THE UBYSSEY 75th anniversary

WCWC stump tour '93: stumpy goes to Ottawa

BY TANYA STORR

UBC has been the proud host of many important dignitaries in the past, but never before has the campus been honoured with a visit from a 400-year-old travelling stump.

On Thursday 7 October the 22,000 kilogram Clayoquot Sound stump came to UBC as part of a Western Canada Wilderness Committee Canada-wide tour.

"We're taking Clayoquot Sound to the rest of Canada, and especially to Ottawa," explained WCWC member Catherine von Schulmann.

"It's very important to get the politicians to wake up and see what's being lost."

The WCWC caravan plans to be in Ottawa by 22 October, and they will present a petition urging the preservation of Clayoquot Sound to the new government once it is sworn in.

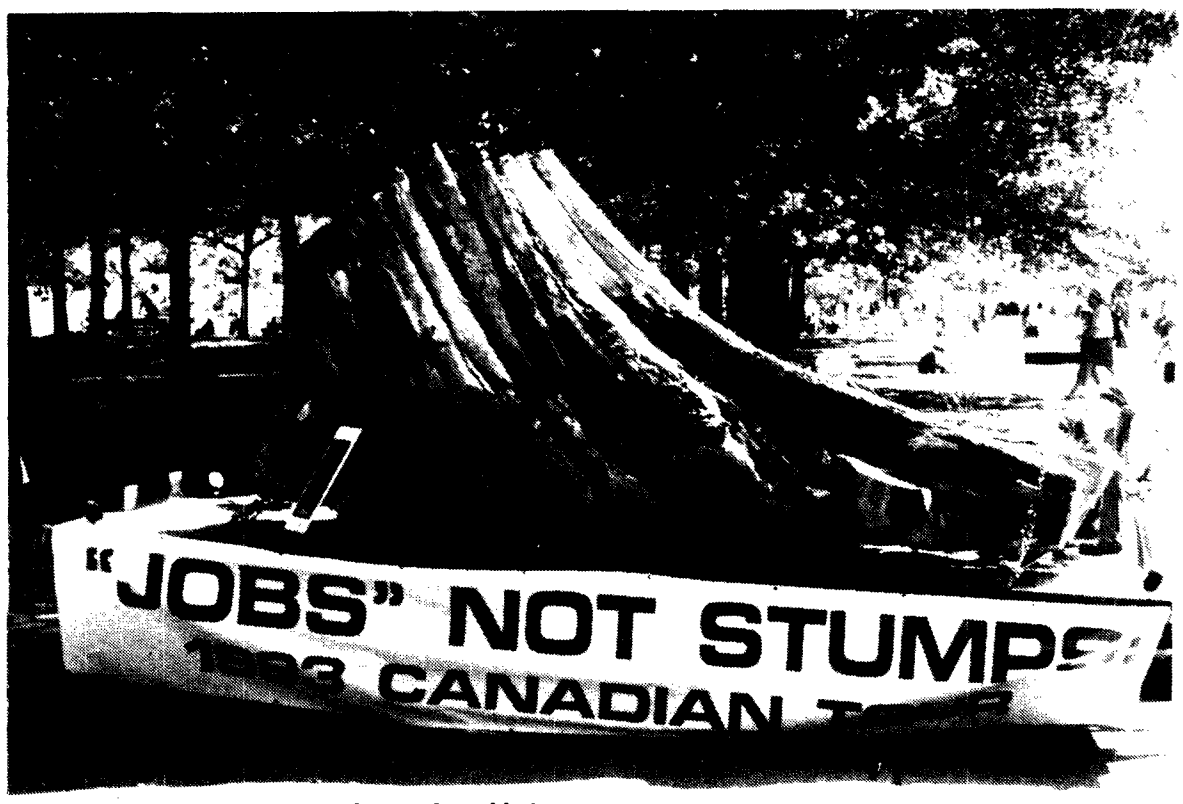
The stump tour will make 16 overnight stops in cities and towns along the way, and will visit Eastern Canada later in the Fall. WCWC also has plans to take the stump to Europe next Spring.

WCWC extracted the stump from a clearcut near Kennedy River, after obtaining a salvage permit from MacMillan Bloedel. It took eight people five days to pull the stump out and install it atop the boat trailer it travels on.

A banner on the trailer reads "Jobs, not Stumps." Werner Rolf, a member of the caravan, explained that WCWC is not against logging.

"We are interested in changing the forestry practices in order to induce a healthier economy. There won't be any old growth forest left on the West Coast in 15 years at the present rate of cutting."

Parked on East Mall near the SUB building, the Western red cedar stump drew a curious crowd on Thursday afternoon. Some people bought t-shirts and signed the petition to aid the campaign, while others just stared, completely stumped.



22,000 kg. stump makes nation wide tour.

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Nobel winner relied on Scholarships for education

BY DINOS KYROU

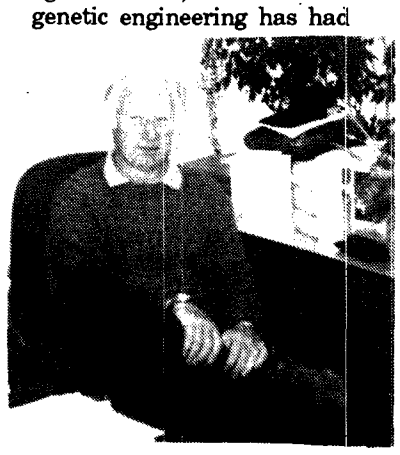
On 13 October 1993 Michael Smith of the Biochemistry department of UBC, woke up to find himself the Nobel Prize winner for chemistry. The prize was for developing a method to reprogram the genetic cells found in genes.

Ubyssey: So, was it, "Oh my goodness me! I think I've developed a method for reprogramming the genetic cells found in genes everyone!" or was it a gradual process?

Smith: It was gradual. We came across it because in 1969 we started to study, here in Vancouver, a method to use short, synthetic pieces of DNA to isolate natural nucleic acids... even when the middle of [the DNA strand] was changed from what would normally be its compliment in a second strand—a mismatch in other words. Later, while working in Cambridge, England, we realised that it would be nice to have a method for developing mutants, [artificially changed DNA] and I noticed that we should be able to do this from our previous studies, because you should be able to design a short piece of DNA using enzymes.

Your discovery can be used to wage war on cancer—from your knowledge of the scientific world, how close are we to a full, reliable, cure for cancer?

Well, as someone who won the Nobel Prize some years ago once said, it's clear that genetic engineering has had



DINOS KYROU PHOTO

an enormous impact on understanding cancer, but for the moment the most effective way is to stop people smoking. And its so sad, as someone who is involved with cancer research, to see young people puffing away on cigarettes which are pretty well certain to give them lung cancer and also to cause various heart defects.

What genetic engineering has done is make it possible to identify the genetic events which cause cancer. Each human has genes for 50 to 100,000 proteins. Within this number there is a smaller set that, when mutated, become cancer causing genes. Genetic engineering finds out how these proteins work by systematically changing them and finding out what effect that change has. The hope is that once you have that information it will allow you then to design a drug which could counteract the effect of the cancer causing genes—that hasn't been done yet.

Your research will have an impact on the future capability to prevent hereditary diseases, but this also means the power to change other characteristics of genetic make-up. Are you not worried that your discovery may be used in the future to produce tailor-made human beings?

I think there are a number of things here that reflect misconceptions. Firstly, a lot of the characteristics of humans that you refer to are very complex genetically and I don't know if we will ever have the information required to make a person more intelligent or physically bigger. Where gene therapy is going to be used is in what are called Single Gene Inheritable defects, such as Cystic Fibrosis.

The other issues you raise are more hypothetical. Now there is another concern about the ethics of using genetic information, for example to say that this person has an inherited trait and therefore can't have insurance or have a particular kind of job. That is a problem but I point out that ethical problems of this nature are not new problems; they've not been created by genetic engineering and just add to the existing list.

Surely you agree that there are probably many gifted students here in Canada who cannot attend University because their parents simply cannot afford thousands of dollars in tuition fees?

I would like to see education be as accessible as possible and it does concern me that the cost of going to University is going up and up. My feeling is that if the education is successful then you do better in your wage earning years and therefore pay more taxes, so one way you could pay for your schooling is not to pay up front but by having a successful career and having a high income and paying it back through taxes—I wish there was a system.

A 19 year old female UBC student was sexually assaulted on her way home to Gage residence from the Pit Pub in the early morning of 7 October.

The woman fought the attacker and was able to get away.

According to an RCMP report, the woman was grabbed from behind and pushed to the ground by a white man described as 5'6", chunky, with dark brown curly hair of shoulder length and cut around the ears, and slight facial hair.

Fred Leibel from the RCMP said they are not assigning additional security to the area but are "letting people know that this occurred and asking them if they see anything suspicious to call [the RCMP]."

East end bike shop: has cyclists pedalling

BY SUSAN JUBY

There are a lot of reasons to be excited about the new bike shop in the East end. Our Community Bikes is a non-profit shop dedicated to improving air quality by promoting cycling and recycling and making biking accessible to everyone.

Our Community Bikes is the brain child of Jeff Hohner, a cycling advocate, and Andy Telfour, a recycling promoter.

The shop is based on similar projects in Oregon, Winnipeg and Toronto and is the first community-based, non-profit bike shop in Vancouver. It is affiliated with Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST) and according to Hohner, provides "tangible encouragement for people to get out of their cars and onto their bikes".

OCB, located at 197 East 17th (at Main), has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in which even the newest enthusiast can feel welcomed.

ellen pond, a staff mechanic, claims the non-intimidating feel of the shop makes it more accessible. "Accessible means an environment where women can feel comfortable talking and learning about bikes," pond said.

