

Pro-choice activists "ecstatic" over results of BC elections

by Frances Foran

Pro-choice activists are reacting favourably to the NDP victory in the BC elections October 17 but emphasize that a great deal has to be done before choice as a woman's right is truly safeguarded.

On Monday, reacting to the NDP's victory, Christine Pryce, co-president of Students for Choice, said, "We're ecstatic."

Personal and political choice was the theme at a pro-choice rally, sponsored by Students for Choice, outside SUB last Wednesday. Guest speakers NDP MLA Darlene Marzari and Jackie Larkin, co-founder of BC Coalition of Abortion Clinics said that while choice for abortion is still legal, a vocal anti-choice minority threatens women's access to a safe, cost and stigma-free abortion service.

Pryce said "The rally is partly to protest the Lifechain (a string of anti-choice activists who demonstrated on Kingsway three weeks ago) and partly to raise the issue for the election."

Pryce used the Vernon hospital as an example of the legal right to choice being undermined by choice-intolerant interests. "The Vernon hospital is pro-life, and they've abolished a woman's right to choose abortion even in the case of rape."

"The American government has been repealing the right to choose in every state. We don't want what's happening in the States to happen here," she said.

Jackie Larkin, who has been active in the struggle for choice for 25 years, concurred.

"In Wichita, Kansas there has been a major mobilization of Operation Rescue (an anti-choice group) and the right wing. They have used vicious tactics to block-

ade clinics, and even used their children, so women cannot enter," she said.

"Of course, with the new Supreme Court appointment (of Clarence Thomas) it is expected that all the gains that were made will be wiped out," Larkin said. "Just to show you how concerned some women in the US are, some are organizing private training sessions to develop ways to give private abortions in the home."

Larkin said the issue is nowhere near resolution.

"The anti-choice forces in this province and in this country are everywhere."

"The women who have the least access are the poor, those who live in aboriginal communities or outside major urban centres, either because the services aren't there or the hospital board has been hijacked by single-issue anti-choice forces."

As it was the final day of the election campaign, Larkin elaborated on the abortion positions of the major parties. She recounted the threat to access posed by Social Credit in 1988.

"If Vander Zalm had his way, the clinics wouldn't even have the service covered by MSP [the Medical Services Plan] let alone get core funding. And if any of you were thinking of voting Liberal, remember Gordon Wilson said he believes abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape or incest."

Darlene Marzari, who was re-elected MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey last Thursday, said that right to abortion is a woman's right as a citizen, and only when the right to abortion and counselling are won will women be truly enfranchised.

"It's very important for women, young women especially



Darlene Marzari, NDP MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, addresses pro-choice rally outside SUB last Wednesday.

FRANCES FORAN PHOTO

to know that there is a connection between feeling that they are full citizens in a society and having opportunities in that society," she said.

Marzari likened the struggle for access to abortion to other legal and social obstacles to women's inclusion in society which have been challenged with various levels of success, such as being recognized as legal persons and gaining the vote, gaining entrance into university and the struggle for pay equity.

"If women can't rest assured on the cornerstone of their freedom that they have the right to choose over their own bodies then how can we even think they'll have the right to choose what university

they go to, whether they go to university, whether they have the right to complain if sexually harassed, or whether they have any rights at all? If women can't choose their reproductive lives they can't choose anything else."

Marzari emphasized that the NDP policy on abortion entails rectifying the access problem. The two freestanding clinics will receive the core funding they need; counselling services will be covered by the MSP and made available to more women.

"I'm very proud that it was Mike Harcourt who was the only one during the campaign to take a stand and make it clear to everyone that women in BC will unquestionably, no ifs, ands, or buts,

have the right to choose what they will do with their bodies, when, how and with whom they will have children.

"This isn't the right of only rich women. It will be extended to everyone. So when we talk about political rights, women can expect that if they choose to have an abortion, that medical service will be available to them in the community, through their local hospital with no stigma attached."

Pryce said, "The NDP has a lot of work to do and I don't think they'll be able to get to the issue right away, but we'll keep applying pressure so they'll stick to their promises."

"But it's definitely a victory for women."

Students cautious in reaction to NDP victory

by Rick Hlebert

The election of an NDP government in BC is being greeted warily by student leaders in the province.

Although most of them see promise in the NDP's post-secondary education platform, they are a bit fearful that what is happening to students in NDP-run Ontario could also happen in BC.

The NDP government there increased tuitions province-wide by 7.3 per cent in their first budget this past spring, despite promising to freeze them in the September 1990 election.

The NDP won the BC election October 17 with 51 seats. The Liberals were second with 17 seats and will form the opposition, while the Social Credit party was reduced to a seven seat rump after having governed BC for 36 of the past 39 years.

Darlene Marzari, Vancouver-Point Grey NDP candidate won another term as UBC's MLA by a 3,000 vote margin over Liberal Barry Burke and Socred Richard Wright.

Brad Lavigne, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students-BC, said the student lobby group intends to ensure that the new government keeps to their promises.

"We are going to fight this NDP government for a quality, accessible post-secondary educational system in this province. We will fight them just as hard as we did the past Social Credit government," Lavigne said.

He said the NDP had the best thought-out policies for education but they "still fall well short of what is needed to revamp the system."

Among the things that NDP advanced education spokesperson Barry Jones promised during the campaign were: a one year province-wide freeze on tuition fees, a government commission of students, faculty and administrative figures

to figure out the future of BC education, a revamped BC student loan programme, student representation on college governing boards and the completion of new universities in Prince George and the Fraser Valley region of BC.

However, both Jones and the probable new finance minister, Glen Clark, said during the campaign that significant funding in-

creases are out of the question for the next year or two, until the economy improves and the reform commission finishes its work. The CFS-BC wants a 15 per cent increase in funding next year to restore funding levels to those in place before the deep BC government funding cuts of the early 80s.

"Things will not change immediately," Lavigne said, "But we remain hopeful."

"Our successes under Social Credit were small victories and we were very happy about them, but now that we have a new government that is purportedly supportive of post-secondary education, our standards are higher," he said.

"We in the student movement are going to have to work twice as hard to ensure that the NDP does what they have promised to do and more. If the system doesn't get what it needs under a party with better education policies, the system may never get what it needs."

Other student politicians in BC are cautiously optimistic.

"Post-secondary education is a relatively non-controversial issue," said Mark Snelgrove, student society treasurer at Capilano College in North Vancouver. "With logging, for instance, the NDP will have to step carefully in order to avoid angering people, but with advanced education, they will have a good reaction from students regarding any positive reforms," he said.

"Reforming and improving the system is the easiest thing for the new government to do, so students should expect it," Snelgrove said. Kelly Guggisberg, external affairs coordinator of the UBC student government, said if the NDP "keeps their promises," students at UBC and elsewhere will benefit.

"In talking with student leaders in Ontario, they say that electing the NDP hasn't made a difference in education, so we should be concerned. Yet, I think being cautious with any new government is a good idea," she said.

Provincial election results:

NDP 40.8%, 51 seats
Liberal 33.2%, 17 seats
Social Credit 24.0%, 7 seats
Other 2.0%, 0 seats

Vancouver-Point Grey riding

Darlene Marzari, NDP	11,643
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Hillel/Jewish Students Association. Torah Study. Noon, Hillel House.

Student Christian Movement. Dinner mtg., SAC movie & discussion. 5:30, Lutheran Campus Ctr.

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Thursday, October 24

Sikh Students' Ass'n. Mtg—Religious speaker/discussion. Noon, SUB 207.

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Student Counselling & Resources Ctr. Be Who You Are: Self-Esteem Building for Women. Noon Brock 200.

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Hillel/Jewish Students Association. Beginner Hebrew Classes, Noon, Hillel House.

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Patscan UBC Library. Free copies of "fuzzy logic" patents at seminar on software patents. 7pm, IRC 3.

Students for Forestry Awareness. "Old growth strategy—Process, deferment & consequences." Warren Mitchell. Noon, MacMill 166.

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Vancouver Writers Festival, Prism International & the Dept. of Theatre: A reading by Chilean poet, Carmen Berenguer. Adv. ticks at UBC Bookstore or at the door. Noon, Freddy Wood.

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Friday, October 25

Muslim Students' Ass'n. Weekly Prayers. 1:45 - 2:30 pm, Lower Lounge, Intl. Hse.

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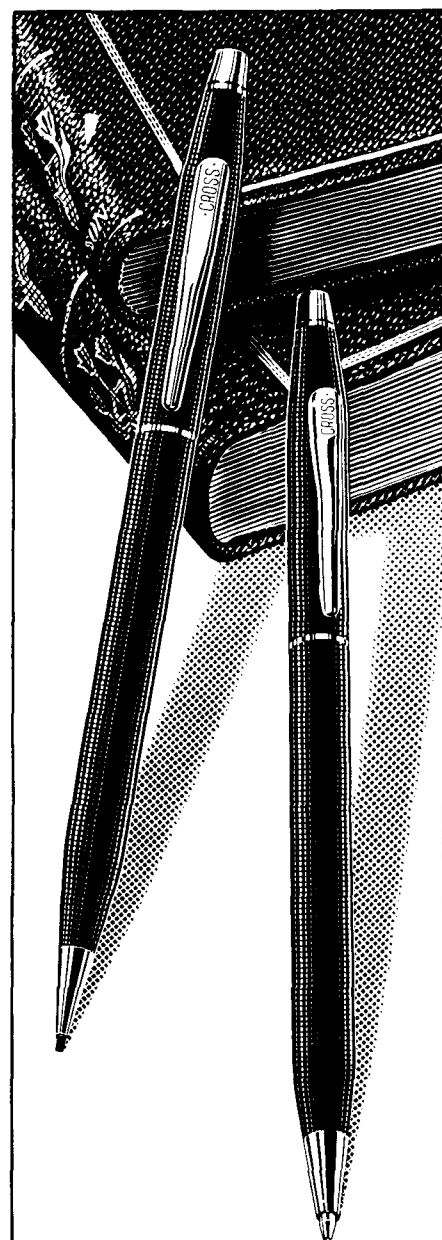
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Wednesday, October 23

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Women & Development. Lecture "Protecting the Environment: Case Studies from Mali & Ethiopia." Marie Dulude, USC Program Officer for Ethiopia, Mali & Lesotho. Noon Geog 214.

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UBC grad tackles busiest emergency ward

This is the first in a series of articles focusing on Asian women in the workplace.

by Jonathan Wong

TORONTO—At 6:30am, Charlene Chen rises from her eastside basement suite to prepare for another day at the hospital.

And it is no ordinary hospital.

Now verging on its 100th birthday, St. Michael's Hospital, anchored in the core of downtown Toronto, has had Canada's busiest emergency entrance.

