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Halloween Ghost Story Contest Winner

A descent into hell

by David Longridge
Engineering Physics 3

I HAD missed the last bus off campus: that much was nauseatingly obvious as I stood in the pouring rain outside of the Student Union Building. It was always like this: late night, last ditch attempts to finish an assignment in Kurt Preinsperg's love pit, the most comfortable (and intimate) place in the SUB to try-to-do-homework-and-end-up-falling-asleep-until-1:30 am-only-to-be-woken-up-by-a-burly-ex-military-type-with-bad-breath: the Proctor. He has glared at me malevolently as I packed up my books, and watched me as I left the "premises", as he referred to them. I wasn't a big fan of burly ex-military types, especially the ones with bad breath.

I stood, dripping, in the darkness and gloom that is UBC at night. I considered my options: a walk home through the Endowment Lands, a taxi, or sleep here on campus. The first was definitely out, as was the second, since I had no desire to spend the rest of time known to my friends only by the "Missing" posters that would inevitably spring up after a late night walk through the Endowment Lands; nor did I have any money, so all that was left was a night with the Alma Mater as my host. Shit.

I began to walk back to the SUB, hoping that the Proctor, seeing my pathetic bedraggled condition, might have some mercy and let me sleep in Kurt's nest of l'amore. Unlikely, but worth a try. After I had rounded the large grassy hill at the foot of the SUB, I was nearly blinded by the brightly coloured lights from four police cars and an ambulance parked at the foot of the building. The Proctor was speaking animatedly to two policemen, who were taking notes. I approached, and tried to listen as quietly as I could.

"He was dead! I went up to this kid, who was just sitting, all by himself, and shook him to wake him up. We're not supposed to have people staying in there overnight, you see, and I was doing my job. I didn't..."

"We understand, Mr. Tologist. Please continue."

Proctor Tologist took a deep breath, and continued.

"Well, I just gave this kid a nudge, and he falls off the couch. I thought he was drunk at first, so I bent down to help him up, and that's when I noticed he wasn't breathing. He was dead! Weird, eh?"

"Very", concluded both of the policemen simultaneously.

I decided this would be a good time to offer my humble services. In as meek and helpful tone I could manage, I explained that I had been in the building as well, and had seen nor heard nothing amiss. To my dismay, no one paid me the least bit of attention. It was as if I wasn't there. I tried again, and still no reaction. Disgusted, I left, just as the two medics were bringing out the corpse. I wandered over to the ambulance, and said "Good Evening" to the pair of them: perhaps not too appropriate, but friendly nevertheless. They too ignored me, and were just in the process of putting the cadaver in the ambulance when another cop approached them. He ignored me, as seemed to be the trend at that moment, and asked one of the medics if the unfortunate had died painfully, or violently.

"Nah, it's weird. The guy has a smile on his face. Look." And with those words, the medic pulled back the sheet covering the face of the deceased, and I saw, quite clearly, distinctly, and without any doubt, my own face, grinning toothily back at me, dead.

I tried to grab the medic, but my hands could find no purchase on his uniform. I shouted to the cops, Proctor Tologist, and a couple of round Traffic and Security men who were eating doughnuts off to the side, wondering aloud if they could ever legally give an ambulance a ticket for parking in a fire zone ("After all, Dick, it's not a fire truck, and there's no fire here"), but no one paid me any attention. It was obvious. I was dead: I had died in the midst of an applied stress and strain problem, and the sick thing was, I had died smiling.

My mind was spinning...what should I do, now that I was dead? Never having been dead before, I was at a loss as to what I should spend my time doing. I decided to go for a walk. The night air would make me feel better, I was sure.

I began to walk, not thinking much about anything, (as dead people are prone to do) when I saw, coming towards me, the bright headlight of a motorcycle. It was approaching slowly, as if the rider was looking for someone or something. As it drew nearer, I realized that it wasn't a motorcycle, but a car with only one headlight. A big car, too...the kind that died with the seventies. As it drew opposite to me, it screeched to a halt. As if the driver had seen a gho...

The car was painted black, mat black. It was ugly. An Oldsmobile Delta 88, vintage 1973: a misunderstood classic, I had always felt. But what would its driver want with a dead person...

The window rolled down, screeching lopsidedly. It was dark inside, and I couldn't see the face of the driver. But a pleasant, grant-grabbing, politically motivated voice purred out from the inside, "Hi there. Are you looking for some place? Nowhere to go? Nobody to talk to? Feeling kind of...dead? And with that, the speaker burst into fits of cacophonous laughter. Small flecks of saliva flew from the open window, striking my pants and the sidewalk. They hissed and steamed as they struck the sidewalk, as if the small gobs of spit were acidic...I looked at my pants. They were steaming in spots, and stung to the touch.

"Get in, or I'll really spit on you, and then you'll be sorry."

I didn't argue—I don't really know why. My mother always told me never to get into strangers' cars, but if I'm already dead, what could possibly happen?

I walked to the other side of the car and got in. It stank in there, plain and simple, no doubt about it. It smelled like...like it occasionally does by Buchanan D block just outside of the south door in November, after it has rained. I coughed.

"Nice smell, eh?" the driver purred.

"Who are you? What's happening to me?" I asked, desperately.

Without warning, the driver turned the dome light of the car on, and I gaped in utter horror at the sight that confronted me. I was speechless. Indeed, gentle reader, it is difficult for the imagination to even conceive the depth of the bottomless pit of sheer unutterable terror into which I had suddenly been pitched. For I was staring into the leering, grinning face of Dave Strangway, president of the University of British Columbia. He answered me.

"You're dead, son. You're in hell, and I'm the head man here. Big Cheese. Numero

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Deadlines for submissions: for Tuesday's paper is Friday at 3:30pm, for Friday's paper is Wednesday at 3:30pm. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED (Note: Noon is 12:30 p.m. UBC time)

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

UBC Personal Computer Club. IBM meeting. Noon. SUB 216.

World University Services of Canada. Caravan: Sale of international crafts. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. SUB main concourse.

Student Environment Centre (SEC). Bike Commuting Committee meeting, new folks welcome. Noon. Outside Lickety Split.

Stewardship Club. Speaker: "Releasing the World into Order and Beauty". Bev Wilkinson, Organizer of the Earth in Transition Conference, Host of the "Lifeline" Radio Show. Noon. Angus 325.

Citizens' Forum. Important meeting for all members on Alternatives for Canada's future. Noon. Buch D110.

Jewish Students' Assoc./Hillel. Famous Hot Lunch. Noon. Hillel House.

Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship. Prayer meeting & breakfast with the International Students. 7:30 a.m. SUB 211.

