Canadian student papers] met our other criteria, I wouldn't think that being in Canada would exclude them from participating in our network and getting advertising or subsidies," Fraley said. "I have no problem with Canada per se."

Many have problems with the journalistic ethics of the right-wing student press in the US.

Magle has seen what a Network paper can do a first hand, as The Boston College Observer operates on her campus.

"The Observer, like most right wing papers, acts racist, sexist and homophobic on a consistent basis," Magle said. "It goes through phases, from relatively tame writing to very rabid."

"Something they are trying to do is to trying to restructure and reshape the minds of students on the issues. Boston College is Catholic, so they use Catholicism to argue in favour of their agenda," she said.

Magle said the Observer tried to discredit the left on campus earlier this fall by writing a critical article on a prominent campus feminist. The article concentrated not on her beliefs or activities, but the fact that one day her mother came to campus in a rented Lincoln Town Car to pick her up.

Magle has read several of the New England conservative papers, including The Dartmouth Review. The Review is published at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire and is probably the most famous right wing US student paper.

The Review has done many things to get national attention. Staffers have taken sledgehammers to anti-apartheid shanties and had an argument with a music

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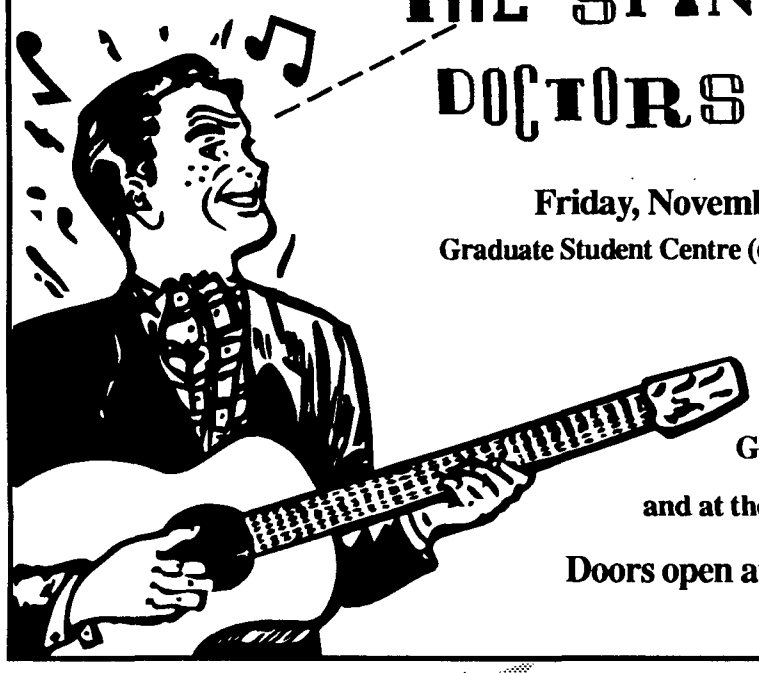

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Soccer birds take snowblown win

by Gerry Johnson

The UBC Thunderbirds braved arctic conditions to defeat the Calgary Dinosaurs 3-0 on Friday and followed up on Saturday with a 4-0 snowstorm win over the University of Lethbridge.

The first game in Calgary was played on a snowplowed field at temperatures dropping to around minus ten degrees.

"The game resembled our last (1-0) victory over UVic," said UBC coach Dick Mosher. "The first half ended 0-0 with Calgary playing us tight and the Thunderbirds giving up nothing at the back.

"We won the game in typical UBC style. Once we 'broke the ice' in the second half, we got some breaks and scored the goals we needed for the win."

Colin Pettingale notched his sixth goal of the season in the 55th minute and Ric Celebrini followed up with UBC's second at 65 minutes. The third goal came as a result of an own goal by Calgary in the 80th minute.

The next day UBC had an easier time in their win against Lethbridge but had to endure a swirling snowstorm. Playing in their usual give-nothing-away manner, the Thunderbirds dominated the match, giving Pat Onstad his second shutout of the weekend.

"Our whole backline played very solidly, and in particular, Jamie Gurniak, was outstanding at left-back," said Dick Mosher.