"It's an intense lifestyle," Chen says.

The recent UBC dietetic graduate became one of only six students to survive the hospital's final dietary intern cuts. She joined UBC classmate Susan Chung last July to be nationally selected by the hospital.

"There's usually eight positions," Chen says. "But when hospital beds go, so do positions."

"Budget cuts," she explains.

At 7:30am, Chen hops onto a street car for a 20-minute ride down Queen St. East through some of Toronto's oldest neighbourhoods.

Rest the day before has meant a staggered six-hour sleep.

After disembarking, she heads towards 30 Bond St.

Asian women in the workplace

Before her the darkened brick buildings of the H-beacon are now eclipsed by jetting skyscrapers only blocks away. Behind the brick walls, the vivacious intern will begin an eight-to-four dayshift for this week's rotation.

In her first duty, she will tackle the Kardex where she updates patient dietary

profiles.

At 10am, she will enter the cardiology and respiratory department with a dietary assistant and meet newly-admitted patients.

Chen says coming into daily contact with patients can be emotionally hazardous as she has found out while shooting the breeze with other interns.

"One day you may walk in and not see the patient's sheets and then when you ask where they are, someone will tell you the patient went away yesterday."

Other on-the-job realities include dealing with a doctor's belief in doctoral infallibility.

"Doctors have the last say," Chen says.

"You can analyze a patient's condition and see that a patient's milk intake is causing diarrhea, so you stop bringing milk. But then the doctor may ask 'where's the milk.' So then you have to bring back the milk and, what do you know, the patient has diarrhea

again."

At noon-hour Chen takes in a lunch—a juice, an apple and a meat-cheese-and-lettuce sandwich. "We're human too," she says.

Afterward, she must analyze dozens of "therapeutic" diets for patients. This week she has looked after upwards of 500 diets—including this reporter's.

When 4pm rolls around, it's off to the street car. Wired from work with blurred memories and passing scenes, Chen heads home to recuperate—sleeping, eating and relaxing until the midnight toll. Afterward, it's a few more hours of work on an intern report and a final 3am snooze.

For the headstrong Chen, there will be more than 30 more weeks of these reports and rotations—thirty more weeks of 18-hour days.

"We (the interns) hope this will lead somewhere," she says.

Senate stands against student loans fee

by Mark Nielsen

The UBC Senate voted unanimously last Wednesday night to oppose the three per cent administrative fee levied on Canada Student Loan recipients this year.

In taking the stand, Senate resolved to send a letter to the federal government requesting that the fee be rescinded, arguing that it imposes a financial barrier.

Before the vote on the motion was taken, student senator-at-large Orvin Lau told Senate that the whole scheme "was poorly done."

"It was also poorly advertised and many [students] only became aware of this fee when they received their loan in September," Lau said.

Lau also said that the UBC Mission Statement states that the university will "work for equality of opportunity for qualified candidates by enabling them to overcome non-academic barriers including financial limitations."

Given an opportunity to address Senate, AMS external affairs coordinator Kelly Guggisberg pointed out that the student

will never be able to recoup the fee, intended to help cover the cost of defaulted student loans.

"It's just a patch-up job," she said.

It's the first change to the loan programme in seven years, Guggisberg said. "It hadn't even been adjusted for inflation."

"While the additional cost will not hurt students with smaller loans," Guggisberg said the fee is worth as much as a half-month's groceries or two months of bus passes for some.

"Whatever you call it, it's going to hit students and hit the students who need [the money paid to the fee] the most."

Guggisberg also told Senate that 2,000 students have signed their name to a petition opposing the fee.

Lau added that the Canadian Organization of Student Financial Aid Offices has gone so far as to publish a position paper opposing the fee.

The motion also calls for the Board of Governors to take a similar stand against the fee.



MP John Turner thinks students should voice their constitutional concerns.

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Public in put called crucial to constitutional debate

by Johanna Wickie

Former prime minister John Turner said Canadians, and students in particular, should get involved in Canada's constitutional debate in a speech at UBC on Monday.

Over 200 people attended his speech, in which Turner, MP for Vancouver-Quadra, responded to the federal government's constitutional proposals, "Shaping Canada's Future", as recently outlined by prime minister Brian Mulroney.

Although encouraged by the suggested constitutional reforms, Turner mixed his endorsement of the paper with a stern warning for those who are to play a key role in the outcome.

"I feel that it is a fair start but the proposals are going to demand an open mind," said Turner. "We are still living under the shadow of Meech Lake with its 'role the dice' mentality, its sour mood and sense of fatigue."

Turner briefly outlined the issues of a distinct Quebec, a new political equilibrium in Canada, Aboriginal rights, and the need for a strong central government. All of these, he said, were suggestions and recommendations he had made when Meech Lake floundered and failed.

In an atmosphere of cooperation and a positive endorsement of the principles of the reforms, Turner felt the process could be a success. However, all parties, including Quebec, must be willing to negotiate.

"Quebec must recognize the need for a strong Canadian government as English Canada already has; it is not just enough to have a common market," he said.

But at the same time, Turner said, it is important for English Canada to acknowledge the historical precedence of a unique and distinct Quebec and to realize that all the provinces have been incorporated into

the union of confederation with the carrot of "special deals."

"In 1774 the British Parliament gave the rights of language, law, religion and education to Quebec," Turner said. "There has been a distinct society in Quebec for over 200 years. There is nothing in this document which proposes to increase special legislative power."

Turner also endorsed the proposals on Aboriginal rights including land claim settlement and self-government but questioned the need for a ten-year negotiation period.

"There should be a transfer of power, both further and faster than proposed," said Turner.

Of all the debated constitutional reforms, Turner was most unhappy the division of powers between the provinces and the federal government. They include the creation and implementation of a Council of the Federation which would act as another level of government between the two.

"We are the most over-governed people on the face of the globe," Turner said. "The federal government is not only content with managing the economic affairs of this country but it also proposes to harmonize it as well, which would establish another entire economic agency."

Turner's speech was a major endorsement on almost every point of the constitutional reform package. Reflecting on the public participation in constitutional debate, Turner said he felt there was now a more open process than with the Meech Lake Accords.

"It is your right to give input and you should as students of this university," Turner continued. "Your generation cannot allow the country's irrational negativism to proceed and I think this country is worth the effort and deserves a little patriotism."

Senate briefs

compiled by Mark Nielsen

Fiddling on UBC roofs during exams opposed

Senate resolved last Wednesday to "strongly urge" Campus Planning and Development to avoid renovations and reconstruction to student residences during exam time.

The move came after roofers re-tarred the low rise Conference Centre at the Gage Residence during exams last year leading to complaints about noise.

Student senator-at-large Julie Lahey told Senate that Gage residents were subjected to loud noise from blow torches and recorded music beginning early each morning.

"It appears the academic pursuits of students in this particular situation were not taken into consideration," Lahey said.

Lahey said that although Campus Planning and Development had awarded the contract for the project in late November she was told the work was delayed by bad weather.

The work was carried out from the middle of March to April 15, which "coincided directly with the exam period."

Campaign funds increased

Candidates will be able to spend an extra \$25 on their election campaigns this year after Senate backed a motion to boost the limit on spending.

Student science senator Cathy Renkel argued that with inflation and the imposition of the Goods and Services Tax, candidates need an increase in the spending limit.

The increase brings the limit up to

\$150 from \$125.

As well, Senate voted in favour of a motion by student senator-at-large Orvin Lau to reconfirm that in the case of a conflict the Senate's regulations regarding elections take precedence over those of the AMS.

Renkel's and Lau's motions were amendments to a set of recommendations regarding dates and times for nomination deadlines and elections that Senate passes annually.

Forsythe the new senator

Former AMS ombudsperson Carol Forsythe took in her first meeting as a new student senator-at-large last Wednesday.

Forsythe was appointed to the position by the AMS to replace Lisa Drummond who stepped down in September to travel to Thailand in a student-exchange programme.

Minimum standard in Calendar

In response to recent appeals regarding entry into graduate and post-graduate studies at UBC the minimum standards will be part of the Calendar next year.

Senate backed a motion from the Graduate Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies for adding entries stipulating that a minimum mark of 68 per cent be achieved to enter doctorate and masters programmes at UBC.

A recent appeal claimed that course marks between 50 and 59 per cent is acceptable for graduate students since there is nothing explicit in the Calendar.

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Penan struggle and die for the forest

by Bill Denham

The Student Environment Centre sponsored an event Thursday about the plight of the Penan people of Sarawak (East Malaysia). A film was shown which chronicled the simple and beautiful life led by these indigenous people, the damage logging is doing to their lives, and the efforts led by Bruno Manser (a Swiss amateur archaeologist) to bring the Penan's problems before the people of the world.

The Penan might be perceived by many, both in Malaysia and in other parts of the world, to be primitive, dirty and uncivilized people. However, many believe them to be living in perfect harmony with their environment.

The Penan do not need or want money, preferring to get all their needs from the jungle in which they live. Their food comes from the Sago palms that grow around them, from the wild animals they hunt, from the fish they catch in the rivers.

In contrast to our society, sharing is an integral part of their philosophy. If someone kills an animal, they share it with the rest of the village. They love the forest and live in unity with it.

For many of the Penan, life has drastically changed from their ancestral ways. 800,000 acres of rainforest are being deforested every year, according to an update from the Western Canada Wilderness Committee dated August 8, 1991.

Communities of Penan are re-located to squalid settlements established by the Malaysian government. 92 per cent of the children suffer from malnutrition in these settlements. It is almost impossible for the parents to provide a livelihood as the jungle around them has been destroyed.

There are no more animals to hunt. The rivers have been polluted and there are no more fish. The trees the Penan rely on are

gone.

"When we hear the noise of the bulldozers destroying our land, how can we not be sad and angry?" Some of the statements made by these people are quite eloquent and heart-rending: "If the companies don't stop work, maybe we'll all die."

Manser lived with the Penan for six years and they call him "Laki Penan"—Penan man. He has helped to publicize the Penan's problems throughout the world.

Referring to a logging road cut through the Penan's territory, he said, "Roads are like a disease. The road causes the end of their culture—and of paradise."

Because Manser has spoken to journalists, he has been persecuted by the Malaysian government. He was arrested, but managed to escape. All his possessions were confiscated, in an effort to force him to leave the jungle and the Penan people. \$85,000 Malay was offered to

away hunting and the women and children were left on the blockade. The people's huts and the barricades were all burned.

Most of the wood taken from Sarawak goes to Japan to make disposable concrete forms and shipping crates. The Japanese take only the best logs, and the ones they don't want are mostly left to rot in the harbour.

Exports of timber rose last year to 18 million cubic meters. Other countries, including Canada, take their share of the tropical hardwoods from the Penan's home.

