Pres slams engineers again

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But pols, women say concrete action needed

By TOM HAWTHORN

For the second consecutive year UBC administration president Doug Kenny has condemned engineering students for "childish and infantile actions and anti-feminist attitudes."

But Kenny's statement received angry criticism from student politicians and the Alma Mater Society women's committee for being too late and insufficient to deal with the problem.

The conflict occurred following Tuesday's annual Lady Godiva ride which erupted into a scuffle between protesting students and engineers in front of SUB.

Protestor Lorne Rogers had his picket sign torn up and complained of being struck by unidentified engineering students when the more than 500 participating engineers attempted to enter the SUB cafeteria. Several picketers were upset over being "roughed up" and were bitter that the engineers had resorted to violence.

Sheila Lidwill, spokeswoman for the women's committee and a picketer, said Tuesday she was heartened by the support the protest received.

"I think the protest has succeeded in bringing this issue of sexism to the public attention," she said.

Lidwill was particularly pleased with the applause the protesters received from students in the SUB cafeteria.

The more than 40 picketers demonstrated against the "sexist and exploitative actions" of Engineering Week.

Kenny criticized the engineers for their immaturity and sexist actions.

"The actions of this group of students were totally lacking in maturity and their anti-feminist attitudes are antithetical to the values for which a university stands," Kenny said in a press release.

"I have asked appropriate university officials to meet with the executive of the engineering undergraduate society to express as forcefully as possibly my own deep disappointment and that of other members of the university at this deplorable immaturity."

Engineering undergraduate society president Joe Uyesugi said Wednesday he talked with administration vice-president Chuck Connaghan about Engineering Week Wednesday and the vandalism which has occurred.

Uyesugi said it is very difficult for him to control the engineers in these actions and that the EUS did not sanction the break-in or other activities.

Connaghan said, "Joe and I had a very good discussion.

"I pointed out the concern the president (administrative president Doug Kenny) has about the engineering activities.

Connaghan said there was no discussion of disciplinary actions against the engineers involved.

Kate Andrew, a women's committee member, rebuked Kenny for refusing to take any action except through news releases.

"Kenny's statement won't solve any of the problems because they have no influence on the people committing vandalism and participating in the Lady Godiva ride," she said.

"Obviously Kenny doesn't understand the severity of the situation."

The women's committee will also be giving a copy of the engineers' newspaper, the Red Rag, to a lawyer Friday. Charges will be laid on the grounds of racist

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PREPARING FOR CONFRONTATION with engineers and Lady Godiva ride are placard-waving members and supporters of Alma Mater Society women's committee. Forty protesters scuffled with gears when they attempted to mount steps at north end of SUB, forcing red-jackets to use another entrance.

Residence rent to increase again in fall

By BILL TIELEMAN

UBC student residence rents will be going up again this fall, housing director Mike Davis said Wednesday.

"I expect that the residence increase will be less than 10 per cent (but) the rates have not been firmed up yet," he said.

Davis said the new rates should be set by Jan. 23 for presentation at the February board of governors meeting.

Residence rates went up between 6.9 and 17.8 per cent in 1977-78 and 10.6 per cent in 1976-77.

Student board of governors members Moe Sihota charged Wednesday that residence rates are going up again because of large losses suffered last summer by UBC's convention business.

And Sihota said UBC food service's prices were not lowered for the academic year as is usually done because of an $82,000 food service deficit run up this summer.

"Students are going to have to make up for the lack of convention business during the summer," he said.

Sihota said residence rate increases from this year have gone to offset the convention business drop.

"Last year the residence rates went up about 10 per cent to meet inflated costs. Therefore you could assume that the revenue would be up this year about 10 per cent or $180,000 but it's not. Revenue is down $9,000."

"The reduction in convention business was offset by the residence increase, so we're in the same revenue position as last year and costs have gone up. So we're running on a deficit again and residence fees are going to have to up.

Sihota said in addition to the convention business drop, part of the food service deficit could be blamed on poor management.

"Campus food services switched from making it mandatory for conventioneers to eat in SUB and went to a cash sale basis instead," he said.

"Given a choice the convention people, just like anyone else, decided to bypass campus food services and eat off campus."

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SRA votes to censure engineers for sexist actions of gear week

By MIKE BOCKING

The student representative assembly voted Wednesday to censure the engineering undergraduate society for sexist activities during engineering week.

The motion read "that the student representative assembly publicly censure the engineering undergraduate society for their overt display of sexism exhibited by the Lady Godiva ride and the Red Rag."

Student board member Moe Sihota, speaking in favor of the motion, said "basically most people on this campus think this Lady Godiva ride is outdated, unpopular and childish.

"I don't mind you engineers pulling off pranks but this (Godiva ride and Red Rag) is pretty juvenile.

"I wish you guys would grow up," Sihota said. "People don't take students seriously on university governing bodies when you act as childish as this."

Science senator Anne Katrichak said, "I commend Moe for his speech but I think I would like to question his stand in view of the four-letter word written on his back."

Sihota was wearing a T-shirt with the phrase "Fuck the Educators."

The vote was 17 to nine in favor of censuring the engineers with forestry, agriculture and engineering representatives voting against.

Arnold Hedstrom, Alma Mater Society secretary-treasurer, said censuring the engineers will not accomplish anything.

He said that if someone is willing to pay someone to ride nude on horseback then someone will do it.

"It's a product of the system," he said.

The assembly also voted to request an explanation as to how vandals could break into the women's office in SUB 130 without being detected by the proctor whose office is 20 feet away.

Sihota said vandalism and break-ins of SUB offices have become serious.

"In the past year offices have been broken into five times," he said.

The offices broken into were CITR, The Ubyssey and AMS executive offices and the women's office.

In other business Sihota, during the board of governors report, said the rehabilitation medicine department and the school of nursing will be receiving more money to upgrade their facilities.

Graduate studies senator John Russell speculated the money for the renovations comes from a surplus in the university's operating budget.

Russell also asked if the money was part of $900,000 returned to the administration because of the Anti-Inflation Board's rollback of the Association of University and College Employees' wage increases.

U of W reviews S.A. links

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The University of Winnipeg is reconsidering its investments in big corporations that have economic ties to oppressive regimes.

The university's board of regents unanimously endorsed an investment policy Monday night which calls for sale of stocks in corporations found to be "socially injurious."

These could include Noranda Mines Ltd. which has bolstered the military dictatorship in Chile with $$400 million in investments and Canadian Pacific and Alcan, both of which have investments in apartheid South Africa.

But at UBC, investments will not likely be reviewed by the board of governors, board member George Hermanson said Wednesday.

"I guess the reason why is the understanding of what it means to be a trustee and therefore they cannot by law check on investments in that way," Hermanson said.

