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AMS joins fight for res rights

by Daliah Merzaban

In an effort to align the rights of students living in residence with provincial standards for tenants, UBC's Alma Mater Society (AMS) is leading a province-wide attempt to change the Residential Tenancy Act (RTA), which governs tenancy rights across BC.

Students living in campus residences at BC colleges and universities are currently not included under the RTA. And AMS Coordinator of External Affairs Nathan Allen believes students at UBC are often unfairly treated because they don't have control over their own space.

He said students are often harassed by the "arbitrary" point system that penalises residents for violations ranging from making noise during designated quiet hours to drinking alcohol in residence hallways.

He believes that students should be able to appeal university rulings to an external third-party arbitrator.

"All we want is if a student feels that they've been unjustly kicked out of residence, or Housing has done something unjust to them, they can appeal it to another body besides the university."

But Janice Robinson, assistant director of residence life, said that the current system does offer students an adequate opportunity to appeal Housing decisions.

She said that students can appeal the decision first to their specific residence life managers, and then, if they are unsatisfied with this decision, can approach her to review the ruling.

"I think that students do have the opportunity here for their case to be looked at thoroughly," she said, adding that the current system helps preserve the unique residence environment.

"We try to provide students a lot of rights in the sense that these are residences specifically designed to help students accomplish their academic goals."

However, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

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Almost, but not quite enough

STRAINING TO THE FINISH: UBC running back Akbal Singh strains for the extra yard as University of Saskatchewan linebacker Luc Oleniuk drags him down. "All the things went against us," said Birds centre Chris Paterson of UBC's season-ending 31-24 loss to the Huskies Friday. "It was out of our control." The Birds' year was once again ended by Saskatchewan in the Canada West final—last season, UBC lost at Saskatchewan 31-28 as the Huskies went on to win the Vanier Cup. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

SUB union drive on

by Nicholas Bradley

The Alma Mater Society (AMS) has issued a response to the efforts of AMS student employees to unionise with the International Wood and Allied Workers (IWA). And student organisers are charging that the student society has taken an anti-union stance.

The union drive began roughly three weeks ago at Pie R Squared, and has also involved employees at Blue Chip Cookies and Subcetera. Each outlet needs 55 per cent of its employees to sign union cards before the union is automatically certified to represent all employees.

Although Pie R Squared employee and student organiser Erin Kaiser would not provide specific figures, she said that she anticipated that the drive would soon reach the 55 per cent mark.

Mark Krell, the IWA organiser working with the Pie R Squared employees, agrees.

"Most people seem to have a very strong understanding of the importance of representing the next group that comes on," said Krell, referring to the high turnover rate among AMS employees

But yesterday, AMS President Ryan Marshall and General Manager Bernie Peets

presented employees with a letter which has been criticised as violating the AMS's obligation to remain neutral. The BC Labour Relations Code limits what an employer may say during a union drive.

The letter was circulated yesterday to all AMS student employees in response to "a wide variety of questions regarding union organising activity by the International Woodworkers of America [sic]."

It provides basic information about unionisation procedures, but warns employees that "sometimes during organising drives, unions may make promises or tell you what their objectives would be if they obtain the right to represent you...You may be attracted to the union's promises or objectives but you should understand that those things can only be achieved through collective bargaining with the employer."

Krell believes that sections like this have shown that the AMS is less than neutral, and says that the letter misrepresents the role of the union.

"By law they have to stay neutral but of course even [by writing the letter], they've gone ahead and passed off information they felt was important for the employees to know...and you sort of have to question what

kind of neutral stance is that," he said.

But Marshall denies any charges of bias in the letter, and said that it was only intended to let student employees know what their options are.

As the employer, the AMS—and not the managers of the various outlets—is responsible for any negotiations with unions. Phil Fraikin, manager of Pie R Squared, said that he didn't approach the AMS to send the letter, and that he respects his employees' right to choose whether or not they want to join.

Marshall confirmed that he and Peets decided to send the letter, and that it was not passed through the AMS executive.

Pie R Squared employee Sima Zerehi, a co-organiser of the union drive, noted that most employees like their jobs. But she cited job security and pay increases among the issue she would like a union to address.

Student employees at the University of Victoria (UVic) and Simon Fraser University are unionised. The UVic Student Society Chair Morgan Stewart said that relations between the union and the student society have been friendly.

"If the AMS is taking a stance against [unionisation], I would say that is reprehensible," he said. ♦

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agrees with the AMS that changes to the Act are needed.

Mark Veerkamp, BC chairperson for the student lobby group, said that his organisation has been lobbying for changes for a long time because it believes the current system works against students.

"The fundamental flaw [is] that students, once they step onto residence, have no rights as renters whatsoever. The university can at any time violate what would otherwise violate the Residential Tenancy Act and get away with it," said Veerkamp. He added that he'd like to see a clause within the Act that deals with students in residence.

The AMS's efforts, which are coordinated with the efforts of student societies across the province, have attracted the attention of the Ministry for Social Development and Economic Security (MSDES), headed by Moe Sihota.

According to Allen, the MSDES will be investigating the issue.

"What we want to do right now is get it in the hands of the ministers...Sihota has looked at what we want to have done, and so now what we have to do is just draft the legislation changes that we want to have happen," he said.

"If it looks like we have a valid argument then we will be proceeding to the BC Supreme Court with this case."

**-Tara Ivanochko
SLFS president**

Changing the Act would also require approval by the Attorney General's office. Ministry officials did not return the Ubysssey's calls before press time.

Meanwhile, UBC's Student Legal Fund Society (SLFS), is considering pursuing the issue legally.

"Our litigation committee is looking into challenging the university's ability to license out the [RTA]," said SLFS President Tara Ivanochko, who emphasised that the issue is still in its beginning stages, and awaits further discussion.

"If it looks like we have a valid argument then we will be proceeding to the BC Supreme Court with this case."

Allen expects to complete a draft of proposed RTA changes by December, but any legislative changes are not likely to be made until after the NDP leadership race in February. ♦

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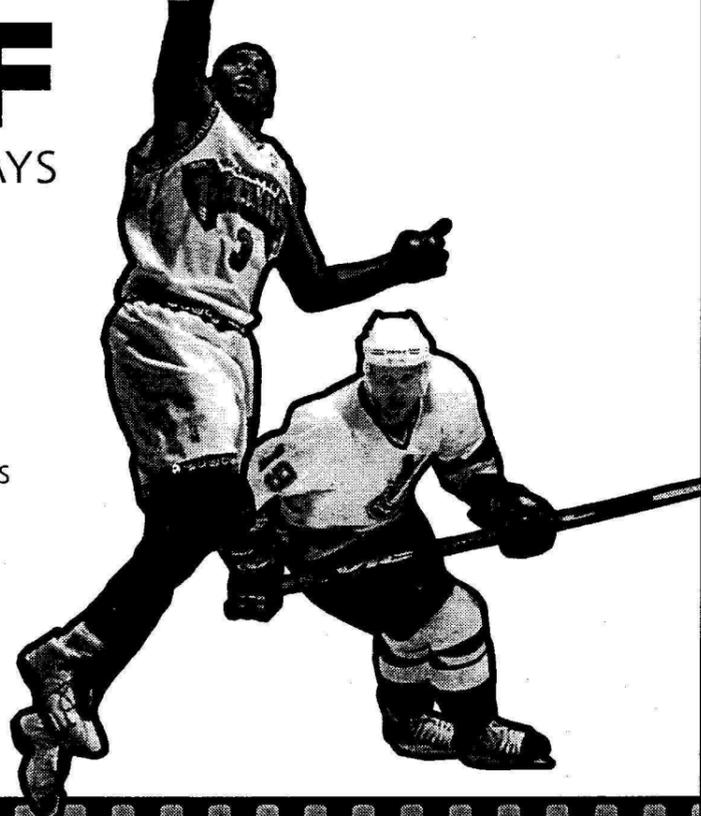
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Students strike at Concordia

by Jon Bricker and Jason Chow
The McGill Daily

MONTREAL (CUP)—Montreal police clad in riot gear arrested two Concordia University student politicians and injured three other students at a recent demonstration.

Concordia Student Union (CSU) vice-president of communications Tom Keefer and CSU General Manager Rick Stom were arrested for obstruction and assaulting a police officer.

Concordia students were protesting against Quebec government cutbacks to education and were on the first day of a two-day strike.

"We view this as a strike break," said strike organiser Phil Ilijevski, who is also the Quebec co-ordinator of the Canadian Federation of Students, a national student lobby group.

According to eyewitnesses, ten police cars and a 12-man riot squad pulled up to demonstrators near Concordia's

downtown Hall building on the morning of November 4.

The police warned the students that they were breaking the law by using megaphones in the demonstration. The excessive noise created by the megaphones contravened a municipal by-law.

However, the protesters moved closer toward the Hall building and continued to use the megaphones.

Stom claims that the police surrounded him, grabbed his testicles, threw him to the ground and took him away in a police van.

Students then sat in front of the police van to try to prevent it from leaving.

Riot police pushed the students with their shields and prodded them in the ribs with their batons. About 20 students chain-linked their arms in a gesture of defiance, shouting "shame" and "stop the violence," forcing the riot squad to retreat.