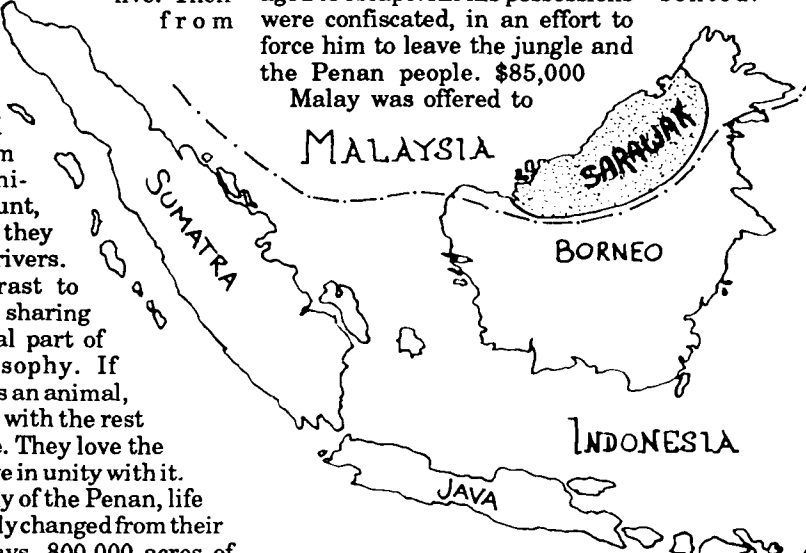
Only nine students attended the screening, and most were unwilling to comment in any way on the Penan's situation. Hans Nilsagard, a forestry student, said: "The Penan should be protected, but the company's side wasn't presented."

The company probably believes they're not destroying people's way of life."

The organizer of the event, Li-Lien Gibbons of the Student Environment Centre, who is from West Malaysia, expressed the opinion that there is little awareness in Malaysia about the problem, and so the only hope to help the Penan is pressure from the developed world.

Asked about the role of the Malaysian media, Gibbons said: "The government controls everything in Malaysia, including the media. And many of the people making money from logging are the high government officials."

There is an international effort at present to help the Penan to preserve their homeland by establishing a United Nations Biosphere Reserve. Information is available from the Student Environment Centre or the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.



anyone who would reveal Manser's whereabouts.

The Penan have not idly endured the destruction of their land. Like many of the Native people in Canada, they have set up logging blockades.

More than 100 Penan have been arrested in connection with these blockades. They face a fine of \$6,000 Malay and two years in jail if they participate in blockades.

One blockade that had endured for eight months was broken by 60 police, who descended on the Natives when the men were

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Geers and bookstore dispute evolution

by Rick Hiebert

UBC engineering students are picking a fight with the UBC Bookstore over a T-shirt the store sells.

The Engineering Undergraduate Society is complaining to the UBC administration that the shirt is "sexist" as it "discriminates against men." The EUS has asked the BC Civil Liberties Association and the AMS ombudsoffice to help mediate the dispute they are having with the bookstore.

Several engineering students went so far as to briefly demonstrate in the bookstore October 11 and EUS president Adam La Rusic said such demonstrations may continue.

"We will disrupt business until the T-shirt is pulled if we have no legitimate alternative and the UBC bookstore and administration continues not to consider what we have to say," La Rusic said.

The shirt reads "The evolution of authority" and shows four foot prints. From left to right, an animal paw, a bare foot, a man's shoe and then a woman's high heel are shown.

"The shirt is not promoting equality, it's promoting one sex over the other," said third year mechanical engineering student Christa Greentree. "It says my sex is better than the opposite sex and that is wrong. We are equal."

La Rusic said the EUS has complained to both the bookstore and UBC vice-president administration Bruce Gellatly, who oversees the operation of the bookstore, about the shirt.

"It's not that we're horribly offended by the presence of the T-shirt in the bookstore, but if the UBC administration is going to legislate morality on this campus, then the bookstore should subscribe to the same standards that we have to adhere to," La Rusic said.

The EUS is upset, La Rusic said, because one part of the agreement conducted between the

UBC administration and the EUS this summer stops the engineers from distributing T-shirts, jackets, mugs and patches with the old EUS logo, which portrays a naked woman on a horse.

"We were planning to bring in a new logo and crest for all our merchandise this year anyway, but we wanted to sell all our old stock first," La Rusic said. "They are forcing us to absorb a loss of thousands of dollars by our not selling our old merchandise."

UBC Bookstore employees say they will not remove the shirt from sale.

"I don't believe that the shirt is sexist," UBC Bookstore manager Debbie Harvie said. "This shirt is a form of social commentary, trying to make society different."

"I think that we have to be very careful about censorship. I'm sure that we would have some books, in religious studies, or women's studies, or gay studies

that some people wouldn't approve of, but we still sell them," Harvie said.

"We look for things that will sell to our audience," she said. "That's what we depend on our buyers for."

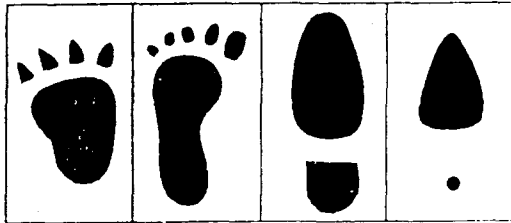
Patrick Sheasgreen, sports-wear buyer for the UBC bookstore, said he ordered the shirt partly because he thought it was amusing.

"We have a big Women's Studies class, so obviously I am going to look for material that appeals to them," Sheasgreen said. "This shirt is just sort of a fun thing."

He added the demo actually temporarily spurred sales of the shirt. "The shirt was selling well beforehand, so I have been reordering it," he said.

"I'm not trying to make a big deal out of this," he said. "I may consider buying the shirt as long as there is a demand for it."

THE EVOLUTION OF AUTHORITY



Is this sexist?

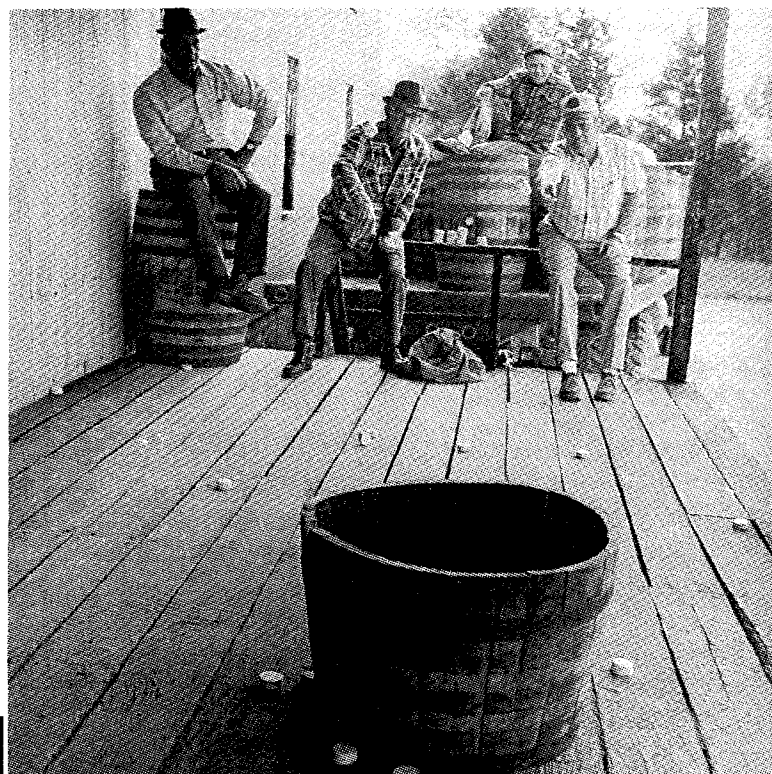
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ARTS

Delicatessen a wicked smorgasbord

by Ken Hagen

GOT the munchies? Feast on Delicatessen, a psychotic panorama of clowns, cannibals, and subterranean corn-gobblers.

**VANCOUVER FILM
FESTIVAL
Delicatessen
France**

Delicatessen is served up by the French tag-team of Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro. Their film is dangerously funny, like suddenly laughing while choking down a slab of steak.

Set in a desolate fog-soaked apartment building, Delicatessen immediately unwraps a gaggle of twisted characters.

Consider the Kube brothers, who assemble wee boxes that "baa" like sheep when overturned, and snooty Mrs. Interpolator trading fine furniture for cuts of meat (when not planning her elaborate suicide to escape the voices coming out of the pipes).

All are faithful, bartering clients of the snarly butcher/landlord (Jean Claude Dreyfus). Whenever his timid, cello-strumming daughter, Julie (Marie-Laure Dougnac), loses her glasses, she's blinder than a lovesick wrestling referee.

Unlike Delicatessen's other characters, Julie is gentle, if a little clumsy. Vases, TVs, dishware—she buys two of each, just in case.

Enter Louison, (Dominique Pinon), former circus clown and new resident handyman. As Julie and Louison fall in

love, the butcher grows hungrier for clown cutlets.

This film soars with comic aggression. Imagine the building's pipes broadcasting the lusty beat of squeaky bedsprings as other tenants keep time pumping bike tires, beating rugs, and testing sheep toys. As the lovers speed up, the whole building crackles with a hilarious, hungry velocity.

Delicatessen snakes through each visual treat with a deliciously steady tension. The cinematographer, Darius Khondji, stuffs the film with gorgeous scenes, especially during the film's clever title credits.

Delicatessen is for everyone who wished Terry Gilliam's 'Brazil' ended five minutes sooner. Wickedly funny, it's fun for the whole [Manson] family.

Past Midnight is past palatability

by Morgan Maenling

MERGING two genres—that of a psycho-thriller and a comedy—may be a theoretically interesting idea for Jan Eliasberg, director of Past Midnight.

**VANCOUVER FILM
FESTIVAL
Past Midnight
Ridge Theatre
October 19**

However, as interesting a notion as it is, this crippled film

is not genetically sound enough to survive as a hybrid.

The problems with this pseudo-thriller start at the storyline. It's been done before; many times, and much better. The writing is inconsistent, often intersected with a few snappy lines of dialogue. Unfortunately, these few amusing moments are not enough to sustain the film.

Choppy editing makes the tone of the film virtually incohesive. Several supporting roles are at best racial stereotypes. And worst of all, the love scenes between actors Natasha

Richardson and Rutger Hauer were so stagey and over-choreographed they made the audience squirm.

The suspension of disbelief required to even follow the film near the final quarter prompted more than a few snickers and verbal comments from the audience.

Probably the worst thing of all is that both Richardson and Hauer have delivered consistently fine performances in past films. It's too bad they are left holding the bag.