The shop sells reconditioned bikes that have been rescued from the scrap heap. These bikes are sold on a sliding scale from $5 to $95 to ensure that poverty is not a barrier to biking. OCB conducts a number of maintenance and repair courses so cyclists can keep their trusty steeds on the road. Also, the shop has public repair stands that can be rented for a small fee, or one of the staff mechanics, Lynn or ellen, can do your repairs.

The project is funded through government grants and donations. Memberships cost $50 for waged or $20 for unwaged and includes five free hours of shop time per month and 1 hour of free lessons. Any donations of parts, money, expertise and enthusiasm are encouraged.

The shop is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 to 5:00. 879-BIKE.

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Tuesday, October 19th

Dance Horizons. Jazz I Dance Class — Noon-2 ..... Beg. Jazz Class — 2-3pm. SUB Party Room.

Wednesday, October 20th

Dance Horizons. Stretch & Strength Dance Class. Noon-2pm, SUB Party Room.

Varsity Outdoor Club. Mtg. and slide show. Noon, CHEM 150.

Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals of UBC. Gen. mtg., Noon-1:30, SUB 209.

UBC School of Music. Wednesday Noon Hour Series. Jane Coop, piano. Admission $2. Noon, Music Bldg., Recital Hall.

UBC New Democrats. Speaker: Audrey McLaughlin, leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada. Noon-1:30, SUB Ballroom.

Thursday, October 21st

Pacific Rim Club speakers series. Frank & Gladys Muir, "China, then and now." Asian Ctr Audit., Noon. All welcome.

Life Drawing Club. Drawing session. Noon-2:30, Lassare Room 204.

Dance Horizons. Jazz I Dance Class — Noon-2pm .... Modern — 2-3:30pm .... Hip Hop — 3:30-5pm .... Jazz II — 5-6:30pm. SUB Party Room.

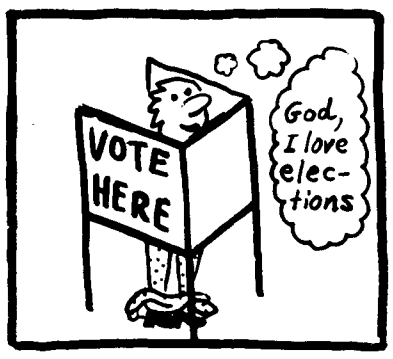
Spartacus Youth Club. "Women's Liberation through Socialist Revolution!" Third of a six-part class series, "Fundamentals of Marxism." 7:30pm, SUB 224. Info: ph. 687-0353.

Pre-dental society. Noon hr. mtg., Noon-1:30pm. Wood/IRC 3.

Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals of UBC. Discussion Group. 5-7pm, SUB 224.

UBC School of Music. Collegium Musicum. Steve Morgan, director. Noon, Recital Hall.

UBC Women's Centre. Coffee and herbal tea house: all women and their children welcome. 4:30-7:30pm, UBC Women's Centre, SUB 130.



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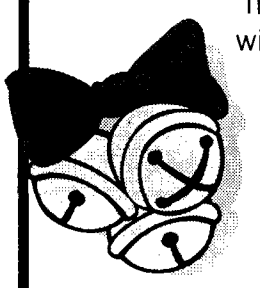

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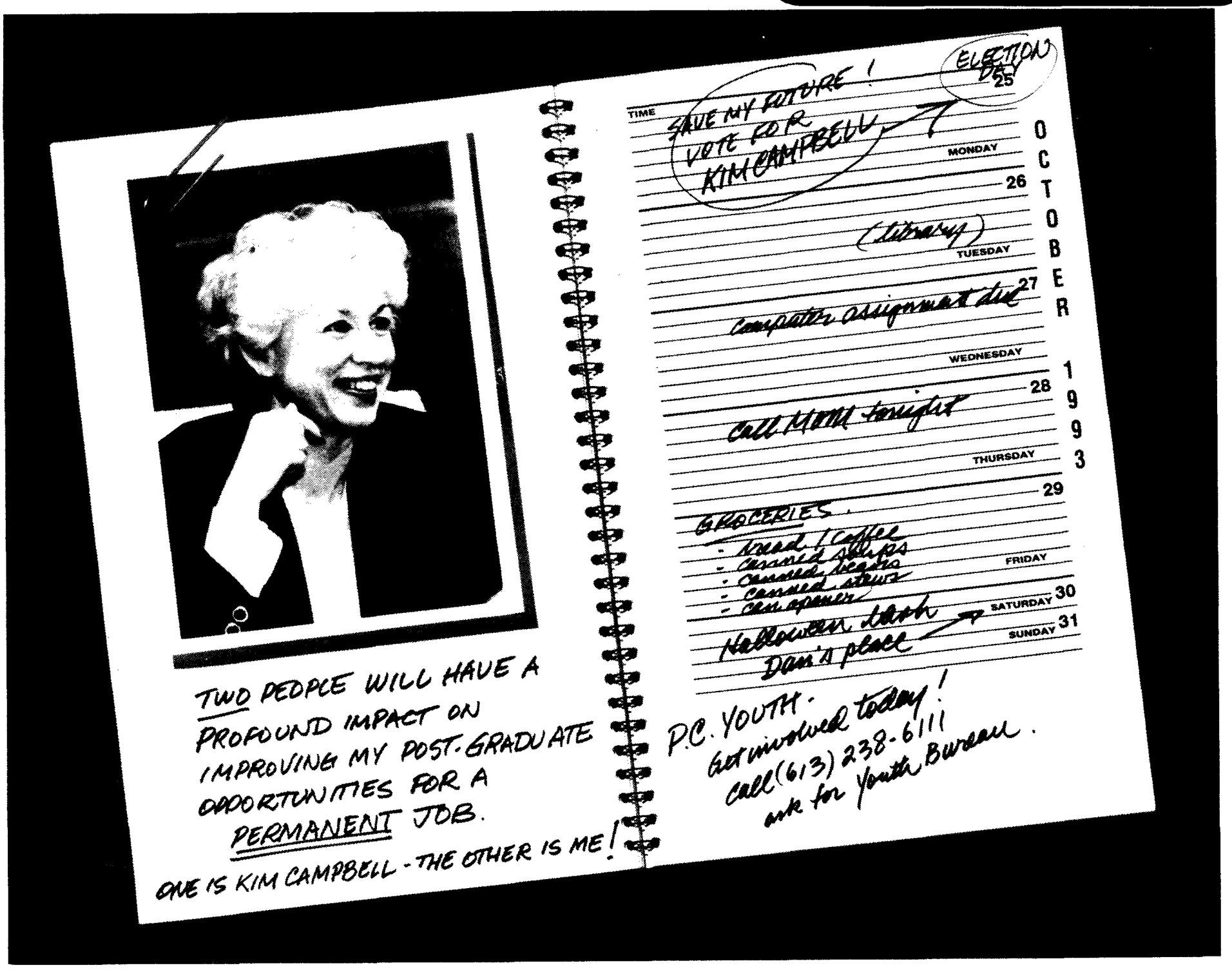

Quadra 1993 election candidates: a turkey in every pot

Candidate interviews from the Christian Heritage, Marxist-Leninist and Liberal Parties were not available at press time. Their interviews will run in Friday's edition.

Janet Ludlam Unaffiliated

Interviewed by Shelley Gornall

Although Janet Ludlam appears on the ballot as an unaffiliated political candidate, she is actually part of the Canadian Economic Community, a party which is not officially registered due to the new elections legislation that requires official parties to have candidates in at least fifty ridings.

"This country needs open-heart surgery," Janet Ludlum declared. This attitude is reflected by the sweeping changes her party proposes. The senate, the GST and NAFTA should be abolished. Existing social programs, such as welfare and UIC, should be replaced by a Guaranteed Income Program which promises each Canadian citizen $15,000 per year.

Also on the chopping block is the current education system. The Canadian Economic Community feels it should be replaced by an accelerated system in which students finish at the age of fourteen, at which time they may proceed to upper level education.

Universities themselves should be privatized, and fewer federal government subsidies should be allocated to them. Ludlam had no ready answer when asked how students would pay for the inflated tuition fees that would result from privatization.

Ludlam finds the current level of military might insufficient and feels that the military should be increased to "adequately reflect the size of this country." She ideologically supports NATO peacekeeping missions and the idea of compulsory military service.

Income tax too should be reformed, such that a flat tax of 17% would apply to the rich, the poor, and all corporations alike. This system, Ludlam contended, would attract business to Canada and replace laws "that prohibit prosperity."

National unity is also a major part of her party's platform. She believes that past governments "have been systematically carving up this country" by pitting Canadians against one another. She believes that we are all Canadians, and as such, should be treated equally. By "equally," Ludlam seemed to mean "the same." English, in her opinion, should be the only official language. Both the Yukon and the Northwest Territories should be given provincial status.

All "sensitive" matters (such as gay rights, abortion and AIDS-related issues) should be put to referendum. Ludlam insisted that politicians' opinions on such issues should not matter. CBC television would become an instrument in this new democracy, showing educational programs on such issues before referenda.

SHELLEY GORNALL PHOTO

When asked about First Nations rights and aboriginal self-government, Ludlam replied, "we don't believe that there is a native rights issue." Her party does not recognize native land claims.

"They [natives] live off the avails of the taxpayer. They have everything and more than the taxpayer has and they don't pay for it....[Natives] have not contributed as real Canadians." Ludlam did not define what a "real" Canadian is.