He said that although he thinks such a review should be carried out, the majority of the board members do not.

"Given an understanding of the trustees, my hunch is that the majority would not (vote to review)."

He said the responsibilities of trusteeship prevents board members from making decisions about investments, depending on which legal opinion is involved. Hermanson said different lawyers have different interpretations of trusteeship.

Investments are made on the advice of an investment committee which is made up of experts from downtown companies and university representatives, Hermanson said.

U of W investment in the corporations was first questioned by the campus newspaper The Uniter early this fall.

The new investment policy defines social injury as the activities of a company "which violate, or frustrate the enforcement of, rules of domestic or international law intended to protect individuals against deprivation of health, safety or basic freedoms."

The investment policy deals mainly with the endowment, scholarship and bursary funds of the university.

On sexist gears

Kenny's inaction rebuked

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and sexist content, if the lawyer deems it appropriate.

Michael Shaw, vice-president of academic development, told the women's committee Monday that the president's office will pay for the damages caused by vandals in an early morning raid on the committee office in SUB 130. Damage is estimated to be about $150.

AMS director of services Dave Jiles also voiced disappointment in Kenny's statement and condemned the administration for being irresponsible by allowing an event like the Godiva ride to take place.

"The administration allows this confrontation to occur every year and they must be ready to accept the consequences," Jiles said.

"Kenny's statements do not represent that any concrete action will be taken to ensure that an event like the Lady Godiva ride will ever reoccur on campus."

Jiles plans to write to Kenny protesting Kenny's lack of action in preventing this kind of "sexist exploitation."

Jiles said Kenny is probably concerned about the situation, but he called for more action on the part of the administration.

"The university must make a commitment to ensure that any kind of violent confrontation will not occur in the future," Jiles said.

"Students and faculty are no longer part of these outmoded traditions. They are now the victims."

AMS president John DeMarco, an engineer himself, was also not convinced of the power of Kenny's statements to prevent other sexist events.

"Kenny's statement by itself won't accomplish anything. He really should discourage these things," he said.

Violence broke out between the engineering students and the picketers when some of the engineers began ripping up the protest signs in front of SUB. The protestors, who had arranged themselves to block the entrance into the SUB cafeteria, were then jostled and pelted with water bombs.

The confrontation ended quickly after an angered protestor was restrained from retaliating. At that time, the group leading Godiva entered the building.

"The fact the engineers had to resort to violence to stop the protestors from presenting their views shows where they're at," said Fred Nelson, one of the picketers. Nelson also complained of being shoved and punched by engineering students.

Both groups used chants and signs to get their point across. The traditional engineer song of: "We are, we are, we are the engineers" was countered by picketers chanting: "You are, you are, you are the sexist bores."

A number of picket signs dotted the ranks of the protestors with slogans like: EUS Sponsors Sexism, Sexism is as Bad as Racism and Engineers Have No Sense of Humor.

Convention losses paid by students

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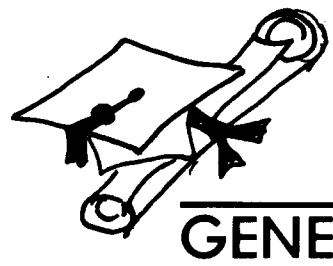
Sihota said food services has always increased prices in the summer for the convention business and lowered them for the duration of the academic year, breaking even overall.

But this year food prices did not go back down for students because of the $82,000 deficit, he said.

Davis said he expects convention business will decrease again next year and that the convention centre's contribution to offset student housing costs would drop by about $17,000 from this year's $202,000 contribution.

Housing will cut convention business operation costs and advertise more to offset fewer conventions next summer, he said.

But Sihota said housing should cut back convention business and have students in residence during the summer to provide a more stable year-long income.



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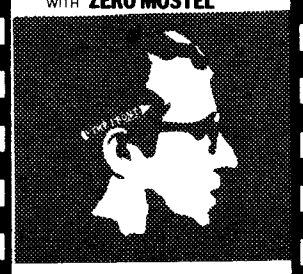

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Peter Winograd, the ETS Law Board Director is of the opinion that there is no clear evidence at this time that Cram Schools improve scores appreciably. Others hold the view that I do on the subject which is based on my experience in a Law School and on material issued over some years by the Law School Admission Council, which is that there are other ways of preparation for the LSAT which are in my opinion about as good.

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Paul W. Ayriss

Close race expected for board

By MIKE BOCKING

Fifteen students are competing for posts on the university board of governors and senate in what has so far been one of the quietest campaigns in recent years.

But tough competition is expected in the board race where four of the candidates have been heavily involved in student politics in the past.

Paul Sandhu, Alma Mater Society external affairs officer, will be a major contender for a board seat to be held in an election Wednesday. Sandhu has been heavily involved in student politics for the past two years and is one of the most active of the current AMS executive officers.

Arts undergraduate president Fran Watters, herself a candidate, said Wednesday that major contenders for the two board seats will be Rob Pedlar and Deborah MacIntosh. She said they will probably get most of their support from the fraternities, commerce and women's athletics.

Watters said a major issue in the campaign will be education cutbacks.

"Cutbacks have really eroded the quality of education especially in arts," she said.

Watters said she is also in favor of opening up more of the board's business to the public.

The incumbent candidate, Basil Peters, has been a very secretive board member in the past, refusing to discuss much of the board's business with the press.

The Young Socialist candidate is Elaine Bernard who was narrowly defeated last year running for senator-at-large.

The other candidate in the board election is Rob McLaughlin, arts 3.

The race for seats on senate is expected to be a toss-up because of the inexperience of most of the candidates.

There are nine candidates running for five positions as senators-at-large.

The Young Socialists and the UBC NDP are fielding a United Action Slate.

The Young Socialists are represented by Fred Nelson and Lorne Rogers. UBC NDP candidates are Bruce Ross and Bob Staley.

The other candidates are Dave Coulson, law 1, Don Gillespie, applied science 3, Chris Niwinski, applied science 2, Peter Schmelcher, applied science 2 and Karim Suleman, commerce 1.

The candidates for the graduate students' seat on senate are David Rowat and Dave Smith.

Third-year commerce students Bob Goodwin and Kerry Kukucha are the candidates for the commerce and business administration senate seat.

Advance polls open Tuesday.

First-year women outnumber men

For the second year in UBC's history, women constitute more than half the first-year enrolment, recently-released figures show.

Although total female enrolment this year is 40 per cent, first year female enrolment is 51.6 per cent, compared to 51.8 per cent for 1976-77.

Bill Tetlow, institutional analysis and planning director, said Wednesday the high female enrolment in first year has helped push the total number of students past last year's figure of 23,120 giving a total enrolment for this year of 23,208 full-time students.

