FOREIGNERS SQUEEZED IN VISA VISE

By PETER MENYASZ

"That W5 program is out in left field," says International House coordinator Dick Shirran.

His statement sums up the attitudes of both administrators and students nationwide on the Campus Giveaway program aired by CTV Sept. 30.

Shirran points out the program's inaccuracies regarding the invasion of professional faculties by foreign students, particularly in the case of UBC.

"It's badly-researched reporting," he says.

And the statistics back up his assertion. Of 750 students in the UBC law faculty, only one is a visa student. Of 320 medical students, only one is on a visitor's visa, and Shirran says that could be only a clerical error in definition.

The faculty of pharmacy has only four foreign students. And Shirran says those four are at UBC because their native country offers no training in their chosen field.

If anything, there is a shortage of foreign students at UBC, Shirran says.

"We could do with some more foreign students."

UBC dentistry dean George Beagrie says W5's assertions are nonsense. Foreign students are certainly not taking over the faculty of dentistry, he says.

Quite the contrary. "There are no registered students (in dentistry) that are foreign students," he says.

And Beagrie says foreign students provide useful input to the education system. "At the graduate level, you get the breadth of interaction that is beneficial to education."

But he hastens to add there are few opportunities for foreign students in his faculty.

"At the undergraduate level, the citizens who are supporting the school should have the opportunity for their children to get an education," says Beagrie.

The faculty of medicine is in much the same position, says dean Dr. William Webber. "We are admitting practically no foreign students."

His faculty gives preference to B.C. applicants, says Webber, but he says he would like to be in a position where he could take some students from outside the province and the country.

Webber agrees that having foreign students has benefits. "It's educationally advantageous for all students," he says.

Graduate studies dean Peter Larkin has most of UBC's visa students in his faculty, but he says he certainly doesn't think they're invading it.

The graduate studies faculty has 504 of UBC's 688 visa students. And Larkin says although foreign students comprise 15 to 20 per cent of his faculty, there should be no alarm. And he adds this figure is not extraordinary.

Larkin stresses the benefits of international input to the field of graduate studies. "It's really important at the graduate level to operate on an international level," he says.

And he says there is no evidence to suggest Canadians are suffering from the number of foreign students. "There's no displacement as far as I can see."

Larkin adds that although there have been growing numbers of foreign graduate students, general increases in UBC's enrolment have kept pace. "And most of the people have been getting jobs," he says.

The only criteria used to judge a student's application for graduate studies at UBC is educational qualifications, Larkin says. And the only limit to the number of foreign graduate students is the amount of money available for research work, he adds.

Larkin quickly points out that the W5 program made a mess of interpreting the statistics they used. "That ought to be driven home," he says. "Those overall statistics for Canada can be misleading."

Students are justifiably perturbed over the W5 program's assertions. Valgeet Johl, Alma Mater Society external affairs officer, says misconceptions cause much of the concern over foreign students.

"The mistake that people often make is that people that are visibly of different ethnic origins than Anglo-Saxon are foreign students," Johl says. "They could be landed immigrants. They could be born and raised in Canada."

This is particularly true of the W5 program, where the statistics used included landed immigrants, considered equal to Canadian citizens.

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Kenny charges report 'unfair'

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

A Universities Council of B.C. report accusing UBC of inefficient use of public funds is unfair and erroneous, administration president Doug Kenny charged Tuesday.

The report said the council has been presented with only slight evidence that the university has efficiently used all its public funds.

But Kenny said UBC has provided the council with more than adequate evidence of efficient use of funds.

"We should write to the universities council about what I view as a serious factual error. An incorrect statement like that could lead to unwarranted criticism of the university system," he said at a UBC board of governors meeting.

The board voted Tuesday to send a letter to UCBC pointing out the report's erroneous statement and asking for recommendations on how UBC could more efficiently use its money.

Kenny said the council charges could adversely affect the morale of UBC's administration, faculty and staff.

Council spokesman Lee Southern denied the report's statement was wrong. But he said UCBC will respond to the board's letter about the report.

UBC had requested a 14 per cent increase in its budget last year, but the provincial government only granted 7.81 per cent. And the council had recommended UBC be given only a 9.1 per cent increase, because it claimed the university's current funds were being used inefficently.

But Kenny said: "There is a glaring discrepancy within the whole system between what the univer-

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—stuart dee photo

EYES CLOSED in reverie of memory, student seeks within his mind for image of late movie star Marilyn Monroe at SUB art gallery. Impressionable impressionist Marilyn does same, seeking image of late-for-class arts 2 student Colin Rothery. Difference between the two was student could eventually open his eyes. Show, featuring works by fine arts students, continues today and tomorrow.

RCMP rape movie misleads victims

An RCMP public service film on rape attack survival is sexist and misleading, spokeswomen for two UBC women's groups charged this week.

UBC women's committee spokeswoman Judy Lapadat said the film enforces attitudes which lead to rape. "The film encourages women to be victims, and to think of themselves as victims. The director doesn't oppose the attitudes of society. The only way such acts are going to stop is if we change our attitudes," she said Wednesday.

"I don't think all of the director's techniques would really work in reducing the violence a woman would face."

The film's sexist content totally destroys whatever worthwhile advice it contains, a spokeswoman for the UBC Coalition for Safe Campus said Tuesday.

The woman, who declined to be identified, charged that the film states:

- Women should cooperate with a rapist until they feel their life is in serious danger;
- struggling excites rapists;
- women tease men whether or not they intend to;
- and rape is only forcible intercourse if women put up a struggle, after which it becomes a case of assault.

The spokeswoman said coalition members, who attended a special

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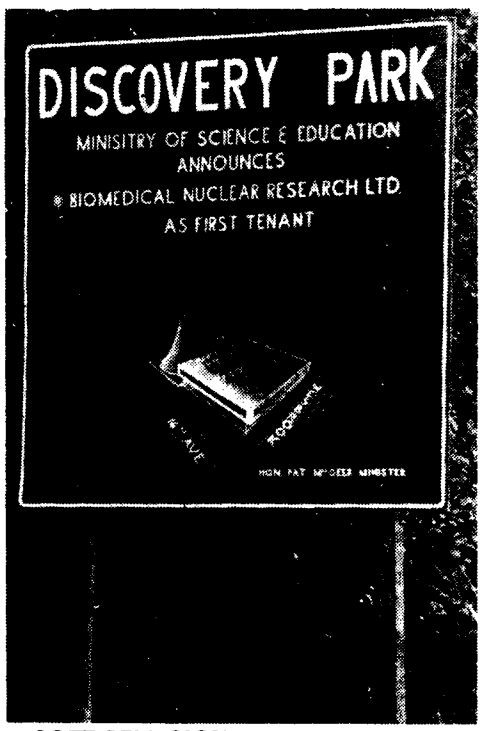

SOFT SELL SIGN . . . nucleus of hoax

Sign says, 'Don't park'

By VERNE McDONALD

Up until Wednesday nothing but B.C.'s famous psylocybin mushrooms grew at the corner of Wesbrook and 16th Avenue.