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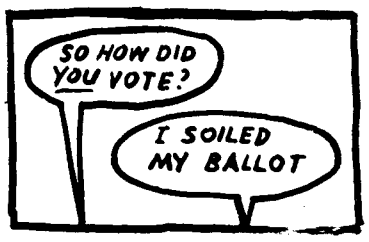

Dr. Willy Spat National Party

Interviewed by Pat McGuire

Running on a nationalistic platform that would make the government more responsive to the needs of Canadians, the National party wants to change some fundamental problems they see with the economic, educational and electoral systems.

Quadra candidate Dr. Willy Spat, a UBC graduate who also studied and taught in Europe, is critical of previous governments for their "pandering to special interest groups" and their unwillingness to deal with fundamental issues.

Spat said the most important issue in the election is unemployment. The Nationals see the Free Trade Agreement as responsible for the loss of 400,000 manufacturing jobs.

"Canada has become strictly a resource-based economy with only a small amount of secondary industry. There is little value added to our exported resources...a resource-based economy is susceptible to a boom and bust system so there will always be times of unemployment," he said. The National Party "would pursue a policy of full employment by helping small and medium sized business to develop. That is the place where the most jobs have come from historically anyway," he said.

The party will try to create a climate where Canadians can invest their savings, and plan to change the banking laws and tax system to benefit small- and medium-sized business.

Spat attacks what he calls "faulty pork-barrel decision making"—the creation of laws that benefit only large corporations and other heavy campaign contributors. He ardently mentions the drug patent laws that raise the cost of generic drugs with no benefit to anyone except large drug companies.

The National Party's platform regarding education is also innovative. They want to make sure that federal money that is allocated to the province for education is actually used for education. They want to decrease the downloading of the debt from federal to provincial governments, which they say is hurting the educational system.

The Nationals say post-secondary education should be available to everyone and that tuition should be low or non-existent. Students will then pay back the cost of their education through the tax system once they are finished school and are gainfully employed.

The party also advocates closer ties between business and higher education.

"Right now the system is too individualistic," Spat said. "By letting business have input into education, we'll have a workforce that is better trained with relevant skills."

Spat is also concerned about the high amount of foreign ownership "that pervades the Canadian economy and hinders our sovereignty.

"Canadians are fooling themselves if they think we can make our own political decisions without owning our own country. Most foreign multinationals extract our resources and capital and create few jobs."

But when asked whether Canadian multinationals would do a better job than foreign ones, Spat admitted that "Canadian multinationals are as heartless as foreign multinationals." He cited Alcan's damming of the Kemano River without an environmental impact study as an example.

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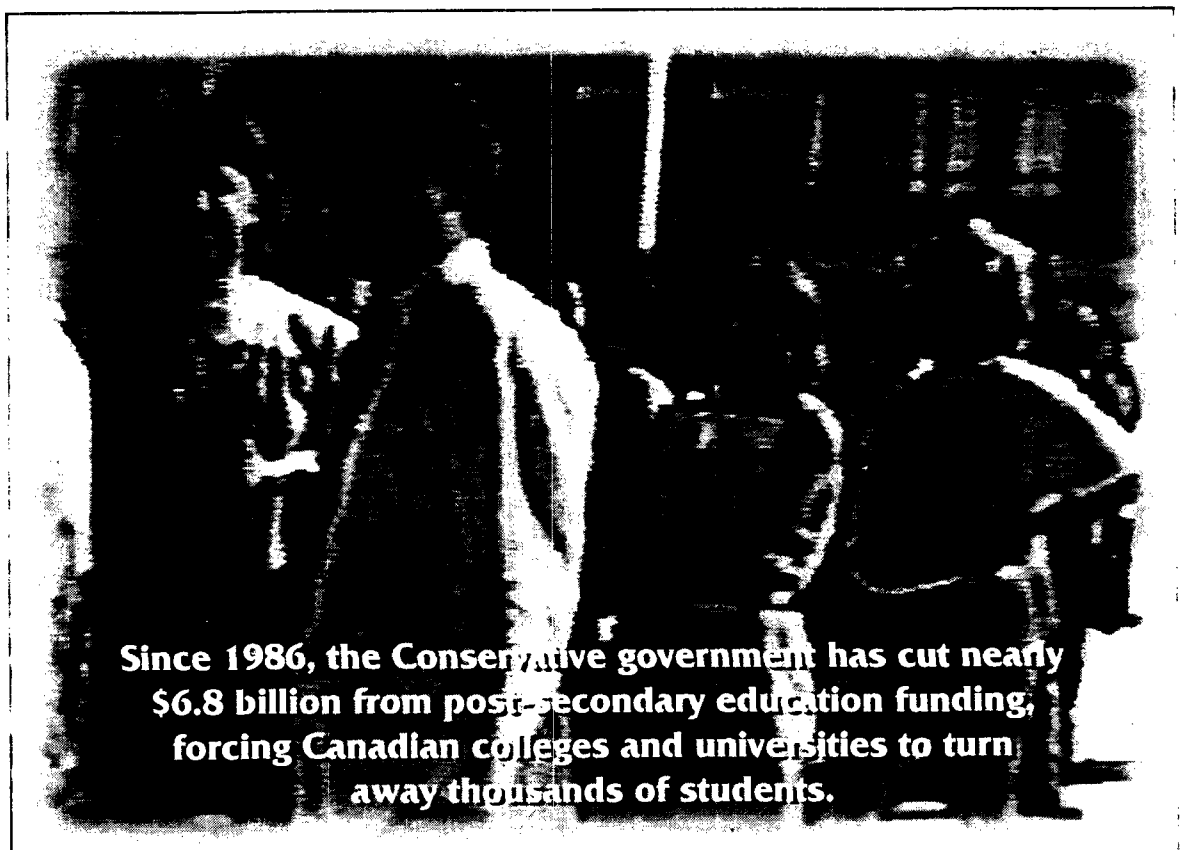

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Election 1993 Quadra candidates: vote early, vote often

Alan Brooke
Natural Law Party

INTERVIEW BY GRAHAM COOK

What distinguishes your party from the others?

There are two fundamentally different approaches between our party's platform and other parties. .

We feel that the best government is nature's government, which is natural law, that governs perfectly without a problem. It is the law which governs all life, including the stars and the galaxies. And as we know our own individual lives are also governed by natural law. This is the knowledge that we have to bring forward to create peace, happiness and prosperity.

Of course, the second part of any program is that we must have a way of doing this, and we call it a 'group for the government.' It is a group which will be comprised of 10,000 yogic flyers. These yogic flyers will create a unified field of peace and harmony to radiate positive energy and ensure that all trends will be more positive and evolutionary.

Your party is based on "natural law," but there are significant differences in what scientists understand about so-called "natural laws" like evolution. Do you see this as a problem?

The Natural Law Party is not going to be entering that sort of debate over evolution! Natural law is the intelligence of nature; it governs our breath, our heartbeat, our every thought and action. It is both inside and outside us and is inescapably intimate.

If you take these scientific laws which you're familiar with like gravity, and put them all together, then you have natural law. It is out of the reach of human intelligence to understand.

Now, while we can't understand it with the human intellect we can experience it directly. [This direct experience is] Yogic flying. It is like hooking into the central switchboard of natural law.

What is your party's policy on post-secondary education?

The fundamental point is to include the study of research into human consciousness. As it is now, most schools deal with knowledge, not the knower. To finish one's education is to completely develop both the knowledge and knower.

What comes out of that development of consciousness, the fruit of all consciousness, is a stress-free, mistake-free life with everything in harmony and the ability to achieve anything.

We are inviting 100,000 young Canadians to learn health care, business, political, rehabilitation and educational occupations. These people would also become part of the group for the government upon the completion of their training. Some other aspects of our education policies are a national apprenticeship program, financial support for every student who wishes to get higher education, and we would make it necessary to spend more years in higher education.

What are the links between your party and the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi?

There is no legal link between the different organizations. [The] Natural Law party is [its] own separate entity.

All the programs have been inspired by Mahesh Yogi and his discovery of the constitution of the universe.

Brooke is a UBC student who works in product engineering. He is also a volunteer teacher of Transcendental Meditation.

Joe Jackman, Party for the Commonwealth of Canada

INTERVIEW BY GRAHAM COOK

How large is your party?

Our party has 59 candidates across Canada, including 11 in BC. We have major support in Montreal and Quebec—we have 40 candidates in Quebec.

What distinguishes your party from the others?

The number one thing is that we look on people as human beings, not subject to the whims of others, not things to be used as profit by others. We believe in sovereign individual citizens as the basis for a sovereign nation.

We think that international and supranational organizations which oppress by financial means are not credible. For example, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, which were set up to help the Third World enter into the twentieth century, to bring it up to that level, when in fact since they began they have been set up to loot the Third World nations.

Canada's debt is unpayable, unless you kill a lot of good people. The debt is more than can be produced annually by the population. Our party platform is a moratorium on debt, including setting the interest rate to zero percent for 10 years. This would turn money now aimed at servicing the debt to the development of the country.

What are your party's links to the Lyndon LaRouche organization in the US?

[LaRouche is currently in jail in the US for mail fraud and tax conspiracy. He is called a political prisoner by his supporters and a fascist cult-like leader by his critics.]

We see ourselves as co-thinking organizations. We agree completely with Mr. LaRouche. Well, not completely, but you find very often after you disagree with him you understand why you disagree, and it's because you're a fool. We have put together a time line of what Lyn has said, what other people have said, and what has actually happened, and he has been right every time he has said something.

What do you say to the charges that his organization is racist, specifically anti-semitic, and homophobic?