This is contrary to a trend of decreasing enrolment taking place at many eastern universities, most notably in Ontario where province-wide enrolment has decreased 5,926 this year.

"Figures this year confirm what's been happening over the past several years," Tetlow said.

"Arts and science have been holding their own, but the growth seems to be in occupational-related studies such as commerce and education."

Enrolment in the science faculty is down 158 students this year, while forestry, medicine and community planning also dropped slightly. But all other faculties showed some increase, particularly commerce, agriculture and engineering.

The general enrolment picture this year shows students are leaning more and more toward job-oriented education and have chosen the faculties that offer the best chances of employment after graduation.

Several years ago it was common for students to come to university for enjoyment and general education, but because of tuition fee increases and higher housing costs there has been a definite change in attitude, Tetlow said.

Another reason for the change is the increasing popularity of community colleges and the decreasing value of degrees in economic terms, he said.

—ted wong photo

PYJAMA PARTY goes berserk as knife-wielding assailant Mike Margolich points weapon at bemused victim. Victim took moment to read ancient inscription on blade before ending confrontation with quick foot to assailant's naughty bits. Bizarre scene took place during karate practice in SUB ballroom.

Students plan protests with workers

Canadian University Press

Students plan to combine forces with labor throughout B.C. this spring in an effort to pressure governments to act on unemployment.

The B.C. Students' Federation, in conjunction with the National Union of Students, plans to unite behind the citizens' lobby for jobs campaign of the B.C. Federation of Labor, according to BCSF spokeswoman Punam Khosla.

NUS is also working closely with the Canadian Labor Congress on the national level in the first things first-jobs campaign, said Khosla, who is also on the central committee of the national organization.

The two organizations will step up the national campaign on unemployment and conduct unemployment seminars and panel discussions on campuses across the province.

Students will aid the federation campaign by distributing leaflets, buttons and bumper stickers, and will help staff the citizens' lobby booths around B.C., Khosla said.

Meanwhile, the council of ministers of education will convene in Victoria Monday and Tuesday, and manpower and education are scheduled to be dealt with at length.

But there will be no input from trade unions or students at the meeting, according to education ministry spokesman John Ewing.

The BCSF plans to send a delegation anyway, and citizens' lobby organizer Joy Langan said Victoria trade unionists might leaflet the meeting.

Provincial labor minister Allan Williams and federal employment and immigration minister Bud Cullen will attend the meeting, along with provincial ministers or representatives in charge of manpower.

"The ministers will decide on the agenda when they get there . . . but they don't want to get pinned down (on the extent to which unemployment will be discussed," Ewing said.

"There will be some discussion of occupational training with one eye looking over the shoulder at rising unemployment."

Admin makes better offer to steam workers

The UBC administration has made a new contract offer to UBC members of the International Union of Operating Engineers, a university spokesman said Wednesday.

"The offer was put on the table yesterday (Tuesday) and we await developments," said UBC information officer Al Hunter.

"The next move is up to the union or the mediator (provincial labor mediator Ed Sims)," he said.

Hunter said mediation talks between UBC and the steam engineers adjourned Tuesday without any settlement being reached. The university's new offer is a vast improvement on previous offers, he claimed.

Union business manager Bill Kadey said Monday that Tuesday's mediation talks would be UBC's last chance to meet union demands or a strike would be called. Kadey was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

The steam engineers have demanded a 7.6 per cent pay increase, or $156 a month, in order to gain parity with other campus trades workers. The union represents 26 campus steam engineers.

Kadey says the union has been forced to accept the minimum wage increase allowable during the last three years under Anti-Inflation Board guidelines, putting their wages out of line with other campus trades workers who have been allowed larger increases.

Who stole speaker's chair?

Somebody stole the speaker's chair from the legislature Tuesday night and both rumor and circumstantial evidence point the finger at UBC engineers.

A Victoria Times legislature reporter, Paul Nicholson, told The Ubyssey the culprits entered the legislative chambers via the press galllery, a drop of about 20 feet.

Nicholson said they removed the chair through the front doors which can only be opened from the inside. He said the chair is over 1.8 metres high, is made of solid oak and weighs between 90 and 136 kilograms.

In front of the chair's site, on the speaker's table, the culprits left a small white pyramid with a red E painted on it, similar to the engineers' large pyramid at the south end of the Main Mall. Other small pyramids have been reported around Vancouver since Monday morning, the beginning of Engineering Week at UBC.

Nicholson said the loss was discovered by a janitor early Wednesday norning.

He had cleaned the floor and was outraged to discover footprints on his clean carpet," Nicholson said.

"He went into the chambers to vacuum again and found the chair was gone."

Engineering undergraduate society secretary Barb Dabrowski said Wednesday evening that she had heard rumors about the incident but that as far as she knew it was not an EUS-sponsored affair.

"I've heard about it, that's all," she said.

Another example of a stunt in which UBC engineers are implicated is the attempted theft of a cannon from the Bessborough Armories at 2f25 West 11th Monday night.

Vancouver city police caught 10 people red-handed as the people were trying to make off with the cannon in a trailer that was too weak to pull it, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Charges against 10 engineers accused of the attempted theft have been sent to the crown counsel for a prosecution decision. In addition to attempted theft, the engineers might also be charged with mischief.

Other recent acts of mischief possibly attributable to UBC engineers are:

- The raiding of the UBC women's office in SUB Sunday night which resulted in about $150 worth of damage — up from an earlier estimate. Engineers are suspected because the raid came following a poster campaign by the women's office protesting the annual Lady Godiva ride.

The theft of a chesterfield from the education building early Monday morning. The chesterfield is worth $200.

- The theft from Buchanan Tower elevators of 50 light sensors at about 8 a.m. Monday. UBC security officers say this could be dangerous because the elevator will not stop without the sensor being activated.

All the above pranks could be used to contribute to the show and tell night.

Victoria city police said they know about the theft, but are not handling the matter. A police spokesman said the legislature's security division deals with incidents occurring in the building.