Now a new fantasy has popped up.

Commuters on their way to B-lot yesterday morning saw a sign proudly proclaiming Biomedical Nuclear Research Ltd. as the first tenant of UBC's new research park.

The sign features an architect's drawing of a laboratory with a multi-storey nuclear plant cooling tower beside it. But no nuclear power plant, for a research laboratory or for anything else, is going to be built at UBC.

"If I were you, I wouldn't invest any money in Biomedical Nuclear Research Ltd.," a UBC information services spokesman said Wednesday.

Al Hunter said the company is unknown at UBC and no such firm has yet made a bid for tenancy at the research park.

"I think somebody's trying to cash in on opposition to discovery park," he said.

The sign, professionally done in the manner of B.C. government highway improvement announcements, carried the logo of a non-existent ministry of science and education.

And the name of Pat McGeer, minister of education, science and technology, is misspelled.

Biomedical research using the nuclear technology available at UBC's Tri-University Meson Facility is one use currently proposed for the park. But TRIUMF administrator Mark Henkelman said he has not heard of the company.

"I saw the sign this morning on my way to work and I'm very curious," he said Wednesday. "If you can find out what it's about, please call me."

Biomedical Nuclear Research Ltd. isn't in the telephone book so the hoaxers who put up the sign apparently have not libelled an existing Vancouver company.

Pat McGeer, however, might have a complaint. They could have at least spelled his name right.

UCBC paints gloomy picture

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sities feel they need and what they receive."

He said the budget increase did not meet the rate of inflation, and charged that the university is seriously underfunded.

"We're getting less and less for our dollar and that affects the university as a whole."

Kenny said a lot of evidence indicates UBC has used its public funds efficiently and the budget cutbacks will affect the quality of education.

"This undoubtedly will have a serious impact on the funding next spring. We're not getting the monies to maintain the quality of the library," he said.

Student board of governors member Glenn Wong said the university faces a different rate of inflation than the consumer price index and it makes the purchase of needed equipment difficult.

"The purchase of scientific equipment, books and library material etc. run at a higher rate of inflation and coupled with the devalued Canadian dollar, the picture becomes gloomy," said Wong.

"If logical arguments don't work and statistics aren't being taken into account, there's nothing short of public outcry that will give the universities what they want."

Wong said students will welcome anything the administration or the board wants to do in approaching the provincial government about increased funding.

Women slam rape film

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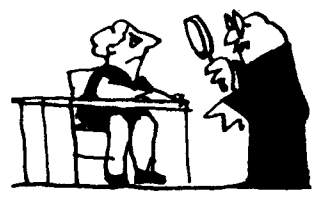
RCMP screening of the film Tuesday, were angered by the advice women should not struggle.

And she said the film How to say to to a rapist and survive did not examine the problems of psychological recovery from rape for a woman who had to live with the knowledge she did not resist any attack.

RCMP corporal Rod Derwin admitted the film displayed a chauvinistic explanation of advice, but maintained the ideas in the film were still valid.



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Don't regulate universities — Vogt

Universities would cease to be intellectual bodies if they ever became "a regulated public utility," UBC vice-president Erich Vogt said Wednesday.

"As long as universities remain free to pursue their paradoxical functions our society remains free. For a university to become 'a regulated public utility' would mean its intellectual destruction," Vogt said in an evening speech to the New Westminster Canadian Club.

"Freedom implies responsibility. There is no question but that citizens expect our universities to be efficiently run while providing academic excellence. Universities will be in trouble if they ever forget those two expectations."

Vogt said universities are responsive to the shifting needs of students who are acutely sensitive in deciding how best to invest their time and money to shape the direction their lives will take.

"It is a delicate balance which must be left untampered if the university is going to fulfill its basic function of educating people, rather than merely training them," he said.

Vogt was speaking from a text by administration president Doug Kenny, who was unable to speak because of illness.

Demands for more professional and vocational training present the greatest challenge in the next decade to the integrity of a liberal arts education, Vogt said.

"We must have more scientists, we must have more skilled technicians, more professionals, if this country is going to compete in the world marketplace of ideas," he said. "Yet we must not allow our young people to become duped into believing success in life necessarily comes through professional specialization."

Vogt said a liberal education is essential to cope with the value questions which society faces.

"The point I want to make is that we need people trained in the liberal arts tradition if we are going to cope with questions involving fundamental values," Vogt said. "The fact that we can't seem to get clear answers to some of these questions suggests that our educational system has done a poor job of preparing students to make fundamental value judgements.

"More attention to liberal arts is needed. And those coming out of the professional schools need this grounding as well if they are to make informed judgements on the issues confronting society."

Vogt also said the research park will force the UBC liberal arts community to focus on its activities.

"It may cause liberal arts people to be more vigorous in defining goals of society," he said. "If society does a better job of defining its values and goals, then we can be assured that technology will remain in step.

"Environmental control is an example of how society is telling technologists the route it wants followed. The demands to solve pollution are coming from society, not from the technologists."

—stuart dee photo

WINNER DEMANDS PRIZE of half-eaten banana after correctly answering skill testing question in mid-term exam conducted outside SUB Wednesday. Women had earlier picked up orange and pencil in multiple choice section, then took the biggie by identifying four causes of late essays among Ubyssey staffers. Copies of answer will be mailed to all profs in Buchanan tower.

College Probe a white elephant

By GLEN SANFORD

A new newspaper advertising student employment opportunities has met with an unenthusiastic reaction from UBC employment officers and students.

UBC employment advisor Dave King said Wednesday about 1,000 copies of Career Probe were shipped to the employment office in Brock Hall, but few students have looked at the paper.

"Normally when you put something out that's free, it's gone in no time. I don't know why students aren't picking it up," he said.

King said he was disappointed with the quality of the paper, "It's not even advertising. It's just articles," he said.

Maureen Gilchrist, UBC's Canada employment and student placement centre manager, also said she was disappointed with the newspaper.

"I was told by Career Probe that the newspaper would be full of job listings. I've only seen two in the first issue," she said. "I'm in favor of anything that will help students find jobs, but so far I'm disappointed with Career Probe."

And Valgeet Johl, Alma Mater Society external affairs officer, said the newspaper's purpose is questionable. "When only two or three jobs are within an eight page newspaper, you have to begin to wonder what the point is."