Philosophy Students' Assoc. Philosophical conversations: Nick Sleigh talks on "Compatibilist Utilitarianism." 7-10 p.m. Grad Centre Penthouse.

UBC Student Counselling and Resources Centre. Workshop - Stress Busters. Noon. Brock Hall 200.

Disabled Student's Association. BC Transit Bus Lift Exhibit. Noon. North Plaza of SUB.

Office of Women Students. Nancy Horsman will be at the Outreach desk to answer any questions. 11:30-1:30 p.m. Speakeasy's Outreach Desk, SUB 100B.

Disabled Students' Association. Drop by for information about Disabled Students' Association on campus. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Speakeasy's Outreach Desk, SUB 100B.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

Intramurals. Discover how you can get involved with campus sports. 11:30-12:30 p.m. Speakeasy's Outreach Desk. SUB 100B.

Student Environment Centre. Concerned about your environment? Find out more. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Speakeasy's Outreach Desk. SUB 100B.

Global Development Centre. Find our how you can make a difference in this world. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Speakeasy's Outreach Desk. SUB 100B.

UBC Personal Computer Club. Amiga meeting (in room 211), Atari meeting (in room 212A). Noon.

Varsity Outdoor Club. General meeting and slide show. 12:30 p.m. Chemistry 150.

World University Services of Canada. Caravan: sale of international crafts. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. SUB Main Concourse.

Jewish Students' Assoc./Hillel. Torah study with Rabbi L. Dubrawsky. Noon. Hillel House.

Psychology Students' Assoc. Content lecture: Sports Psychology with Dr. Butt. Seudfeld Lounge, Kenny Building. (Treats to be given out and a door prize!) Noon.

United Church Campus Ministry. Dinner and discussion group. All welcome. 5-7 p.m. Lutheran Campus Centre.

Amnesty International. Letter writing. All welcome. SUB rm. 205. 12:30 p.m.

The Student Health Outreach Program. A Wellness Health Program. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SUB Main Concourse.

UBC School of Music. 1990 Eckhardt-Gramatte Music Competition winner, Jane Leibel, soprano and Rachel Andrist, piano. Noon, $2. Recital Hall, Music Building.

UBC Counselling and Resources Centre. Film: AIDS and the heterosexual. Noon. Brock Hall, room 200.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

UBC Debating Society. Impromptu debating. Beginners encouraged. Noon Buch B314.

Student Counselling & Resources Centre. Problems about life and/or UBC? Noon. Speakeasy's Outreach Desk. SUB 100B.

Student Family Services. Offers counselling & referral services, come & inquire. Noon Speakeasy's Outreach Desk. SUB 100B.

AMS Executives. Concerns regarding politics at UBC? Come ask your student representatives. 11:30-12:30 p.m. Speakeasy's Outreach Desk. SUB 100B.

Pre-Dental Society. General meeting is cancelled for Nov. 1st but will have meeting Mon. Nov. 5th. Guest speaker Dr. Jerry Hamovich. Noon I.R.C. - Wood #1.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Thursday meeting. Come and listen to Michael Card play some of his music. Noon. Woodward I.R.C. #4.

World University Services of Canada. Caravan: sale of international gifts. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. SUB Main Concourse.

Pacific Rim Club. David Wei, VP Widman Int'l "The Business Climate in China After Tiananmen Square: China-Taiwan Economic Relations." Noon. Asian Centre Aud.

Students of Objectivism. Video lecture: "The American School - Why Johnny Can't Think" & discussion. 12:30 p.m. Scarfe 207.

Amnesty International. RAN's meeting and letter writing. Noon. SUB 205.

Student Environment Centre. Meeting 5 R's group re: survey. We need everyone to come out. Noon. Buch D205.

Jewish Students' Assoc./Hillel. "The Realization of Kibbutz Today" a student presentation. Noon. Hillel House.

The Student Health Outreach Program. "A Wellness Health Program". 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SUB Main Concourse.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

The Women Students' Centre. A representative will be at Speakeasy's Outreach Desk to answer questions or concerns. 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. SUB 100B.

Representatives from Gays & Lesbians of UBC will be at Speakeasy's Outreach Desk to answer any questions & give out information about their organization. Noon. SUB 100B.

Students of Objectivism. Meeting/discussion. Noon. Scarfe 207.

The Student Health Outreach Program. "A Wellness Health Program." Height, weight, blood pressure and cholesterol testing are available. As well, info on health eating and campus resources for eating disorders, info on fitness testing. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. SUB Main Concourse.

UBC School of Music. University Chamber Singers. Cortland Hultberg, Director. Noon. Recital Hall, Music Building.

HOT FLASH

On the thanksgiving long weekend 10 Geography T-shirts on display disappeared from the Geography Building. These shirts belong to M.North, A prof of the department, and are of great sentimental value. We would greatly appreciate their return or info. pertaining to their whereabouts. The shirts or info can be left at Box 1198 Gage Towers.
Thanks,
Geography Students Assoc.

More women entering engineering

by Nicole Sadinsky

The number of women enrolling in engineering programs is at an all-time high at UBC due to an increase in awareness.

Women used to be nonexistent in engineering at UBC until the mid-seventies. Dr. Sidney Mindess, Director of the Engineering Core Program and professor for twenty-one years, remembers the first few women students he had and has noticed a marked change in numbers.

"You notice them (the female students) less and less; now they are just a part of the class, part of a group of people who perform academically like the rest of them," Mindess said.

The engineering faculty is making special efforts to attract young students to UBC. For the past three years, the faculty has been holding one day conferences for high school science teachers of the Lower Mainland to promote UBC engineering programs.

This past spring, the faculty held a special one day conference for the teachers and female high school students interested in applied sciences. The conference covered career opportunities available to women in UBC engineering programs.

"The conferences were very successful based on positive comments from teachers and female students and we'll definitely be doing them again," Mindess said.

In the past there have been very few financial awards offered, particularly for women. However, this too is changing. The engineering faculty has put money aside for two new major entrance scholarships to be started next year.

Each scholarship will award $2500 per year for four years with specific grade requirements. One scholarship will be awarded generally while the other will be awarded to a female student.

In 1990, female enrolment in UBC engineering programs is at its highest ever. As of October 1st, there were 208 women registered in engineering undergraduate programs. The proportion of women enrolled in first year engineering has doubled over the last two years and is now at 15 per cent.

The numbers are up in the faculty's graduate programs as well. This is most evident in the Environmental Engineering Program offered through the department of Civil Engineering. This year there were 13 new students admitted, 6 of whom were female.

Civil Engineering professor and head of the Environmental Group Donald Mavinik sees a drastic change.

"We usually have one or two women enter the program each year, but we've never seen these numbers before," Mavinik said.