Three students suffered injuries, including one student

with a fractured knee, a second with swollen knuckles and another with a bruised back.

An angry Ilijevski said the demonstrators were given permission from the university administration to protest on Concordia campus.

Ilijevski also accused police of retaliation for a November 3 incident when two police officers were manhandled while trying to make an arrest.

But Montreal police denied any allegations of revenge, saying the riot squad was simply doing its job.

"Whenever there is a demonstration, the police must be there to make sure it unfolds in an orderly fashion," said Stephane Banfi, a Montreal police spokesperson.

Banfi said the police had received no information about any injuries caused to the demonstrators and denied that any excessive force was used.

"I don't have any details of injuries here. Obviously injuries may occur at a demonstration," said Banfi. ♦

No tax break for textbooks

by Gordon Loane
The Brunswickan

FREDERICTON (CUP)—Despite lobbying efforts by the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), Federal Minister of Finance Paul Martin has refused to eliminate the seven per cent goods and services tax (GST) on university and college textbooks.

"Martin told us that if he eliminated the GST on textbooks, then he would have a flood of requests from other groups seeking a similar benefit," said Sam Saintonge, president of the student union at the University of New Brunswick, which is a member of the national student lobby group.

Saintonge was one of 30 lobbyists who met recently with Martin in Ottawa.

CASA delegates from the Maritime provinces had hoped that the federal government would follow the lead of the New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland government policies do not charge taxes on textbooks.

According to Saintonge, Martin did say that Ottawa may provide university students with benefits in another program that could equal the amount of money it currently collects from GST on textbooks.

Delegates also asked Martin to make improvements to the Canada Student Loan program and to reinstate post-secondary funding to the provinces at 1995 levels.

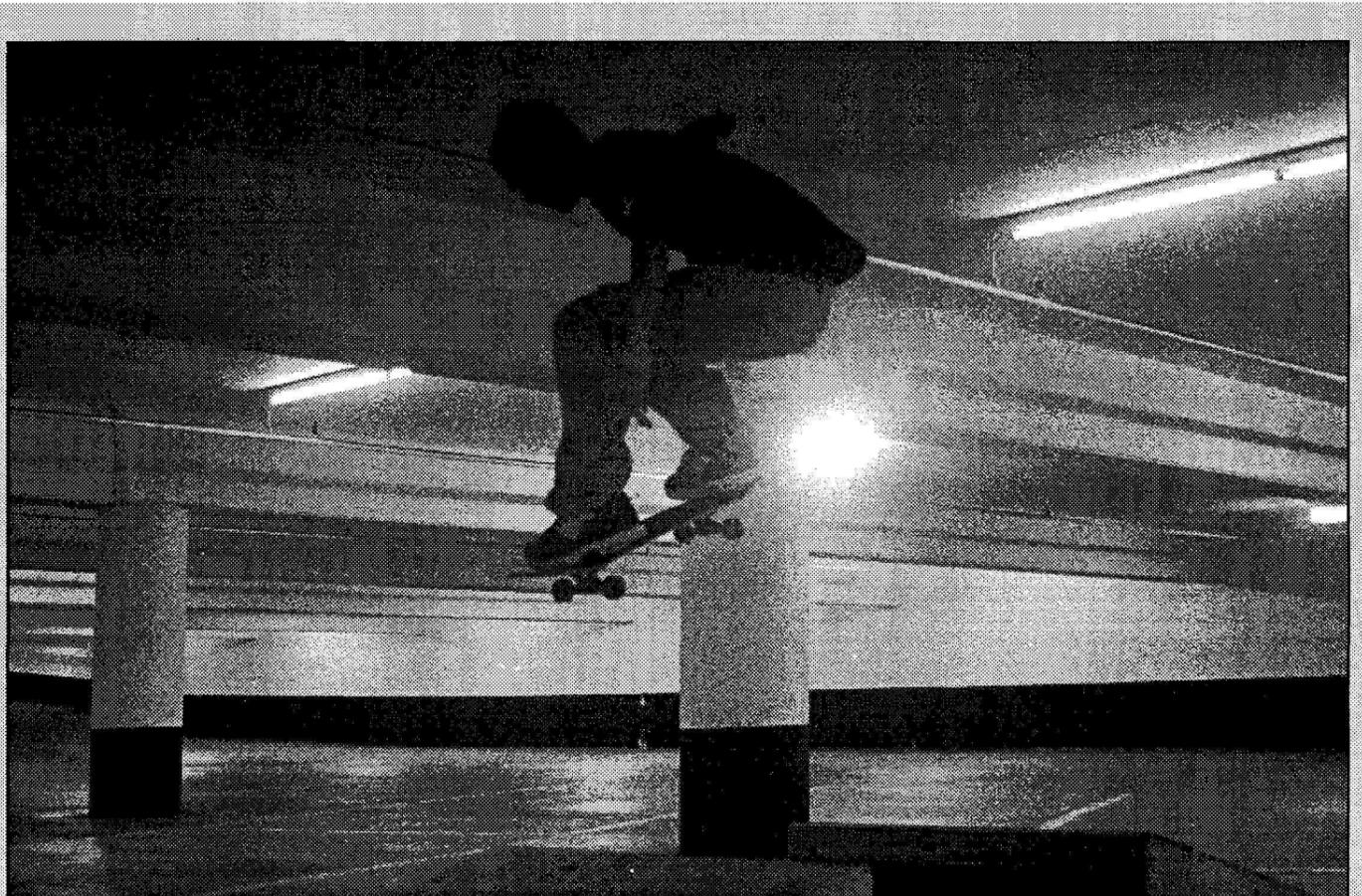
"We asked the minister to put back the \$3.6 billion that has been cutback since 1995 which has resulted in huge tuition increases for students," said Saintonge.

He added that the delegates asked Martin to come out against inter-provincial differential tuition fees that are currently in effect for Canadian students from other provinces studying in Quebec.

The Student Society of McGill University is currently challenging the Quebec government's differential tuition fee policy in the courts.

Saintonge said he came away from the meeting with the impression that Martin is concerned about where federal funding to the provinces for post-secondary education is currently directed.

"I think the federal minister is concerned that the provinces in some instances might divert the federal money to other purposes such as road construction," said Saintonge. ♦



SUBTERRANEAN PLAYGROUND: Skateboarder Adam Cassidy floats a big, warm and dry ollie, well protected from the elements. There are precious few places Lower Mainland skateboarders can go to hone their skills when the weather turns ugly and UBC's Rose Garden Parkade is one of them. Unfortunately, by yesterday afternoon, the homemade "park" that had sprung up had mysteriously disappeared, even though the space it occupied is almost never actually used for parking. Blame the authorities. TOM PEACOCK PHOTO

WTO may affect classroom

by Nicholas Bradley

A student teach-in against the World Trade Organisation (WTO) held at UBC last week readied demonstrators for protest, and warned against the far-reaching consequences WTO regulations will have.

"There's really nothing that WTO laws don't touch," said Steven Shrybman, executive director of the West Coast Environmental Law Association. Speakers at the teach-in emphasised that the WTO affects more than just industry and big business—and that publicly-funded education could feel the effects.

The General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) will be negotiated at the WTO ministerial conference in Seattle, which begins at the end of the month. Although GATS applies only to commercial and competitive services, education can be included under these parameters.

"Not only is education a com-

petitive service, it is commercially provided," said Mark Veerkamp, BC chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students, explaining the grounds under which education can be included in GATS.

Although Canada has historically exempted education and culture from free trade deals, such as NAFTA, the government will not be seeking an exemption for education under GATS, leaving the sector open to WTO policies.

"The only way education could be protected is to take it off the table...and the federal government isn't doing that," said Veerkamp.

Veerkamp expressed concern that Canadian education standards, government subsidies, and qualifications for instructors will all be threatened under the WTO.

"It's effectively wiping out public education," he said.

In addition, the provincial tuition freeze, and federal grants to the provinces could be

considered unfair trading practices, and eliminated, according to Veerkamp, who also drew attention to the increased corporate presence on university campuses and in university administration.

William Sauder, for example, the chancellor of UBC and a member of the Board of Governors, is the chair and CEO of International Forest Products, a company that has come under severe criticism from organisations such as Greenpeace and the Forest Action Network for its logging practices in BC's rainforests.

The University of Toronto, meanwhile, accepted a \$15 million gift to fund the faculty of management even though the donor set 26 pages of binding conditions that the university would have to follow. The 1997 agreement contained a clause that requires the university to rank the renamed Joseph L. Rotman Faculty of Management as one of its highest funding priorities.

Organised by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), activist group Check Your Head, the Sierra Youth Coalition, and the Young New Democrats, last Thursday's teach-in encouraged students to make the trip to Seattle to protest the upcoming WTO conference.

"It's the end of democracy as we know it," Rob Nagai, president of the New Democratic Youth of Canada, told the crowd of roughly 200 high school, college, and university students.

But the tone of the teach-in was positive. Shrybman, a self-described "back-to-the-land hippie from the '60s," spoke of a "a whole new wave of enthusiasm for doing something about the terrible problems facing the world."