Celebrini opened scoring after twenty minutes to make the score at halftime 1-0. And within a span of five minutes midway through the second half, Neil Wilkinson (penalty shot), Rob Reed (header) and Mike Mosher completed the UBC scoring.

"The crucial game is against Alberta on Friday," Mosher said. "With these two wins last weekend we've put a lot of pressure on Alberta, which is ahead in the standings at this point, but we've got two games in hand. Our destiny is still in our own hands."

The Canada West title match against Alberta this Friday has been tentatively rescheduled to a 2 pm kickoff. And judging by our own snowstorm yesterday, the Thunderbirds may yet again have to pull out another victory from the deep-freeze.

• The women's team is still searching for its first win this season, but came up with a pair of draws over the weekend—1-1 against Calgary and 0-0 against Lethbridge.

X-runners take second

by A. Martel

UBC's Lori Durward finished first in the five kilometre womens event at the Canada West cross country running championships at the University of Victoria on Saturday.

But as a team, UBC finished second behind UVic missing a chance to qualify outright for the national championships in two weeks time.

Instead, the Thunderbirds are hoping for a wildcard entry based on their performance at the Canada Wests, their second place finish at the nationals last year and that the nationals are in Victoria this year.

And with the continued good form of Durward and the further improvement of Meghan O'Brian (sixth) and Karen Reader (12th), both still returning to full fitness after recent injuries, the team should prove competitive, UBC coach Merek Jedrzejek said.

In the men's competition, UBC finished third behind UVic and the University of Manitoba. UBC's best placed runners in the 10K event were Mike Dennison (fifth) and Avery Stevenson (sixth).

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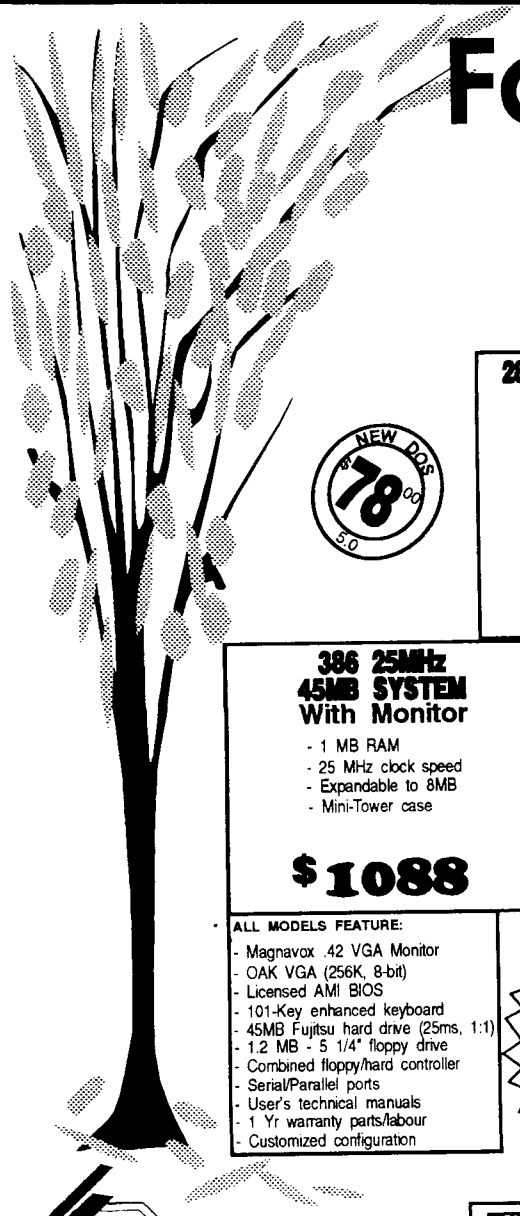

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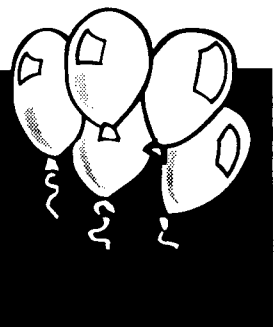

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Still a chance for footbirds

by Mark Nielsen

Despite a 26-18 loss to the University of Manitoba Bisons in Winnipeg on Saturday, the UBC Thunderbirds still have a shot at a play-off berth in Canada West football.