Other Canadian schools are also showing increases in female enrolment. At the University of Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique, 23% of engineering applicants were women. This was despite the murders of 14 female engineering students at the school last December.

Fourth year engineering student Michelle Blake said "when you are actually doing your studies you don't run across any sexism. It's almost nonexistent."

Fourth year engineering student Gordon Bird has high praises for women in his classes. When speaking of one in particular he said, "She was very dynamic and outgoing; a born leader. Her organization was excellent and ultimately she kept our lab group together."

William Oldham, head of Civil Engineering said the addition of more women into the faculty is a bonus. He said the trend will alter perspectives within the profession—a change Oldham feels is crucial to engineering.

"I expect to see the trend increasing," Oldhan said. "There's no way of reversing it now. The whole image of engineering is changing and I think the change is essential."

UBC professor building a better traffic light

by Willem Maas

Fifty per cent of traffic accidents happen at intersections and UBC psychology professor Ron Lakowski wonders if some of them occur because some people cannot see the traffic lights.

Lakowski is studying the problems facing colour deficient people as part of a project to design better traffic signals. The project is commissioned by the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

"Colourblind drivers often have problems seeing traffic signals," Lukowski said.

After identifying the problems with the current lights, Lakowski will make recommendations for changes and will then work together with UBC's Civil Engineering and Opthalmology departments to develop new signals.

Colourblindness is predominantly a male trait with a full nine per cent of men being born colourblind. Although far fewer women are born with the deficiency, 15 per cent of men and women will acquire the trait as they age.

Lakowski said one problem he is facing in designing a "perfect" traffic light is that there are different types of visual deficiency. He is asking for volunteers who know they are colour deficient as well as people between the ages of 30 and 70 with no colour vision problems.

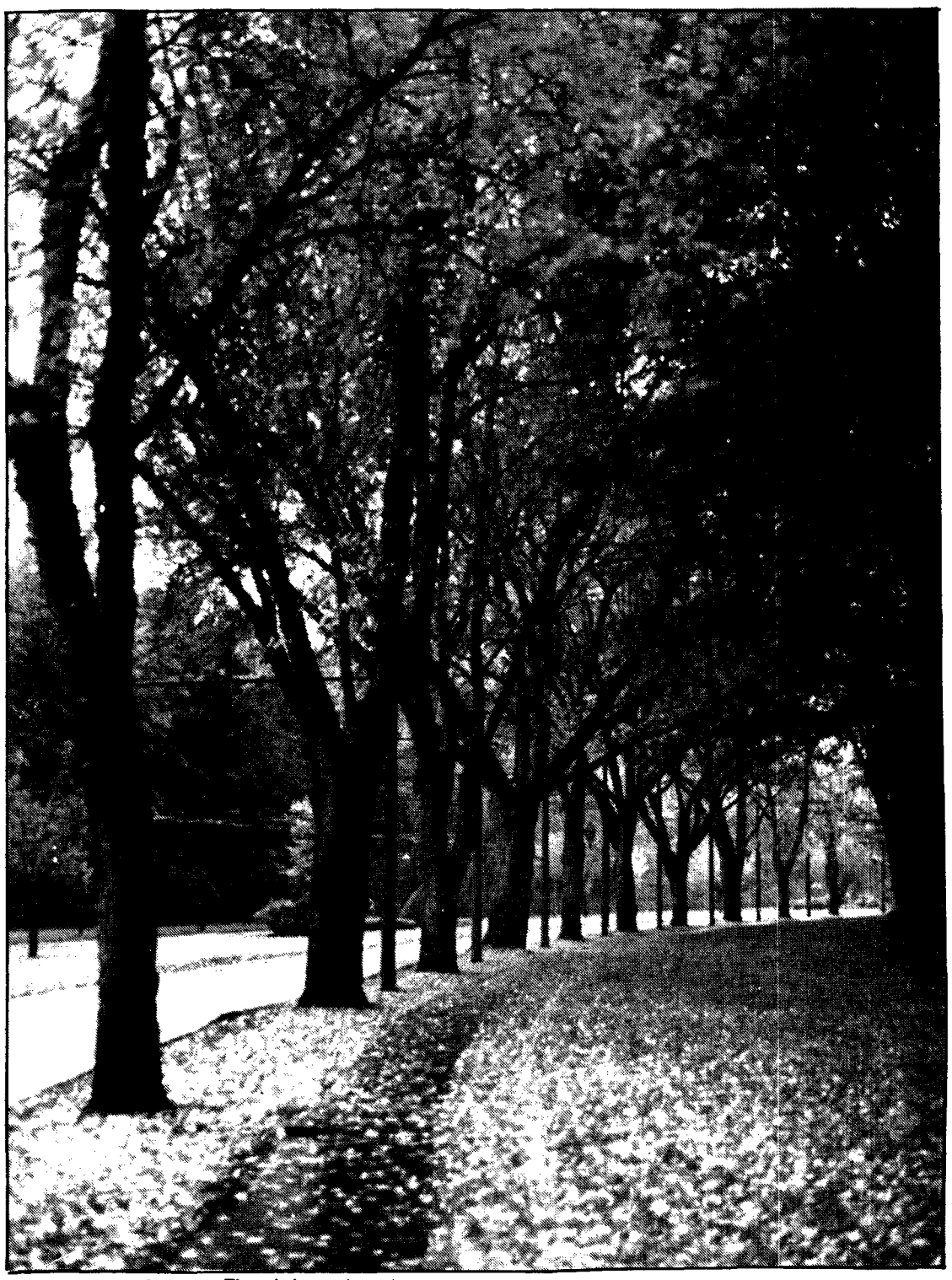
The volunteers will be asked to fill out a questionnaire and spend two hours undergoing tests in the psychology department's Visual Laboratory.

Most colourblind people have problems seeing either red, green, or blue, and often confuse colours.

Lakowski said traffic lights have historically been designed for things like wind resistance and distance from the ground, not for how well people can see them under different conditions.

He also said decisions about what colour the lights should be were often made without consulting a vision expert. The new dark brown colour of the border around the lights at the intersection of University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall are an example, since many people now find the lights harder to see, he said.

According to Lakowski, the research done so far has been under lab conditions and has not taken into account such factors as the position of the sun, the presence of fog, snow, or rain, and possible dirt on the lights.



Ah, beauteous Autumn. The air is cool, and the leaves rot and turn to mush under foot.

REBECCA BISHOP PHOTO

NDP critic fears education cuts

by Rick Hiebert

VANCOUVER (CUP) — British Columbia's NDP opposition finance critic predicts the Social Credit government will cut the provincial post-secondary education budget for next year by at least two or three per cent.