First of all, to say that homosexuality is immoral is not homophobic. To be homophobic means you have an unreasonable fear of homosexuality, and we have a very reasoned dislike of homosexuality so it's not homophobia. As Lyn has said, many homosexuals are people of good conscience.

As to the anti-semitism, it happens to be that many of the leaders of the international banks are Jewish—though they probably don't go to synagogue, they would have a difficult time justifying what they do to their god. These are just evil, hateful, murderous people, whether they're Jews, Muslims, Christians or whatever.

It is worth remembering that a lot of the Jewish bankers supported Hitler to begin with.

What is your party's education policy?

We think the BC 2000 program, the Canada 2000 program, is nothing but child spiritual molestation. The educational system is developing towards behaviour modification. It only allows 20 percent of people to go to university, with the other 80 percent going to technical schools. It's creating highly-skilled labourers, well-behaved low-paid workers. The technical schools do not give people high levels of education.

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Candidates discuss education

INTERVIEW BY GRAHAM COOK

It all comes down to money.

That was the consensus of most of the MP hopefuls at a Vancouver Centre all-candidates meeting on education issues held at the City Centre campus of VCC last Wednesday.

The highest profile candidate in Centre, Kim Campbell, was noticeably absent. But all candidates present pledged to support the same or higher funding to post-secondary education and a better student loans system—except Ian Isbister of the Reform Party.

Isbister called for a freeze in post-secondary funding, a new voucher system and the introduction of the free market to university financing. The voucher plan would give each student a standard amount to "spend" at the university of their choice, forcing universities to compete against one another to attract "customers".

Giselle Carriere, a student taking part in the question period after the candidates' speeches, expressed concern at Reform's plans.

"This competitiveness between institutions will mean that they will have to spend their limited funds on things like glitzy advertising. If I'm a student in a small or obscure programme, so there are not many students bringing their dollars to that institution, is that programme going to get cut because it's not cost-effective?" Carriere asked.

Isbister replied that the free market would mean better service and better education.

Thorsten Ewald of the National Party criticized the voucher proposal, pointing to recent cuts in university programs which were not deemed to be "cost effective".

The NDP's Betty Baxter and the Liberal Party's Hedy Fry also condemned Reform's proposals.

Fry also proposed changes to Established Program Financing (EPF), the way the federal government gives funds to the provinces for post-secondary education.

The Liberals propose "block, five-year specific funding that is going to be fixed so that everybody knows what's coming in the future," she said.

Fry was not specific about whether the EPF legislation would be changed so that funds could be earmarked for education. At present, federal funds go into a province's general revenue and can be spent on any programme.

Betty Baxter said the NDP would increase funding for post-secondary education and would also ensure that federal funds would be earmarked for specific programmes.

Fry, whose son was unable to get into any post-secondary institutions, countered that the NDP couldn't be trusted in its promises.

"The NDP came into government provincially and promised not to increase student fees, and you saw what happened. We now have 16,000 people last year who could not get into post-secondary education [due to lack of funding]," she said.

But when asked to clarify how the 5-year funding blocks proposed by the Liberals would be established, and whether the funds would be earmarked specifically to post-secondary education, Fry said she could not give exact details until after negotiations with provincial governments.

All the candidates promised changes in the student loan system, with most supporting "income contingent repayment." The proposed system would mean students would begin to pay back their loans when they get a job, at a level linked to their income.

"We would take the surtax off loans, reintroduce the grace period, and tie repayment according to the ability to pay, so you wouldn't be paying the same if you have a $20,000 a year job then if you were unemployed," Baxter said.

The NDP would also prorate loans for students who are studying part-time and increase the loan limit, she said.

Only the Ewald and the National party, however, promised free post-secondary education in the near future.

Baxter said that "the NDP's position is to move to no tuition," but that wouldn't happen for two or three terms. Daycare was also an important issue for students in the audience.

Lana Rose, an accounting student at VCC, asked what the parties planned to do for "the working mother, the mother going to school."

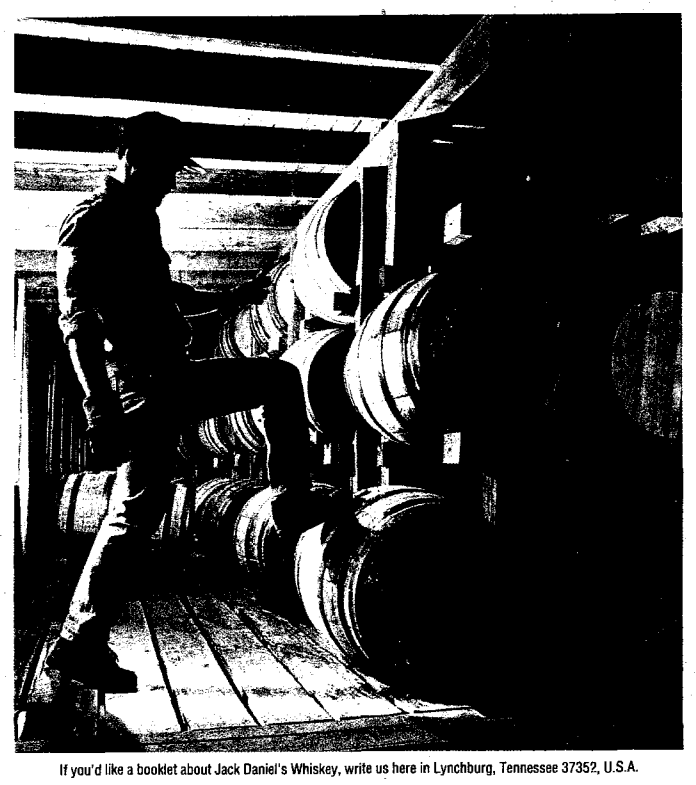
Baxter and Fry presented similar plans for a national daycare system, although the NDP would implement their universal system immediately, while the Liberals would only set theirs up following three successive years of three percent growth in GNP.

John Cowhig of the Natural Law Party took an altogether different approach to education issues.

"The goal of universities is to have all knowledge in one brain. It is possible to have the totality of all knowledge in one's awareness," Cowhig said.

The Natural Law Party would make international educational exchanges a requirement.

"Part of normal university training should be studying abroad, one year in England, one year in Japan, and so on, so that one is enriched in that culture," Cowhig said.



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Election 1993 Quadra candidates: Who and what are you going to vote for?

Dr. Bill McArthur
Reform

Interview by Michelle Wong

What is the balance of men versus women running for the Reform party?

I can't give you the exact number but we have quite a number of ladies running. There is, I think, four women running in the lower mainland alone. Some of our best candidates are ladies.

What is your policy on post secondary education funding?

We have to do a great deal more in terms of apprenticeship training, technical training—our programs in this country are woefully lacking. We want to put a great emphasis on post-secondary education and training so that people can find productive work early in their careers.

So more funding will be put into such areas?

Oh, absolutely. We're committed to that. [ed. note: Reform party candidates Nick Loenen and Ian Isbister have both publicly announced that funding for post secondary education would be frozen.]

What are your policies in regards to immigration?

We recognize that immigrants are very much a positive factor in the Canadian economy in the long term. Instead of just bringing in thousands of people to fill the jobs because of the failure in our educational system, we need to put some effort into making our educational system work so that we fill a lot of our jobs with our own people.

Immigration should be based on the skills and education that the people bring to us. And they should be people who fit quickly into our market, they should be people who bring skills and attributes that we don't have but need. Because of the current recession we're going through, because of the need to get the deficit and debt under control and to get Canada moving again, we think that it would be appropriate in the short term to limit immigration to approximately the levels used in Australia and the United States.

What is your policy on AIDS research?

AIDS is a terrible disease. It's becoming spread into the heterosexual community and it presents an enormous public health challenge. But I do hasten to add that there are other *enormous public health problems too.* Clearly AIDS has the potential to be a great threat to human civilization, much like syphillis did several hundred years ago. We have to commit resources to [AIDS research, education and prevention].

What are your policies on defence?

First of all there has to be a sovereignty of Canada issue. Canadians cannot possibly defend Canada by themselves. You need, for example, a well-trained military force to deal with the unpredicted emergency situations that come up and two examples would be the Winnipeg floods and the Oka crisis... Well-trained, highly disciplined, very fit and effective troops who could move in and deal with those kinds of national crises that occur.

What are your thoughts in regards to First Nation's issues?

My personal view. . . [is] coloured by the fact that I did grow up in a racial minority in a native peoples background. . . . In Canada and the United States, the native peoples were excluded from the political process and not only did we exclude them, we put them on reservations, I mean we physically excluded them as well as politically excluded them. My belief is that the problems of the native peoples will never be solved until they are fully included in the political process. I think all the other issues—the health issues, the social issues—are insurmountable until we solve that political process.

Bill McArthur, a physician, was the first Chief Coroner for BC.

Roman York
Independent

Interview by Taivo Evard

What are your feelings on the increasing privatization of university funding?

The whole educational system has been politicized. I would remove politics out of universities [and they would] revert back to being educational institutions [and] access to universities should be equal to anyone.

How would you fund post-secondary education without funds from the private sector?

By creating a national educational bond [sold domestically or internationally] . . . which would create a financial base for the funding of education, and be large enough to cover the first six years of university and college systems in Canada.

Then what would individual students' tuition levels be?

Free. As you graduate and start to work, I would give you a break . . . after the first year of work your income tax deduction would be slightly higher than anyone else. As you make those deductions, as you work over the years, you would pay off your fee. The cost. The generation that follows you is going to do the same.

What is your policy on funding medical research, specifically AIDS research?

Of all the research that is currently being done, the AIDS research currently is the best funded research . . . I see AIDS as also [a] behavioural disease.