Decadence revisited

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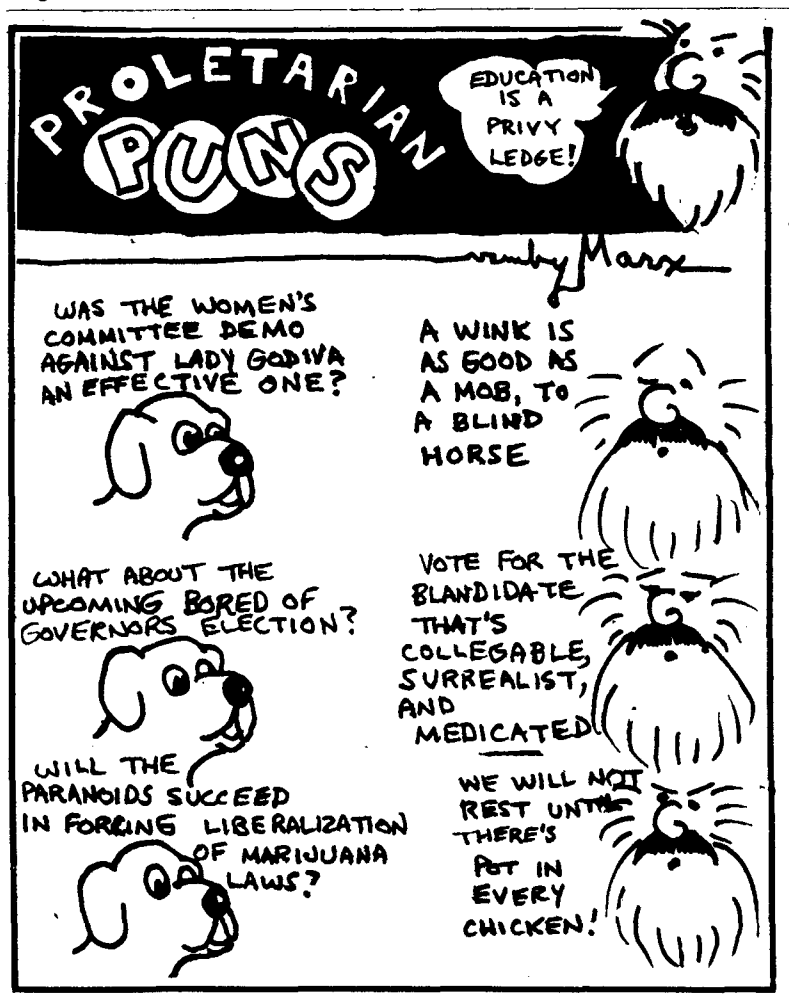

Food, res hikes hit accesibility

It's getting so that UBC students can set their calendars by the annual increases in residence rents and food prices.

This year, increases in both can be traced to bad convention business, which is a bad way to try to make money when students are trying to find accommodation. As the last three years demonstrate, conventions are not a very dependable way to make money.

After running a tiny ad, the residence administration got 150 applications for the 100 student spaces it left open in Gage last summer. With sufficient advertising, Gage could probably be filled with summer students, providing a more dependable income source for the residences and for food services.

The fact that food services revenues fell last summer because the food was made optional to conventioners is an editorial in itself on the low-quality of food served here for the price paid. The introduction of sub sandwiches, custom-made sandwiches and a salad bar are the only recent improvements to our SUBstandard food.

Three years ago, The Ubyssey showed that food services price increases far outstripped outside food price increases. But food prices have consistently continued to increase since at rates outstripping inflation.

And residence rents have risen dramatically in the past few years. Combined with the Socred tuition increase, these price hikes mean it is more expensive now than ever to be a student.

Passing on cost increases — real or imagined — to students is a bad thing, but more difficult to avoid when UBC is under the Socred financial squeeze.

The higher prices mean students must be richer to come here, making a myth that we all have equal opportunity a bigger sham than it ever was.

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"Sniff, cough, hack," sputtered Kathy Ford as she limped around the newsroom. "Double all that," croaked Mike Bocking as he emptied his third box of Kleenex. "You sickies," sneered the impervious and uninfectable Marcus Gee. "Ooooh, my stomach hurts," groaned Steve Howard, sipping peppermint tea frantically. Convalescing Verne McDonald smiled sympathetically at the miserable lot as he looked forward to unbroken days of rosy health. Ted the photographer (sorry, forgot your last name) averted his eyes in horror at all the suffering. Matt King patted a hoarse Bill Tieleman on the head and passed the Hacks. Tom Hawthorn described past sicknesses to an agog Richard Schreiner. Lloyanne Hurd recalled epic battles with chickenpoxy children as she wearily typed her story. Jeff Rankin thought he'd stumbled into a hospital by mistake while the ubiquitous Chris Gainor wondered if he'd catch it next. Happy sneezing, folks, it's not an epidemic, they tell us.

Letters

How can UBC allow Godiva ride

Having participated in the anti-Godiva picket on Tuesday, it seems more than necessary to record an observation of the event. What is the intent of the Godiva ride?

The engineers on campus are known for audacity. This was certainly not the attitude of the participating engineers on Tuesday. The engineers as a group conform by wearing red jackets and by their general macho attitude.

If this is their power base, it must be a very threatened position. The Lady Godiva ride says nothing if it does not display the engineers' need to parade a naked woman to prove an immature, outdated idea of bravado or to suggest a ludicrous version of masculinity.

That the engineers reacted to the picket with thoughtless physical violence suggests the latter.

The engineers were wrong, and it was obvious to most picketers and onlookers that opposition to the actions of the engineers was general. How can an institution such as UBC allow this type of activity and violence to occur?

K. Leach
fine arts

Demonstrators should ignore gears

I think that the women opposed to the ride of Lady Godiva acted very rashly in their attempt to abolish the event.

Their picketing of the ride was the the equivalent of a woman struggling against a rapist. Their dramatic, flarish reaction to the ride only excited the engineers more. You see, the engineers are only looking for shock-reactions to their childish antics; such as bolloons and beer cases in trees, and the naked jockey ride.

What do you think the reaction would be to a naked man riding a horse around campus? Prabably nothing would happen because there would be no reaction from the men or the women. If everyone was mature about this and didn't react at all, then the entire effect would be lost.

Lhe reason the ride is performed is to create a drastic reaction from people, and as long as people react, the engineers are going to keep supporting the event. It doesn't matter whether the reaction is for, or against. The fact is that there is a reaction and subsequently, controversy. If there was no reaction, the engineers would be forced to think of a different, possibly better way to waste their efforts.

My suggestion is only to ignore the engineers and think before flying off at the handle. If you women want equality and some degree of influence on the public's conscience, then use your heads instead of lowering yourselves to the level of those engineers who support the ride. Personally, as a man, there is nothing I fear more than a smart, thinking woman who acts with discretion.

Greg Fortin
science

Advertised

After experiencing four Engineering Weeks at UBC, I can say that this was definitely the highest turnout for the Godiva ride in the last few years. This despite the fog and mist on Tuesday.

No doubt many watchers (especially students spending their first year at our university) were attracted by an interest sparked by the "sister" posters spread around campus.

Perhaps the women's office would do better in their boycott by not advertising the event.

Andrew W. F. Metten
civil engineering 4

Prank hurt Gage residents

I would like to express my disappointment with those engineers who thought it would be amusing to turn off the power in Gage Towers early Monday morning.