"If you think that you have to slash the budget and cut costs, if you think deep cuts are necessary, you have to touch (health, education and advanced education), as they make up 60 per cent of B.C.'s budget," Glen Clark said.

Clark was reacting to comments made last week by the province's finance minister. Mel Couvelier said education may have to face immediate budget cuts, as well as a five per cent cut next year.

"I don't think the post-secondary education system will be immune (from cuts). The only item that would be immune would be the new Prince George university," Clark said. "You might see some big tuition increases, as that's the way this government has been going lately."

He said a budget freeze—which will mean a cut when inflation is taken into account—was possibly the least the government would do.

Couvelier told reporters last week that because provincial tax revenue is falling, it may be necessary to ask all ministries except health, to trim their budgets further. Last summer, those ministries cut one and a half per cent off their budgets.

"I'm under considerable pressure here," Couvelier said. "It may be that we decide that we have to go back to (the ministries) and ask them to find a little bit more than that (to cut)."

B.C.'s government ministers have been unclear in recent weeks on whether education and advanced education will have their budgets cut by five per cent.

Couvelier said the education ministries will "possibly" be asked to cut back. Advanced Education minister Bruce Strachan is adamant that those ministries will be exempt from the proposed cuts while Education Minister Tony Brummet has asked his ministry to set priorities in case the cuts occur.

Clark said the government may be publicly confused about its budget plans because of its need to plan a strategy for the next election. The Socreds, he said, may not have made up their minds whether to be advocates of government cutbacks or to spend their way out of the threatened recession.

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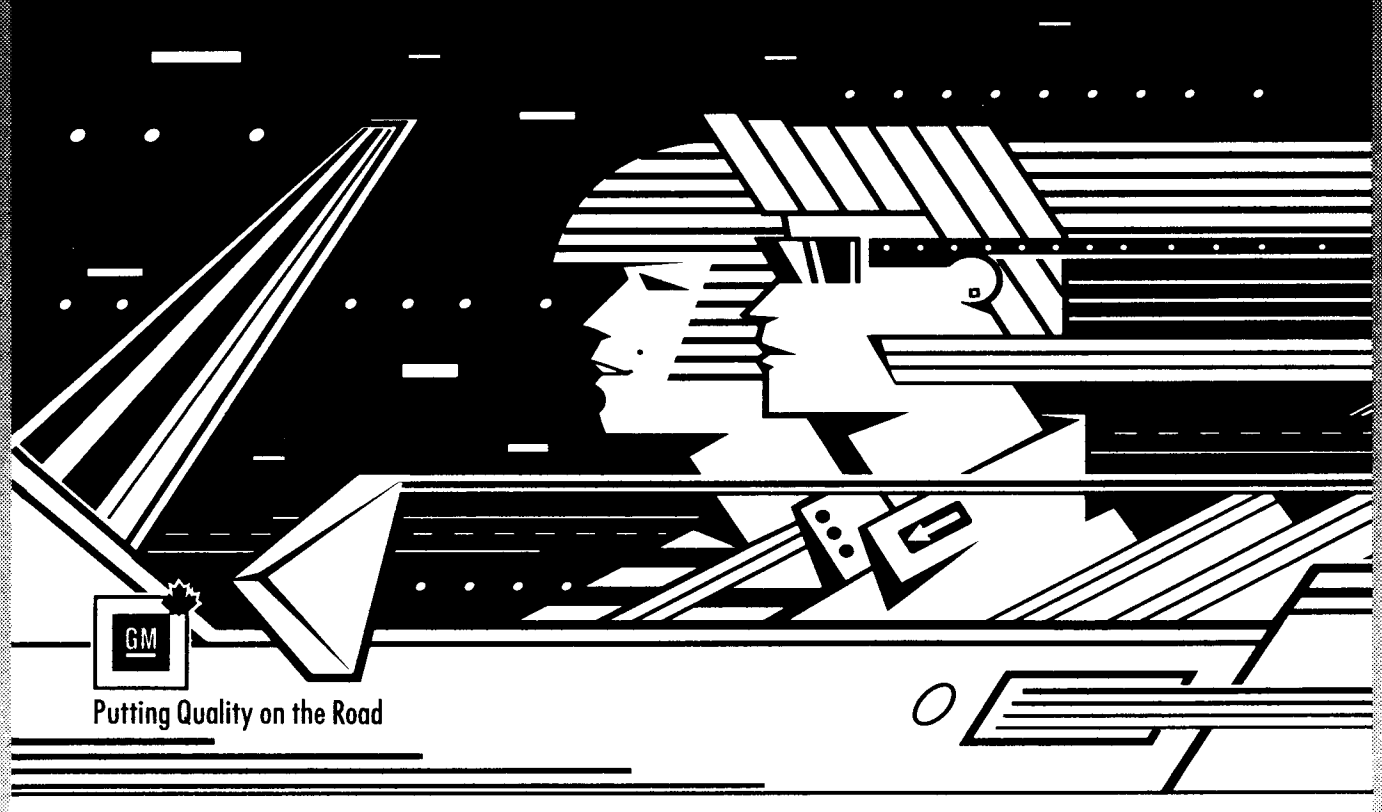

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"Bagel man" for mayor

by E. Griffith

The Wreck Beach bagel guy is running for mayor.

Guy Wera gave up his job of "bagel and caesar salad-man" and decided to run in the Vancouver municipal elections because "there's a strong hunger in the city for a mayor who will do something."

"I am competing with a capitalist, a socialist and a communist. I am an independent with the desire to represent everyone," Wera said.

Wera would like to see the city deal more with accessible housing, ecological transportation and the plight of Vancouver's youth.

He said the city should concentrate more on the shortage of "housing for families, not for the tarts or single people.

"Regulations should be more lax on secondary suites until there is three per cent availability," Wera said. "The city should be more preoccupied with creating new housing instead of hassling people who are already there."

Although he does not promise a moratorium on demolition of houses in the West Side, Wera said "people [evicted from] houses should have their moving expenses paid by the owner and they should be given six months notice to find another place to live.

"There's a lack of housing and squatters are there because of political inaction by the (Non-Partisan Association) majority on council." As mayor, Wera promises to "build co-op housing now."

Wera promises bicycle paths on the streets, priority given to bicycles in the right lane, and for bikes to be allowed on buses and on the Skytrain. He also promised to improve bus service.

Guy Wera E. Griffith photo

A graduate of McGill University and a non-paying UBC student (he sat in on classes but was not enrolled), Wera is interested in the needs of students.

"I want all libraries, including university libraries, plugged in together to one big network so all people can have access to all libraries in the country," he said.

He was surprised that the UBC Endowment Lands are not part of Vancouver. "Students living on campus are living in Vancouver," he said. "They should be able to vote in municipal elections."