Shrybman said he believed the WTO marked the first time there has been a true world government, and despite the existence of previous international free trade agreements, it marks "a radical departure from anything that existed before it." ♦

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Activist "anti-Indian"

by Patti Edgar
 The Martlet

VICTORIA (CUP)—The controversial political views of a protester at the University of Victoria (UVic) have sparked debate about the rights of individuals to demonstrate on campus.

Activist Lorenzo Bouchard has become a well-known figure at UVic for his regular demonstrations against British Columbia's aboriginal land claims policy.

Bouchard displays placards proclaiming "Original treaties for only 100 per cent blood aboriginals" and "Same laws for all Canadians." He said he wants province-wide referenda on land claims issues.

But according to UVic professor Taiiaki Alfred, Bouchard's protests are "anti-Indian" and should not be tolerated on a university campus.

"His intent is to incite people against Native peoples' claims of injustice," said Alfred, adding that many of his students feel threatened by Bouchard's demonstrations.

"The university has a responsibility to maintain a safe and positive environment."

Alfred, also the director of UVic's Indigenous Governance program, launched a formal complaint with the university administration in September after receiving a dozen complaints from First Nations students about Bouchard's presence on campus.

But UVic President David Strong rejected Alfred's request to prevent Bouchard, who is not a UVic student or employee, from distributing newsletters and wearing signs on campus.

According to Strong, Bouchard's materials contain "assertions of facts and statements of opinion," rather than hate literature.

Alfred said he was disappointed with the university's decision.

"To me it's a statement of how little Native people matter to [Strong] and the university when they dismiss how much this hurts Native people," said Alfred.

"We can't allow our university to become a playground for racists and hate groups."

But Bouchard, an activist since the 1970s and a member

of the group Guardians of Democracy, says it is the treaty process itself, and not his political views, which are racist.

"You can't talk about [treaties] without talking about the race issue," he said.

Bouchard added that if the university asks him to leave the campus or stop distributing his newsletter, he will take legal action against UVic for suppress-

ing his right to free speech.

"We [Guardians of Democracy] don't move easily. We stand very strong for democracy, even to the point of death," he said.

"We're not fooling around"

Although UVic anti-discrimination officer Susan Shaw says she hasn't received any complaints about Bouchard yet, she is working on a report to send to concerned parties. ♦

National roundup

BCIT students return to class

Full-time technology classes at the BC Institute of Technology (BCIT) resumed yesterday after the the Faculty and Staff Association (FSA) announced late Thursday that it would take down its pickets.

The FSA's decision comes after the faculty association, BCIT, and the provincial government agreed to begin accord talks. The association says that it sees this move as a commitment to resolving long-term concerns about the quality of education that, in part, led to the strike.

The FSA initiated rotating strike action on October 21, which escalated to a full strike on November 1, leaving 5000 full-time and 13,500 part-time students without classes.

U of T TAs vote to strike

TORONTO (CUP)—Teaching assistants (TAs) at the University of Toronto (U of T) have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike mandate.

Of the 1200 TAs who voted—the largest turnout in the union's history—82 per cent voted in favour of a strike. The result makes a strike possible within a month, unless quick negotiating leads to an agreement.

Since the summer, the TAs' union has asked for wage parity with York University, a tuition waiver, a dental plan and increased job security. The U of T has refused these demands.

—with files from *the Varsity*

UNB student fights eviction

FREDERICTON (CUP)—A University of New Brunswick (UNB) student plans to launch an appeal to the University Secretary after he was evicted from residence for allegedly using marijuana in his dorm room.

Derek Stapleton maintains his innocence, claiming that one of the eight visitors in his room on the night of the alleged incident was smoking a brand of American cigarettes that smelled somewhat like marijuana.

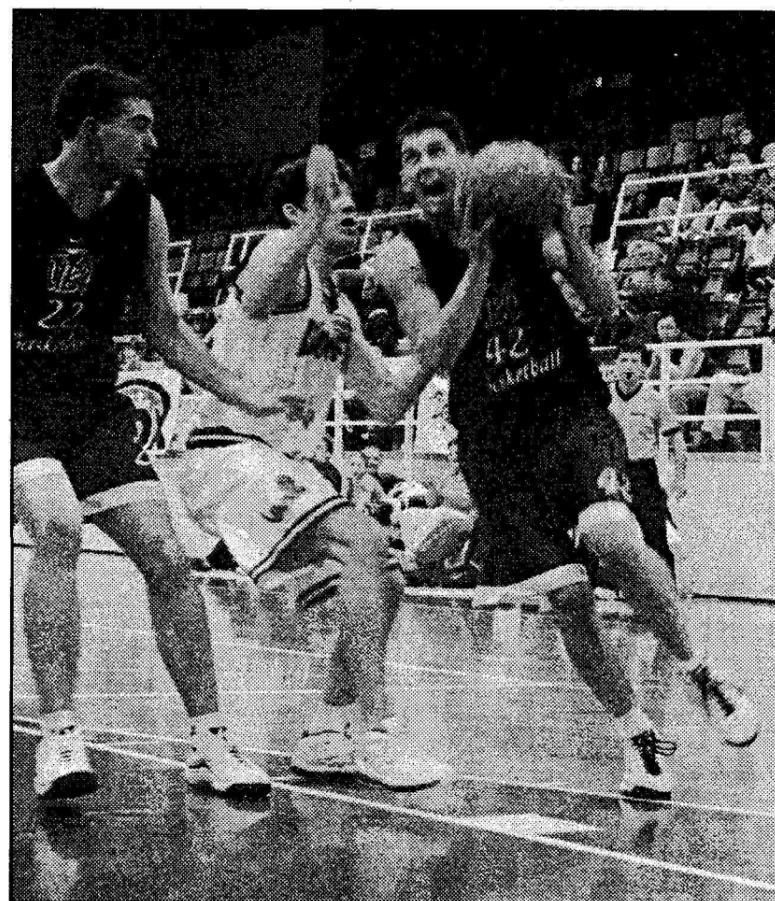
After a residence proctor smelled what he believed to be marijuana, he showed up with a university security person and searched Stapleton's room.

Stapleton was evicted after an investigation launched by UNB's associate director of residential life.

Currently, Stapleton can only appear on campus to attend classes and complete his academic work.

—with files from *the Brunswickan* ♦

Birds keep moving on up



OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION: UBC forward Jon Fast (above left, with ball) flies to the hoop against several Dinos. Birds guard Kevin Keeler (above right, also with ball) heads to the hoop with determination. **TOM PEACOCK PHOTOS**

by Tom Peacock

The Birds let it get close, but not too close.

After sweeping the University of Calgary Dinos at home—76-52 Friday and 70-55 Saturday—the UBC men's basketball team admitted it was quick starts and early scoring that gave them the edge. On Friday, for example, the Birds were up by 20 at the half. They went on to win by 24.

"We knew we were up by 20," said fifth-year forward Jon Fast after Friday's game. "So in the second half we kind of just let it go."

But if Friday night was a bit of a walk in the park, Saturday night's game was a slightly different story.

"[Calgary] played hard tonight," said Fast on Saturday, "but we still stopped 'em."

Yeah, they stopped 'em alright, but this time it took a little more work. Saturday, it was 40-22 at the half. Then Calgary came out determined to close the gap. Ten minutes in, a few quick baskets and a couple of three-pointers shrunk UBC's lead to nine points.

Then, with eight minutes left, the score was 49-44. It was anybody's game. UBC had

er into our bench," he said. "We have about 13 guys who can actually play. We can only play 12... The attack is always so balanced. You have guys coming off the bench that would be starters in any other program."

UBC, with Calgary biting at their heels the whole time, rumbled on to a 15-point win. Still, despite the fairly close score, Bakara believed that the Birds might also have been a little more prepared than their opponents.

"[Calgary] came out a lot stronger, a lot harder [on Saturday], but I think we're a little more into our plays than they have gotten at this point in time," he said.

UBC, who went 3-1 against Calgary last year, will face the Dinos twice more in the regular season. If Z's theory holds water and the Dinos turn out a little more prepared next time, the Birds will have their work cut out for them. Still, the season is early for everyone.

"I think I can get better," said Bakara. "But so does everybody on the team, and that's what's so good about this squad."

UBC (5-1) is now ranked sixth in the country, and will travel to face the third-ranked University of Lethbridge Pronghorns next weekend for their final regular season games of 1999. ♦

Women Birds lose two in a row

by Naomi Kim

Twenty-five minutes is not enough to win a basketball game.

One half—the last half of the weekend—was the only display of impressive basketball that the UBC women's basketball team could muster this weekend against the visiting University of Calgary Dinos. The Dinos stomped the Birds 74-60 Friday, and 62-57 Saturday at War Memorial Gym.

"The second half of [Saturday's] game, we outperformed Calgary. But they outperformed us for the rest of the weekend," said head coach Deb Huband. "We basically just got beaten up and didn't rise to the challenge."