This prank caused a great deal of inconvenience to many residents of Gage. To relate the experiences of only a few people who were inconvenienced: one girl missed an important Monday morning practicum; another missed her Monday morning stint at Vancouver General Hospital; someone missed an important exam which his prof had allowed him to write after Christmas; another girl missed getting into a course she desperately needed because she missed her appointment with her prof; someone else was stranded at Vancouver International Airport and had to spend $12 on a taxi because her ride's alarm didn't go off.

These are only a small percentage of the people who are furious with the engineering undergraduate society. I realize that the main objective of Engineering Week is to allow everyone to have a good time. I can only think that the engineers' energies could be channeled to more constructive activities.

I know that there is no way that any of these people can be recompensed for their losses or inconveniences, but let's try to avoid this kind of infringement on people's private lives in the future.

Sharon Taylor,
president,
Gage community council

Gears need liberation

To the Engineers:

I am amused by your tree decorations. Last year's balloons really brightened up the campus and my tired spirits.

This year's beer boxes are specific reminders of the image you try to project. Beer guzzlers are okay, but how many of you really want to grow up with a reputations as a Godiva groupie? If the old macho male model is what you men are emulating, then we women and men who have paid a price for liberation are going to have to keep trying to raise your consciousness for a long time yet.

My generation who were students in the late 1950s and early 1960s learned the hard way that sex stereotyping was an ill-conceived notion, as the large number of divorces in that age group attests. My peers, both male and female, are relieved to have slipped out of the straight-jacket concept of masculine and femininity.

Liberation is needed for both sexes. I sincerely hope that we don't have to start from square one with each generation!

Anne Low
arts 4

P.S. As to Godiva. Well, P.T. Barnum said there was one born every minute. "There sat Godiva, Godiva with class, Followed by the Engineers, the Horse's Ass."

Illogical

I'd like to know where the women's committee gets off complaining that their sex is being exploited simply because a girl decides to ride naked on a horse.

She wasn't coerced into doing it, but did it of her own free will and I imagine that she was amply rewarded for her efforts. If a prostitute wants to ride nude for fun and profit that's her business. If the women's committee doesn't like it, they don't have to watch.

Lady Godiva's ride has nothing whatsoever to do with female exploitation. She hurts nobody and gives a little pleasure to those who care to watch. In fact, it is Lady Godiva who is exploiting the men by taking their money and preying upon their sexual desires.

The women's committee protest was totally illogical and baseless.

Greg Felton
arts 3

The Ubyssey welcomes letters from all readers.

Letters should be signed and typed.

Pen names will be used when the writer's real name is also included for our information in the letter or when valid reasons for anonymity are given.

Although an effort is made to publish all letters received, The Ubyssey reserves the right to edit letters for reasons of brevity, legality, grammar or taste.

New hobby

As engineers, we observed the Lady Godiva ride organized by the engineering undergraduate society. The event occurred in the midst of adversity provoked by the women's committee.

Must there be confrontation? Why can't people sit down and talk things over.

We engineers understand our boisterous colleagues and we have decided to take up more peaceful pursuits. One of our current interests is in film making; filming trees, bushes and birds.

The joy that we get from our hobby, as we are very good at what we are doing, is overwhelming. We are sure that other engineers will appreciate our efforts and will take up this hobby. The recognition and applause for our efforts as superior film makers will be reward enough.

Ted Hansen
chemical engineering 2
Henry Ngo
chemical engineering 3
Rod Reid
chemical engineering 3

A disgrace

The physical assault and violence directed toward picketers at the Lady Godiva ride Tuesday demonstrated the dangerous mob mentality which occurs when engineers demonstrate their solidarity.

The organizers of Engineering Week defend their activities on the grounds that they are traditional, and that the activities constitute good-natured fun and harmless pranks.

I do not believe that sexism and racism are harmless, nor do I believe that destruction and violence demonstrate good will toward anyone.

I hope that all concerned individuals and groups at UBC will join me in expressing the anger that such activities continue to disgrace our campus year after year.

Sally Thorne
nursing 3

Turmoil tests Fiji's races

The Fiji Times
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TIRED but triumphant: Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara toasts the Alliance success after a nightlong vigil waiting at his Vesuto bure for the general election result.
36 SEATS
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WEATHER

PM MARA . . . toasts September win

By CHRIS GAINOR

Take two different races of people in equal amounts, add smatterings of other races, and mix well in a small space.

A recipe for violence, hatred and instability? No, if one country facing this situation is any example.

In contrast to the racial conflict seen in places like South Africa and the United States, the inhabitants of the Fiji Islands have managed to coexist and co-operate despite the potentially volatile situation.

Fiji lies in the crossroads of the South Pacific — directly north of New Zealand and almost directly east of Australia — and is made up of about 800 islands, of which only 100 are populated. Ninety per cent of the population live on Fiji's two biggest islands.

Of Fiji's approximately 550,000 inhabitants, 44 per cent are native Fijians and 51 per cent are East Indians. Chinese, Europeans and other islanders make up the rest.

Fiji's two main races are quite different from one another, and the large numbers of both, compounded by insecurity on both sides, makes for a sometimes uneasy relationship.

Last year will go down as the most turbulent year in that relationship in many years — certainly since Fiji gained its independence from Britain in 1970. Despite 1977's two general elections, a constitutional crisis, labor unrest and political realignment, Fiji is quite stable, and stability is the prospect for the immediate future.

But the tension that attended the political battles and the apparent racial polarization behind political parties may mean strife in the future.

The fact that 1977's political crises occurred without the violent battles or the coups seen so often in Third World nations points to an encouraging future for Fiji's racial experiment.

To look at today's situation, a thumbnail history is necessary. The chiefs of Fiji, beset by years of warfare between various tribes and the problems of a land newly open to avaricious and insensitive European plantation operators, ceded the Fiji Islands to Britain in 1874.

Later, Governor Sir Arthur Gordon, aware that putting Fijians to work on plantations would have destructive effects on village life and aware of the need of workers for the sugar and cotton plantations, suggested that indentured Indian labor be brought in.

This system, in effect semi-slavery, had been tried by the British in other parts of the world, notably in Natal, now part of South Africa.

From 1878 to 1916, some 60,000 Indian laborers were shipped to Fiji. The squalor of ships and work camps were trying, but many of the workers did not take the opportunity to return home when their terms of labor ended.

The Fijian population had fallen due to the Europeans' diseases and adjustment to the advance of the foreign culture, and the Indian population grew rapidly, although relative populations have stabilized recently.

Political control evolved from the rule of the governor to rule through a parliamentary democracy. When independence was granted in 1970, many people credited it to the force and personality of Fiji's first prime minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara (Ratu is the title of a Fijian chief).

Mara, still Fiji's prime minister, led his Fijian-dominated Alliance party to electoral victories before independence and won an overwhelming victory in the fledgling nation's first full election in 1972. Mara's defeat in the second election last April plunged Fiji into crisis.