What's that?

It's the type of lifestyle a person has . . . the people who were victims as hemophiliacs, I think it's a disgrace how they treat them. People who fail to take adequate precautions. . . . listen, I don't care what people do with each other. That's their business. I believe in freedom and I believe in your free choice.

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What about the people affected by it? Are you saying it makes a difference how they acquired it?

We've taken AIDS as such an emotional issue, while leaving some other issues. Do we fund one group more because they're more vocal than others? I feel that we ought to do a total audit, we look at all these diseases that are plaguing our population, we list them and give them a priority.

What is your position on mlitary spending, specifically the planned helicopter purchase?

The $6 billion spending is utterly ridiculous especially in the view that the cold war is over . . . [but] I admit we need some helicopters because we've got some antiques. There are airframes that are cheaper, better and can do the same job. We have to have the ability to protect our shores, our airspace. Also where we need this is to enforce our fishing rights. Because, I mean, even in countries like Taiwan we're a laughing stock. I think there is a need to have some kind of military force the same as you have some kind of police force.

Roman York is an independant candidate. He was an investment banker and a licenced test pilot.

Walter Boytinck
Libertarian

Interview by Graham Cook

What distinguishes your party's platform from the others?

Libertarians believe we should leave the money with the citizen, he will spend it more wisely. Libertarians feel that the taxpayers out there are the most important group, the silent majority, the forgotten masses. Politicians have forgotten that tax dollars are trust monies that should be spent frugally.

The big distinction is that we have nothing against pooling money voluntarily for medical care or unemployment insurance, as long as it is not a forced thing. The general rule is that if something is compulsory, it is not so good.

We would look to privatize the medical system. There is no more reason for the government to run a hospital than for the government to deliver the mail.

What about private insurance systems such as that in the US, where millions are have no medical care at all?

That's a problem, but the Libertarians say that there are enough charitable voluntary institutions who take great pride in caring for those that need it. That's how it was done for hundreds of years.

Would you change the current funding system for universities?

Libertarians would look towards an eventual privatization of universities. The best universities are the private universities, like the Ivy League colleges in the United States. They are mostly private. They have the very best names. There is no reason why Canadian universities could not be privatised.

But education funding is a provincial responsibility under the British North America Act. It's only the federal government under the Liberals who started meddling. It is not the federal government's job to interfere or meddle in local affairs, and that is where the federal government is wasting hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars.

Would you say the Libertarians support "unfettered market forces"?

Libertarians prefer to call themselves free-market proponents. They say that it is capitalism which really improves the condition of human beings. People say that capitalists sent the 12 or 14 year-olds into the coal mines, but before that they starved to death because there was nothing to eat.

Would you change funding to the Canadian military, including the helicopter program?

We would cancel the helicopter purchase. We would also reduce foreign aid and recall all Canadian troops from foreign soil. People in those part of the world, be it Bosnia or Somalia, or whatever, should solve their own problems. [Canadian peacekeepers] in places like Cyprus have had a holiday in the sun for 25 years, and I know I wouldn't want to send my children to a place like Yugoslavia.

What is your party's policy on funding medical research, specifically AIDS research?

It should be privately done. There are lots of people who would be happy to do that research without government funding. If you find a cure for AIDS then you would be a very rich man.

Walter Boytinck describes himself as a "non-practicing lawyer". He has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Law degree from UBC.

Allannah New-Small
Green Party

Interview by Sara Martin

What distinguishes your party's platform from the others?

I don't think there is any other party that has environmental sustainability as their bottom line in all of their policies. I think most of the other parties are focused on the corporate agenda at the expense of the environment. Jobs aren't going to be important in fifty years if you can't breath the air.

Would you change the current funding system for universities?

As a student, I'm quite appalled with the current situation in funding cuts. Education is a very important priority of the Green party. I'd like to see more post secondary students involved in making decisions in funding.

Do you see the function of post secondary education as job training or personal growth?

Personal growth. I find the current job training trend very disturbing. Education should be more holistic. I'd like to see shifting priorities in research and development towards ecologically beneficial from ecologically destructive.

What is your party's policy on funding the Canadian military, including the helicopter program?

People often ask us about our programs where are we going to get the money to fund them. We would cut the funding in defence. As far as the helicopters go, we don't need them.

RUTA FLUXGOLD PHOTO

What is your party's policy on funding medical research, specifically AIDS research?

It's definitely something that requires funding. I think that medical research in general is important. In western medicine the focus is on curative rather than looking at how people become sick and ways to prevent that. The Green party's shift is towards preventative health care and the elimination of the toxic chemicals in the environment that contribute to health problems.

Do you have plans retraining programs for people in forestry?

There will always be a place in BC for the forest industry, not as it's practice right now. Unless we make some drastic changes there are not going to be jobs later on. There needs to be more research on sustainable forestry and restoring areas of clearcut. BC forestry employs fewer people per board foot of timber than any other country in the world. It would be possible to employ more people using fewer feet.

Do you support the legalization of hemp as a solution to the deforestation problem?

Yes. We support alternative fiber to be used to make paper. There are between ten and fifteen other fibers that could be used instead of wood pulp. We would put money into research other fiber that are less ecologically damaging, particularly hemp. We support the legalization of hemp, from a civil liberties point of view if nothing else.

Allannah New-Small is a second year political science student at UBC.

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Tommy Tao
New Democrat

Interview by Roger Wiebe

What is your policy on post-secondary education?

Of course it is a very high priority. Education has to do with the future of our country. The federal government's role is primarily funding. This is not to say that the federal government cannot participate. The NDP's commitment is to maintain the necessary funding so that there will not be any risk of cutbacks to education funding.

Does the NDP support the idea of the federal government expanding its responsibility to post-secondary education beyond that of transfer payments to the provinces?

The federal government, in terms of its responsibility, should maintain that, but it should have some leverage so that it can set some national guidelines for social services, including education. Tuition increases must be in keeping with inflation and not take sudden leaps. Therefore, students from year to year would have some reasonable expectation of what to expect.

What uniquely qualifies you to represent the students and their needs?

I myself have gone through that process of having to work to put myself through university at UBC. I know what the anxiety to bear student loans feels like. The NDP program is to assure the students that we want to deal with [the anxiety] of students yet understand that we have to control the national debt.

What is the NDP's strategy to reduce the deficit yet still continue to offer social programs like healthcare and daycare?

The NDP has been very open and cautious when it talks about programs like daycare, because people just look at it as the NDP wanting to spend, spend, spend. People will feel insecure with too much cutting, and when people are insecure they do not spend. This hurts small business and that in turn hurts government revenues. It is a vicious cycle. You have to do something to lower the unemployment rate to put back confidence in the working people. This is not the time to make those slashing cuts to policies. It is the time to control spending.

How do you see politics becoming more inclusionary?

One way is through referendum. It can enable the voting public to have input in the process. But in the past the referendum process has been exploited, like Charlottetown. [The question] is how do we put our politicians to better use I think somehow we have to have more cooperative politics and there have to be more legislative policies so that the parties are more cooperative to work for resolutions. I promise to my voters that although I am one individual, I will make myself available to them. One disappointment for me is the sense that so many people have given up and I don't blame them. Democracy only works through participation. We all have to provide our input to look for solutions, instead of simply expressing anger.

What is one message that you have for the voters?

We need to have the voice of the NDP in parliament to fight for social programming and for the rights of the citizens.

Tommy Tao is a UBC graduate who has practiced law in Vancouver since 1982.

Geoff Chutter
Progressive Conservative

Interview by Roger Wiebe

What is the party's policy on post secondary education?

Education is a pet of mine. I find it absolutely ridiculous and contradictory that we have people who can't get into UBC and that those who do get in need an 85 percent average and that is unacceptable. We have a lower number of post secondary spots per capita than other provinces. Our economy is changing from the brawn industries to the brain industries. A lot of the manual type jobs have been eliminated and those jobs will not come back. Right now we have 300,000 jobs empty in this country because we don't have people qualified to fill them. If we are trying to fill those jobs its has got to start at the post secondary level.

Are you planning to revisit the federal government's responsibility to post secondary education?

Yes. Campbell is the only one who has come out and said that she wants to set up a national education committee at both the secondary and post secondary level. We have to look at the transfer payments and tagging those funds and saying, look, these have to go to this area. I think we have to make sure that they are available and that the education is at a high level, which I believe it is.

What can you tell students who are concerned about issues like daycare and health care when there is so much attention being paid to the reduction the deficit?

My personal view on daycare is not one of universality. Universality is a liberal pipedream that we can't afford, nor should we try to. But I am for child care for those who need it.

What uniquely qualifies you to address the needs of students as a candidate who would be representing a great many students?

It was not long ago that I went to university myself, but it is more than that. I have a fundamental understanding of how business works, how the international trading community works, and how the financial community works. The key issues of today that I hear on the doorstep are job creation, deficit elimination, and for myself education. If I look at Vancouver Quadra, I challenge people to look at the issues and vote for the candidate that best accomplishes them and addresses them. If one is concerned with issues like medicare and education, which are two sacred trust areas, the only way they are going to be maintained and expanded is if we get our financial house in order.

Students often feel disaffected in the political system. What is your strategy to include student in the process?

We have been represented so poorly for the last nine years. I live in this riding. I am extremely involved in the activities of this riding, specifically youth sport. It seems to me that if you are looking for a representative for UBC, chances are that would be a student or a teacher from UBC, and likewise if you are looking for a representative for Vancouver Quadra, it is logical to me that the person be from [that riding].

How do you think you can get people more involved in the day to day aspects of politics between elections?