In addition to UBC students, Wera said high school students should also be eligible to vote at a municipal level.

"Young people 15 or over who are interested in what's happening around them should be able to express their political needs," Wera said. "I would make it possible for them to be involved in municipal politics—to vote, not to run as Alderman. They should be 19 to run, but should be able to vote at 15. Fifteen-year-olds know the issues better than the older folks."

Wera is running his low-budget campaign on volunteer work. His first public appeal for donations will be a "fundraising jam session" under the Burrard Bridge Sunday at noon, "where all musicians come together and make music."

"I want to promote the arts," he said. "I want to promote theatre, dance and music in this city so it's happening, so that the youth will have something to turn to, to get involved in so they won't be out on the street beating each other up out of boredom and frustration at the society."

As for qualifications Wera said, "you need to be 19. I am 40. I am doubly qualified."

When asked if his job as mayor might take precedence over his summer job, he said he would give up bagel hocking. "I'm going to be busy, no?"

Should campus go green?

by Martin Chester

Students will finally be solicited for their opinions about recycling programs on campus.

The 5 Rs (rethink, reduce, reuse, refuse and finally recycle) group of the Student Environment Centre is currently organizing a survey to be distributed on Monday, November 5 and for the following week.

Mary-Jean O'Donnell, the 5 Rs coordinator at the SEC, said the survey was created "to determine the amount of interest in campus wide recycling and to get the attention of the administration to let them know that their attempts at recycling aren't good enough."

"(The information) will serve as a guide of what student opinion is about recycling," O'Donnell said.

"Recycling programs must be people friendly," she said. "Its no use having a program if no one uses it."

O'Donnell said the administration needs to be pushed on recycling. "We want campus wide recycling funded by the administration regardless of whether it is cost recoverable," she said.

Neither UBC president David Strangway nor his staff were available for comment on Monday.

O'Donnell said the people from both the SEC and the Surplus Equipment Recycling Facility (SERF), who first proposed the survey, feel a survey holds greater pull on the administration than does a petition.

"The survey is stronger than a petition because these days everyone signs petitions," she said. However, the SEC plans to distribute a petition as well. "Because we're not getting such a good response from SERF, we're going to put together a petition ourselves."

"One of the major problems we are having with SERF is a lack of communication," O'Donnell said.

No spokesperson from SERF was available on Monday.

The survey and petition will also raise awareness of recycling on campus.

"Basic awareness still hasn't gotten through," O'Donnell said. "Most people don't even know what SERF is."

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Puck 'Birds mauled by Bears

by Michael Booth

The UBC Thunderbird hockey team saw its season record drop to an even 2-2 after they were beaten 4-2 and 7-5 by the University of Alberta.

The Golden Bears have proved to be the T-Birds greatest nemesis in recent years and this season does not appear to be any different. UBC outshot Alberta 31-24 in the first game and were leading 4-2 in the second before eventually succumbing to the relentless Golden Bear attack.

"It was a matter of defensive lapses, mental errors," said UBC coach Terry O'Malley. "Alberta continually comes at you so you have to be prepared to deal with their drive."

In the first game, Alberta led 3-2 heading into the final frame before scoring an empty net goal to salt away the win. Forwards Mike Kennedy and Dave Cannon scored for UBC.

On Saturday, the T-Birds got off to a quick start and built up a two goal lead before Alberta managed a comeback. The score was tied at four after two periods but Alberta outscored UBC 3-1 in the final frame to complete the weekend sweep.

Kennedy scored two more goals and added an assist while centre Scott Fearns scored two goals and forward Charles Cooper scored one to round out the T-Birds scoring. All five UBC goals on Saturday were scored on the powerplay.

Ironically, it was a lapse by the powerplay unit which provided the spark for Alberta.

"We had a 4-2 lead in the second period when they scored shorthanded," O'Malley said. "That seemed to turn the tide for them."

Next up for the T-Birds is a pair of games this weekend against the University of Manitoba Bisons. In addition to the ugliest uniforms in hockey, the Bisons will bring some impressive talent with them from Winnipeg.

"They are an aggressive team with a fair amount of experience," O'Malley said. "They have a mobile defence and they like to hit.

"Their goaltender was the top goalie in the league two years ago but had an off season last year."

Both games will be played at the Winter Sports Centre with Saturday's game starting at 7:30 pm and Sunday's contest facing off at 1:00 pm.

31st T-Cup Thursday

McInnis Field will come alive this Thursday at 12:30 as the T-Cup Powderpuff Football Classic pits the Nursing Undergraduate Society against the Family and Nutritional Science faculty. The game is a campus tradition and has been played annually since the mid-1950's.

Along with the on-field action, the 1990 Miss/Mr T-Cup will make an appearance. The cheerleading will be provided by the Engineers supporting the Nurses and Forestry cheering for the F.N.S.

The Nurses are hoping to avenge loses in the two most recent T-Cups but have allowed women from the forestry faculty to play on the F.N.S. team, a measure made to ensure there are enough players to play the game.

There is no admission charge and all are welcome to witness this annual fall spectacle. A collection will be taken with proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of British Columbia.

'Birds earn wildcard bid

The UBC women's field hockey team has been awarded a wildcard berth in the CIAU national tournament. The T-Birds finished second to the top ranked University of Victoria Vikettes this season in Canada West play and were ranked fourth nationally. The berth marks the fifth straight year the team has earned a wildcard berth to the national tournament. The tournament will be played this weekend in Edmonton.

CANADA WEST SCOREBOARD

Hockey

UBC	2	Alberta	4
Saskatchewan	9	Regina	1
Manitoba	4	Brandon	4
UBC	5	Alberta	7
Brandon	4	Manitoba	5
Regina	5	Saskatchewan	0
Lethbridge	3	Calgary	4

Football

UBC	18	Manitoba	16
Saskatchewan	33	Calgary	21

Women's Soccer

UBC	1	Alberta	1
Calgary	1	Lethbridge	2
UBC	3	Saskatchewan	1

Men's Soccer

Victoria	2	Alberta	2
UBC	1	Saskatchewan	0
Victoria	1	Saskatchewan	0
Calgary	4	Lethbridge	0
UBC	2	Alberta	1

Standings

Hockey

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Alberta	4	0	0	21	13	8
Manitoba	2	1	1	21	21	5
Calgary	2	1	0	15	13	4
UBC	**2**	**2**	**0**	**15**	**15**	**4**
Saskatchewan	2	2	0	19	17	4
Lethbridge	1	2	0	16	16	2
Regina	1	3	0	10	17	2
Brandon	0	3	1	14	19	1