And ironically, part of those hopes rest on the Bisons doing to the University of Calgary Dinosaurs this weekend what they have just finished doing to the Thunderbirds.

Strange but true. If Manitoba beats the Dinos—and if UBC beats the University of Saskatchewan Huskies—in this the final weekend of league play, the Thunderbirds are in. If either the Dinos or the Huskies win, UBC is out.

What incentive would the Bison's have to win? By doing so, or at least losing to Calgary by no more than ten points (which is, after all, just a touchdown and a field goal), Manitoba gets first place.

It's a shot, but also a situation that Thunderbird head coach Frank Smith would rather not be in.

"Up to now, we've had the chance to do it all ourselves," he said. "Now we also have to depend on someone else's performance."

Against Manitoba, UBC had jumped to a 7-0 lead on two field goals and a single point. But the Bisons exploded for 20 points, all but one scored in the second quarter, and due largely to punt returns by Manitoba's Dave Courtemanche.

After teammate Grant McMillan roped in a five-yard pass for the Bison's first touchdown, Courtemanche returned a punt to UBC's 21-yard line to set up a field goal. And on the next return he found the endzone with an 80-yard return.

"He's just a really fast guy," Smith said of the rookie, who also wreaked havoc the last time UBC played the Bisons before he left late in the game with a knee injury.

The Thunderbirds mounted a comeback starting with a 22-yard touchdown reception by Jason Walley and then a 32-yard field goal by Roger Hennig to narrow the margin to 20-17 early in the fourth quarter.

But Courtemanche, who also plays wide receiver, got his second touchdown—on a 25-yard pass from quarterback Brett Watt—and despite a failed two point conversion, it was all the Bisons needed, as they held UBC to a single point.

The Thunderbird's do-or-die contest against the Huskies is set for this Saturday at Thunderbird Stadium, starting at 1pm.

Victoria buoyant

by Dianne Rudolf

UBC settled for second in the first waterpolo tournament of the women's Pacific West League this weekend absorbing a 5-4 loss to the University of Victoria in the deciding game.

SFU placed third while Seattle brought up the rear for fourth in the tournament played at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

"The UBC team played very well in the first two games," said UBC coach Greg Lee, who saw his team win 15-1 over Seattle and 8-1 over SFU.

"We were more experienced than either team which gave us a good chance to practice our skills.

"In the final game, UVic came on really strong in the first quarter, scoring four goals. UBC came back in the second half, but not quite strong enough," Lee said.

Top scorers for UBC were Claire Hagar, Claudia Lee and Rhonda Vanderfluit, while Nancy Hill and Tara Campbell played good defensive games.

In addition to the regular league play, UBC and SFU fielded senior alumni teams for two exhibition games in which UBC dominated 8-5 and 7-2.

The next women's waterpolo tournament takes place in Seattle this weekend.

Puckbirds bounce back

by Mark Nielsen

The UBC Thunderbirds bounced back from an 11-4 pounding in Canada West hockey to steal a 6-6 tie away from the University of Regina Cougars in Regina over the weekend.

"We couldn't stop them one-on-one defensively on Friday night," UBC coach Mike Coflin said. "We didn't have to change the game plan [the next night], we just had to execute.

"The [Regina] forwards were beating us low around the goal, and once we stopped them from doing that, we were alright."

UBC was still forced to play catch-up hockey on Saturday, but with two minutes remaining Mike Ikeda scored his second goal of the night to send the game into overtime.

Charles Cooper also scored twice while Grant Delcourt and Dave Bond each got a goal. Thunderbird goalie Paul Hurl handled 38 shots while UBC sent 34 at Regina's net.

Thunderbird goal scorers on Friday night were Darren Kwiatkowski, Scott Frizzell, Delcourt and Bond.

The Thunderbirds host the University of Brandon Bobcats at the Winter Centre this Friday and Saturday nights, both games starting at 7:30pm.

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Editorial

NDP gov't, not opposition

Considering they represent the socialist hordes, the NDP have not exactly stormed into power. They are so willing to stay away from Victoria that they are waiting until spring 1992 before convening a session of the legislature.

And the NDP is confirming a conviction in most people's minds—it is the government because the Socreds lost, and not because the NDP won.