I know that in this campaign were have had alot of success primarily through the PC Club at UBC getting people involved, and a large number of our volunteers come from UBC. On the ongoing side of it, I am very bullish on regularly schedule meetings across the riding. We have drifted too far away from the notion of representing the people and too close to representing the party.

What is the message that you would want the student to hear from you?

One thing for me is my motivation for getting involved. I am angry as hell at the way things have been going. Your generation will be left with a lifestyle that is far worse than mine. My background is in job creation and I have a firm commitment to the educational side because it fits in with the whole economic future of the country.

How much responsibility does the current PC party take for the past administration of Brian Mulroney?

For one thing change will take a whole generation. We have to change it from a Trudeau/Mulroney top-down style of government to a bottom-up style of government. That excites me.

Geoff Chutter was born and raised in Vancouver, is a chartered company.

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Thorsten Ewald, National
Hedy Fry, Liberal
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Brief opening remarks by each of the participating candidates will be followed by their responses to a few of the prepared questions submitted by students. The floor will then open to questions directed to one or more of the candidates. Finally, each candidate will make closing remarks.

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Blues god Buddy Guy still has the goods

by Ron Eichler

The music was so funky, you could smell it.

Legend has it that during a concert, Muddy Waters walked over to his young guitarist and slapped him across the face for not playing with enough soul. The guitar player, a young Buddy Guy, obviously never forgot that lesson. Since that day he has gotten better and better.
After all, this was the man Jimi Hendrix once canceled a concert to see.

Buddy Guy
w/ John Mayall
BLUES, MAN—DIG IT
The Orpheum
15 October

The first thing I noticed about the concert was that it was an all ages show, meaning, in this case, from 18 to your grandmother. But I suppose when a man has been playing since the 1950's, this kind of audience has to be expected. And when Buddy starts playing, it brings you back (even if you're like me and don't have that far back to go).

In his 60's, Buddy no longer has to promote himself, but can just be himself and play the music he loves. There were no T-shirts, no pins, no paraphernalia of any sort, Buddy brought only the promise of The Blues. The result is amazing music performed by a man who showed many other great guitarists how to play.

Buddy stayed away from much of what he wrote, sticking to songs that were meant to grab the audience and either make them get up and rock, or sit back to the softer songs and just appreciate. The audience clearly loved it, giving one standing ovation after another.

Buddy let his band members shine as well, getting out of the spotlight so that his side man could play a cover of Albert Collins' "The Lights Are On But Nobody's Home."

Buddy did his best to encourage audience participation for some of the more rousing numbers, including "While You Were Slippin' Out (Somebody Else Was Slippin' In)," "It Feels Like Rain," and "Sweet Home Chicago." It took a while, but they caught on.

Other highlights included Buddy's audience walkabout while playing the 70's guitar classic "Knock on Wood," and his "Mustang Sally" encore.

The only possible weak point of the concert was that Buddy seems to be forgetting some of the words to his best songs, but the music was so good that I don't think the audience even noticed.

The concert opened with John Mayall playing his rousing new song "Wake Up Call." Although at 48, Mayal has been around and has his own following, he took the opportunity that night to promote his new album (also called *Wake Up Call*). Especially fine was his "Nature's Disappearing."

Mayal also took the opportunity to show off his band, and do his own wild (for a man of his age) solos. The Father of British Blues was a brilliant person to have open for a legend like Buddy Guy.

Moi, j'aime Moi, Maman et Morgentaler

by omar kassis

"People do not need four guys in jeans and t-shirts playing rock'n'roll anymore. People need an assault on their psyches."

—from the Me, Mom & Morgentaler media machine.

So ROCKIN' was Me, Mom & Morgentaler's show at the Commodore that it was all I could do to write a review. Eight musicians! Anarchic lyrics! Non-stop moshing! Their brassy, rootsy, funka-rocka-regga-boo-maska rhythms kept pounding in my head for so long that it was ten days before I could settle down and think about the experience.

More than a rock concert, it was an epiphany of sound, shaking my eardrums out of their sullen resignation, stimulating the innermost electrotentacles of my nervous fibre, and egging my feet into a clockwork catatony of tramping collusion.

Me, Mom and Morgentaler
w/ Sweaty Nipples and
Cherry Poppin' Daddies
BLASTIN' EAR BOOM
The Commodore
08 October

I danced. I laughed. I cried.

I even found a watch between the hicut Docs and army-surplus boots that stormed around me.

Many of the crowd seemed to be from Montreal, hometown of these bilingual brahmas of the bionic beat. Many were the cheers that emanated from parched and weary throats when the singer sang one "pour tout le monde qui parle francais!"

But it's not just their dance-mandatory beats that makes these guys rule. Nor do they rule because of their cute transcultural elan that puts Kim! and Lucien both to shame. (Remember, this is the band that Montrealers voted better than concitoyens Leonard Cohen and Celine Dion.) Morgentaler are the heroes of the space-age beatnik scene in Canada because of their savvy media-hip dominion over its musical cyberspace.

A Morgentaler show is not just a concert, it is an event, borrowing data from the circus tent as much as from the primetime political, um, circus.

Vancouver's leg of their solar system tour was less dynamic than usual, by all reports, but they did manage to inspire an incessant volley of stage divers—and I mean incessant—as well as an impromptu sexual politics debate when an AIDS activist jumped on stage to take issue with their cri de guerre, "Everybody's got AIDS."

Alea jacta est . . . the die is cast, the world's a stage , and the cast is dyed the colours of Me, Mom & Morgentaler.

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Rockin' the gospel according to Horton Heat

by S. Juby

Nothing in the world is as fine as a good set of sideburns and nothing so sorry as a bad set. The sideburn selection at the Town Pump last Thursday spanned the spectrum. A great rockabilly show has that rare appeal and attracts a lot of sideburns. The Reverend Horton Heat hailing from Dallas Texas is both rare rockabilly and sideburned.

What more could any reasonable person ask for?

Reverend Horton Heat
w/Psyclone Rangers
BLEEDIN' AUDIO BLISS
The Town Pump
14 October

Well, actually there were a few things that could have been better. The opening band, The Psyclone Rangers, from Allentown, Pennslvania were mediocre. They actually sang a song with the chorus "Can I crash in your gash?"

Gash. Very nice.

The $14 cover was a tad excessive and the hour wait between sets at the Town Pump is ridiculous. Even with the endless sound-check, Horton Heat had virtually no vocals for the first three songs.

Minor inconveniences aside, the band—the Reverend on guitar and vocals, Jimbo on upright bass, and Taz on drums— put on a very cool show.

Horton Heat, flanked by as many roadies as Aerosmith—all with good sideburns—handed his jacket to a stagehand in a gesture that would have made Elvis look like a primadonna. Horton looked like a star (the man *is* a star), exuding self-concious rockabilly cool, arrogance and alcohol seeping from his pores.

The band graciously accepted liquid offerings from the enthusiastic fans. They even answered song requests. Horton feigned copulation with his guitar in a lewd and only minimally crude moment. He struck a stagey pose atop Jimbo's toppled upright. On top of this, the band members are all great musicians.

Hallellujah, Reverend.

There is a sad lack of rockabilly sensibility in these raver days. Nothing compares to watching a hip cowboy/gas-station attendent type do a sharp two-step with their punk rock partner. Shiny pink tasselled cowboy shirts, bowling shirts with the sleeves rolled up to reveal extensive tatooing, bryll cream and sideburns ought to be made law—the gospel according to The Reverend Horton Heat.

PHOTO BRENT GALSTER

We suffered together.

Suffering Gaels quite bearable

by Brent Galster

Sunday at the W.I.S.E. Club on Vancouver's East Side featured the Seattle Irish folk group the Suffering Gaels, who gave a complete performance with a guitarist, two fiddlers and a uillean piper who doubled on the tin whistle.

The Suffering Gaels
FOLK GIG
W.I.S.E. Club
17 October

Their standard musical fare consisted largely of reels, jigs, hornpipes, airs, Kerry slides, a march or two ("The Battle of Aughrim"), plus an Irish adultery song called "Trooper", yet another tale of lust and punishment.

There was no explicit political commentary on the state of affairs in Ireland. However a flyer advertising a benefit with a West Belfast priest as a speaker found its way to my table. The majority of the music originated from the Irish homeland—the North Ameerican content consisted of one song which precipitated somewhere out of North Carolina. The fiddling was far sweeter than any I have heard from any of the east Coast Celtic bands.

Unfortunately, uillean piper Tom Creegan was afforded only one solo. The fact that Creegan has been playing the pipes since he was fifteen was obvious as he glided effortlessly over his very melodious instrument, with the sweetest of bleats and squeals.

When questioned about their knowledge of Canadian Celtic bands, I am sorry to say that their experiences was sadly lacking. All in all it was a jovial evening for all.

STEPHEN SAMUEL PHOTO

WAITING FOR A ROOM: Student group reps camped out Monday night for the annual AMS room allocations.

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Editorial

It's finally happened, almost. The snake is finally swallowing its own tail.

Sounds like a cryptic line from Natural Law, but think about it. Now more than ever, our political class is talking only to itself and its tiny constituency, and talking past everyone else.

Sure, Reformers go on about how we finally have a party led by an Ordinary Canadian, who's not a politician like the others... sure. Preston Manning, for all his Mr. Weatherby persona, just might be the most savvy, sophisticated, post-modern politician around.

I mean, doesn't it take twisted genius for a second-generation politician, who apparently runs his party like a despot, to convince outsiders he's Everyday People, and his movement the most grass-roots since the CCF? For a fundie Christian, a believer in the Anti-Christ, or to reinvent himself as a calm, moderate "populist"? For a man who's created serious political space for bedrock racists to keep this story confined to the back pages and left-wing weeklies? Sure it damn well does.