Friday, the Dinos set the pressure early and the Birds were unable to respond. UBC played "passive," as Huband described it, and as Calgary raised the tone of the game, UBC's play continued to falter. Fourth-year

guard Stacey Reykdal led the Birds with 16 points

Saturday, the Birds came out flat-footed again. The Dinos took off early to a 15-7 lead and with UBC's missed shots and turnovers, Calgary easily built the lead to 12 points by the half. Even though she was recovering from the flu, glimpses of Birds captain Jessica Mills' usually aggressive play were visible late in the second half. Shooting from under the net and the foul line, she went on a seven-point run that helped to narrow the margin to 55-50. But that was as close as the Birds would get.

With just over a minute and a half remaining, Calgary's 20 personal fouls nearly doubled that of UBC's, but UBC made that up by getting five more fouls before the final buzzer rang.

"It could have been closer if we executed our stuff better," said Reykdal, UBC's player of the game both nights. "But only one good half out of a whole weekend is not going to do it."

The Birds have a break next week before visiting the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns on the following weekend, and during that time, rest and health will be the priority for UBC. The solid and deep bench they had at the beginning of the year has been shortened somewhat with injuries to first-year guard Carrie Watson (who suffered a stress fracture and is expected to re-join the Birds in late December) and third-year forward Michelle Matte (who will be out for the season with a torn ACL). Jen Washburn will be a late addition to the team once she is eligible to play next term.

"Things will improve for us...as we get into December," said Huband. "We're a team that had a lot of depth to start with, with 13 players that were quite solid, and now we're down to 8 or 9 and that's not enough."

The UBC women's basketball team is now 3-3 and is third place in the Canada West. ♦

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-Arthur Rimbaud
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Birds mauled by Bears

by Sara Newham

If you couldn't make it out to the UBC men's hockey games this weekend, consider yourself lucky. The Thunderbirds faced off against the University of Alberta Golden Bears Friday and Saturday night at the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre, and were swept by scores of 7-1 and 4-1, respectively.

"We gave them too much respect coming in [as] the defending national champions," explained Birds forward Corey LaFreniere. "Once they started rolling, it was just hard to stop [them]."

Both UBC and Alberta had several good chances in the opening minutes Friday, but it was the Bears who broke the tie at 3:45 of the first period when Jeff Ewasko scored just after a face-off in the Thunderbirds' zone. The Birds woke from their slumber after that, getting some excellent opportunities on a power play midway through the period, but were unable to convert their chances. Unlike UBC, Alberta didn't have any problems capitalising, putting another two pucks past UBC netminder David Spence. UBC backup goalie Matt Wealick replaced Spence late in the first period, but didn't fare much better as the Bears made it 4-0 a minute later.

Spence returned to duty to start the middle stanza as the team tried to dig themselves out of their hole, but the Birds had more difficulty converting their chances into actual goals. Alberta made it 5-0 at the four-minute mark of the second when Bear centre Jonathan Zukiwsky converged on the net and slipped the puck by a sprawling Spence. The Bears added their second power play goal of the night at 8:56, making it 6-0.

"We didn't show up. They scored, and we got down on ourselves from there," said defenceman Dean Shiels.

UBC finally got on the scoreboard at 4:27 of the third when Bird forward Rob Teleske cut across the crease, ruining Alberta goaltender Clayton Pool's shutout bid.

With 31 seconds left, the score 7-1, frustrations led to a fight between Thunderbird captain Trevor Shoaf and Bears forward Dave Taylor, and both were sent to the showers early. Afterwards, UBC head coach Mike Coffin was obviously upset with his team's performance.

"I thought our lack of physical commitment was apparent and unexpected," said Coffin.

"We're at our home rink and we just lost 7-1. It's embarrassing for everyone," added LaFreniere. "Tomorrow night everyone is going to just want to come out and show some pride in our team."

Saturday night, the two teams had barely taken the opening face-off when Alberta scored just 26 seconds into the contest. Both teams exchanged scoring chances as well as cheap shots in the early going, but once again the Birds couldn't tie it up and—you guessed it—Alberta increased their lead to a two-goal margin when Bears forward Russ Hewson scored his second of the game on the power play by stuffing it past Wealick.

The Birds started the second period with 53 seconds remaining on a power play of their own, but needed only 40 of those seconds to convert as UBC forward Sandy Hayer collected the team's first and only goal of the game. Both teams played an exciting and fast-paced period of hockey. And in the sixth minute of the second, UBC thought they had the tying marker, but it was waved off as Thunderbird forward Matt Reid was called for goaltender interference.

"One of the turning points was

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David Milne will be the lone competitor for the UBC cross country team at the NAIA championships in Kenosha, Washington on Saturday, Nov. 20.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The UBC women's hockey team will look to pick up their first win of the season at the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre on Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7:30pm against the University of Calgary.

SWIMMING

The UBC swim teams, the defending Canadian champions, travelled to California for a meet at Stanford University and were defeated by the host school. On the women's side, Stanford scored 166.5 points compared to UBC's 82.5. On the men's side, Stanford had 175 points and UBC had 87.

The UBC team won in four events: Jessica Deglau, Marianne

Limpert, Anna Lydall, and Katie Brambley won the 4 x 100-yard freestyle race; Mark Versfeld won the 100-yard backstroke; Jake Steele won the 100-yard freestyle; and Mark Johnston won the 500 yard freestyle.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Thunderbirds' record is now 1-5 after dropping two close 5-0 matches to the University of Alberta Golden Bears last weekend in Edmonton. Friday (25-19, 25-21, 25-23, 25-21, 25-15), Chad Grimm led the team in kills, and Saturday (25-15, 25-20, 25-15, 25-21, 25-23), Jeff Orchard led the way for the Birds.

The men's volleyball team plays at War Memorial Gym on Friday, Nov. 19 at 8pm and on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 6:15pm against the University of Saskatchewan.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team (4-2) received their first two losses of the season to the defending national champion, the University of Alberta Pandas in Edmonton. Sarah Maxwell and Karen Moore led for the Birds in two 3-1 losses. ♦



SMALL BATTLES: First-year centre Rob Petrie fights for the puck with a University of Alberta Golden Bear. The Thunderbirds didn't win too many battles, however, as they were swept by scores of 7-1 and 4-1. **TARA WESTOVER PHOTO**

the goal we had called back," explained Lampshire. "It would have made the game tied, [but] it deflated us because we didn't get that goal back."

Down only 2-1 entering the third period, the home team once again found themselves with the man-advantage, but were unable to convert their chances into anything tangible. Alberta, however, did convert at the 55 second point of the third when Bear Massimo Provenzano caught Wealick out of position. Alberta went on to win 4-1, and UBC registered their fourth consecutive loss.

"We didn't play well enough to win," said Shoaf. When asked who played well, Shoaf first listed Alberta players before adding, "I don't think anyone [on the UBC team] played particularly fantastic, otherwise it would be a different story. If some guy stood out that much then he would have helped this team to win."

Hopefully, the Birds will be able to find this guy soon, as they look to improve their 3-7 season record in games at the University of Saskatchewan next weekend. ❖

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by Naomi Kim

Shawn Olson thought it was UBC's destiny to go all the way this time. Last year, the Birds battled through a tough season after losing two coaches. But this year they were one win shy of a perfect regular season record, and wound up in first place in the Canada West. They came in to Friday night on an eight-game winning streak, and hadn't lost at home since their home opener in 1997. They were very confident going into this game.

It was also perhaps destiny that brought the Thunderbirds to a must-win situation against the Huskies. It's happened before: Saskatchewan ended UBC's 1998 season with a 31-28 victory in last year's Hardy Cup en route to winning last year's Vanier Cup.

HUSKIES 31 AT UBC 24

SASK.....0	10	14	7	31
UBC.....11	6	0	7	24

First quarter

UBC—Single O'Mahony 41, 5:11
 UBC—Singh 9 run, 7:39 (O'Mahony convert)
 UBC—FG O'Mahony 20, 12:04

Second quarter

Sask—Crumb 27 pass from Reid, :26 (Boreham convert)
 UBC—Singh 4 run, 11:03 (O'Mahony convert)
 Sask—FG Boreham 33, 14:43

Third quarter

Sask—Boreham 30 run, 3:29 (Boreham convert)
 Sask—Rozon 95 run, 10:40 (Boreham convert)

Fourth quarter

UBC—Singh 1 run, :20 (O'Mahony convert)
 Sask—Malinchuk 30 pass from Reid, 10:00 (Boreham convert)

YARDSTICKS

	UBC	SASK
First downs.....	24	17
Rushes—yards.....	41-191	38-293
Passing.....	206	98
Punt returns.....	7-58	7-40
Kickoff returns.....	5-105	4-48
Interception returns.....	1-29	1-0
Comp-Att-Int.....	12-20-1	4-9-1
Punts.....	7-34.4	8-40.1
Fumbles-lost.....	4-2	1-1
Penalties-yards.....	8-80	6-58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—UBC, Singh 31-141, Olson 6-3, Deeks 2-14, Radlein 1-3, Dove 1-2. Saskatchewan, Rozon 22-202, Lynden 7-32, Boreham 1-30, Reid 3-15, Perryman 3-16, Crumb 2-2.
 PASSING—UBC, Olson 9-13-0-164, Deeks 2-6-1-10, Delong 1-1-0-32. Saskatchewan, Reid 4-9-1-98
 RECEIVING—UBC, Coutts 6-113, Luisser 4-61, Chamberlain 1-26, Radlein 1-6. Saskatchewan, Sulz 1-36, Malinchuk 1-30, Crumb 1-27, McNairn 1-5

And it happened again this season, as the Huskies ended UBC's 1999 season in a 31-24 down-to-the-wire victory Friday night at Thunderbird Stadium. Both teams played quality football and played their hearts out, but once again, Saskatchewan ended up on top.