He had lost to Siddiq Koya's Indian-dominated National Federation party, and for four days after Mara resigned, Fiji waited tensely for its new government to be formed. To everyone's surprise, governor-general Sir George Cakobau chose Mara as the new PM.

Touched off was a summer of charges over what had transpired in the four days in April, fights which split the Federation Party, and an Alliance landslide in another election in September.

Complicating the problem was the growing strength of a party, the Fijian Nationalist Party, which played on some Fijians' dislike for the Indians.

Several factors led to the Alliance's loss in the April election. Although dominated by Fijians, the Alliance had tried hard, like the Federation party, to establish a multiracial power base. It had many Indian supporters, but much of this support drifted away between 1972 and 1977.

The Indians were unhappy because of what they saw as preferential treatment given Fijians. The government let Fijians into scarce high school seats with lower marks than those demanded of their Indian counterparts. This was also the case for the scarcer openings at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji's capital, Suva.

The Alliance had followed this policy because Fijians growing up in a culture quite different from the Western culture which the educational system is based on, do not fare as well as Indians, who are more culturally attuned to western ways.

The Indian sugar cane farmers were unhappy about tight policies over rental and sale of Fijian lands. Most of Fiji's land is controlled by the Native Lands Trust Board, which holds native Fijian land in trust and administers its lease and rental.

The Fijians, for their part, were not entirely pleased with the Alliance. Being a minority on what they believe to be their own land, they were afraid that their interests weren't being safeguarded against growing Indian power.

The minority which was disenchanted turned to Sakeasi Butradoka's Nationalists. Most of his support came from Fijians in the Rewa River delta, close to Suva. One supporter put the Nationalist policy succinctly when he said, "we'd like to ship all the Indians back home on a big boat."

Butadroka, who formed his party after being booted out of the Alliance in 1973, said even wilder things about Fijian-Indian tension.

The loss of some Fijian votes to Butadroka and the migration of Indian Alliance votes to the Federation meant a total gain of 20,000 votes by the Federation.

On April 4, the results showed 26 Federation members elected, 24 Alliance, Butadroka, and one independent. Mara resigned the next morning, and the famous four days had begun.

The whole country seemed to come to a standstill. Some Fijians talked of violence should an Indian be sworn in as prime minister. Some Fijians refused to pay bus fare to Indian bus drivers. But on the whole, Fiji waited quietly and calmly for the result.

The Federation asked Mara if he'd be willing to form a coalition government. Mara refused. The Federation was then forced to decide who it would nominate for prime minister.

Siddiq Koya, the party leader during the election, would not necessarily be the best choice for PM, many people believed. Many Fijians would be distinctly uncomfortable at best with Koya as PM.

There was talk of appointing one of Federation's Fijian members PM, but party members finally agreed — apparently — that Koya was the only man in the party for the job. On day four, April 7, he was endorsed as leader and a cabinet was selected.

But when Koya arrived at the governor-general's home, he was informed that Mara had just been sworn in as prime minister. Mara explained that governor-general Cakobau, who is also the supreme chief of the Fijians, had asked him to form a minority government. Mara said he could not disobey his chief.

Federation members were not amused, to put things charitably. Conspiracy theories flowed freely — the most prominent of which had Federation president Irene Jai Narayan and her associates telling the governor-general to swear in Mara instead of Koya.

The rumor was swiftly denied — Cakobau explaining that he felt that any further waiting for the Federation selection would harm the country.

The Federation party was seriously split, but voted to defeat the government and force another election soon after parliament met.

The Alliance, meanwhile, was busy organizing in the Fijian community to cut the Nationalist inroads through appeals to Fijians' better senses.

One of the safeguards against racial tension — the Public Order Act — was brought into play. The Act prohibits public utterance or publication of statements deemed to be detrimental or damaging to relations between Fiji's races.

Butradroka was convicted of violating the act for some of his more inflammatory statements, putting him in jail during the election campaign.

The Federation party was split in two. Its supporters had to choose between Koya's dove faction or Narayan's and Jai Ram Reddy's flower faction — named for the symbols used by the parties on the ballot.

In the second election of the year, Mara's Alliance won a commanding 36 seats, Koya's doves won three, and Narayan's flowers won 12. Koya was personally defeated by Reddy, who became the new opposition leader, and Butradoka lost his seat as his party lost support.

As a result, Fiji can look forward to five years of relative stability, but the Alliance government must act wisely to prevent future trouble.

Fiji has yet to pass the litmus test of a true democracy — a peaceful change of government. This tough test will occur when Mara steps down or dies, even if his Alliance fares well at the polls.

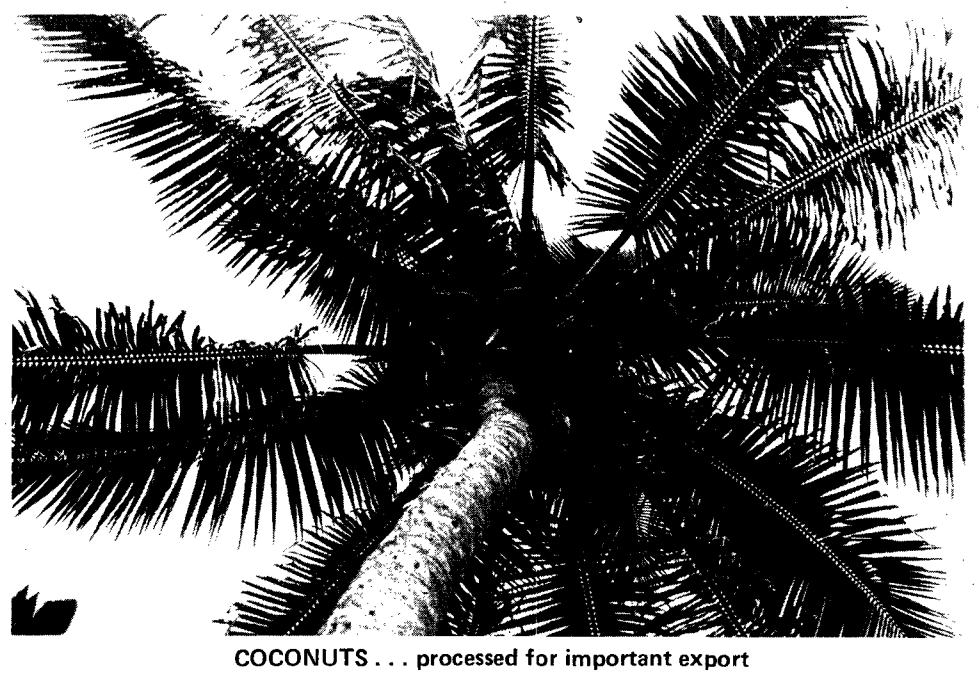
It is said that Fiji would still be a colony without Mara, a view that was backed up when the Federation offered to join a coalition with Mara after its April election win.