King said he was concerned that a large portion of the newspaper was written in French. "If a quarter of the newspaper is in a language the bulk of students in B.C. can't understand, it limits its value," said King.

But he added: "Maybe the introductory issue has got to contain stuff it won't have in subsequent issues."

Johl said she was concerned that Career Probe might take away advertising from The Ubyssey.

"That would be detrimental to the AMS. The Ubyssey has the responsibility to produce a newspaper, and the only way they can do it is through ad revenue."

But King said if Career Probe remains unpopular The Ubyssey hasn't got a thing to worry about.

CEGEP strike might give Quebec students early holiday

MONTREAL (CUP) — Quebec CEGEP (community college) teachers could be on a general strike next week, giving more than 60,000 students an early Christmas holiday.

The Common Front of public unions, grouping teachers, hospital workers and other public servants, asked its members last week to give them a strike mandate and the teachers' union, La Federation Nationale des Enseignant du Quebec has done so.

If other workers in the 190,000 strong Common Front agree with the teachers' stand, Quebec's civil service could grind to a halt as soon as Nov. 12.

But the call for a general strike has not received as strong a mandate as the Common Front hoped for. While 72 per cent of individual teachers' association are in favor, only 56 per cent of the actual membership voted to go out, with some of the larger CEGEPs voting against a general strike at this time.

No decision has been taken yet concerning the strike and will not be made until all the membership votes are tallied, probably within a few days, a Common Front spokesperson said Wednesday.

Many students have expressed concern that the semester will be cancelled if the strike continues for more than two weeks. A teacher at Champlain college said she does not think the government would risk losing favor with students in view of the upcoming referendum on sovereignty-association.

Teachers who voted against the strike say they do not think this is a good time for protest and think it would have greater impact just prior to the spring referendum vote.

At Vanier college teachers were overwhelmingly against the strike with 205 against going out to 89 in favor.

And the teachers there also voted not to abide by the decision of the majority of their fellow teachers at other colleges.

Vanier college teachers' association vice-president John Philpot said he had expected teachers to at least vote to rally behind the decision of other FNEQ members and expressed dismay at the results.

Visa student invasion 'a bunch of nonsense'

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Johl says she can understand some people getting upset that foreign students are displacing B.C. students — if it was true.

And she adds some people complain that foreign students should not be allowed to study at our universities because they don't assimilate well into Canadian culture. But Johl says this is nonsense.

"Nobody can ever be considered a Canadian. Everyone came from somewhere."

UBC has only a three per cent contingent of foreign students, compared to the national average of five per cent. It is easy to understand why they are difficult to find.

Fourth-year history student Kuldip Sapra is a landed immigrant who came to Canada from Nairobi, Kenya. But he says being a landed immigrant is not enough to convince everybody of his validity for being here.

"We go back there (Kenya) once every two years. A lot of people confuse me as a foreign student," says Sapra.

And he says Canada should open its arms to embrace foreign students.

"We offer things they'll never be able to get in their own country. It's very easy to facilitate foreign students here."

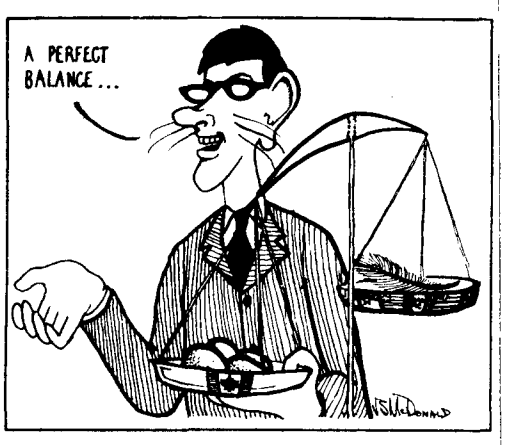
Sapra adds that Canadians also travel abroad to pursue their educations. "In the University of Nairobi, a lot of Canadian profs go to study there. And a lot of Canadian students go there — to study tropical medicine, African history."

Nazim Shirji, president of the Islamic Youth Society, says he is also mistaken as a foreign student. Shirji says he and most members of the society were granted refugee status when they escaped Uganda and were declared landed immigrants.

"I would now visibly be considered a foreign student," he says. "But I'm actually a Canadian citizen."

Shirji says there is some ill-feeling directed toward foreign students.

"But once an individual proves himself in a society, there's no question of whether the person's an immigrant or not."



Letters protest underwhelming

Student reaction to a letter protest campaign is still underwhelming organizers.

Less than 2,000 students have signed anti-cutback letters so far, said Valgeet Johl, Alma Mater Society external affairs officer. She said most students do not realize education cutbacks and tuition fees will have a direct effect on them.

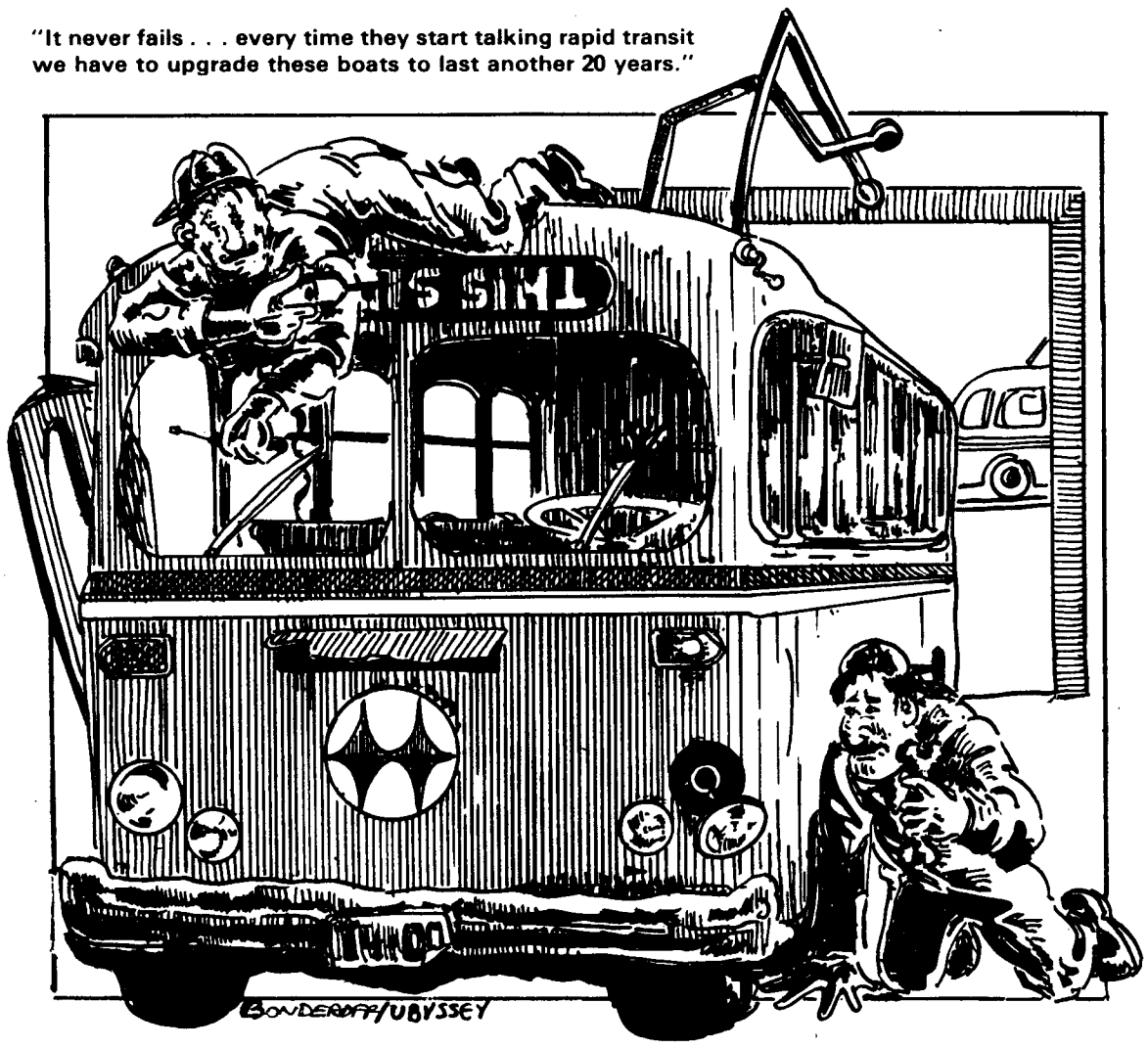
"I can't understand why they can accept tuition fee increases so easily. It's not a one-time thing."