Reform's just a symptom, and not "a way for ordinary Canadians to reject politics-as-usual," in the usual cant phrase. No, it's a symptom of how the political class has managed (I'd say conspired, but of course the powerful *never* make plans) to narrow the political space and confine the really urgent issues to... well, to the fringes. (As for fringe parties, they'll become even more fringe, as a result of the little-discussed Bill C-114, which changes the election finance rules so that only parties with big money can run a campaign, so much for the *ordinary Canadian*.)

Hegemony is the term used to describe the space within which the dominant political discourse is shaped. The shape and content (or discontent... or lack of content) of this discourse serves to maintain class power as it outwardly minimizes the need for the use of overt coercion since the general population remains relatively unaware of the limitations being imposed upon them. The idea is, it's more effective in the long run to maintain power by creating consent... a perverted version of the old democratic idea that leaders can lead only with the *free* consent of those governed.

Since 1984 the Tories have moved mainstream political discourse, mainstream ideas of what constitutes "realism," farther right than at any time since World War II. The Liberals have mostly gone along, while recent NDP provincial governments have out-Toried the Tories in stomping on labour, railing against "welfare cheats," and stalling, or worse, on native rights and ecological issues.

With rare exceptions, they've invoked a dreary "realism." Year to year, government to government, it changes little, and amounts to something like "with the debt and deficit so high, we can't afford the same level of services and still become competitive in the new global economy."

Somehow, awkward facts and contradictory ideas can't shake these politics of panic. (Household finances are a bad analogy for national finances. The IMF won't sail up the St. Lawrence and put us in receivership—unless we invite them. There's nothing inevitable about globalization...) No, most politicians, and many citizens, have bought into this new, fraudulent consensus, and all other issues are met with "we can't deal with that until we've put our financial house in order."

Aboriginal people shouldn't have to wait. If this country can't afford justice, it (the country, that is) has no right to exist.

Women shouldn't have to wait (although when the Tories go down, Kim Campbell will take the fall despite the fact that no one could have prevented it, and it'll be a blame long invoked before another woman leads that benighted party).

And the biosphere can't wait, as the Clayoquot convicts remind us. (Don't believe the NDP's Gang of Five. When Justice Bouck brought down his stiff sentences he didn't have to be told what our pro-logging government wanted.)

And everyone who wants some real control over their own, everyday lives shouldn't have to wait. But just try getting any of this discussed seriously during this election.

Oh yeah, the election. What to do about that, anyway? Canadians are chronically moderate and polite about such things. They turn out in high numbers, no matter how meaningless the alternatives, and generally shrug and decide "so-and-so can't be as bad..." or "it's the lesser evil..."

Maybe it's true, and we should vote strategically. Maybe a Liberal-NDP coalition, for example, would cancel NAFTA. And maybe not.

But remember, we do have creative alternatives. Tired of choosing among evils? Consider writing in the name of someone you *really* like — Peter Gzowski, say, or Ernie Mr. Dressup, Coombs or (or the Dark Side) Jello Biafra.

Or consider *choosing* "none of the above." Just get your ballot, walk toward the booth, then return and announce, "I refuse my ballot." It'll stun the clerks and "responsible" voters, but when the dust settles, you'll be in a select group, and your "vote" counted separately from the spoiled ballots, and even the Natural Law votes.

A coherent, progressive political strategy? Don't be silly. You'd have more luck at an Anarchists convention. A tiny refusal of complicity and stifling consent? Absolutely. Why bother to let yourself be manipulated by the political rhetoric, like seriously, give us a break. Such kick-in-the-crotch voting behaviour is vital in a dead and cynical political sphere—from such, creative politics, are born.

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Leader of the Cucumber Party of Canada Liz van Assum today described the Reformed Progressive Quebecois candidate for Scum Flats, BC, Taivo Evard, as looking like "a cross between Bob Beck and Mike Kitchen with his hat off." Kitchen, the O'Keefe's Extra Old Stock Party candidate for Hollywood North, responded by calling Assum "a Rick Hiebert with hog jowls." Hiebert, the Natural Law candidate for The Great Nirvana of the West, declined comment saying only:" O-o-m-a-a-r K-a-a-a-s-i-i-i-s..."

All this comes after Atheist Heritage leader Tessa Moon kill Pacifist People's Party president Scotia Gilroy. "She told Moon to calm down and... POW [Moon loses it, she snaps...]" said RCMP Det. Niva Chow.

Meanwhile, Christian Neo-Fascist Killing and Maiming Party candidate for the Great White Wasteland Doug Ferris is reported to be in Alberta drinking large quantities of Canadian Club and shooting at Winnebagos on the Trans-Canada Highway. Said the mayor of the nearby town of Big Butte:"Well hell, Ah ain't had this much fun since ol' Steve Chow shot off his foot while shewtin' gophers!" The Siobhan Roantree Memorial Society for the Ethical Treatment of Gophers has sent dreaded "enviro-anarchy hell-raisin' dudes"

Brent Gallster, Tanya Storr and Dinos Kyrou to "do what they do best."

And, in a related story, Shelly Gornall and Pat McGuire, the only two people who aren't running on October 25, went to Nantucket, sat on a bucket, and said fuck it.

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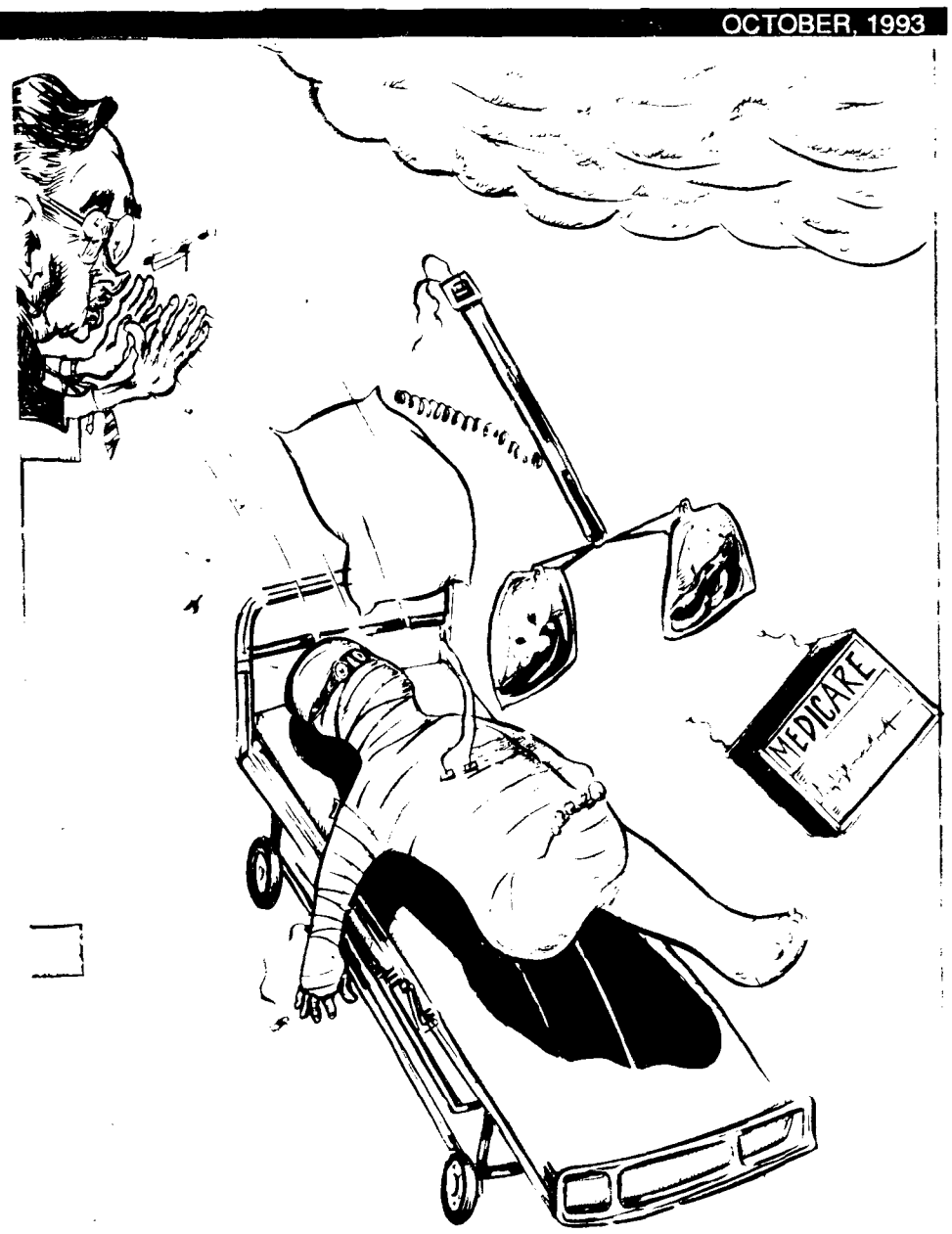

REFORMS OFFICIAL POSITION...

Once again women defend right for safe space

On behalf of fellow friends and myself, I apologize for your feeling discriminated against on the basis of your gender. We empathize and encourage you in your pursuit of understanding the heinous crime of rape. Women are desirous of standing beside strong, intelligent, understanding men, working equally to solve societal problems. Your letter to the Ubyssey was inflammatory and unnecessary. Perhaps the WSO should have stated their reasons for their actions, but if you had only visited the Women's Students' Office before taking pen in hand, you would have gained a more accurate perspective as to the reasons for 'women only' showing.