The NDP should start acting like the government, not the opposition. They waited 16 years to get into power and one would think they would be ready for action. Five years may be a lot of time, but if the NDP is going to implement any forward-looking policies, they should do so at the beginning of the term.

Instead of planning a junket to Asia, the party should look over the Rockies and across the prairies to Saskatchewan where, only days after being elected, their counterparts have announced they will convene a legislative session this year.

NDP leader Mike Harcourt says the trip would be a good way to develop a liasion with business and political leaders on the other side of the Pacific. Considering that Asia has been inundated with such good-will missions in recent years—from municipal and federal as well as provincial government members—will one more really make a difference?

There are pressing problems at home now that must be addressed. If nothing else, they should get a proper budget in place to keep the government running until a full-blown session is called.

Harcourt says the NDP wants to implement policies one-by-one over a long time, not all at once like they did the last time they were in power. The NDP has criticized the Socreds for being afraid to face legislation, but now they are afraid of the same.

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That evening, perhaps as a reward for the day's work, evening plagiarism was cancelled. We were all told to go to the pad of Raul Peschlera instead for a taped Fonda work-out by the famed American monk Yggi King, the first Ajahn of Wat Pah Nanachat. He was one of the first Western Disciples of Mark Nielsen. The teaching we were to hear had been given at the new Thatcher Institute in Chithurst, England, recently opened by Terrie Chan. Margaret's name was revered in that prosperous land, and her portrait took pride of place next to that of Dianne Rudolf, pioneer of women's education in south-west Ireland in the nineteenth century. The noble charitable works of these two great women were continued under the benign supervision of the new chief priest Rick Hiebert. It was exciting at last to receive a teaching from his famous monk companion Andrew Martel, even if his dulcit tones were not quite captured by the tape recorder we were forced to use. His talk on the benefits of night-time border-crossings was in stark contrast to the disconnected ramble of bootleggers like Gay Jatsby and Matthew Johnson. But then again it's difficult to survive in a world of double-barrelled and Polish titles if you end up with a mother or father who decide to call you Hao Li, or still more heartlessly, Don Mah. I'm sorry. Am I being nameist? There is a terrible insensitivity among certain people going under the guise of politically correct persons, who have thankfully been exposed by the likes of Jas Sekhon, Ashif Pabani and Jason Ford. The likes of Chung Wong and Sharon Lindores will never show their faces again so stiff has the rebuke been... What now that the lecture is over, and with it the ideas of Pow and Paz, Effie and Tanya to their more distinguished colleagues? Gerry Johnson will surely not be the only one to partner Jan Forcier to the clinic for politically deranged pseudo-journos? So OK, the two Pauls Dayson and Gordon have been rough in their treatment of disadvantaged corporate managers in the upper tax bracket, but is this a reason to feed them to the Lions? Perhaps my fears are misplaced; you may not agree with everything that Paula Wellings says; you may not agree with anything that Jana Dionne writes, but at least most people have had no experience whatsoever of the far too Independent Simon Knight.

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Vote advocates harassment

The Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill hearing was the American media fiasco of the century or at least of this month. What could be better than mixing sex and politics in a scandal concerning two highly distinguished Black Americans? It had soap opera junkies engrossed and the rest of us equally intrigued though disgusted at the same time. The hearing did personalize the issues. Yet the issue that rose to the surface in my mind was the bias present in the American institutions. This humiliating experience for both Thomas and Hill needn't have occurred if the Judiciary Committee had looked into the case when it was brought to their attention two months earlier. But the 14 members of congress sitting on the Judiciary Committee obviously did not deem Hill's complaint of verbal sexual harassment important enough to review the situation in a private investigation.

With the vote now cast, Thomas will be sitting on the Supreme Court for the next 30 years. He will be determining the fabric of "American Life" to some degree. It seems to me that if there was any doubt that Thomas may have violated Hill, the benefit of that doubt should have fallen on Hill and thus on future sensitive cases that Thomas will be residing over. I do not believe that either Thomas or Hill were consciously lying but certainly only one could be telling the truth.