But she said more students are now signing protest letters than on Monday.

"It's picking up a great deal. We haven't managed to get quite the number of letters we want, but the boxes in SUB and Sedgewick are doing very, very, well," she said.

Johl said she does not expect to equal 6,000 signatures collected in a similar letter campaign two years ago because students are not yet feeling the pinch of a proposed tuition fee increase.

"It never fails . . . every time they start talking rapid transit we have to upgrade these boats to last another 20 years."



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It all started when Verne McDonald found the tiny little mushrooms under a sign. "Gee they're really cute," Heather Conn exclaimed as Tom Hawthorn gingerly fingered their caps. Then Geof Wheelwright, feeling adventurous, put one in his mouth and Kevin Finnegan then saw the leprechaun. Glen Sanford began to gigle uncontrollably, as Terry Asseltine bent down and popped one of the plants into her mouth. Julie Wheelwright watched in amazement as Peter Menyasz started for Wreck beach in search of a pot of gold. Peter Ferguson and Stuart Dee decided the whole thing was lunacy and went back to join the real world. Dave Francis and Gary Brookfield went home to find something to put the picked 'shrooms in. "They'll be great fried in butter," exclaimed Gary Brookfield, "but I've heard they're good as a dried snack too."

Oh Canada

UBC is a great place to be.

If you're a white, middle-class Anglo-Saxon student. But if you're a foreign student, you're shit out of luck.

And if you're not Caucasian, people will assume you're a foreigner, living off the poor, starving Canadian people. Whether you are or not doesn't matter.

The university's policy is not to accept undergraduate students from foreign countries unless the education they seek is not available to them at home. Some exceptions are made in special cases, but those require money or political connections, and not many foreign students have either.

And the number of foreign graduate students is severely limited by the availability of research funding.

So the university's administrators are feeding us a line.

They all say how wonderful it is to have international students to give our educational atmosphere a varied flavor. But it's all talk.

Dentistry dean George Beagrie says he thinks foreign students provide a beneficial interaction. But in the same breath, he says there's little opportunity for them in his faculty. There has only been one dentistry student from outside the province in the last three years and none from out of the country. Some interaction.

Dean of medicine William Webber says foreign students are "educationally advantageous." But the faculty of medicine doesn't have any either. And they won't as long as there are local students to fill up all the spaces. Some advantage.

Graduate studies dean Peter Larkin says he'd like to see more foreign students in his faculty. But he's hampered by inadequate research funding.

Maybe that's why UBC has about half the national percentage of foreign students in its population. We're interested in having some around, but somehow we can't seem to fit them in.

And some people complain there are too many non-Caucasians on campus. Those lousy foreigners are eating us out of house and home, taking our jobs and preventing taxpaying Canadians from getting a proper education.

But most of them are Canadian citizens. Remember that. We're all immigrants. Some of us are just more recent than others. Those foreign students we're keeping out of our country could have been our relatives a few generations ago.

Then where would we be?

Only the mindless fear a little nukie

perspectives

By KARL ERDMAN

The harm done by a little Nukie may all be in your mind.

The article written by Susan Kennedy was such a poor piece of scientific reporting that I feel I simply must answer it to point out the numerous errors, innuendos, and misinterpretations which it contained. Indeed, one can question the intellectual integrity of such presentations when the political context in which they are written is taken into consideration.

Susan infers that somehow or other I am involved with the AECL, since some experiments on electric breeding of nuclear fuels have been done at TRIUMF. I can assure her that no TRIUMF based scientist is being paid by the Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. to do this work.

TRIUMF is a research facility having an international reputation used by scientists from all parts of Canada and many countries around the world, England, France, Italy, Israel, Japan, and the U.S., to name a few. The work on electrical breeding makes up about one per cent of its program at the present time. Since the purpose of the program is to eliminate the requirement for breeder reactors to produce plutonium for nuclear fuel, and hence aids in solving the problems of nuclear power rather than adding to them, perhaps more effort should be put into this area.

Let us now look at some of the ways that statistics are distorted by the anti-nuclear lobby to raise fears in the uninformed public. As an example of the kind of information that arises as a result of statistical studies, I enclose a summary of the results of the largest statistical study ever undertaken, involving more than one million subjects and 68,000 volunteer workers, which led to the warning about the dangers of cigarette smoking. Among the interesting data uncovered that ran contrary to conventional medical wisdom was that it was more healthful to eat fried foods, go to university, and to be married if one wished to increase one's chances of living to a ripe old age. Bachelors die at a 30 per cent higher rate than married men, and the death rate of divorced people is twice as high.

The data was obtained in an open, honest, statistically significant way, but what can one make of it. Should we immediately begin to eat fried foods, get married, and make sure we do not sleep more, or less, than seven hours per night.