Women's Soccer

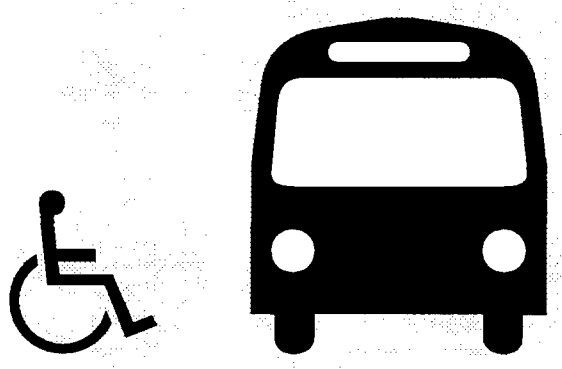
	W	L	T	F	A	P
UBC	**7**	**0**	**1**	**29**	**4**	**15**
Alberta	3	1	2	12	5	8
Lethbridge	3	3	0	7	20	6
Calgary	1	4	1	11	13	3
Saskatchewan	0	6	0	2	19	0

Men's Soccer

	W	L	T	F	A	P
UBC	**8**	**0**	**1**	**24**	**3**	**17**
Victoria	5	2	2	17	11	12
Alberta	4	2	2	25	9	10
Calgary	3	2	3	10	6	9
Saskatchewan	1	7	0	2	24	2
Lethbridge	0	8	0	6	31	0

Football

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Saskatchewan	6	2	0	206	105	12
Calgary	5	2	0	208	160	10
UBC	**4**	**2**	**1**	**133**	**142**	**9**
Alberta	1	5	1	127	169	3
Manitoba	1	6	0	85	183	2



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Women's volleyball set to begin

by Gwen Parker

Following a period of pre-season consolidation, the UBC women's volleyball team is ready for battle in the Canada West conference. The 'Birds are capable of a first place finish in the West, and a high placing at the CIAU championships.

Sarah Dunlop

With nine returning players who have been exposed to the CIAU national competition, UBC has several experienced players on the team hoping to improve upon last year's fifth place finish in the nationals.

With strong teams across the board, the Canada West conference should not be taken lightly. The Universities of Victoria, Calgary, and Saskatchewan will provide excellent competition for the 'Birds.

Nationally, the University of Manitoba will definitely be the team to beat. The Bisons have two national 'B' team members, the 1990 CIAU gold medal, and plenty of discipline.

However, UBC will be well represented at all levels of competition. There are several players in blue and gold to watch out for this season.

Team co-captain and 1990 Canada West first team all-star Sarah Cepeliauskas is a 6'1" middle blocker. She calmly terrorizes the opponents with her sharp attacking angles, stuff blocks, and tough serves. Cepeliauskas is no stranger to the national team program.

The team's other co-captain, Sarah Dunlop, is a fourth year veteran who was a Canada West second team all-star last year. At 5'11", Dunlop is an effective side-out hitter, a blocking force, and possesses a legendary serve.

1990 all-Canadian Sonya Wachowski is a fourth year right side player. She has started since year one, and combines an excellent vertical jump, a powerful arm, and a quick left hand to produce stunning offensive results. Also watch for some big stuff blocks and gutsy defense from Wachowski. The National 'B' team has also occupied Wachowski for two summers.

Kyla Lee

Third year player Kyla Lee starts for the 'Birds in the setting position. With an MVP from the University of Puget Sound tournament credited to her name already this year, Lee has become a forceful, respected co-ordinator of the team's offence.

Sheilagh Gillespie plays volleyball like the fifth year powerhitter she is. With prior experience garnered from play at Cariboo College and the College of the Sequoias in California, Gillespie maintains her composure on the court. She has an effective top spin attack which she sprinkles with smart shots.

1990 Canada West rookie of the year Jenny Rauh is back with an extremely powerful serve and attack. With the experience she gained on the court last year, Rauh should be a big contributor to the team.

Bonnie Mclean is a powerhitter we'll be hearing more about this year. Spending last summer with the National 'B' team has drawn out some exciting new talent. At 5'11", she intimidates with a good jump, fast wrist, and hang time.

Dori Manley is shaping up to be a strong, versatile second year player who will powerhit this year. Pat Voracek and Mary Stothard will add depth in the middle blocking department.

First year additions Erin Wood, a right side player, and Michelle Lachmann, the team's second setter, round out this year's strong squad.

The 'Birds begin Canada West league play at War Memorial Gym this weekend against the University of Calgary at 8:00 on Friday and Saturday nights.

Kyla Lee (10) and Sarah Cepeliauskas (12) prepare to block a shot by Sarah Dunlop (1) during intra-squad play last weekend. STEVE CHAN PHOTO

'Birds stumble at York

by Gwen Parker

The UBC women's volleyball team got a quick update on the volleyball talent across the country when they finished fourth at the Tait Mckenzie invitational tournament in Toronto last weekend.

A narrow first place finish in pool play sent UBC in the University of Manitoba's direction, and the Bisons made short work of the T-Birds in the semi-final 9-15, 15-3, 12-15, 1-15. Host York University had the satisfaction of keeping the bronze medal at home when they downed UBC 11-15, 15-3, 15-13, 12-15, 11-15 in the fight for third place.

Sonya Wachowski, right side player for the T-Birds, was named to the tournament's all-star team. Wachowski dominated the stat sheets with 47 kills, 23 stuff blocks, and 31 digs.

Middle blocker Sarah Dunlop played aggressively throughout the tournament, and finished with 33 kills, 17 stuff blocks, and 10 service aces.

Now that the T-Birds have been exposed to some of the best teams in the country, the players can approach the upcoming season with some specific goals in mind.

The University of Manitoba, in particular, will occupy much of the team's thoughts. The defending CIAU champion Bisons defeated the University of Regina in the tournament finals and began another season with the taste of gold in their mouths.

T-Birds third in Thunderball

by Carol Hui

An intense level of play carried the University of Manitoba Bisons to victory at the Thunderball IV volleyball tournament at War Memorial Gym over the weekend.

The Bisons capitalized on mistakes by the University of California at Santa Barbara to take the gold medal match in three straight games.

A strong overall performance by tournament MVP Dale Iwanoczko, thundering kills by all-star Steve Welch, and a relatively mistake-free performance by the entire team allowed Bisons to overpower the visitors from California. Santa Barbara, meanwhile, missed several key serves and failed to convert good plays into points.

The UBC Thunderbirds, touted as strong contenders, finished a disappointing third. However, head coach Dale Ohman remains optimistic and confident in the abilities of his team.

"We were disappointed about our loss to Santa Barbara," Ohman said. "That match was an awakening to the highest level of play. We realized that we had to crank up our level of intensity. In our next match, we performed well and dismantled Winnipeg. In winning the bronze medal, we destroyed McMaster."