She occasionally borders on

the implausible, while he schizophrenically slips in and out of his American accent. Basic production problems that should have been worked out, take their toll on the finished product. Neither actor can nor should be expected to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

When will the suits who control the cash learn? Fine filmmaking demands skill and care every level of development. Building a brick house on a sand foundation can only result in disaster.

Perceptions of reality?

by Anjula Gorgia, Nikola Marin and Ellen Pond

WE see a plane, we see passengers, we see the plane blow up. Masala is a hard-hitting movie about Indian identity, culture and survival in Canada. Last Thursday, three of us went to see the film: Anjula Gorgia, Indian Canadian; Nikola Marin, West Indian Canadian; and Ellen Pond, white Canadian.

**Masala
Srinivas Krishna, director
Canada**

THE CRASH

Anjula: My grandma was in the Air India crash, so this movie brought home a lot of things for me. I kept remembering all the people at the airport. The crash seems to have been forgotten, by the government and many people; it's necessary to remind people that it happened. Masala addressed many issues around the Crash, so this was central to how I felt about the movie. When the crash happened in the movie, it reminded me that I am an Indian in Canada; I was reacting physically.

Nikola: Opening with the crash scene was like a swift kick in the gut. It hit home because I'd heard it in the news in the style of "a plane went down, 2 Americans killed"—the media statistic became a reality; this happened to people in Canada.

Ellen: Yeah, first seeing the people who were killed as passengers meant that when the crash happened, it had a lot of impact, it disrupted the news way of presenting tragedy. And having the airplane as a continuing theme throughout the movie kept bringing up the issue of links between India and Canada.

INTERNALIZED RACISM

Nikola: I got the sense that Krishna's (the character) internalized racism largely accounted for his not being on the plane. So that compounded his guilt. There is an interplay between his internalized racism as exemplified by him calling other people "Paki" and the external racism he encounters. This radiates out to a crisis between the individual and collective (family/community) responsibility.

Anjula: The internalized racism brings to mind my own experiences, of denying that part of myself, disassociating from my own background and from my own history. For me, this movie is part of a process to start reclaiming and understanding my own history.

RACISM

Nikola: I felt that Srinivas Krishna's treatment of racism was not that impressive—it was heavy-handed and not subtle.

Ellen: Doesn't this mean that white Canadians will be able to disassociate themselves as racists?

Nikola: Yeah, what I constantly hear from (white) Canadians is a perception of racism as a historical reality—not something that occurs in the present. The focus here is on a KKK type of physical and verbal aggression whereas racism exists on a continuum where sticks and stones/name calling is at one extreme but a lot is more subtle, for example, being asked where you're from.

Ellen: Don't you think the film dealt with some of the Canadian institutions that practice racism? Like the slapstick portrayals of the Minister of Multiculturalism and the Mounties. And also showing the pretentiousness of the white man who says, "Hi, I'm John Macdonald, not any relation to Sir John, I'm afraid."

Anjula: That helps people to understand what's on with stereotyping.

Nikola: Yeah, it turns the tables around.

Ellen: For once, white people are not controlling the portrayals of themselves.

Nikola: You can see the government approach to people of colour in Canada: come to our table, play by our rules, or else you're criminals.

WOMEN

Anjula: I was bothered by the portrayal of Indian women. First, the one having the arranged marriage. In my experience, arranged marriages don't happen like that in Canada—women aren't in traditional Indian clothing, and we aren't passive. It seemed like a white person's perception. Maybe Srinivas Krishna was poking fun at that.

Ellen: Yeah, because it turned around when Anu met her privately.

Anjula: And so she ends up rejecting him. I also thought that Rita was very real; I could identify with her.

Ellen: I liked the scene with Rita and her sister because it was very complex and opened a lot of questions.

Nikola: It had the same kind of richness as the women's war council scene in Jungle Fever.

Ellen: I liked the grandma.

Anjula: My first perception of her is of her watching videos, what is it like for her in Canada? She's cut off; I thought of my grandma's experience when she came to visit Canada for six months.

Ellen: My first impression of her is with all the kitchen gadgets; you can't separate traditional and modern, you can't dichotomize people.

Nikola: She was just a really good grandma too; her gestures and facial expressions remind me of my own grandma.

By Morgan Maenling

MY gaze met Rutger Hauer's cool, grey-blue eyes, as he turned and smiled from across the room. I was relieved that he didn't leap across the room in the form of a platinum-haired Replicant.

**INTERVIEW
Rutger Hauer**

I grinned at him like a happy child. As we sat down, he flashed his lower teeth. Then I knew. He was going to have me for lunch.

You seem to be very good at playing characters with very extreme physical and emotional lives.

That's my European background, I think. That's exactly what I'm here for. I take American projects but I open them up. A lot of things are too limiting here. The people that I play are not small. They're bigger than me.

I like to see bigger than life people. I want to tell a story I feel has a little more imagination...a little more power, grit, edge.

Can you play these characters because they are a part of you? Do you live a lifetime every day?

Some of it is me...some of it is, I don't know...some of it just comes from a place we don't know. Maybe it comes from two parents who have not been able to blossom. I'm not doing this for them, but I do feel that it fulfills a need that they didn't fulfill for themselves. I get joy out of this when it works. And it has worked quite a few times for me.

What's important to you besides acting?

(long pause...)
I like to build things with my hands. I like to explore...I like to write...

What do you write about?
I write poetry, I can't help myself. I write diaries and poetry. I wrote a novel a long time ago and lost it...

Oh no...

Yeah, I wrote a sort of a hundred page novel, but it's sort of too bad. I don't know what happened to it. There are lots of projects that I want to do. I've been digging into my trunks for the stuff that I really like. I want to see if I can drag them to the screen.

Can you tell me a little bit more?

It's called Rain Dogs, and it's about four criminals who are in an institute where they are getting treatment. It's about the games we play...it's about us. The scripts are starting to look good now.

Would you like to write your own script?

I'd like to, but I don't think I can. For some reason I don't feel that it's there. If I want to write something I'd rather write something that is not a script.

Is there a specific character from a novel or play that you would like to do in a film?

The Vampire Lestat. Interview With A Vampire. Anne Rice. I want to do that. I've been waiting for that to come alive and it will be great. There are plays that I want to do at some point.

Will you tell me what they are?
The play is called Light After Midnight and it's written by a lady who lives in Vancouver. It's a German officer torturing...it's a conversation between a Jewish woman and a German officer, and they fall in love while they're talking. It's very beautiful and it's very under the skin.

I love that dance that we do. I'm doing this dance and that's only the outside. The inside is a totally different story. I love that. The truth about who we are is so hidden we don't even know it sometimes. I like that in characters. I guess it's a form of understatement. I want to feel that characters have space, room. You can't really explain anybody. You know a lot of the characters you see in films are so small you don't feel that they have a life.

Ask me a stupid question...

No! Ha, ha. You want to answer it?

Of course I will.
I sort of censored myself before I came here.

I feel it—you shouldn't have done that.

Tell me about a particular European film that you've made and liked.

A film that I did that I liked a lot but it's not been distributed here is The Legend Of The Holy Drinker. It's about a guy who very gently drinks himself to death. It hasn't been released here because it's supposed to be an art film. It will come but it will take time. The largest part of my work will reach America in ten years.

Why don't you do many press interviews?

ARTS

by Iain Duncan

INTERESTING. A safely neutral term, aptly used to describe both the Glass Slipper and Friday night's performance of the Hans Koch Trio therein.

**MUSIC
Hans Koch Trio
Glass Slipper
October 18**

I can safely say that I have never beheld the use of a cello or a clarinet in quite the same manner, nor am I likely to do so again. At times the concert was very enjoyable, invigorating, and most definitely innovative.

At other moments, I seriously considered a memo to the UN concerning a ban on audio warfare. The show, while worthy of aficionados, was certainly not for everyone.

The band's leader and composer, Hans Koch, "played" drums, and creative solos were the best part of the concert. His rhythms provided some continuity for the pieces, and blended well with the "cellist."

saxophones and clarinets. Actually, he manipulated them in strange ways, causing them to emit piercing shrieks and tortured squawks more often than conventional notes.

These sounds were further distorted by a formidable array of sound processing equipment. At one point, churning through a distortion and chorusing effects, Koch used a cello bow on the bell of a saxophone. However, on the whole, Koch's audio experimentation detracted from the compositions more than adding to them.

On the other hand, the drummer, Freddy Struder, was awe inspiring. He used more bizarre percussion implements in one song than I have ever seen in my life.

In addition, his technically superb and creative solos were the best part of the concert. His rhythms provided some continuity for the pieces, and blended well with the "cellist."

The cellist, Schuetz, was another high point of the evening. His "cello" (a wooden thing that looked somewhat like a ukelele on an electric IV unit) sounded like Jimi Hendrix with a bow.

For the most part he provided bass lines, using an electric cello connected to yet another array of effects equipment. Certainly the best moment of the entire evening was his feedback and all, accompanied only by the drums of Valhalla.

Although a trio, several references were made to the member of the band, a sequencer recently acquired Japanese driven synthesizer rig. This seemed unusual for a jazz band; however, it filled the trio's sound nicely.

In retrospect, the concert was both enjoyable and mind expanding, but the Hans Koch trio really would have been better without Hans Koch.