Firstly the WSO's mandate is to provide women students at UBC access to its services which include personal counselling and aid in dealing with sexual harrassment, discrimination, assault and other serious hostile actions perpetrated against women. As such, the WSO wanted to ensure interested women a seat at the "small" space available. (Resources are limited and women students have priority.) Secondly, this showing afforded students a "safe" opportunity to speak amongst themselves and with female (sic) counsellors in regard, to the personal experience of rape, possible preventitive skills, and the safety on campus. The discussion period lasted only 1/2 hr, not a lot of time to open up to strangers. The presence of a man might have inhibited a woman from fully expressing herself not due to his personal character but as he would have symbolized to the victim the "ever present aggressor." The WSO wanted to give women jsut a tiny sliver of time during which they did not have to deal with the real or perceived sexual threat.

The WSO has in the past and will in the future coordinate film showings for men & women with the aid of the Sexual Harassment Policy Office when interest is shown by men. In the future when you wish to involve yourself in womens issues please contact them directly. They would like to hear from you.

Karen Fediuk
Dietetics 3

Happy hippie camper

Ms Smith's article, One big boy's club: Clayoquot blockade (Sept.28) was, in brief, piffle and humbug. According to Smith, the camp was "hell." She was appalled by the "rank smell," the unwashed appearance of the protestors, and the presence of dogs. She felt snubbed by an unfriendly welcome, and ridicules the camp meeting procedures. Sensitive Ms. Smith was most offended by the hairy drum-beating men, 'put-em-down misogynists,' who supposedly dominated the camp.

I sniffed Peace Camp air, and detected a clean West-coast scent; I looked grubby and dishevelled, but after a week of camping, what else could be expected? The dogs were beautiful and well-behaved. At my arrival, people were helpful and friendly — they ever offered me free, healthy food. The sensible camp rules helped the meetings to run smoothly; harmony prevailed for the duration of my stay. Indeed I did not witness male domination or harassment; and the drums were jolly good fun. Her visions of "acid-burnout-case hippies" were probably long-haired, educated, concerned environmentalists, who were refreshingly eccentric.

Why was Ms. 'surly' Smith's experience at the camp so different from mine? Perhaps the fact that we camped at different dates is significant. Nevertheless, it is clear that Smith's report reeks of bad attitude. I wonder if she had ever camped before. I wonder whether she notices any goodness in the world....is she ever happy? Anyway, the Peace Camp was a pleasant place, not deserving to be reviewed by a depressing malcontent. I send thanks and praise to all who helped create the good-natured atmosphere there.

Alice Waldock
Atrs 3

Golf is a non-elitist sport, no really

Congratulations to the Ubyssey staff on once again printing another completely uninformed whining letter. The references to the University Golf Club in Taivo Evard's letter "Take back the right" (Oct. 5th) are both false and misinformed.

For starters, it is not called the UBC Golf Club. It is called the 'University Golf Club' (UGC). The suggestion that the name be some sort of tax shelter arises the question "Does UBC Campus Pizza or any other place of business that uses any part of UBC in its' name do so for the purpose of a tax shelter?" I don't think so, Professor" Evard. The club is privately owned and has very little, if any, connection to UBC.

In response to the uninformed allegation that the dress code is "unconstitutional" true, many golf courses have strict dress codes but the UGC does not. Jeans are permitted and the lone restriction is that people do not wear tank tops. Far from unconstitutional.

Finally, in response to the suggestion that the atmosphere is catering to "wealthy provincial old people". Wrong again. The club is home to a sports bar frequented mainly by people between the ages of 15 and 50, and provides complementary use of the golf facilities to the UBC golf team. But most importantly, it provides employment to as many as 50 UBC students, including myself, during peak seasons.

Mike Marlatt
Arts 2

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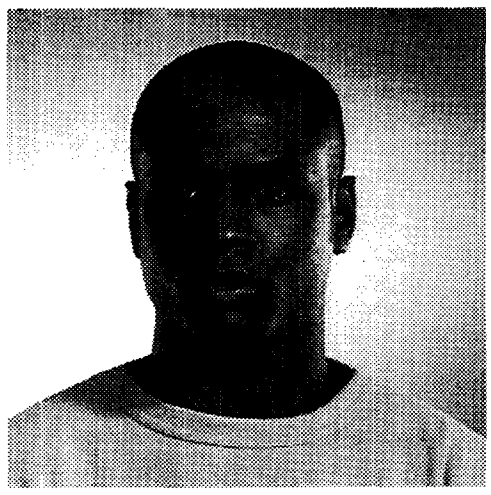

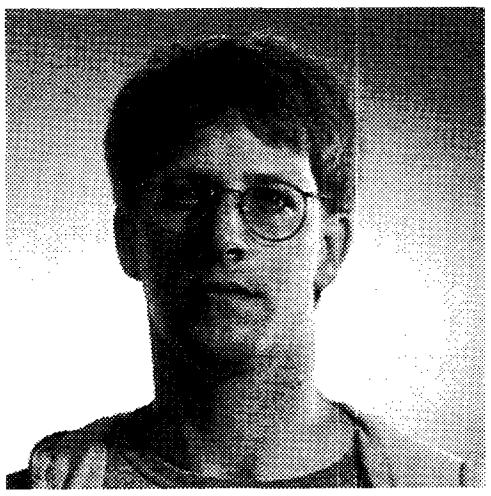

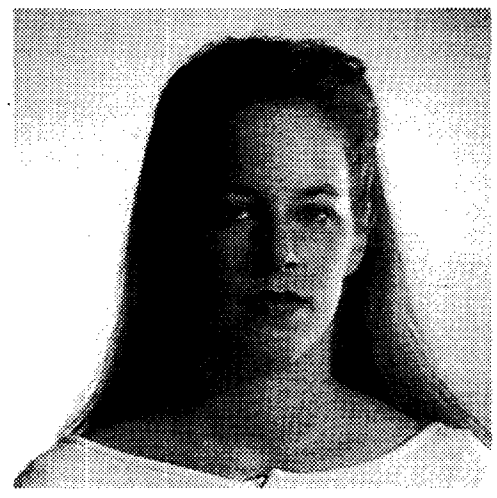

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Shakespeare as he likes it

by Don Purdue

George Bernard Shaw, who had a love/hate relationship with Shakespeare's plays, confessed that a good Rosalind generally translated into a good *As You Like It*. Fortunately, Studio 58's current production of *As You Like It* features a wonderful Rosalind (Jane Perry) and a fine ensemble cast.

Shakespeare is like brussel sprouts—people keep telling you "eat up, it's good for you." But this production has lots of high wit—if you enjoy *Seinfeld* or *Frasier* on the tube, you'll enjoy *As You Like It*. The play has lots of yuks for those at the Three Stooges end of the scale, too.

As You Like It
THEATRE
playwright William Shakespeare
dir. Jane Heyman
Studio 58
until 30 October

Director Jane Heyman has cut the play to just over two hours without losing any of the story. Her actors seem to be actually having fun, exemplifying British theatre great Peter Brook's credo, "theatre of joy."

As You Like It is a great "date" play, with enough instant romance to put even Shannon Doherty and Ashley Hamilton to shame. Unusually, for Shakespeare, women subvert, control and overpower the male authority figures: women lose fathers, are banished, fall in love with slightly goofy but manageable men, arrange marriages, and regain fathers . . . on their own terms!

Nancy Tait's costumes suggest a mix of contemporary urban and rural dress-how-you-will. Rosalind wears a smart business suit at court, switches to Annie Hall in the forest (she's disguised as a man to avoid rape) and finishes with a simple but ravishing white dress for her wedding day.

Pam Johnson's set would make the Green party proud. A carpet of artificial leaves, trees and branches cleverly lays on top of moveable seats which double for both forest perches and courtly chaise lounges. The overwhelming greenery promises a rebirth and return to innocence in the Forest of Ardenne, where much of the action takes place. The changing of the seasons is shown by falling leaves and several "blankets" of detachable white leaves to simulate winter's coming and going.

A wonderful wrestling match is staged by fight director David Bloom, alluded to in Shakespeare's text ("[They] wrestle," 1.2.200). The choreography puts WWF and Hulk Hogan to shame. Everyone in the audience was positive that Orlando (Bob Frazer) had bounced Charles' (Brad Wattum) head off a post (doubling as a tree) to win the final fall.

It's refreshing to hear Shakespeare spoken by actors who have worked to bring out the poetry and rhythm inherent in the lines. Jane Perry, in particular, has a wonderful speaking voice—like Fred Astaire, she made it look wonderfully effortless. David MacNiven (the curmudgeonly Jacques) and Marvin Kaye (playing the good/bad brothers, Duke Senior and Duke Frederick) also are very effective vocally.

Musical director Lloyd Nicholson showcases the versatility of the Studio 58 players, letting them sing harmony and melody, accompany themselves on a variety of wind, percussion and string instruments. Also, the lovely (uncredited) dance at play's end brings to mind the dance in the recent film version of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

The lighting, by Ross Nichol, is highlighted by lightning storm effects and the changing of the seasons.

What could be improved? The famous "All the world's a stage" speech, recited by Jacques, is done sitting down, and much of the speech is swallowed or lost. David MacNiven speaks very well (and very audibly) on the move, so why not put him on his feet and highlight this speech more? Secondly, Kirsten Williamson (Celia) has a very quiet speaking voice. When she turns her back to the audience, her lines are sometimes lost.

Otherwise, Studio 58's production of *As You Like It* entertains with a versatile cast of student actors who make you forget you are witnessing a student production.

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