"They're all the same," said an indifferent Huskies head coach Brian Towriss about recent Saskatchewan-UBC games. "They're all decided in the last five minutes. We've had your number...[UBC's] kind of snakebitten by us."

But Friday night, as the smoke from the fireworks settled above the muddy Thunderbird Stadium, it appeared the other way around. After effectively shutting the Saskatchewan offence down to start the game, UBC running back Akbal Singh set the tone with a 38-yard run just seven minutes into the game. Chris Frankowski intercepted a Saskatchewan pass three minutes after that, which gave UBC the ball at the Saskatchewan 20-yard line. Two plays later, Singh brought the ball in for an 8-yard touchdown.

While UBC's game was on, Saskatchewan was still looking for theirs midway through the first quarter. Huskies Doug Rozon and Jason Perryman bumbled the ensuing kickoff. The dropped ball was uncharacteristic of the Huskies, as was a shanked 22-yard punt to the sideline by kicker/safety Jamie Boreham. Then a field goal by UBC kicker Duncan O'Mahony made it 11-0 UBC, and that was as comfortable as the game would get.

The Huskies finally entered UBC territory late in the quarter after six straight carries for three first downs by Rozon. Huskies quarterback Ryan Reid's 27-yard pass to Jason Crumb in the deep corner of the endzone put the visitors on the board just 26 seconds into the second quarter. But the Thunderbirds answered back, moving down the field with passes to Bill Chamberlain and Brad Coutts. Singh finished the drive off with a 4-yard touchdown run—he finished the half with 122 yards on the ground.

At halftime, UBC was up 17-10, with Birds quarterback Shawn Olson a perfect 5 for 5 for 111 yards.

The Huskies regrouped during intermission and came back stronger in the third. Singh was stripped of the ball, the Huskies recovered, and a little over two minutes later they set up for a field goal from the 30 yard line. Boreham approached the kick, but at the last minute, the ball was flipped to him and he took off downfield. The Birds, caught off guard, pursued, but lost Boreham at the 10 yard line. Three

road for the Birds

The **number one-ranked** UBC football team lost **31-24** Friday to end their season—and once again, *their season was ended* by Saskatchewan



RUMBLE IN THE MUD: UBC and the University of Saskatchewan, the top two ranked teams in the country, met at Thunderbird Stadium for a thrilling Canada West Hardy Cup final game. Despite home-field advantage, an extremely talented roster, and an early lead, the Birds fell victim to the Huskies 31-24. UBC backup quarterback Phil Deeks (above, left) came in in the fourth quarter after starter Shawn Olson left with a bruised sternum. Down by a touchdown, Deeks moved the ball down to the Huskies' ten-yard line with two minutes left, but the Birds couldn't cash in as Deeks threw an interception. Above, Huskie running back Doug Rozon, who finished with 202 yards rushing, makes a break with the ball while UBC linebacker Nathan Mellalieu chases in hot pursuit. TARA WESTOVER PHOTO, ABOVE LEFT. RICHARD LAM PHOTO, TOP.

minutes into the third, the game was tied at 17-17.

Rozon soon revisited the left corner of UBC's end zone after swinging to the outside from deep in Saskatchewan territory and blazing 95 yards for a touchdown. The Huskies had taken their first lead of the game, 24-17.

In the last minute of the third quarter, a Saskatchewan fumble was recovered by UBC defensive lineman Tom Montes at the Saskatchewan 5-yard line. Two Singh carries later, UBC trailed by only one, and O'Mahony made the convert from a mud puddle to tie the game 24-24.

But disaster soon struck for UBC: with the game tied and 13 minutes remaining, Olson took a Huskie helmet in the chest that bruised his sternum. He missed badly on his next two throws, had to leave the game, and didn't return.

"It's so weird," said Olson afterwards. "When I knew I couldn't go anymore...that's when I had my little cry and stuff and really thought we were going to be able to pull through."

With backup Phil Deeks in for Olson, UBC had the better part of one quarter to win or lose the game. But it was Saskatchewan who stepped up first, as Reid hit flanker Derek Malinchuk with five minutes remaining to push the Huskies back in front, 31-24.

But the Birds still had time. With Deeks at the controls, UBC worked their way from their own 41-yard line to the Huskies' 42. Then UBC wide receiver Dan Delong came up big. He took a reverse, rolled out, and threw a 32-yard pass to Coutts down the right side, bringing the Birds within 9 yards of the Saskatchewan end zone and a tie game. But after Singh was stuffed for no gain on first down, Boreham intercepted Deeks' floating pass over the middle with two minutes left, effectively ending the game.

In an ironic twist, Boreham played for UBC three years

ago before leaving to play for the Abbotsford Air Force. It was a former UBC player that sealed the Birds' fate.

"He was a bit of a different cat," said Olson about Boreham. "He was an 18 year-old kid coming from Vancouver College, and he was the superstar in high school...so he had a bit of that on his shoulders."

"I talked to him in the offseason, when we were trying to recruit him, and he made a decision, and right now, it looks like the right decision."

Boreham's beaming face held through until the final seconds ran off on the clock. The teams shook hands and, then tears flowed as many on the blue and gold side were overcome by the loss.

"It's disappointing because last week against Calgary, we sort of got that feeling that the ride had started and it was going to be just eventful with memories that you'd never forget. And it's disappointing when the ride ends, quickly," said Deeks from behind bloodshot eyes. "This team, every game we went in believing that we would win. I'm not going to call it a shock that we didn't win, though. Saskatchewan's a great team. They came in here, our turf and beat us at home."

"It was a good football game, and they won."

Comments about being snakebitten or cursed aside, this was a win that was attributed solely to football skills.

"I don't really think it was Saskatchewan. I don't think it was because it was the finals. I think it was just two good football teams down there and we had some breakdowns," said Olson. "I'd like to say there were a bunch of plays that made a difference and they cheated us or we screwed up, but really, they just played a really good game. They're a good football team, and they played a really good game. And we're a good football team and we played a really good game. But they just played better today."

Notes and Quotes

- With the loss to Saskatchewan Friday, UBC bids goodbye to several players. The Birds lose the following starters to graduation: offensive lineman and captain Aaron Barker, slotback Greg Hallifax, safety Dan Rootes, and slotback Frank Luisser. As well, wideout J.C. Williams, who was sidelined much of the year with a knee injury, has played out his last year of eligibility. Several T-Birds may also test the pro waters, with defensive lineman Tyson St. James leading the parade.

- The Canada West also chose two UBC players as its candidates for national honours: fourth-year tailback Akbal Singh, who ran for a school record—1787 yards in eight regular season, one exhibition, and two playoff games, will be the West's nominee for the highest honour in the land, the Hec Creighton Trophy. Singh also broke the UBC record for total offence with 1821 yards combined rushing and receiving.

St. James is the Canada West nominee for the J.P. Metras Trophy, which is presented to the most outstanding lineman in the CIAU. St. James finished the year tied for the conference lead with five sacks and with 28 tackles.

- As well, the All-Canada West team was announced last week, and nine T-Birds made the cut: Singh, fourth-year wide receiver Brad Coutts, fourth-year quarterback Shawn Olson, Barker, first-year offensive lineman Greg Schaefer, third-year defensive linemen St. James and Daaron McField, Rootes, and second-year kicker/punter Duncan O'Mahony.

"[Saskatchewan] won it last year and right from day one when we showed up, we knew that our quest goes through Saskatchewan. I think if you asked anybody, we would have figured that this is the team that we were going to meet."

—**UBC backup quarterback Phil Deeks**

"I'm happy with how the season went thus far for the guys. I feel bad for the guys because I think they deserve better than what they got today, but you know, that's sometimes the way the ball bounces."

—**UBC defensive coordinator Noel Thorpe**

"Ha. I'm real happy. It's great to come home and win in my hometown...UBC played a heck of a game. Just look at the score. You win by seven, seven's nothing."

—**Huskie kicker/punter/safety Jamie Boreham, on his homecoming win.** ❖

"There were some tears in [the locker room] but not as much as there usually is because we really, really played our hearts out...We were kind of dealt a bum hand at the beginning of the year and this group of guys came so close together and we battled through so many things together and you know, it's good."

"We're a team that was basically, I feel, one win, just one game away from going to the Vanier Cup...It's one of those seasons where I think it'll probably be one of my fondest memories because of all the adversity."

Now as the Huskies head east to defend their national title, they know that the meeting between the top teams has already been battled out, even if it's not called the Vanier Cup.