It is a fact that the great bulk of statistical data shows no significant correlation between any of the effects cited by Susan in her article and low levels of radiation; Susan's "experts" being the exception. It is a fact that there is no significant difference in chronic diseases in the population of Denver, who receive many times the cosmic ray dose from the sun due to their altitude, and of Vancouver where people live at sea level. It is a fact that the large population in the province of Kerala in India, who have been living for centuries in a highly radioactive environment (10 times the levels found in Vancouver) of high LET radiation, have no significant differences in mortality rates due to their situation than populations in other areas that do not inhale these radiogenic gasses, and no other effects have been detected.

Susan talks about the International Committee on Radiation Protection, and how they issued guidelines in 1940 which were lowered by a factor of three in 1954. This committee did not even exist in 1940. It was constituted in 1950 from among the various experts in the areas of radiobiological effects and produced its first report in 1954. The levels recommended in that report have not been altered, contrary to Susan's inferences; the report was a very careful, detailed study that she would do well to read. Various countries of the world set their own standards based on the levels of risk that they consider acceptable. Some countries accept higher risks than those recommended by the ICRP, and some set lower risk levels. These decisions are political ones based on the acceptability of certain risks in certain countries, and it is not helpful to distort the political process by creating an atmosphere of hysteria about imagined dangers.

As a result of the hysteria generated about radiation leaks into the water systems from nuclear reactors, political pressure is being brought to bear to lower permitted levels in water; many streams in Canada already contain levels of dissolved uranium above the presently existing "safe" levels in areas where no uranium mining is occurring. This is particularly true in B.C. where even the drinking water from some natural springs contains levels which should cause Susan to carry her own bottled water, purified by ion exchange, if she is serious about her fears of low level radiation.

The topsoil in Summerland contains uranium at the rate of one pound per ton. The deposit is rich enough to mine and many householders, using only spades and wheelbarrows, could make several thousand dollars profit by digging over their back gardens to a depth of about five feet, if there were some sort of extraction plant installed in that city. Summerland is not the only community with uranium in its water supply.

The people of Vancouver live in an area in which the low level background radiation fluctuates wildly. At the time of the bomb tests I was engaged by the Kodak company to try to determine when it was optimum to buy the wood pulp used in making film and film containers. Fallout particles containing fission fragments would produce black specks in film if they were incorporated into the celluloid or the paper packing, and ruin the film if kept for some time. To ascertain the levels I had to make some very careful measurements on the background levels due to natural radioactivity.

If there was a breeze blowing from the ocean and fresh air from the sea covered the city, the background rate was 50 counts per minute in my apparatus. If there was an inversion layer, capturing the emanations from the rock in the bowl formed by the coastal mountains, the count increased to 30,000 counts per minute. If low level radiation is so dangerous perhaps we should declare evacuation days when the levels are high. No demonstrable differences in the average health of people in Vancouver and cities where this effect does not occur have ever been found. Perhaps they really are there, in which case Susan would do the citizens of Vancouver a service by advising them to move out. It would make more room for us who want to stay.

It is, indeed, unfortunate that Susan has not read more widely about the comparisons of various risks that we accept as a result of our industrialized societies. The Inhaber report is but one of many and a latecomer to the scene. It is the only one ever quoted by the anti-nuclear lobby because it is the only one that has tried to make some

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Karl Erdman is the associate director of TRIUMF. Perspectives is a column of opinion open to the university community.

'Risks are known'

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estimates of the safety levels of "soft energy technologies." As a source of data it is one of the poorer reports written and, of course, is suspect because Herbert Inhaber works for Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. There are, however, numerous excellent articles which one can read. In Volume 35, 1978 of Health Physics is an excellent article by C.A. Kelsey of the University of New Mexico, that lists numerous papers by independent experts on radiation and other risks in its bibliography.

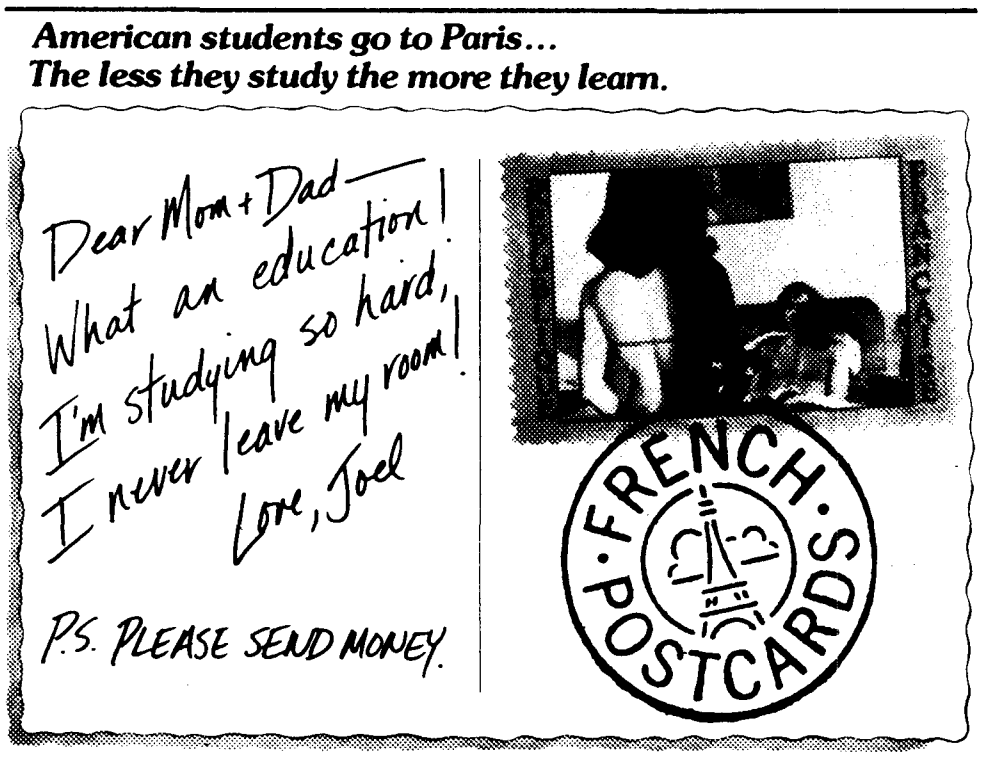
An excellent article on how statistics are distorted when political points are made is found in the Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Health Physics Society. It was written by Andrew P. Hull and Ferdinand Shore. To quote from the abstract, "most effects appear to be insignificant variations about long-term trends." The article was prompted by a small statistical fluctuation in infant mortality rates leading to their increase. It was seized upon by the "lobby" as a demonstration of the deteriorative effects of low level radiation releases from nuclear plants. The subsequent steady decline over the next 10 years in those mortality rates, which dropped again this year, could equally well be described by the pro-nuclear lobby as a demonstration that low level releases from nuclear power plants were good for you, an equally fatuous statement.