Drums of Valhalla

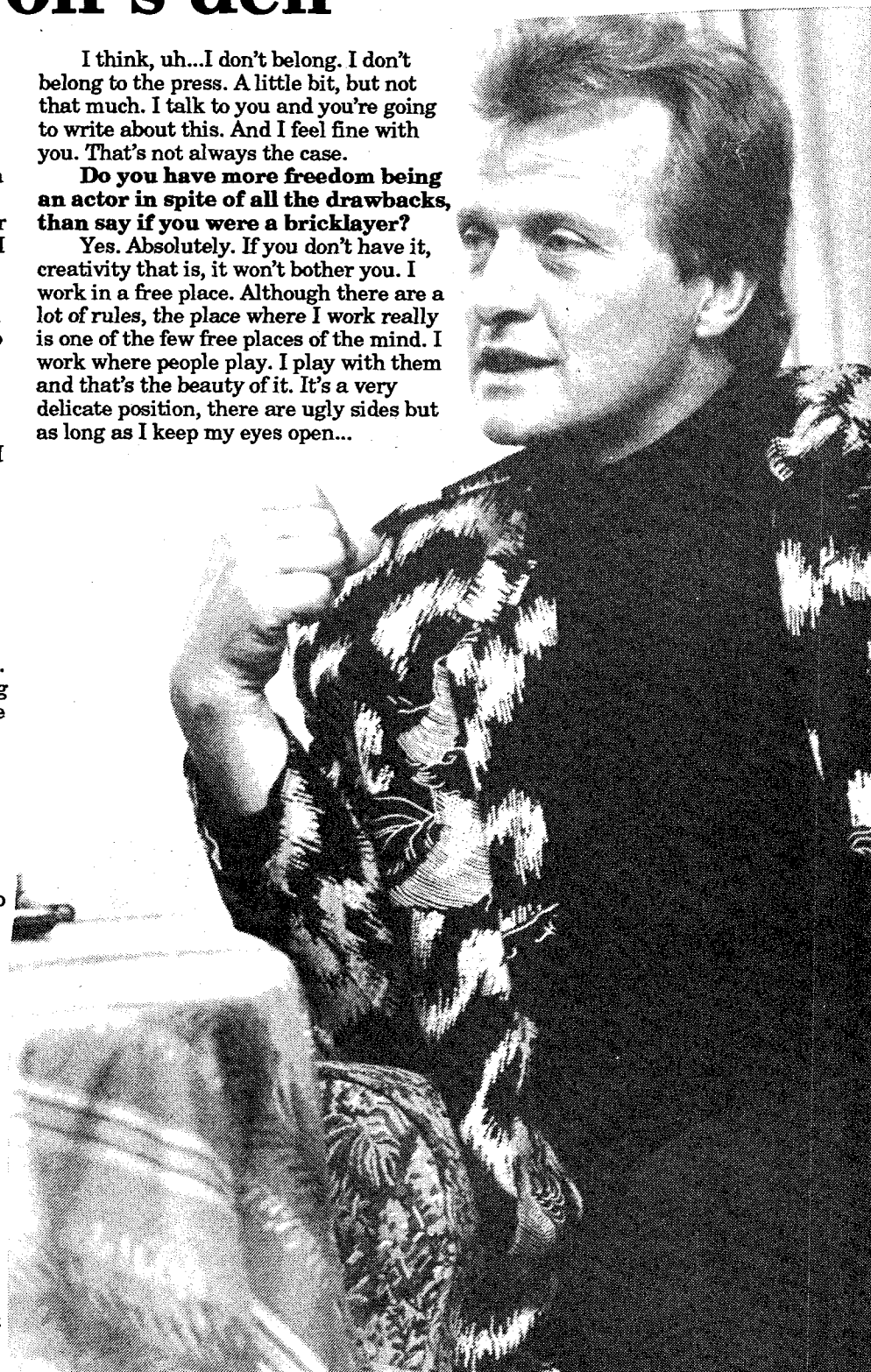
Hans Koch Trio at The Glass Slipper on October 18.
Cello player: Martin Schütz.

Sheep safe in wolf's den

I think, uh...I don't belong. I don't belong to the press. A little bit, but not that much. I talk to you and you're going to write about this. And I feel fine with you. That's not always the case.

Do you have more freedom being an actor in spite of all the drawbacks, than say if you were a bricklayer?

Yes. Absolutely. If you don't have it, creativity that is, it won't bother you. I work in a free place. Although there are a lot of rules, the place where I work really is one of the few free places of the mind. I work where people play. I play with them and that's the beauty of it. It's a very delicate position, there are ugly sides but as long as I keep my eyes open...



Rutger Hauer.

MA CHIA-NIEN PHOTO

UBC tops in Canada West field hockey

by Mark Nielsen

The UBC Thunderbirds won the Canada West women's field hockey championship in Calgary over the weekend, and earned a shot at a national university title in the process.

But it wasn't easy.

Heading into the third and final tournament of the Canada West season, the Thunderbirds were without their two top players. Centre-forward Helen Birchell, who also missed the second tournament, was still in New Zealand with the Canadian

Olympic team playing a qualifying tournament. And right halfback Sarah Franks was out with a broken finger suffered in a tune-up game against the UBC men's team.

Moreover, after losing their opener to the University of Manitoba Bisons 1-0, UBC was held to a draw by the winless University of Alberta Golden Bears on the opening day.

Meanwhile, the University of Victoria Vikings, UBC's main competition for the Canada West title, won both their contests and were poised to take the champion-

ship.

But just as all was at its darkest for the Thunderbirds, they got a break. The Pandas tied UVic 0-0, after UBC beat Calgary 1-0 on a Sheena Scott penalty stroke, to set up a deciding game against UBC.

"I was certainly concerned after Alberta tied us and UVic got those two wins, but when I saw the score between UVic and Alberta, I started thinking we had a chance," said UBC coach Gail Wilson.

And the Thunderbirds took full advantage of it. Maggie Watt scored the only goal in UBC's 1-0 victory

over the Vikings to win the Canada West.

Winning the Canada West title earns the Thunderbirds a berth in the CIAU championships in Halifax over the November 1-3 weekend, giving them a chance to defend the national championship status which they captured last year.

By that time Birchell will be back. But Wilson said winning without their star player gave the Thunderbirds a boost of confidence.

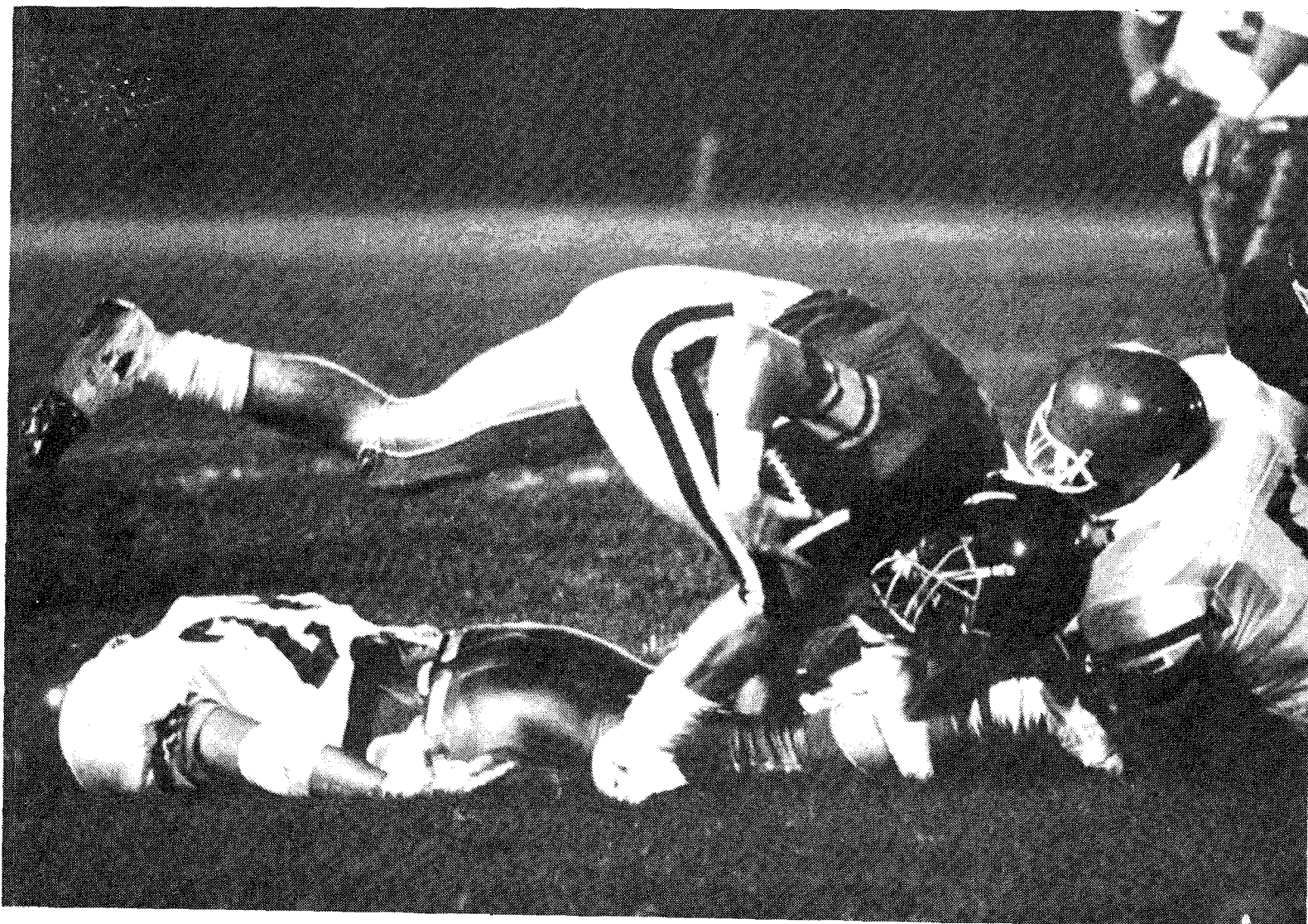
"It was tremendous to win without Helen Birchell," Wilson

said. "And now she'll be back in time for the nationals."

• UBC's Maggie Watt was named Canada West player of the week for her game-winning effort.

Wilson said the pairing of Sam LaRiche and Sheena Scott at the halfback positions was a big factor in holding UBC in the games with Franks out of action.

Junior varsity players Jessica Bratty and Andrea Bamfield were brought up to fill out the spots made vacant by the absence of Birchell and Franks.



T-bird battering ram takes out two Calgary Dinos.

DON MAH PHOTO

Vikings fall to T-birds

by Gerry Johnson

Justice prevailed for the UBC Thunderbirds in a pivotal Canada West men's soccer contest against the University of Victoria Vikings at O.J. Todd Field on Saturday — it just took awhile.

With only three minutes to play, Mike Mosher picked up an errant UVic clearing ball and sent a 25 yard rocket screaming by shell-shocked Viking keeper Adrian Lise into the top right corner to give UBC a 1-0 victory.

The goal came after the Thunderbirds were unable to convert on a number of opportunities earlier in the game.

"Justice was done today as we deserved to win after missing five glorious scoring chances in the second half. We were pressing and looking for the win while UVic just sat back and looked for the tie," said UBC coach Dick Mosher.

Of his goal, Mike Mosher, the UBC and Canadian Olympic team captain was a bit tongue-in-cheek: "Yes, when I picked the ball up I was aiming for this small spot in the top corner...actually I just took the shooting opportunity, we scored, and won a deserved victory."

UVic Coach Bruce Wilson, Canada's captain in the 1986 World Cup, agreed but from a different point of view, "I'm satisfied with the way our team battled UBC, but on the run of play, I can't say they didn't deserve their victory even if it came as a result of our defensive mistake."

Both the Thunderbirds and the Vikings needed a win to keep alive their chances of capturing the 1991 CIAU Canada West title. And with the victory UBC, currently in second place, heads into a November 1 showdown against current first place Alberta at the O.J. Todd Fields.