"The way we look at it, [playing against UBC] is kind of always like the Vanier Cup because we know that these are the two best teams in the country," said Rozon who ran for 202 yards in his last game against the Birds. "We pulled one off, but we have to compliment them. They played a great game, and it came down to the end." ❖

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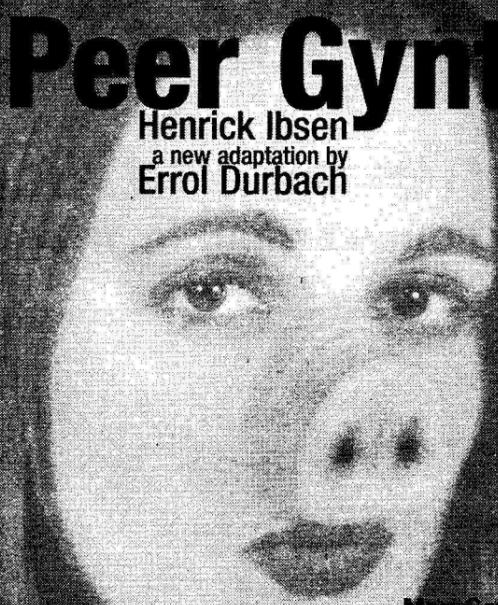
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A survival guide to help anyone find a job, at least temporarily, is what *The Hidden Job Market* is all about. Using colloquial language, Sandra Boyd's book is a guide to the different employment opportunities available to anyone who's looking. Put simply, it reads like the best textbook you've ever read—only better. Her easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions on how to secure temporary and contract employment is an excellent tool for those looking to gain experience in today's market.

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Every point she makes is followed up by interesting anecdotes that lets the reader know how knowledgeable the author is about the subject. In addition, a handy re-cap at the end of each chapter summarises what you have just read.

Throughout the guide, Boyd provides excellent tips on résumé writing—including an interesting section on "résumé turnoffs"—and interviewing skills as well as protocol when dealing with employers and employment agencies that would be suitable for part-time employees.

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until Dec 5

by Julian Dowling

The production of a subtle and complex play like *The Cherry Orchard* by an amateur theatre troupe may seem overly ambitious, but the United Players cast handles Chekov's masterpiece with nuance and aplomb. In director Christopher Weddell's interpretation, the audience is made to laugh at the Russian aristocracy, clinging to their orchard as a reminder of the good old days.

The play begins with the arrival at the estate of Lyubov Ranyevskaya (Andree Karas) and her brother Lenya Gayev (Richard Strachan). They are landowners who have lost their fortune and are facing the auction of their estate, including their beloved cherry orchard. The set is appropriately sparse, a few bits of furniture and the silhouette of cherry trees projected on a screen above the action.

The supporting characters are a collection of servants and hangers-on who have their own reasons for wanting to see the cherry orchard stay with the family, or in the case of the nouveau riche businessman Yermoley Lopakhim (Trevor Devall), subdivided into sellable lots.

There's the old butler who has spent his whole life serving his masters, and can't imagine a life outside their property. There's Petya (Jason Diablo), an "eternal student," and Marxist who sees a new future for Russia in a revolution of the working class. David Purvis, the wonderfully lascivious Hamlet in this year's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, turns in a wickedly comic performance as the money hungry Boris Simeonov-Pishchik. Also worth noting is Charlotta Ivanova (Darlene Arsenault), the governess, who is both a ventriloquist and hunter. Her asides to the audience and scorn for the other characters anticipate the modernist theatre of the 1930s.

A 1997 grad from the UBC BFA program, Rebecca Harker is outstanding as Anya, the daughter. Reminiscent of Helena Bonham-Carter's performance in *A Room with a View*, Harker strikes a perfect balance between naïveté and sensibility as she struggles to convince her parents that their future can be bright even without the orchard.

The Cherry Orchard was well chosen for its enduring appeal nearly a hundred years after it was written in 1904. At the turn of the last century, the industrial revolution had reached a climax and the aristocracies of Europe and Russia were beginning to feel their empires slip from their grasp. Change was inevitable and yet landowners like Ranyevskaya held on to the last remnants of their privilege. Of course, that would all change with the devastation wrought by two world wars and a half century of Stalinist oppression.

But as well as the cultural and political implications of the play, the characters are able to rise above their social standing to convey the universal feelings of people on the verge of momentous change. Joan Bryan's well acted production emphasises that being able to laugh at ourselves and accept change, in all its forms, will help us live happier lives—and that's worth the trip to Jericho beach. ❖

at the Jericho Arts Centre runs until Dec 5

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REACHING for the fruit.



SPIKE & MIKE'S SICK & TWISTED FESTIVAL OF ANIMATION
at the Ridge Theatre
until Dec 5

by Duncan M. McHugh

Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation speaks for itself. Assembled, for your viewing pleasure (you demented freak), is the most revolting, deplorable and occasionally funny collection of animated short

curtain call

films imaginable.

Spike and the late Mike began *Sick & Twisted* in 1990 as a means of showcasing all the "fucked-up shit" they couldn't very well show in their classic animation festival. Since then, they've helped launch the careers of such luminaries as Mike Judge (creator of *Beavis and Butthead*), and Trey Parker and Matt Stone (the duo behind *South Park*). If you find these shows to be a little too much, you'd best be avoiding the Ridge Theatre for the next three weekends.

This year's festival features the premiere of 20 shorts with a trio of "favourites" from years gone by. Amongst the new films are some familiar faces. The chronically flustered "No Neck" Joe returns, this time trying to watch tennis, receive a hickey, etc. Summer and Tiffany, of *Hut Sluts* infamy, are back with *Swing Sluts*. If those of you who saw the original thought 'camel toes' were bad, wait until you find out about 'meat cur-

tains' (I'm still shaken).

Also back is Don Hertzfeld whose *Ah L'Amour* was a highlight of 1997's festival. He has stuck with the stick figure motif for *Billy's Balloon*. It is a cartoon about balloons exacting revenge upon their toddler owners. *Billy's Balloon's* appeal lies in its mild cruelty and absurdity, unlike many of the other films which rely heavily on vulgarity and explicitness.

For those of you in need of physically repulsive cartoons, you're well covered. *Swing Sluts*, *Quiet, Please* and *Tongue Twister* should all leave you queasy. And though not really disgusting, *Horned Gramma* is "out there" enough to drive you mad. You know we all go a little mad sometimes.

Vancouver artists have two contributions this year; the one-trick pony *Ballet Blues* and the hilarious 1950s "dad-knows-best" spoof *The Beckers: Cannibalism and Your Teen*.

Overall, this year's offerings are fairly average. If you've never seen *Sick & Twisted*, and you think you're, well, sick and twisted enough to take it, it may well be worth the viewing experience. If nothing else, it will convince you that you're not nearly as screwed up as these people. ❖

what's going on
on campus **at the ams**

**Student Legal Fund
Society Annual General
Meeting**

▼
Wed. November 24th
12:30-1:30
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Chambers

Agenda:

- President's Report
- Report on & discussion of Potential
- Litigation
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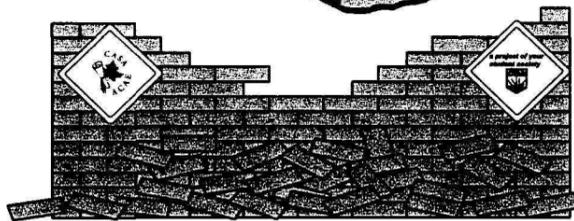
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Attack of the *has-been* writer

BECH AT BAY: A QUASI-NOVEL
by John Updike
[Fawcett Books]

by Daniel Silverman

Yes, John Updike is alive and well and writing about, well, writers. The third book in a series about Henry Bech, a much-beleaguered and rather misogynist Jewish-American writer, *Bech at Bay* takes a very cynical view of publishers, critics, and modern authorship in general.

Henry Bech used to be a popular writer, but time and the lack of any decent writing on his part have earned him a special place in the literary community: that of a ridiculed old man. The rest of the world loves him, due in no small part to a book called *Travel Light*, Bech's first book, which is about a motorcycle gang roving through the Midwest, raping and pillaging as they go. Back in the 1950s (which is incidentally when Updike himself started writing) this caused a big splash. In the late '90s, however, Bech's brutal honesty is starting to wear thin, or so his critics say.

The book opens with Bech on one of his many forays into Europe. In this case, he goes to the Czech Republic to talk to a bunch of underground literary figures and witness the "release" of one of his books translated into Czech. Interspersed with tongue-in-cheek allusions to Kafka and the "revolution," Bech muses on the value of his own work and his chances with this

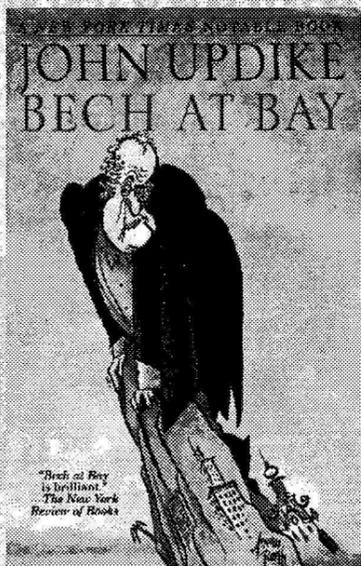
woman or that one. Not bad for a sixty-three-year-old out-of-work has-been writer.