The most immediate problems are economic and social. If economic and social problems are allowed to fester, then racial problems will also multiply.

Like many other Third World nations, Fiji is troubled by topsy-turvy markets for the primary products which form the bulk of its exports — sugar, copra, Gold. Fiji is suffering from fixed increases in the price of oil, and by consequence, industrial goods imported from developed nations.

See page 7: TOURISM

Ubyssey editor Chris Gainor is UBC's second most famous expatriate Fijiphile, having lived there for several months in 1974 and returning during 1977's political turmoil.



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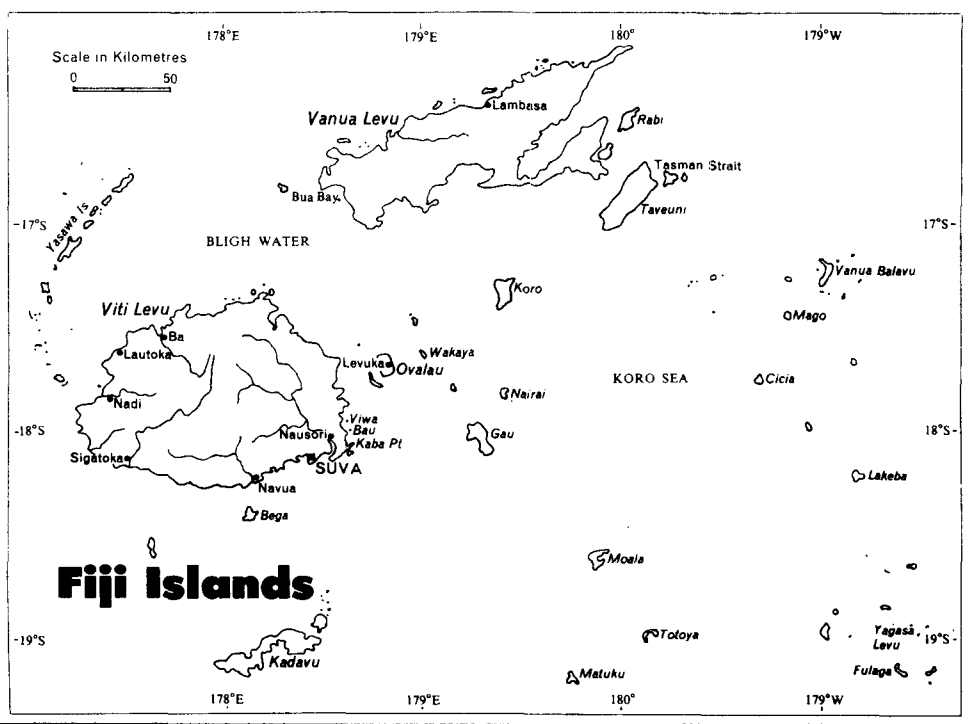

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Hot flashes

Task force sponsors talk

Corporate Responsibility is the title of a discussion Friday sponsored by the task force on the churches and corporate responsibility.

During the past few years, the task force has been asking many questions of major corporations in Canada and has been a major force behind the campaign to censure banks investing in South Africa. The task force has also pressured Noranda and banks to withdraw economic support from Chile.

Task force member John Zimmerman is speaking at noon in Angus 425.

TAs meet

The board of governors recently passed a resolution recognizing the association of teaching assistants as the official group representing TAs on campus.

If you are a TA you should have a voice in the association's affairs. The only way your opinions are going to be heard is by joining the group.

The ATA is holding a general meeting at noon Friday in the committee room at the Graduate Student Centre.

All TAs are urged to attend.

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'Tween classes

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7:30 to 9:30 p.m., War Memorial Gym.

UBC-JAPAN EXCHANGE CLUB
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UBC GAY PEOPLE
General Meeting, noon, SUB 211.

MY JONG KUNG FU CLUB
Registration and practice. new members welcome, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., SUB party room.

REC UBC
Beginning yoga classes are starting, 4:30 p.m., War Memorial Gym 213.

PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY
Dr. Lowe speaks about orthodontics, noon, IRC 1.

NDP CLUB
Alderman Mike Harcourt speaks on ward systems, noon, SUB 212.

DEAN OF WOMEN'S OFFICE
Panel discussion on Women in the media, noon, Bu. 102.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

FRIDAY

ATA
General Meeting, noon, Graduate Student Centre committee room.

SFUEN
Vital meeting for SF writers and artists, bring work or else, noon, SUB 212A.

LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT
Dr. John Zimmerman speaks on Task Force of the Churches and Corporate Responsibility, noon, Angus 425.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

UBC DEBATING SOCIETY
Practice debate, noon, SUB 113.

CSA
First meeting of Chinese painting class, 5:30 p.m., SUB 125.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
Discussion sur diner a La Boite samedi soir, noon, La Maison Internationale.

BAHA'I CLUB
Informal discussion on the Baha'i faith, noon, SUB 115.

SATURDAY

CHINESE VARSITY CLUB
Ice skating party (free for members, 50c for non-members), 7:15 to 9:30 p.m., Winter Sports Centre.

CSA
Mandarin film Sparkling Red Star plus Chinese documentary, 2 p.m., SUB auditorium. o
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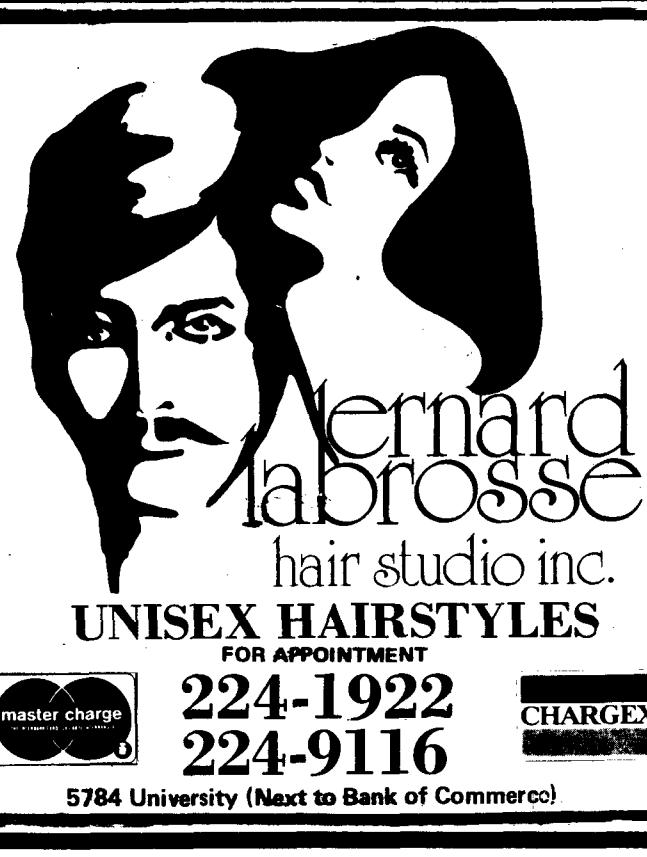

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Tourism brings problems

From page 5

Tourism, which has become very important in the last 15 years, is just coming out of a slump which followed the oil price increases. Even though tourism helps the balance of payments, it could leave large social and cultural scars on the Fijian population.