Though UBC lost to Manitoba in straight games, Ohman is not worried about the prospect of being dominated in regular season play.

"In reality, the teams are very even. Manitoba established the standard to beat. They gave us a dose of what it takes to win. But we are equal in terms of our abilities. They played a major tournament last week, so they carried their intensity over this weekend," Ohman said.

Another positive sign displayed in the Thunderball Tournament was the depth of the T-Bird team. Many players came off the bench to replace starters without lowering the level of play.

The tournament represented top teams from both Canadian and American teams. Unlike some other varsity sports, volleyball is an area where Canadians compete on an even level with the US.

"In the last five years, the top NCAA and CIAU teams are playing at the same level. In fact, if you look at the top ten NCAA and CIAU teams, the Canadians have a bit of an edge. The recognition of Canadian volleyball is evident in that the top US teams from California are coming up every year for close battles," Ohman said.

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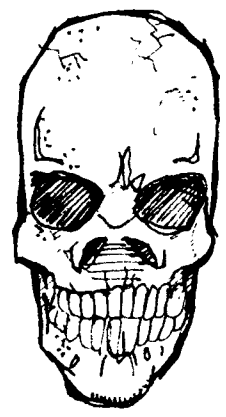

Men finish first again

For the second year in a row, the UBC men's soccer team has clinched first place in the Canada West conference. The T-Birds downed Alberta 2-1 and Saskatchewan 1-0 to wrap up the regular season title.

In Alberta, Rob Reed scored two second half goals to lead the UBC comeback against the Golden Bears. The next day in Saskatoon, veteran defender Gregor Young scored the only goal in a wind swept contest.

The T-Birds next game is this weekend in Victoria against the UVic Vikings. The team then returns home to host a national semi-final match against a team from central Canada.

UBC Women Clinch First

The UBC women's soccer team clinched first place in the Canada West conference over the weekend as they wound up their regular season schedule with a 1-1 draw in Alberta and a 3-1 win over the University of Saskatchewan.

With Alberta leading 1-0, midfielder Nancy Ferguson tied the game in the 73rd minute as the T-Birds wrapped up top spot. Ferguson added another goal the next day in Saskatoon with other T-Bird markers coming from Andrea Neil and Kirsten Kotval.

The T-Birds next game comes November 11 when they host the national semi-final against a team from central Canada.

Mitch Ring to return?

The UBC women's soccer team received some good news when it was learned that two time all-Canadian Mitch Ring may be back in time for the play-offs. Ring tore ligaments in her ankle in the second game of the season. Until then, she had been on a goal-a-game pace through exhibition and the first two games of the year.

Ring may be back in the line-up as early as the semi-final game on November 11 but is more likely she will not play unless the team makes it to the national championship game.

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'Birds, Dinos set to clash

by Michael Booth

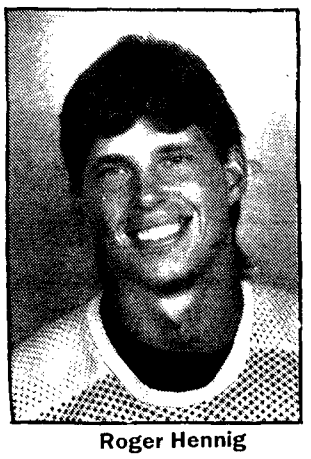
The UBC Thunderbird football team's season will all come down to one single game.

When the T-Birds square off with the University of Calgary Dinosaurs this Saturday, the second and final playoff spot in the Canada West conference will be on the line. UBC improved their record to 4-2-1 by downing the University of Manitoba Bisons 18-16 in Winnipeg Saturday.

Manitoba led 3-1 after the first quarter but UBC erupted for 17 points in the second frame. UBC's running game did most of the work, piling up 229 yards and one touchdown.

Running back Jim Stewart increased his Canada West rushing lead through his second straight game with over 100 yards. The highlight of the game was an 80 yard touchdown run by Stewart in the second quarter.

Manitoba started to come back in the third quarter when UBC gave up a punt single and conceded a safety rather than punt into a 30 mile-per-hour wind. The



Roger Hennig

Bisons closed the score to 18-16 but UBC defensive back Roger Hennig blocked a last minute field goal attempt from 49 yards out. It was the third blocked field goal of the game for UBC following earlier efforts by linebacker Troy Van Vliet and defensive back Travis Wolsey.

The win sets up a sort of deja vu situation for the T-Birds. Last year, UBC defeated Calgary at Thunderbird Stadium on the last weekend of the season. The win gave the T-Birds second place in the conference and they advanced to the Canada West final in Saskatoon against the University of Saskatchewan.

If UBC defeats Calgary at home this weekend, they will play Saskatchewan in the Canada West final in Saskatoon.

An added attraction to this weekend's contest is the head to head confrontation between the conference's two best running backs. Calgary boasts the second leading rusher in the form of J.P. Izquierdo while Stewart was a finalist for the Hec Crighton trophy as the top football player in Canada last year.

Kickoff is at 1:00pm Saturday at Thunderbird Stadium.

Basketball blasts off

by Mark Nielsen

It may be only the basketball pre-season that is getting underway at UBC this weekend, but it is coming on with the impact of a slam dunk.

The Thunderbirds will meet Simon Fraser University at War Memorial Gym this Thursday night for a pair of annual clashes between cross-town rival men's (game time 7:30 pm) and women's (5:30 pm) teams.

The women's game will also be the opener for the four-day long West Coast Invitational Tournament, probably one of the toughest women's tournaments in the country this year.

As if that were not enough, the men will take on the Concordia University Stingers, last year's national champions, on Sunday at War Memorial (2 pm).

Heading into the busy schedule, the coaches of both teams engaged in what could be called a bit of pre-season hoop-la and urged fans to come out and support the Thunderbirds.

Men's coach Bruce Enns billed the SFU contest, known as the Buchanan Classic, as a chance to even the score in the annual triple crown of sports rivalry between the two schools. Following a loss to SFU in the Shrum Bowl football game, UBC settled for a tie in soccer's Diachem Bowl.

As far as the women's coach Misty Thomas is concerned, SFU will be a team the Thunderbirds want to beat, but she said they will also be looking to overcome a few other opponents during the tournament for the purposes of national rankings.

Leading that list of five entrants will be Laurentian University, last year's women's national champion, as well as the University of Manitoba, which Thomas includes along with her own team as an up and coming national contender.

She added that, considering how tough the Canada West conference will be this year, the calibre of teams at the tournament—which also includes the University of Victoria—will be a taste of what to expect in the upcoming season.

"Most of the teams in the Canada West are top ten, so they (UBC) better get used to it now," she said.