The second part has Bech presiding over an anachronistic, yet very affluent group of New York writers simply known as the Hundred. Under Bech's hardly stern reign, the society is dissolved and the considerable funds divided up between the remaining members, who number something less than their hundred. From here on in, we see the systematic taking apart of any sort of respect for the writing community.

This is most obvious in *Bech Noir*, in which our hero, now aged about seventy, takes to engineering, along with his twenty-something lover, the deaths of some of his more annoying critics. From elbowing one man into the path of an approaching New York subway, to having his lover hack into an internet columnist's computer and planting subliminal suggestions to jump out of his office window (subtle things like "Do the world a fucking favour and jump"), things only get more and more absurd, and funny.

This book attacks more or less the entire publishing industry, from agents to publishers to the infantile rivalry between writers and their critics. Updike puts Bech through all sorts of gatherings, meaningless prizes, any number of attractive women, and, eventually, fatherhood, all in an effort to show how life affects the writer.

Oh, and by the way, Updike also nominates—and votes in—Henry Bech as this year's Nobel Prize winner. But don't tell Günther Grass. ♦



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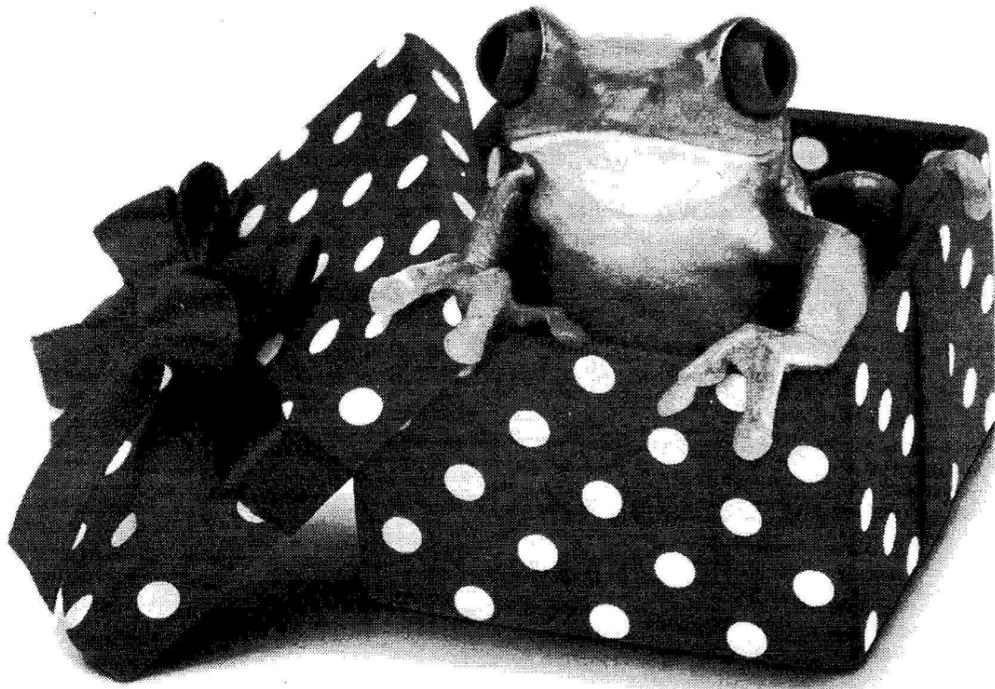
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Dressed in a shimmering red number, Cynthia Lee walked into the room. Laura Blue stared up at her in surprise. "Cynthia what have you got on?" Nicholas Bradley looked up from the book he'd been reading, the two volume autobiography of the great Bruce Arthur. Naomi Kim also stopped what she was doing to stare at the beautiful Cynthia Lee. She had read earlier in day that the famous Todd Silver was going to ask for her to marry him that day, bursting through the doors. Todd appeared. Naomi thought to herself, "It's not everyday you get to see things like this happen!" Tristan Winch entered behind carrying a suitcase and a small velvet pillow with a ring on it. Daliah Merzaban looked up from the computer when she heard all the noise. She was waiting for the surprise "CONGRATULATIONS" cake to arrive. Little did anyone know, Flora Graham had been hired to jump out of the cake and sing for them. The party really started when Daniel Silverman walked through a door backwards and ran straight into Tom Peacock who was in the process of wheeling in the large surprise cake. Duncan M. McHugh was absolutely covered in cake and icing, a result of the crash of Daniel and the cake. Melanie Streich was amazed by the animal scream that erupted from Jamie Tong. Lost in the excitement of Cynthia's red dress, Sara Newham and Lisa Denton had snuck in through the back door. They had used Barbara Anderson up with duct tape and were trying to bust her to the roof with Erin Shaw. Erin forgot what she was doing when she saw the up and coming super-model Jessica-Ann Dozsis walk in and shoot Julian Dowling dead.



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She's leaving home, after living alone

You've seen the scene before. Mom and Dad loading the station wagon, waving good-bye as the kid goes off to university. It's a bittersweet time (or so we're told)—but most kids, while a little scared, are eager as hell to be out from under Mom and Dad's roof. "Freedom!" they shout to themselves (or to anyone who'll listen). "I'm all grown up now!"

But once you get to UBC, you're not all grown up, even five years later. Oh, you may think you are. But the kind people at Housing don't think you're all grown up. You're still a kid, and they're Mom and Dad, except now the only love you see in their eyes is for the rent cheque. You are the Child, in need of instruction and correction, but never affection. They are the University.

Example 1: at the University of New Brunswick, a student was evicted from residence after a residence proctor smelled what he thought *might* be marijuana. No evidence of pot was found in the room, but the kid was turfed anyway.

This could happen to you, whether you live in Totem or Vanier or Gage or Fairview. The current list of things that can get you evicted includes, but is not limited to: the

conduct of your guests; drugs; drinking games; "dog piling;" fake ID; "throwing snowballs at residence buildings;" "unattended open flame, such as a candle;" or the possession of a slingshot.

"Dog piling?"

And as if that doesn't give your floor advisor the power of god over your sad little lives, the following is the University's "Get Into Jail Free" card:

"3.14. In addition to the other provisions in Section 3, any conduct which is inappropriate or disruptive to the residence community or the University, as determined by the residence life manager, is prohibited and may result in eviction."

Example 2: An AMS commissioner was told to get out of residence because he wasn't enrolled in enough courses to be considered a full-time student. Never mind that the university defines "full-time" as three courses. Yet Housing defines it as four. Never mind that this student contributes to the campus community in a number of ways outside the classroom. Never mind—he violated the rules and Housing was unwilling to listen.

This is because the University has all the

power, and you, the lowly student, have no choice but to listen. And you can't just go to the basement and turn up the Slayer like you could back home, 'cause the University doesn't care how loud you get—they won't listen (unless it's after quiet hours. Then they'll peg you for loudly retrieving the flaming candle you dropped out the window while you were playing drinking games. Shit luck.)

The best part of the whole deal is that before you are deemed worthy to live in any of UBC's silverfish-laden residences, you get to sign your rights away. Section 1.01 of the contract says "The Residential Tenancy Act of British Columbia is not applicable to this contract or the occupancy of this accommodation."

Isn't that great? Before you can live here, you get to hand the University the keys to your rights as a rent-paying tenant! Great!

You (or your parents) pay rent. You are a resident in Residence. And as a result, you get stuck with lousy prefabricated furniture and a generous proliferation of insect life. But your rights go right out the window, although you can get evicted for throwing anything right out the window after them. ❖

Letters

Swimmers "lack support"

Is sports reporter Cynthia Lee under the illusion that our university is located in California?

From the sunny weather we have been enjoying in the early months of November, she can almost be forgiven for mistaking UBC campus for that of Stanford's.

Just a few weeks ago this same paper ran a story about lack of school spirit and recognition for our excellent varsity sports programs. However, after reading the article in *The Ubyssy* (Nov.2), I feel the reporters are not doing anything to further their cause.

More than half of the article is about Stanford's swimmers, coaches and their programs. I know that acknowledgement of the competition is necessary but if this is so, then where is the cov-

erage of the other visiting teams?

The UBC swimming program offers the highest calibre of athletes this campus has to offer, yet, you would never know it from the lack of support and respect the swimmers receive. These are world-class athletes and our fellow students. We should be saluting them and taking pride in their accomplishments.

The amount of money the swimmers receive compared to other sports is minimal at best. If we want to continue the excellence of this program, we as students must support our peers and recognise them for their vast achievements. I look forward to watching some of our UBC swimmers compete in Sydney and will try my best to pique student interest. And as the voice of UBC students, our journalists should be leading the way, not blocking it.

*Alison Alexis (proud supporter of UBC athletics)
Second year Science*

Destruction of trees invalidates argument

It is with a mixture of pride and dismay that I peruse the latest activities at my alma mater. On the one hand, UBC is being justly recognized as one of the finest universities in the country. Whatever shortcomings the annual *Maclean's* poll has, its findings are valid enough that we can celebrate UBC's success.