Away back in 1972 a very fine study was done by D.B. Yates of the department of medical biophysics at the University of Toronto, Dr. Abraham S. Goldin of the department of radiochemistry at the Harvard School of Public Health, and by Dade W. Mueller of the Kriese Centre for Environmental Health, entitled, "Natural Radiation in the Urban Environment." This is a beautiful piece of scientific work including some 48 references, some of which may be germane to Susan's problems about uranium mining in B.C., and which she should read.

People in our society accept risks of various kinds as they perceive certain benefits, or simply because they derive some pleasure from what they are doing. Every person driving a car has a chance in 5,000 of being involved in a fatal accident. Every person who rides a motorcycle has one chance in 500 of being killed. If he smokes 20 cigarettes a day his chances of dying by cardiovascular disease or carcinoma of the lungs drops to 1 in 200 per year. On the other hand, using contraceptive pills only increases your risk of death per year by 1 in 50,000, and yet we are continually told about the risks of breast cancer from using them.

People clamor to do many hazardous jobs such as mining. The other day I noted that the first woman miner in the U.S., who only succeeded in getting a job underground by sueing in the courts of the land, was killed by falling rock after having worked for two years. She was 35 years old.

No risks should be accepted if something can be done without them. When risks have to be accepted because the benefits are perceived by people to outweigh the risks, we must still choose the paths that minimize those risks for us. It is ridiculous to believe that we will ever have a society in which the risks are zero, and there are sound psychological and anthropological reasons to believe that such a society will become unhealthy and will perish. When making decisions about future actions the facts upon which those decisions are based must not be distorted due to political or emotional bias, or we may be choosing a path along which the risks are far greater, and the benefits far less than what we had anticipated in our nightmares, or our dreams of paradise. Articles such as the one by Susan Kennedy do little to shed the light of day on an extremely complex and difficult decision that lies ahead of us all. Tuum est!



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WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
General meeting, noon, SUB 130.

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SUNDAY

NDP CLUB
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WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
General meeting, noon, SUB 130.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION
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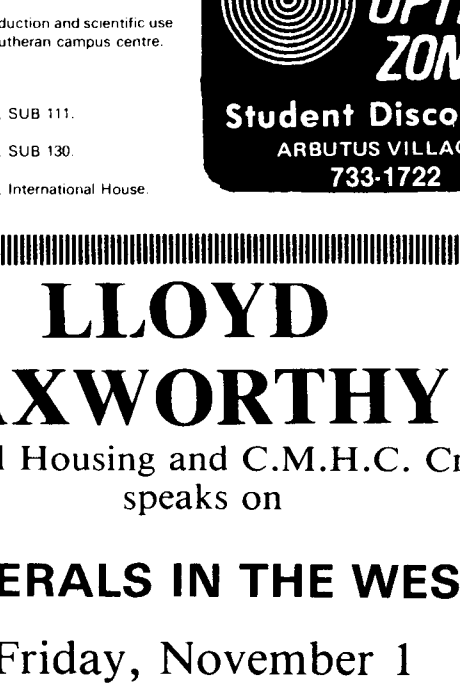

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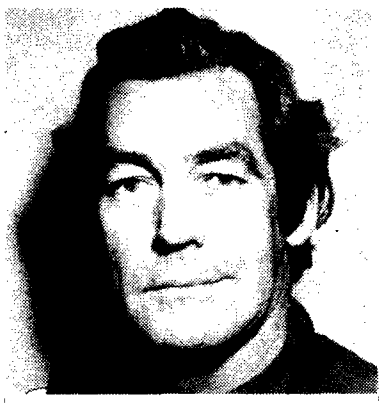
Height might hurt 'Birds

By DAVE FRANCIS

The greatest threat to the UBC Thunderbird basketball team will come from the prairies and the island, according to coach Peter Mullins.

"The two strongest teams in the Canada West University Athletic Association are the University of Calgary and the University of Victoria this year, with Calgary the favorite," said Mullins. "Both



MULLINS . . . short end again

teams have added extra strength to their forward lines with Calgary absorbing three transfers from the Canadian national team."

UBC is up to the challenge, he added. The team has a lot of good jumpers and has proven its shooting ability in past seasons, he said.

"The 'Birds were 10-10 last year and fourth overall in the conference. We fully expect to do as well this season," he said.

The greatest drawback facing UBC this year is lack of height. "We are a smaller team with an average height of 6'1". At the collegiate level, if you've got an average of 6'4" or over, you've got a good team," he said.

The 'Birds will be using their running ability to the fullest, using a full court press and concentrating on fast-breaking play. A double-post offence will also be used in the 'Birds overall strategy, Mullins said.

The varsity team has eight returning players including centres Bob Forsyth and Gil Puder, guards John Stark and John Doughty, and forwards Rob Cholyk, Burt Dennis, Brad Finley and Jim Coady. Coady last played for the 'Birds during the '77-'78 season.

Mullins said that he will have a better overview of the conference after the scouting reports come in next week.

"At this point, it is hard to say how UBC will fare exactly as injuries always play a part in the outcome," he said.

The 'Birds have four conference games before Christmas which Mullins said will give him an idea of what to expect. The 16 games after Christmas will give the team plenty of time to develop strategy, he added.

UBC plays two dogwood teams this weekend, meeting Puccini's Friday and Gary Taylor's Saturday. Both games are in the War Memorial Gym and start at 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming

TODAY

Women's field hockey
UBC vs. JV's, 1 p.m., McGregor field

FRIDAY

Women's basketball
UBC at Lethbridge

Men's basketball
UBC vs. Puccini's 8:30 p.m., mem. gym

Men's ice hockey
UBC vs. Calgary, 8 p.m. winter sports centre

SATURDAY

Women's field hockey
UBC vs. Mohawks, 11 a.m., McGregor field
JV's vs. North Van, 1 p.m., Spencer field

Women's basketball
UBC at Lethbridge

Men's basketball
UBC vs. Gary Taylor's, 8:30 p.m., mem. gym

Men's ice hockey
UBC vs. Calgary, 8 p.m., winter sports centre

Men's wrestling
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Swimming
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SUNDAY

Women's soccer
UBC at Retreads

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UBC vs, North Delta, 4:45 p.m., winter sports centre