The first half was indeed a battle. With both sides content to play a typically Canadian, long ball, tight tackling game, little quarter was given. The only real chance came when Lise somehow saved Colin Pettingale's close range thigh shot on the line in the 39th minute.

Coach Wilson seemed to be pleased with the score line at half time. "Keep it tight at the back. The longer the game is at 0-0, the better our chances of winning," he told his squad.

However, UVic's tactics of maintaining the status quo backfired in the second half. While the Vikings sat back, UBC swarmed the UVic net for 45 minutes.

With Mosher and Neil
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Cursed UBC footbirds suffer yet another late game collapse

by Mark Nielsen

It's like a curse. Give the UBC Thunderbirds a lead and just a few minutes to go in a football game and as sure as the clock ticks to zero, they'll collapse.

And this weekend was no exception as the Thunderbirds held a ten point lead going into the fourth quarter and ended up losing 21-20 to the University of Calgary Dinos.

The difference this time turned out to be a 36 yards field goal by the Dinos' Bruce Parsons with 1:24 left to play—just another addition to the Thunderbird's record of woe this season which has included:

- A 20-17 loss to cross-town rival Simon Fraser University Clansmen in the annual Shrum Bowl clash on an 18-yard field goal with ten seconds left.
- A 24-23 loss to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon after the Huskies score a single with two seconds remaining by punting the ball through the endzone. UBC was up by ten with less than three minutes to play.
- Humboldt State, an NCAA division II school, scored a touchdown with less than three minutes to play to defeat the Thunderbirds 35-30 in Arcata, California last

weekend.

"I don't know what it is," said a distraught Frank Smith, head coach of the Thunderbirds. "The other teams are just working hard and coming through when they have to."

And the Dino's are on an emotional upswing having won their last three games after losing their first three of the season, the win streak beginning with a 34-17 win over previously undefeated Saskatchewan.

"I guess the game against Saskatchewan we had to win," said Dino's coach Tony Fasano. "And then we beat Alberta and we beat UBC tonight so we're right in the running."

Although the outcome was a big setback for the Thunderbird's hopes of coming out of the Canada West scramble with a playoff berth they still have a chance.

"If we beat Manitoba this weekend and Saskatchewan the next, then we'll be in the playoffs. If we lose to either of them, we'll be out," Smith said.

To beat either team, however, the Thunderbirds will have to generate some offense. UBC stayed in the game more by virtue of big plays and breaks than any kind of

sustained scoring drive.

UBC's first touchdown came after linebacker Glen Roberts recovered a fumble on Calgary's two-yard line as a result of a botched punt return in the second quarter—running back Brad Yamaoka getting the major.

And the next one was set up by a 33-yard pass and run play by wide receiver Mark Nowotny, who also roped in a 19 yard pass for the ensuing touchdown to put UBC up 20-10 with 9:23 to play in the fourth quarter.

That was when Calgary went to work as they put together a classic drive to score the touchdown they needed to keep their season, much less their hopes of winning the game, alive.

Over the span of 6:17, Dinos quarterback John Kalin moved his team 69 yards in 17 plays including two successful third down gambles before carrying the ball in from the one yard line for the touchdown, also on a third down play.

What's more, Kalin found wide receiver Mike Freiter in the end zone for a two point convert to move Calgary to within a 20-18 difference with 3:01 to play.

UBC got the ball for all of

three plays before a shanked punt put the Dinos on the Thunderbird's 35-yard line from where Parsons scored the winning points.

The Thunderbird's were able to get possession two more times. But Calgary recovered the ball after stripping it from running back Brad Yamaoka as he tried to eke out some extra yards on the first drive. And the next drive was ended when Dino linebacker Steve Hudson intercepted an errant pass.

The Thunderbirds, who now have a won-lost record of 3-3, travel to Winnipeg to play 4-3 Manitoba this Saturday before returning home to host Saskatchewan on Saturday, November 2 at Thunderbird Stadium.

Bird droppings — Dino's running back Craig Kittleson broke the 1,000 yard barrier for the season as he covered 72 yards on 22 carries against the Thunderbirds.

Nowotny gained 91 yards and a touchdown on five receptions while Yamaoka ran for 74 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries.

Danielsen was good on 15 of 27 passes for 219 yards in the air, while the Thunderbirds got another 97 yards rushing for a total of 314 yards while Calgary got 260 yards in net offence.

An open letter to UBC instructors:

Please allow me to introduce myself, for you probably don't even know my name. I am your client, your customer and your patron, your *raison d'être* out here: your student.

I am also your fellow victim of bureaucracy in this institution of higher learning.

Every year I start out on what should be the simple transaction of paying for your services to study in your area of specialization; in short, I have paid for a teacher to instruct me. But the reality is that quite often I receive an instructor whose main concern is publication, or research, or hauling in a paycheck while busy with other matters—such as business, perhaps—and teaching is obviously not his main objective or talent. When this occurs, both you—the instructor—and I—the student—are short-changed in what should be a mutually satisfying situation.

If this is the state of affairs on campus, there is very little a student or instructor can do to change the system. But maybe we can help each other to find a more productive relationship which will promote learning and diminish the rampant alienation that is present here in many classrooms.

Provided below is a checklist of basic criteria for effective teaching. Perhaps your students will check off areas for you to consider, and possibly they will leave these in your mailboxes. Perhaps, also, your students will take this opportunity to let you know whether you are doing a terrific job. My intent in writing this letter is not only to provide some constructive criticism, but also to encourage some positive dialogue.

1. Do you make eye contact with your students?
2. Do you speak clearly and project your voice?
3. Do you speak simply, using as little "techno-jargon" as possible?
4. Do you answer questions directly and graciously?
5. Do you motivate your students with positive feedback?
6. Do you vary your style and procedures (audio-visuals, group discussions, presentations, etc.) and avoid the "talking head" syndrome?
7. Do you provide enough time to meet with students outside of class (sufficient office hours, group tutorials, etc.)?
8. Do you transmit an enthusiasm for and an interest in the subject matter to your students?
9. Do you have a cohesive, focused curriculum that builds logically and sequentially?
10. Are you objective about your material, or do you promote your own personal views to a fault?

If any instructors would like to comment or offer a rebuttal, I hope that they will do so.

More dialogue on this subject could only be beneficial for us all.

Yours truly,
A Concerned Student

In response...

This letter is in response to Jason Ford's letter in response to my letter in response...

My intention in writing my first letter was simple. I hoped, but failed, to open Jason's eyes to the world outside of Tory party politics. But, alas, he once again showed us his myopic (spelling error acknowledged) views that everything revolves around his pet concern—federal debt. If only social problems could be solved so easily.

So this time I will simplify the argument and try to get down to

real situations.

I ask Jason, do you think the average farmer on the Prairies is concerned with the debt when they are faced with bankruptcy and prices lower than during the depression? 1500 farmers turned out to a meeting asking the government to help keep them in the farming business.

How do you think a family in the East End of Vancouver who have just scraped enough money together to send their child to university would react to your suggestion that tuition fees should be increased to a level you can afford?

Do you really think these people would agree with you that every government decision should revolve around debt payments rather than concern for the well-being and betterment of Canadians?

How do you justify holding people with clerical positions to a 0 per cent increase when inflation and interest rates are as high as they are? Does it seem fair to you to cut someone's real wages and let them sag lower on the economic scale?

Here is a little more reality. Canada has the highest per capita debt of the Group of Seven countries, and one of the lowest corporate tax levels of any industrial nation. Britain has little or no debt and one of the highest corporate tax rates. I sense a pattern here.

This country has a horrid history of pandering to business, from the land given away to the Hudson Bay Company and Canadian Pacific right up to the present. Yes, these corporations should pay for the social programmes, regional development programmes, environmental cleanup programmes, and all the other programmes which benefit them. This includes welfare and UI systems which leave a ready pool of workers for industry to choose from.

My final point is about Jason's rebuttal to what he perceived as a criticism of his fashion sense. Nowhere did I criticize the way he dressed, I do not advocate Eat the Rich T-shirts and Doc Martin boots are far too rich for my blood. My point was that Jason is a member of the elite. He, like myself and the vast majority of people at this university, is privileged. Education should not be a privilege, it should be a right. Why should only those people with money be able to afford to get the education needed to get a good job? All this does is support the existing hierarchy to the benefit of those at the top—us.

I suggest Jason take a walk down on Powell Street, between Carral and Main at about 8:00 on a Saturday morning. Ask the people you meet down there about federal debt and suggest to them various ways of cutting back their life line. Get some humanity Jason.

Martin Chester
CUP BC Bureau

Powerful press?

And now, for those of you confused about feminism, Ubysey staffer Greg Davis and Arts student Debra Gordon offer enlightening insights in their separate letters in the Oct 8 edition.

Firstly, Greg, perhaps you could explain to us how "shoving (an idea) in everyone's face" will win them over. As someone who became a feminist without the moral guidance of The Ubysey, I would venture to suggest a less confrontational approach. Ideologies are rarely acquired through indoctrination by the university press; if your goal (besides reporting the news of course) is to convince people of something you believe is right, facts and logical ar-

guments have an odd way of being more effective than arrogant preaching. Incidentally, if men are as oppressed as women by the patriarchal system, why do only women write for your annual feminist edition?

Turning to the practical matters of feminism, Debra Gordon in her letter encourages women to stop "moaning" about the problem of sexual assault and to stay home after dark unless an escort is available. This is sound advice, if severely limited in practical value. Many assaults happen in broad daylight, and the majority of victims are raped by someone they know. This is not a problem limited to undesirable lurking about B-lot after dark; in fact, it is much more terrifying than that. Most attackers are fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins, friends and acquaintances. Gordon states, "Assaults can't happen if you don't put yourself in a position to be assaulted". Exactly what is this position? How do you protect yourself from someone you trust?

Surely a rational feminist argument lies somewhere between self-righteous rhetoric and the notion that a societal sickness is exacerbated by the actions of its victims.

Anne Wittman
Biology 4

Occupational what?

Don't be embarrassed if you cannot define occupational therapy or if you really don't even know what it is. Many people have the same problem. October 21-27 is national Occupational Therapy Week, so here's your opportunity to find out what "OT" is all about.

Occupational therapy is a health care profession that is part of the multidisciplinary rehabilitation team. It works towards maximizing the independence, function and quality of life of individuals who have physical and/or mental disabilities. With task analysis and through the use of therapeutic activity, skills training, environmental alterations, education, innovative techniques and assistive devices, occupational therapy aims to assist the client in improving or maintaining areas of self care, work and leisure. But what does this all mean?

It means that if you have a child with cerebral palsy, the occupational therapist can assist you in understanding the child's limitations and work together towards promoting development of your child's skills. The therapist uses therapeutic play to help the child develop to his or her optimum level of function.