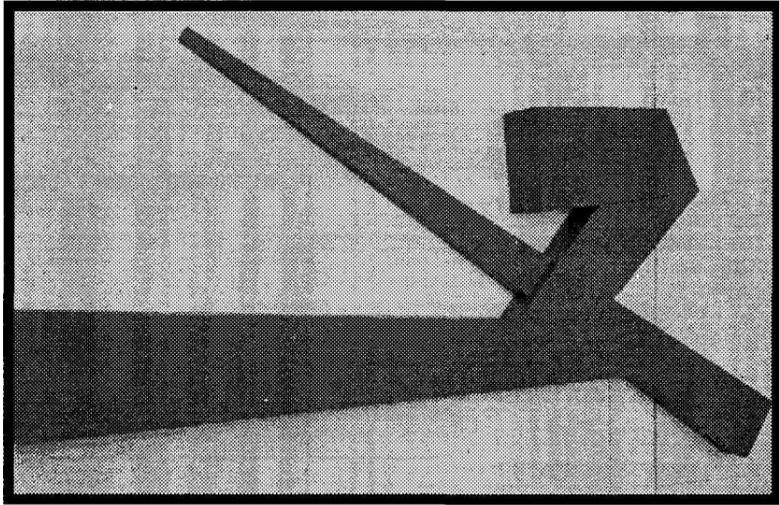
On the other hand, the willful destruction of the trees at the research nursery for the Silvagen company, bring the whole campus into disrepute. The campus should be a place of lively, vigorous argument and debate. The concept of selectively breed-

ing trees (or any other living forms) is one that should be debated in science and humanities classrooms.

However, to wantonly destroy the trees is little more than eco-terrorism and whatever support these people could have generated is, in my mind, lost once they resort to violence. Public sentiment was quite rightly on the side of the APEC protestors because it seemed the RCMP stupidly resorted to violence to get their own way. Similarly, the terrorists who destroyed these trees should not have to turn to destruction if their argument is a valid one. By all means, protest, but do it without destroying private or university property; neither you nor the cause is served by such extremes.

*Leonard Lendvov
UBC alumni*

An exercise in perception



SHAPE: Daniel Congdon uses bright colours to create his abstract sculptures. You're gonna have to trust us on this one.

DANIEL CONGDON: SHAPE
at the Contemporary Art Gallery
until Dec. 23

by Jessica-Ann Dozois

Daniel Congdon is a Vancouver artist. His large-scale wall sculptures, currently being exhibited at the CAG, focus on shape and the dynamics of folding. Congdon took physics and engineering at the University of Calgary and this influence is quite evident in his work.

I found myself perplexed by the physics of the sculptures' folds, twists, turns, overlappings, and also by the piercings through the metal. Congdon's pieces recall the complexities of M.C. Escher's work. The sculptures' bold colours and sharp folds seem to concentrate on the reflection and refraction of light beams. Many people at the exhibition would bend right over the sculptures to get a look at the crevices and the points where the different colours and light meet.

The pieces in this exhibition are utterly simple at first glance. Upon taking a second look though, they become completely abstract, so much so that I was overwhelmed by how much there is to look at. This exhibition really is an exercise in perception; the more one looks at the sculptures, the more one wants to describe them, yet the less one is able to.

There is a strange balance between the logical and the illogical. The sculptures are perfectly executed, mathematically, but completely nonsensical, rationally.

This exhibition will appeal to anyone interested in visual art and a mind-bending experience.

Daniel Congdon will be at the CAG on November 23 at 8pm for a free artist's talk. ❖

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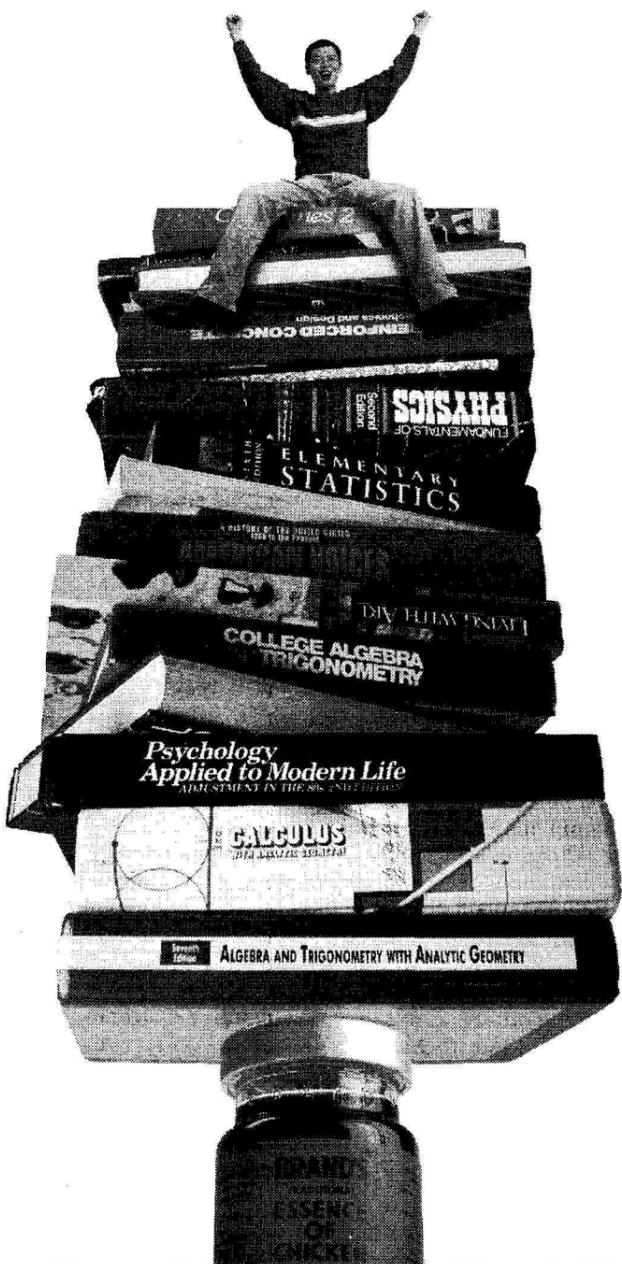
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Missing person found

by Nicholas Bradley

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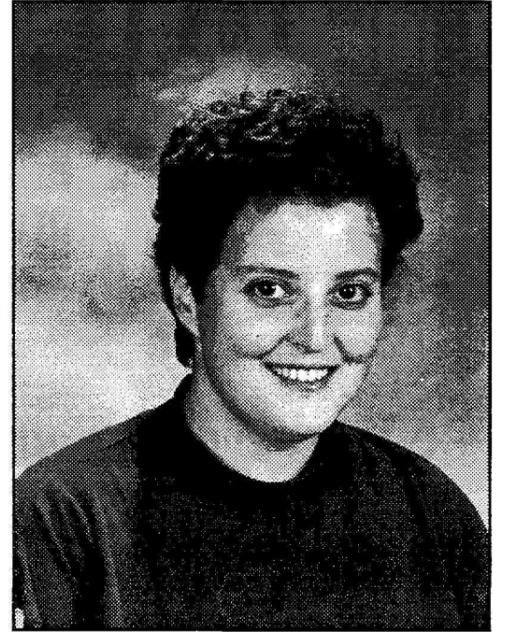
Christine Vanstone, a voluntary admission to the psychiatric ward, escaped from the hospital last Wednesday. Even though hospital staff made attempts to convince her to stay, "she bolted," according to her mother, Mary-Lou Vanstone.

Her escape prompted a search of the campus by the RCMP and Campus Security, as well as Vanstone's doctor and her parents, who live in Campbell River. Because she is required to take daily medication after suffering a brain injury in a cycling accident nine years ago, her parents were quick to spread the news of her disappearance.

After the story was broadcast on the local television news Friday evening, someone recognised Vanstone near Thunderbird Stadium and called the campus detachment of the RCMP. According to her father, Alan Vanstone, her parents are still trying to track down the person who notified the police.

When she was found, Vanstone had not eaten for three days, and was dehydrated, hypothermic and confused—"totally incoherent," as her mother described her—but was expected to be fine once she resumed taking her medication. However, Christine Vanstone

After the story was broadcast on the local television news Friday evening, someone recognised Vanstone near Thunderbird Stadium and called the campus detachment of the RCMP.



SCARED PARENTS of UBC Hospital patient Christine Vanstone searched 72 hours for their daughter. She was finally spotted by a passerby near Thunderbird stadium Friday.

can't yet explain why she decided to leave the hospital.

"She can't formulate thought...You can't ask her anything," her mother said.

Her mother had previously expressed concern that she might be hiding, or that she would be afraid if approached.

Vanstone is 30 years old, and can function at the level of someone in her late teens when she is taking her medication. She lives in a group home in Vancouver, and attends a day program at the hospital. ❖

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What is the "Not On Our Campus!" Challenge?

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Where does the money come from to fund these projects?

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How can my campus group help the Challenge?

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What kinds of projects will be funded?

The Challenge will fund projects which find innovative and relevant ways to fight discrimination based on sex, race, sexual orientation, ability, class, or any other area of discrimination. Projects should not duplicate already existing programs, but rather, find grassroots ways to improve the lives of all who are part of the UBC community and beyond.

How can I apply for my project funding?

If you have an idea for a project for the Not On Our Campus! Challenge please obtain an application form from the Speakeasy in the SUB Concourse, your residence front desk, by dropping by SUB 262. Funding decision will be announced by January, 2000.

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