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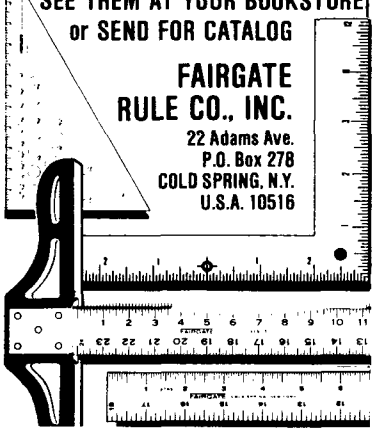

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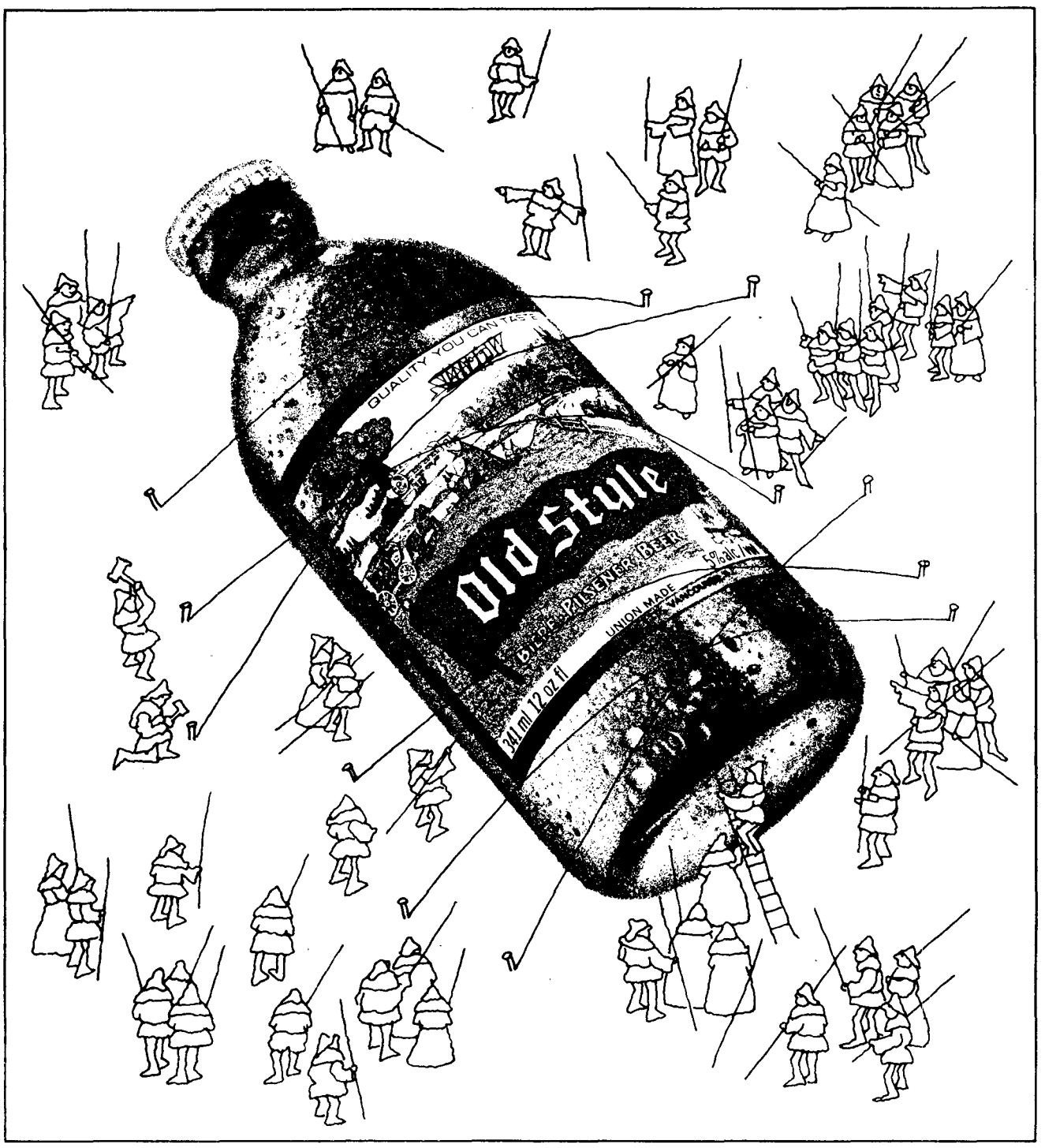

Letters

'Not my due-ty to support new TA union'

Currently there is a movement afoot to unionize the graduate teaching assistants at UBC. Pro-union articles frequently appear in this newspaper. Bulletin boards and circulars constantly expound upon the virtues of unionism. Apparently this is a popular cause as I have yet to see a student article taking the opposing viewpoint.

As a reasonably contented graduate student, I would like to question the wisdom of this move toward unionism, especially in light of the ensuing loss of individuality and freedom each TA would experience.

The first item which I feel the necessity to clarify is the fact that we are students. My reasons for being here are to increase my knowledge and hopefully to obtain a degree.

Personally, I am grateful for the opportunity to support my studies through a teaching assistantship. The job is interesting and a reasonably remunerative way to practise one's craft.

Assuming the organizers are successful and we become a branch of the Canadian union of public employees, what lies ahead? The monthly deduction of union dues comes to mind. We will have a contract which will be regularly renegotiated. Therefore, periodically, we will live in terror of going on strike. What if another campus branch of CUPE should go on strike? We may be asked to picket and we would most certainly be asked not to cross the lines. Are we really that unhappy with the present situation to invite such potential disruption?

The working atmosphere for teaching assistants (in zoology anyhow) at UBC is casual and generally quite pleasant. Should we start increasing our demands, will this congenial atmosphere remain or are we courting a tightly regulated and impersonal future relationship? I would also like to remind you that full-time technicians would be a more efficient means of teaching science labs.

Greg Norman
graduate studies

AMS HACKS . . . fail with bus pass bonanza

Students fill AMS coffers

On the back of this crazy stationery it says, "It's Your AMS." Poor student that I am, it's not lack of paper but rather to make a point that I'm driven to typing on posters. The Alma Mater Society comes in for a lot of flack, from this paper, from students, from damn near anyone that's heard of them. And a lot of it is only too well deserved.

But when they came out with the bus passes this poster is hyping, I was ready to give a cheer. Granted, it's not the best offer that I've ever been made, but that they could coerce Hydro into any savings at all, not to mention the convenience, is much to their credit.

But somewhere I heard the awful rumor that "my" AMS is raking over a buck a pass into its coffers. Now surely "my" AMS wouldn't capitalize on my dependence on public transportation to make a profit? Surely "my" AMS wouldn't reduce the already bare savings just for a little revenue? Tell me it isn't so.