It means that if you have arthritis, the therapist can work on joint protection techniques, energy conservation and provide assistive devices to prevent joint damage and deformity so you can maintain your present level of function.

It means that if your personal independence is reduced due to physical barriers, the occupational therapist can assist you with adaptations and assistive devices. Someone with an acute injury can achieve a return to normal function by intervention from occupational therapy.

This is just a taste of what occupational therapy is. An OT can be hospital-based or community-based, work with people who have physical disabilities or mental health problems. If you are interested in more information, visit the occupational therapy booth in the IRC during OT week. So, now if someone asks you "What is OT," what are you going to say?

Nicola Walkey
Occupational Therapy 4

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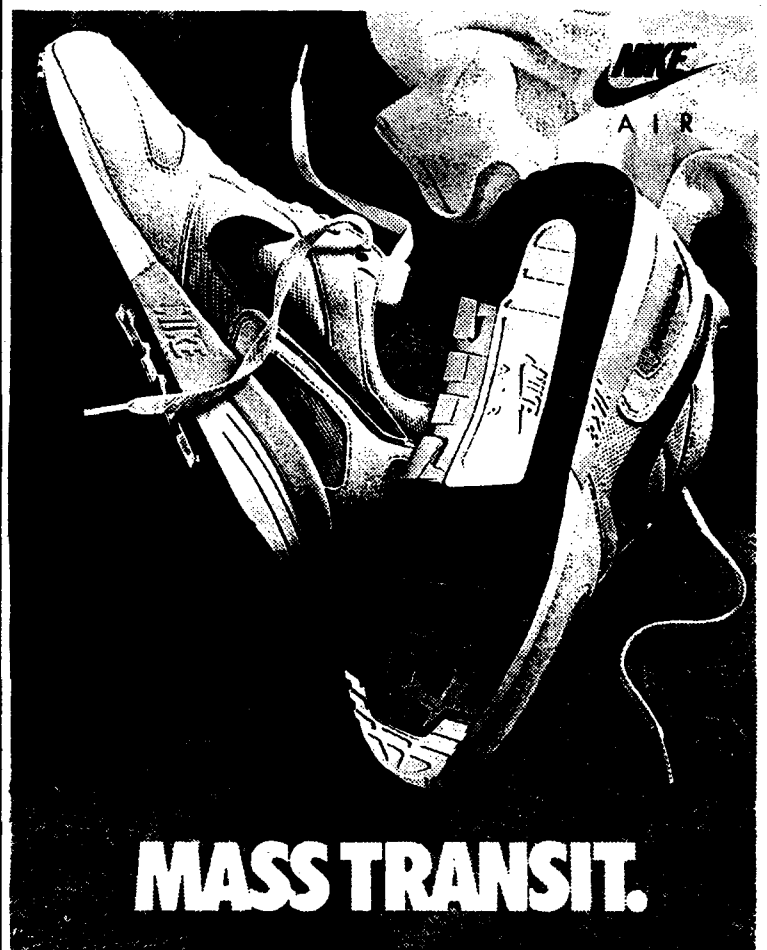
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Editorial

Women's space

The Women's Centre in SUB is distinct from the Women Students' Lounge and Office in Brock Hall, in that it is run by students and it is proactive rather than being simply informative.

There is a need for women-only space.

In an act of resistance to a misogynistic society, women students formed a space of their own. Women can enter SUB 130 to be safe from violence, oppression and the perceptions of men.

The much-needed space is there for all women, whether they consider themselves to be feminists or not. It is a place to meet other women, to discuss problems and ideas.

Although they work in tandem with other women's organizations, the centre is independent and functions specifically for us.

The environment is receptive to women's concerns and frustrations. We can take refuge from a misogyny-entrenched university and society, and can find support after being sexually- and verbally-abused. The area also serves to educate us about health-related issues, upcoming social events and seminars.

Away from discriminatory remarks and evaluations, most women find it a relaxing atmosphere to talk, read, collect one's thoughts, study or sleep.

The centre's collective is instrumental in organizing protests such as the sit-in at the WSO this summer, offers Wen-Li Do classes and has a women's literature library.

All of the services which the Women's Centre, as a women's space, provides are necessary to create a more positive environment for women on campus.

The Women's Centre is inviting all women to a coffee house this Thursday at 4pm, in our own space, and holds collective meetings Mondays at 12:30pm. Dykes Unlimited holds a lesbian discussion group at the centre on Thursdays at 12:30pm.

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It was a breezy Tuesday morning when Anjala Gorgia invented politics, little knowing the horror she was inflicting on Mike Coury and his descendants for years to come. Nikola Marin quickly realized the potential terror and, with Rob E. and Mike Goshko's help, created a surreal Buddhist anarchy with french fries and Martin Chester's fascist poeple. Helen Willoughby-Price, meanwhile, was developing a forward-looking matriarchal realism on the banks of the Euphrates, with Gerry Jonson and Patrick McLoughlin as chief seers. Unfortunately, they didn't look back at Ken Hegan and the proletarian scourge led by Ellen Pond and philosopher-king Iain Duncan. Back on the eastern seaboard, Diane Rudolf was establishing a dynasty, named not after vases, but after the wickamish ideals of Johanna Wickie. Mark Nielsen fled the political hothed to establish a hermitage in the mountains. Chung Wong was the first of many disciples, and the first to describe the sound of Bill Denham's two feet clapping. Morgan Maenling parted the seas on the way to asylum, but Tiger Johnson stopped to wash his feet and was carried away by the turgid political waters to the kingdom of Frances Foran, where only Ted Ing was elected and even then not for long. Greg Davis hotly disputed his position as sweatlodge minder, resulting in history's first televised debate. As TV had not yet been invented, Sam Green, seeking political asylum from the Quaylism of the 21st century, was the only person to see Effie Pow moderating the debate (from a safe distance, of course). Democratic movements first moved under the firm hand of Cheryl Niamath, who established a democratic leper colony in a cave in Crete. But democracy only worked until Paul Gordon, high on the newly-formed vapours of representative socialism, staggered into the cave with an armload of Yulie Karabashi's freshly half-baked constitutional reforms. In the ensuing chase, nobody noticed the short-lived dictatorial regime of Rick Hiebert, who fell in a coup to Paul Deyson, who fell in a coup owned by agrarian Don Mah, a stock breeder highly reputed in those parts. Hise Li would have none of this, creating instead a system based entirely on dessert menus, with himself as supreme cupcake. Sharon Lindores thought this was just silly, and ran for election with the Only Slightly Silly Party. Sadly, they split the undecided vote with the Much Too Serious Party, and Elaine Griffiths ran away with the landslide for the Completely Coo-Coo. Meanwhile, home on the farm, the chickens were revolting (and the pigs didn't smell so hot either) as Raul Peschiera, executive officer of the weak, tried to gain a two-thirds majority to crush Ygy King's senate appointment, with the help of a blatant smear campaign by media consultant Carla Maftechuk. Aloof from the petty squabbling, Paula Wellings harboured secret dreams of global conquest and planetary domination.

Editors

Paul Deyson • Sharon Lindores • Carla Maftechuk
Raul Peschiera • Effie Pow
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THE FAMOUS DEAD PARTY SKETCH

Letters

Nothing to lose

As I'm sitting in my dorm room writing this letter, the sounds around me like the occasional car passing by my window and the music from someone's stereo down the hall all make this seem like a perfectly normal night in the life of a UBC student. The only difference is, the cars outside are driving on the left side of the road and the people down the hall are from Germany, Australia, Hawaii, and Connecticut. The reason is because this is Kyoto, Japan.

Through the UBC Exchange Abroad Program, I have been studying at

Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto since May 8th of this year. When I first arrived in Japan, the initially overwhelming number of people, lights and signs made me feel as though I might have made a mistake in deciding to live halfway around the world for a year. But as time passed, I realized that this was the best thing that I could have done for myself. I am living in an international dormitory filled

with people from all parts of the world and from all parts of Japan. The city itself is old, charming and filled with history and character. The school is only a 15 minute bike ride away where there

happens to be two of the most famous temples in Japan. The courses I'm taking are expertly taught by instructors trained in teaching foreigners. Now as a four month veteran of studying abroad, I cannot stress strongly enough how important I think the "year abroad" is to one's college career. It's absolutely true when they say "There's nothing to lose and everything to gain."

Jenny Jea
Arts 3 (Japanese)

Small houses save trees

Let's stop logging our 1000 year old forests to feed

our frenzied consumption. Instead, let's move jobs to education, child care, tree planting, environment, communication, and preventive medicine. I'll lower my already modest consumption to save our rich bio-diversity and to fund lasting investment. And many rich people in the province, mostly Socreds, can easily do the same.

There's already enough wood and paper in society, especially if it's re-used properly. Let's adapt to our environment, not build huge homes to separate us from it.

John Lipscomb
MBA

Pains of racism not self-inflicted

We are writing this letter to express our disgust towards a letter published in the "perspective" section of one of the past issues of The Ubyssy. The contents of the letter are clearly racist and offensive to all the minorities in UBC, and specifically the Chinese community. The title of the article "Discrimination comes from actions, not race" is the most stupid, dumb-founded, and bigoted expression I have ever read in The Ubyssy. How dare you insult the minorities in this country in such a naked manner? What is the fundamental difference between this letter and that published by the racist EUS rag, last year?

Is the black youth recently killed by racist cops in Montreal responsible for his own cold-blooded murder? Should the people of first nations be blamed for long years of repression by the rule of a racist minority? Should gays and lesbians be blamed for gay bashing and institutionalized homophobia? After all, they all have a choice. They can all "assimilate" and avoid the "self-inflicted" pain of racism. They can listen to the thoughtful prognosis of our expert on racism:

"most of the time when people are discriminated against, it is because of what they do not what they are."

Gordon Chan must have either been blind—or extremely wealthy—not to have witnessed racism in this country. Since when has Canada been recognized as the most tolerant country towards minorities? I guess incidents such as the racist shooting and attacks against the black community and the refusal of the Quebec gov-

Perspective

ernment to conduct an inquiry into the murder of a black man are problems of assimilation. And how about: —the recent "official findings" of institutional racism in Manitoba which claimed that the treatment of natives by the court and police system in Canada is amongst the worst in the world —the shooting of Leo Lechance, an Indian trapper, by a member of the Aryan nations in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and his conviction of "involuntary manslaughter" by the racist court system —the support of the Canadian government—and not the Canadian people—of the genocide in Iraq, and their silence towards the execution of Palestinians in the

"democratic" Kuwait —the widespread support of the Reform Party in this province, with its attacks on non-white immigration, multiculturalism, and their attacks on French language laws in English Canada —the recent expulsion of the Social Credit candidate from standing for election in Richmond because of links to anti-semitic and Nazi organizations

—or the fact that your most bigoted letter has been published in the perspective section of The Ubyssy which claims to follow anti-racist, sexist, and homophobic guidelines

Mr. Chan, I suggest to you and those like you to stop attacking Chung Wong for having had the courage to express his frustration with the institutionalized racism in this country which he has chosen to fight against instead of submitting, as you have suggested minorities do in "the most tolerant society in the world."