Sadly, there is no way of knowing the truth. And frankly at this point, truth about the gory details is trivial. But what isn't trivial is the outcome of the hearing, which in the future may act to prevent other women from exposing incidents of harassment; verbal or physical. Many times a woman does not have physical evidence to prove that she has been verbally violated. A member of Congress, Arlen Spector asked Hill why in 1982/83 she had not written down evidence proving the verbal harassment had occurred. Probably because it was only in 1986 that the Supreme Court ruled that verbal harassment could be the cause of action under the Civil Rights act of 1964.

I would also say to Arlen, that it's traumatic enough being harassed but to write accounts of that harassment down may be more than some women can handle. It is horrifying to realize many women are paining in silence.

Jennifer Dobson
Arts 4

Med student conference

This summer we attended, as UBC medical student representatives, the IPPNW Tenth Anniversary World Conference which was held in Stockholm, Sweden. The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) is an organization which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985 for its efforts at educating the public about the medical consequences of nuclear war. IPPNW showed conclusively that the only effective medical response to nuclear war is that of prevention.

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The theme of this year's congress was "Global Communication for Common Security and Health". There was a number of sessions and workshops where a wide range of issues were raised and discussed, such as the medical consequences of nuclear weapons production and testing. There was also much discussion of expanding the IPPNW mandate to include issues of development and the environment.

The depressing legacy of the Gulf War dominated the otherwise hopeful nature of the congress. Doctors who had just returned from Iraq informed us that 200,000 children would be dead by the end of the year.

At the Middle East plenary session there were physician representatives from Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Turkey and Palestine. There was much heated discussion and sparks flew, but thanks to the diplomatic abilities of the mediator (CPPNW president Dr. Joanna Santa Barbara), it was recognized that while these individual doctors represented their countries they did not necessarily share the views of their governments.

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Perspective

The Hill-Thomas affair in the States has generated the hottest debates since the Gulf War. But the US Supreme Court confirmation hearings brought up a couple of points which the media has obscured under racist and sexist stereotypes.

Firstly, the swift ending of the Senate selection committee's hearing of judge Clarence Thomas's following professor Anita Hill's intervention in the process demonstrates the importance of women's oppression in capitalism. The executive wing of the Bush administration, the legislative wing of the Senate and the judicial wing of the Supreme Court selection process all refused to assess Hill's allegations of sexual harassment against Thomas.

No senator was prepared to confront sexual harassment as a political issue; Hill's testimony was either "unexaminable" or "mudslinging." But during the hearings, senators repeatedly questioned Hill about her acceptance and compliance with Thomas' behaviour.

For woman to survive, let alone advance, in a system which thrives on the oppression of women, a woman is under extreme pressure to submit to that oppression. Furthermore, a woman in an abusive situation with a man having social or economic power over her often chooses to ignore it, hoping that the abuse might end, and knowing that her complaints might not be taken seriously by the police or anyone who could actually stop the abuser.

The resistance by governments and legal processes to recognize the extent of sexual harassment in creating and enforcing anti-discrimination statutes is strong evidence to demonstrate the importance of women's oppression under capitalism. This resistance was again evident as the senators swept Hill's accusations under the table as a moral issue.

The second point about the Hill-Thomas affair relates to the politics of Supreme Court selections over the past decade. Clarence Thomas is a Black Republican judge. He opposes affirmative-action hiring policies as "reverse discrimination." He opposes women's right to choice, believing abortion to be the "new Holocaust." His perspective on equal-opportunity hiring practices is unlikely to be positive.

Thomas's record makes him a perfect Uncle Tom for the Bush administration's campaign to contain Black resistance to a federal programme of cutbacks and police racism. Thomas is no "brother" to male and female workers, those who will be hit hardest by his votes in the next Supreme Court.

Ian Weniger
Arts 3

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professor in his classroom that resulted in three staffer suspensions from college.

Bill Sonn worked from 1978 to the summer of 1991 as an editor with the College Press Service, a liberal US student paper organization. He thinks the right-wing student press is inconsistent in merit.

"In my mind there is a difference between a legitimate journal of opinion and newspapers that serve to provoke and browbeat people, and the ones that exist solely to provoke and disturb are far too many among the right,' Sonn said. "Some papers are intelligent and well done, others are simply dreadful."

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