So, great dispenser of the Printed Message, Campus Guru, and student newspaper, tell me it just isn't so. Please?

S. Shellabarger
arts 2

Footnote to your letter

Bravo Eric R. Young for "Nuclear expertise is only a few readings away" (Ubyssey, Oct. 19).

At last, an unbiased letter! This is what I would expect to see in the editorial columns. We need more of it!

However I think it would have been even better if Eric had provided his reader with more information on the documents he mentioned.

For instance, a complete "bibliography" with the edition date and place, the number of pages, and so on would have been welcomed. Furthermore, the price and the place where the documents can be obtained would have been worthwhile additional data (We are so lazy . . .).

Thanks very much, anyway. I will look for them!

Gabriel J.M.P. Tuzet
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Women's asininity begets trivial tripe

An article which appeared in the Nov. 6 Ubyssey illustrates the asinine attitude of some of this university's feminists.

In the article a women's group member stated that her committee would have picketed the Thunderbird Shop to protest its sale of novelty toothbrushes had there not been more important issues to occupy their time. I would suggest that the real reason for not picketing is that a person would feel exceedingly stupid standing in front of a shop waving a placard simply because that shop was selling toothbrushes with handles in the shape of female figures.

Admittedly this novelty may be of poor taste but there is a difference between bona fide advocation of rights and equality and the half-wit noise making which some of UBC's feminists are engaged in.

It is increasingly evident that some so called women's rights activists whose views are represented in this paper fall into one of two groups. The first is a troupe of clowns who make waves for no greater purpose than the sheer delight of making waves and the second is a clique of female chauvinists, almost lesbian in their outlook, who find any expression of male sexuality, however harmless, offensive (recall the ridiculous guff over a previously printed article concerning a male student mistakenly assigned to a women's residence).

The cause of sexual equality and social reform would best be served if these people would think before they acted and save their deluge of trivial tripe for the washroom wall, where it best belongs.

Mike Fahey
science 1

Down, set Hut 0-16. . .

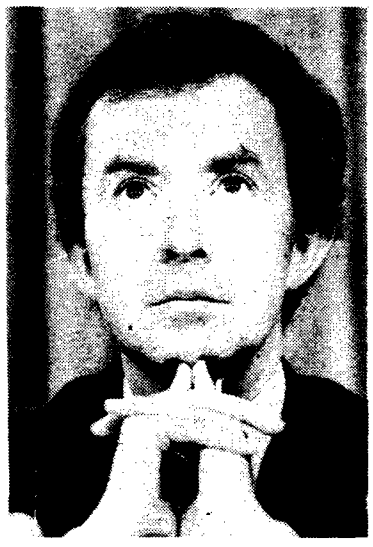
Yes, those sounds that you hear issuing forth from room 20 of Hut 0-16 (6388 Old Orchard Rd.) between 4 and 6 p.m. on Fridays do indeed come from bagpipes at practice. Any pipers on campus (students, faculty or staff) who would like to join the group are encouraged to appear at our practice or contact me personally at room 206 in Buchanan Tower, local 5140.

Edward Mornin
germanic studies

Liberal cavalry riding in from the west

By NICK KAMBAS

Lloyd Axworthy has the most impressive credentials of the three Liberals to have survived the slaughter that befell the Liberal party in western Canada in the May 22 general election. But what is even more remarkable is the rumor that Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Gary) is seeking or is thinking of seeking the Liberal party leadership. One is forced to ask the question, how can a western Canadian hope to become leader of a party which depends upon the French-Canadian vote for its survival?



CLARK . . . hoping Liberals won't look west

What would be Axworthy's opposition apart from the fact that he is from the west? In the first place, Axworthy has to face the reality that Trudeau does not, at the present time, wish to relinquish his hold on the leadership, even though there is a loud cry among many Liberals for a new leader. Secondly, another name looms large on the horizon: John Turner, who is the favorite among the right wing, English-speaking element of the party.

If the leadership battle comes down to Trudeau, Turner and Axworthy, Axworthy has the advantage for two reasons. First, in order to prevent a split in the party between the Trudeau and Turner factions, the party will have to compromise. And what a better compromise than Axworthy, who is not only completely bilingual, but also served as John Turner's executive assistant and as a functionary in the prime minister's office under Trudeau.

Axworthy's second advantage is that the Liberal party is ready to have a leader from the west. The Liberals realize that they need western seats if they are again to form a government. Furthermore, the economic base is shifting from east to west giving western Canada a new and greater importance in the federal structure. Consequently, the Liberal party must attempt to create

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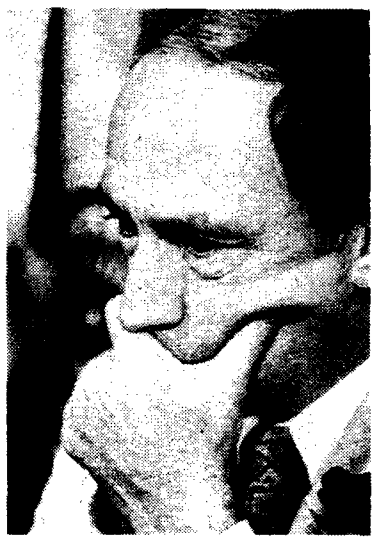
a solid foundation for itself in the west. For this to occur, a greater say in party policy and strategy must be given to western Liberals. It is this reality and its slow recognition among the Liberal party hierarchy which gives Lloyd Axworthy a chance at the leadership if he should desire it.

Axworthy's main problem, though, is his lack of reputation due to his limited parliamentary experience. But his record as an MLA in Manitoba is impressive. Axworthy introduced a freedom of information bill, he introduced ammendments to the Human Rights Act, he called for a resolution on equal pay for work of equal value, he introduced a resolution on shelter allowances for housing that would benefit home-owners and tenants alike and, finally, he was responsible for introducing ammendments governing rent restraints.

But Axworthy's most impressive achievement came just two weeks ago in the House of Commons committee investigating interest rates. It was during this investigation that Axworthy lived up to his reputation as an international authority on urban affairs by his questioning of Gerald Bouey, the governor of the Bank of Canada. Axworthy's questioning prompted the Vancouver Sun's Ottawa correspondant, Micheal Valpy, to conclude that Axworthy was the only committee member to effectively question Bouey.

Indeed, Axworthy is impressive, intelligent and dynamic, but could he be the next leader of the Liberal party and, of even greater concern, would he be a good leader? We will have the opportunity to assess Lloyd Axworthy, the Liberal critic for housing, on Friday when the UBC Liberal club, in their efforts to emerge from the depths of the unknown, will present him to the university community at noon in Buch. 100. It will be a rare and interesting opportunity to hear and question a western Liberal with possible leadership aspirations.



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