The only way one can fight racism is to understand the reasons behind it, and try to destroy it from its roots. It is no accident that during the times of economic recession racist attacks on minorities increase. Racism is

used to divide the working people of this country, so that a few leeches can suck our blood while we are fighting each other. New immigrants are not the cause of unemployment and economic recession in this country; there is more than enough resources for everybody in this world and especially in this country. However, the majority of the working people of this country have to give up most of the fruits of their labour to a small minority who have the control over their livelihoods. It is not new immigrants who have helped themselves to 5-digit bonuses, and are now trying to legislate public servants to accept a freeze in their wages. The new immigrants are not happy working for minimum wage; they are forced to in order to feed themselves, and live below poverty level. So the "plausible solution" for combating racism is the working class of this country—from whatever race or background or sexual orientation—to have one voice, and fight the real villains—who are not that difficult to identify.

Siavash Massoumi,
Graduate Studies
Yasmin Bayani,
UBC alumni and staff

I found enlightenment at kindergarten

As Colin Mills so appreciated my views on the Gideon's wacky book, the "New Testament," I've granted his request to intensively skim another of their works, the "Old Testament." These Gideons don't have much imagination in the title department, do they?

One of the problems with the "New Testament" is that it is boring. Well, if you thought that was a yawn, the "Old Testament" is a guaranteed insomniac cure. The genealogies are more mind-numbing, the plots more pointless, the overall message vaguer and the multiple authors cohesive.

Mr. Mills seems to intimate that the "New Testament" has some profound moral message. Though there are some warm cuddly bits (Love Thy Neighbor etc.), I find some of the ideas of Mr. Christ and his accomplices repulsive. Some examples are voluntary castration (Mt. 19:12), sexism (1 Cor. 14:34-35), and lying (James 2:25, Joshua 2:1-6). The "Old Testament" seems even more reprehensible, urging mass murder (Num. 31:15-18), polygamy (Deut. 21:15-17: I don't object to this, but some might), and total ostracism of sick people (Num. 5:1-4).

I understand there is a cult (among which Mr. Mills may be numbered) that actually uses these books as spiritual guides. Literary considerations aside, it seems incredible that many intelligent people (Mr. Mills presumably among them, being a UBC student) can believe these implausible meanderings to be non-fiction. According to the "New Testament" itself, people living at the time the events allegedly took place felt that to assert a man had risen from the dead was absurd. Is the high intellectual tone of that hallowed institution, The Ubysses, to be sullied with such drivel?

In my humble opinion, those seeking spiritual and moral enlightenment would be better to turn their attention to "All You Need to Know You Learned in Kindergarten."

Bill Denham
Forest Science 2

Watch who you're calling a rag, pal!

This letter is in response to "Cut the crap" by F. Wong (known in some circles as Rebel F) of Agriculture 4 (actually 5, but who's counting?) in the Tuesday, October 8th issue of The Ubysses. First of all, what the hell were you trying to say? Your letter demonstrated a total disregard for the words cohesion and focus! I found it confusing and without direction. Take for example, you said, "If you didn't like what Chung Wong had to say, then hell, don't read it...we all had a choice." Well Mr. Wong, how the hell was someone supposed to know what they wouldn't like until they read it first? And what do you mean by, "People should stop blaming their own problems on other people and innocent races"? There is no substance in that statement whatsoever! You also say, "We have more serious problems to deal with than lack of fund-

ing in education, increased tuition, and environmental problems." Come now, you're not saying that education and environment problems supercede the very relations between human beings? Are you? If you are, that is not only a warped way of thinking, it is downright perverse!

Here is the bottom line Mr. Wong, I don't think that you had the guts to commit to any of the thoughtless statements that you wrote. Since this is your last year, you just wanted to get your blurb into this rag of a paper. Give the public something meaningful to contemplate, not just a bunch of rhetoric. Until you do, I'll be watching...

N. Chan
Part-time Physicist and
Computer Scientist
Full-time Valet and
Rebel F Critic

Yeah, but you'll be back!

Because I can spend a year in California
Because I can take classes not offered at UBC
Because I can meet some of the "famous" profs in my field
Because I can "check out" the American school system
Because I can live in a new country (culture) for a year
Because I can take breaks at New Port Beach
Because I can take day-trips to San Diego
Because I can spend evenings in L.A.
Because I can spend term breaks in Mexico
Because I have never driven the Oregon/California Coast
Because I do not need an umbrella
Because...

As all of you are standing in endless lineups for book purchases, library cards, fee payments, or, perhaps, for beer at the Pit, I will be lazily winding my way down the Oregon coast—destination Irvine, California. While you are reading thousands of pages of text and writing your first papers, I will be

stopping in San Francisco (with a trip across the bridge to Berkeley); detouring through the Napa Valley; cruising the coast highway through Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, Seal Beach...

Of course, my turn for lineups and homework will arrive—on September 30th to be exact. This is because this year "at" UBC I will be attending the University of California, Irvine (UCI). The year will go toward credit for my UBC degree. One of the big advantages is that I pay UBC tuition (rather than exorbitant foreign student fees) and retain my eligibility for funding (student loans and scholarships) while spending the year at UCI. Essentially this year "at" UBC will be spent in sunny California.

The less "obvious" advantages include the opportunity to take classes not offered at UBC with some of the well-known profs in my field; the opportunity to meet international students (on the same exchange program) from approximately 44 different countries; the opportunity to "check out" the American school system; the opportunity to live in a new environment for a year. Spending evenings in L.A., weekends at Newport Beach, and taking day (+) trips to Mexico, San Diego, Arizona, etc. don't sound too bad either.

All of this is thanks to UBC's Education Abroad Program (EAP). In anticipation of the next nine months at UBC "California," I urge anyone interested in participating in an exchange program at any of the 11 California campuses to consider EAP. There are also opportunities to attend universities in countries other than the U.S. Application deadlines will be some time in December. If you are interested, contact Martha Kertys.

I'll be thinking of you wading through those texts while I wade through my maps. Good luck this year at UBC "Vancouver."

P.S. I won't be packing my umbrella.
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Puckbirds bounce back for win

by Mark Nielsen

The UBC Thunderbirds made up for something of a false start to their Canada West hockey season by beating the University of Manitoba Bisons 3-2 on Sunday to come away with a win and a loss in a two-game weekend set.

The Thunderbirds lost 6-3 to the Bisons the night before at the Winter Centre after letting Manitoba jump to a 4-0 lead before coming back with three unanswered goals—two of which were shorthanded.

The Bisons put the contest out of reach with two goals in a span of 42 seconds mid-way through the third period but were unable to get any kind of advantage over UBC on Sunday after they settled down to a tough, grinding game.

"We don't have the ability to score a lot of goals, but we take care of our end first," Thunderbirds coach Mike Coflin said. "It [the win] took an awful lot of hard work."

The Thunderbirds scored twice in ten seconds late in the second period to jump to a 3-1 lead but less than two minutes later Manitoba scored when UBC had trouble clearing the puck out of their own end of the rink.

The Thunderbirds kept their composure in the third while goalie Paul Hurl came up with some key saves, stopping 31 shots in all.

"There was a lot of action, but it's my job to stop the puck and my team certainly helped me out along the way," he said. "I never had a shot for the first ten minutes of the

third period. Those guys were doing a real good job so why wouldn't I help them out?"

The goal scorers in the win were Mike Ikeda, Casey McMillan and Grant Delcourt. McMillan also scored on Saturday and assisted on markers by Rob Gagno and Gregg Delcourt.

Goalie Gord Besse made 28 saves in the loss, but Coflin said he had planned to use both goalies regardless of the outcomes.

The Thunderbirds head to the prairies this weekend to play the University of Regina Cougars on Saturday and Sunday before returning home to host the University of Brandon Bobcats over the November 1-2 weekend.



UBC rowers soaked but satisfied.

T-bird rowers big in the Big Apple

by Patrick McLoughlin

The UBC men's heavyweight coxed four crew started their season with a big win at the Head-of-the-Hudson Regatta in New York City last weekend.

The crew of Jack Walkey, Rick Smith, Andrew Walker, Mike Rekrutiak (stroke), and coxswain Heather Feeney trounced the competition by over six minutes on the Peekskill River.

Representing the only Canadian men's crew at the race, the four rowed smoothly through treacherous morning conditions.

When asked what their strategy was, cox Heather Feeney replied, "As my microphone wasn't very audible under three-foot waves, we scrapped any formal race plan and simply rowed hard." Feeney guessed that point of the

race came when Rekrutiak told her to shut up and bail.

Included amongst the 30 crews competing with UBC were Princeton, Columbia, Boston University, and a strong boat from Tokyo, Japan.

The crew and coach Joe Dowd were ecstatic to get an opportunity such as this and made certain that the funding was well-founded.

With the regular west coast schedule fast approaching, the men's crew are anxious to continue their undefeated season by disposing of rivals UVIC.

"We're looking to win everything this year," Smith said. "We will take no prisoners."

This weekend, all UBC crews will be racing at the Head-of-the-Gorge Regatta in Victoria.

Soccer team wins

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Wilkinson controlling the midfield and Pettingale and Willie Cromack bursting down the wings, UBC's scoring chances abounded. After only two minutes, Ric Celebrini saw his 25-yarder hit the bar following a scintillating run on the left by Pettingale. Mark Watson had a header from a Wilkinson free kick cleared off the line in the 73rd minute.

A few minutes later came the most dramatic moment of the match. Wilkinson received a return ball from Cromack and struck the far, left post from 15 yards. Mosher, following up on the play, chipped off the right post past a

bemused Lise.

The fact that Pat Onstad did not have to make one save in the second half is testimony to the outstanding defensive performance by UBC's centerback pairing of Gary Kern and Mark Watson.

The win extends UBC's CIAU/NAIA unbeaten streak to 38 games. (bullet) — The women's team, meanwhile, tied Western Washington University 1-1 in an exhibition game at O.J. Todd earlier the same day.

Both the men's and women's teams travel to Calgary this weekend to play the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

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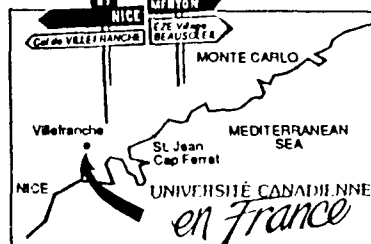
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