It is somewhat difficult to pick out the economic inclinations of Fiji's two main political parties. The Alliance is supported by Fijians concerned about their way of life, but also by its European population and by multinationals investing in Fiji.

The Federation is supported by the Indians — farmers and small businessmen — but also by organized labor.

Mara is trying to control investment to a certain extent, and so his business support, which could not be called strong in the sense of British Conservatives versus Labor, exists because the Alliance best guarantees stability and because labor supports the other side.

New investment, mainly in manufacturing and tourism, is what the government will likely be seeking. Policies such as the failed wage and price controls two years ago and a strong stand against union's demands for wages of $1 an hour or better, are no doubt carried out with this in mind.

This will be a hazardous path, because multinational investment in third world countries has rarely benefited more than a small minority of the populations of countries concerned.

The racial issue comes into the question, foremost of Fiji's Indian population want to live a comfortable western standard of living. Young Fijians seeking the same thing are wreaking havoc on traditional village social structures, and Suva, Fiji's largest city and capital, is feeling the social consequences of development already in place through shantytowns and rising crime rates.

The government has replaced most of the shanties with public housing, and crime has been fought effectively by beefed-up police and stronger laws, but no policies can heal the scars caused by young Fijians leaving their villages and then having to function in the European way of life which is totally foreign to them.

Many villages near Suva have many children and old people, but the adults live in Suva. This threatens the continuity of the co-operative economies of the villages and the Fijian way of life.

Young people are beginning to leave their villages in outlying parts of the islands. The establishment of the native lands trusts board and of government-sponsored co-operatives in every village has helped preserve the Fijian traditions in the villages, however.

Those who go to Suva find low wages or unemployment and low standards of living, without the traditional support structures of the village.

In a city based on a Western corporate system, the traditional Fijian sharing does not work as it does in the village. Swanky tourist resorts and their rich occupants have increased the hunger for the Western way of life, which is ever elusive. This is in part responsible for the crime problem.

Fortunately, the limited tourist growth has prevented Fiji from becoming a gross imitation of Hawaii, and visitors can experience Fijian life should they venture out of their hotels.

But, as the Manchester Guardian reported two years ago, Fijian hotel staff were being sent to Hawaii and being trained to act like Fijians — the hospitable types depicted in hotel brochures. (Fijian hospitality is unmatched in the villages, but the cities, were people have to scrape for a living, are somewhat less hospitable.)

The elections of 1977 were a shakedown cruise for the inevitable changes of government in the future.

It is too early to predict what will happen, but many people will be watching to see whether or not the progress in racial relations can be lost when it is put to the strongest test.

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Raid 'intended shutdown'

TORONTO (CUP) — Spokespersons for the gay rights magazine Body Politic say a recent police raid on the newspaper's offices, ostensibly to gather documents as evidence for obscenity charges, was really intended to close down the newspaper.

Body Politic lawyer Clayton Ruby will go to Ontario supreme court Tuesday in a bid to quash the search warrant which authorized the three and one-half hour raid Dec. 30. During the raid, police seized 12 cartons of financial records, subscription lists, distribution and advertising records, manuscripts and other documents.

A member of the police morality squad which raided the offices has said resulting charges of possessing, distributing and mailing obscene material — laid Jan. 5 against Pink Triangle Press, which publishes Body Politic, and three of its directors — stemmed from an article in the December-January issue of the newspaper.

The article, titled Men Loving Boys Loving Men describes the sexual relationships between men and boys.

"All the police needed as evidence to press charges. . . was a copy of the paper and proof that we distributed it," said Body Politic spokesman Edward Jackson.

"The police could easily have established that the Body Politic was sent through the mails by checking with the post office.

"The real intent of the police raid was to shut this newspaper down. They were intent upon taking away as much as they could."

Jackson, who was in the office at the time of the raid, added: "they took subscription lists dating years into the past, distribution and advertising records — even our cheque book — classified ad files and addresses, manuscripts for future publication, letters to the editor and more.

"They went through our photo files and opened both business and personal mail. A lot of material needed for continued publication is gone."

"This paper, no less than any other, cannot publish if the police are free to seize its advertising material or subscription lists, none of which would be of any use in a criminal prosecution."

Ruby has said in a press release that the terms of the search warrant "were so broad that they allowed the seizure of almost anything on the premises. Such a warrant is illegal under Canadian law."

Jackson said the raid was "an obvious attempt to terrorize the readers of a newspaper by seizing its subscription lists."

"It has the effect of intimidating subscribers of a publication of which the government does not approve.

"The action has serious and frightening implications for the entire Canadian publishing industry. Freedom of the press is the issue."

He said the Body Politic collective will try to continue publishing the paper despite difficulties caused by the raid.

The trial date for the obscenity charges will be set Jan. 20.

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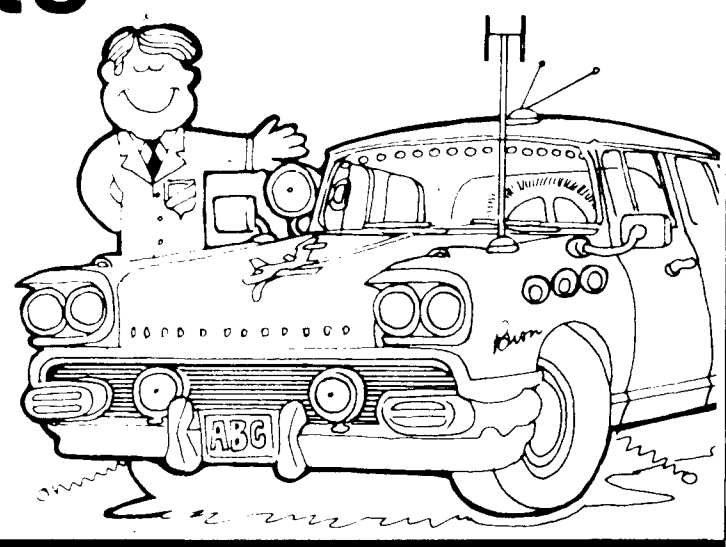

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