The schedule is as follows: Friday, November 2—3 p.m. UVic vs. Laurentian; 5 p.m. SFU vs. Manitoba. Saturday, November 3—3 p.m. Manitoba vs. UVic; 5 p.m. UBC vs. Laurentian. Sunday, November 4—3 p.m. Manitoba vs. UBC; 5 p.m. SFU vs. Laurentian.

X-country women run away with Canda West title

by John Newlands

In a rather unique attempt to broaden the field at this year's Canada West Cross-Country Championships, the race was run simultaneously with the BC Cross-Country Championships. The races were run on a 2000-metre course at UBC's Osborne Fields. As a result, in addition to the approximately 35 university athletes in each race, there were also numerous top club racers from across BC. Their presence kept the race interesting and tightly packed.

The big surprise this weekend came from the UBC women's team which captured the Canada West championship by upsetting the perennial champions from the University of Victoria. UBC placed first with 31 points followed by UVic at 33 points while the University of Manitoba was a distant third with 76 points.

Running with home field advantage on a five kilometer course, UBC's Meghan O'Brien ran the race of her life to win in a time of 17 minutes, 54 seconds. O'Brien ran a very aggressive race right from the start, sparking UBC to its stunning upset of UVic. Placing second from UVic was Anna Gunaskera (17:58), while third was captured by her UVic teammate Tania Jones (18:15). Rounding out the top 10 from UBC were Lori Durward in fourth (18:33), Karen Reader fifth (18:37), and Fredrique Schmidt in ninth (19:14).

The win in the Canada West meet means the women have earned a berth at the nationals in Ottawa on November 10.

UBC coach Marek Jedreyjek said the women demonstrated "great patience and excellent team tactics to narrowly defeat UVic." All this came from a team made up primarily of rookies and second year students.

The UBC men's team were not being nearly as fortunate as they were unsuccessful in their bid for a wild-card berth to the nationals. The honour will probably go to the UVic team that finished second with 38 points, one point back of the race winners from the University of Manitoba. UBC placed a distant third with 69 points.

The men's race was won handily by Manitoba's Darren Klassen in 30:55. Second place was taken by Paddy McClusky (31:30) from UVic, while third went to UVic's Jim Perry (31:33). Placing in the top ten from UBC was Al Klassen in fourth (31:40), Rob Lonergan sixth (32:27), and Doug Consiglio seventh (32:59).

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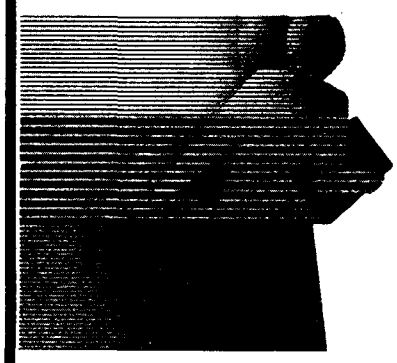

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Editorial

Trick or treat

It was a long and difficult process that took hours of searching, let alone brainstorming, before we got everything together. The Ubyssey, however, will be ready for the trick or treaters on Halloween night.

The task was made harder by the fact that as the vilest rag west of Blanca, we get our own special brand of trick or treaters. While most households get their quota of ghosts, goblins and teenage mutant ninja turtles, The Ubyssey is inundated with politicians, personalities and just your basic putzes from the horror stories of the past year. What to do when Bill Vander Zalm comes to our door and holds out his bag? Believe it or not, we came up with something for everyone. To:

Brian Mulroney—The honour of being the Governor of the State of Canada.

Bill Vander Zalm—An exclusive interview, at 3 am, by Vaughn Palmer, ex-Ubyssey hack.

Bruce Strachan (BC minister of Advanced Education)—A guided tour through a university outside of your Prince George riding.

Gordon Campbell—Something to do.

"Diamond" Dave Strangway—A conscience and a case of Kraft Dinner for your next fund raising event. If we can eat it, they can eat it. Is it at all surprising that 75 per cent of the Ghost Story entries portrayed Diamond Dave as the Prince of Darkness (or a variation of the theme)?

Kurt Preinsperg—A complimentary therapy session with Dr. Ruth. Perhaps they can swap notes.

The AMS Students Council—Nothing, that's what they do for students.

The Arts and Engineering Undergraduate Society—complimentary tickets to the BC Place demolition derby, to see how the pros do it.

Cariboo House—Inflate-A-Mates, lots of them.

Gail Wilson (coach of UBC women's field hockey team)—Enrollment in the Dale Carnegie course: "How to win friends and influence people."

George Bush (Decent golf player)—A box seat on the front lines in scenic downtown Baghdad.

Surete de Quebec—A large helping of their own particular style of "peacekeeping."

Ministers of Native Affairs past, present and future—Slow, painful torture of their collective conscience.

The students of UBC—a lesson in democracy: you have to participate.

And to our favorite "journalist," Doug Collins—A lifetime subscription to The Ubyssey, specially delivered by Fred the Autonomous Brick. Maybe we can give you some pointers on what has happened since the time humanity swung from trees.

THE UBYSSEY

October 30, 1990

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Blood dripping from her fangs, Effie Pow crept into The Ubyssey office looking for her next victim. In a desperate attempt to escape this horrid creature of the dark, Willem Maas, Nicole Sadinsky, and Jason Robertson held hands, chewed large hunks of cracked wheat, and jumped screaming from the balcony into hell.

Noting the arrival of her companion in terror, Elaine Griffith said, "Let's do something unspeakably hideous to civilization." Together the two bloodsuckers lept upon the unwitting Michael Booth, dragging him down to be dismembered upon the sparkly, speckled, tiles.

After the feast, as these two sinister fiends from hell spit out toads and snakes from their cavernous maws, a gleeful grouping of ghouls gathered about to prosaicly pronounce upon the proceedings.

"That was real swell," Gwen Parker profundated.

"Yah," added Carol Hui, "but when I dismember someone I usually like to start by pulling out their finger nails."

"Uh-Huh, uh-huh," spurted John Newlans, Yuki Kurahashi, and Matt Clarke.

Resting briefly upon the severed heads of Steve Chan, Brian Lee, and Graham Cameron, the two blood-lusting beasts beckoned to Rebecca Bishop (dressed seductively in drag). Then all three turned upon the amourously entwined Sam Green and Yggy King.

With screams of glorious agony, human entrails and endometri flew about the room. Accompanying them was Raul Peschiera "The Dark Lord", who maliciously lip-synched to Sting in the background.

Oblivious to all these horrific heebie-jeebies, Martin Chester repeatedly attempted to stuff both arms well inside his belly button. Standing next to him in a Transformer Bondage Belt, Matthew Johnson looked longingly eastward and muttered, "Winnipeg is so far away, dude!"

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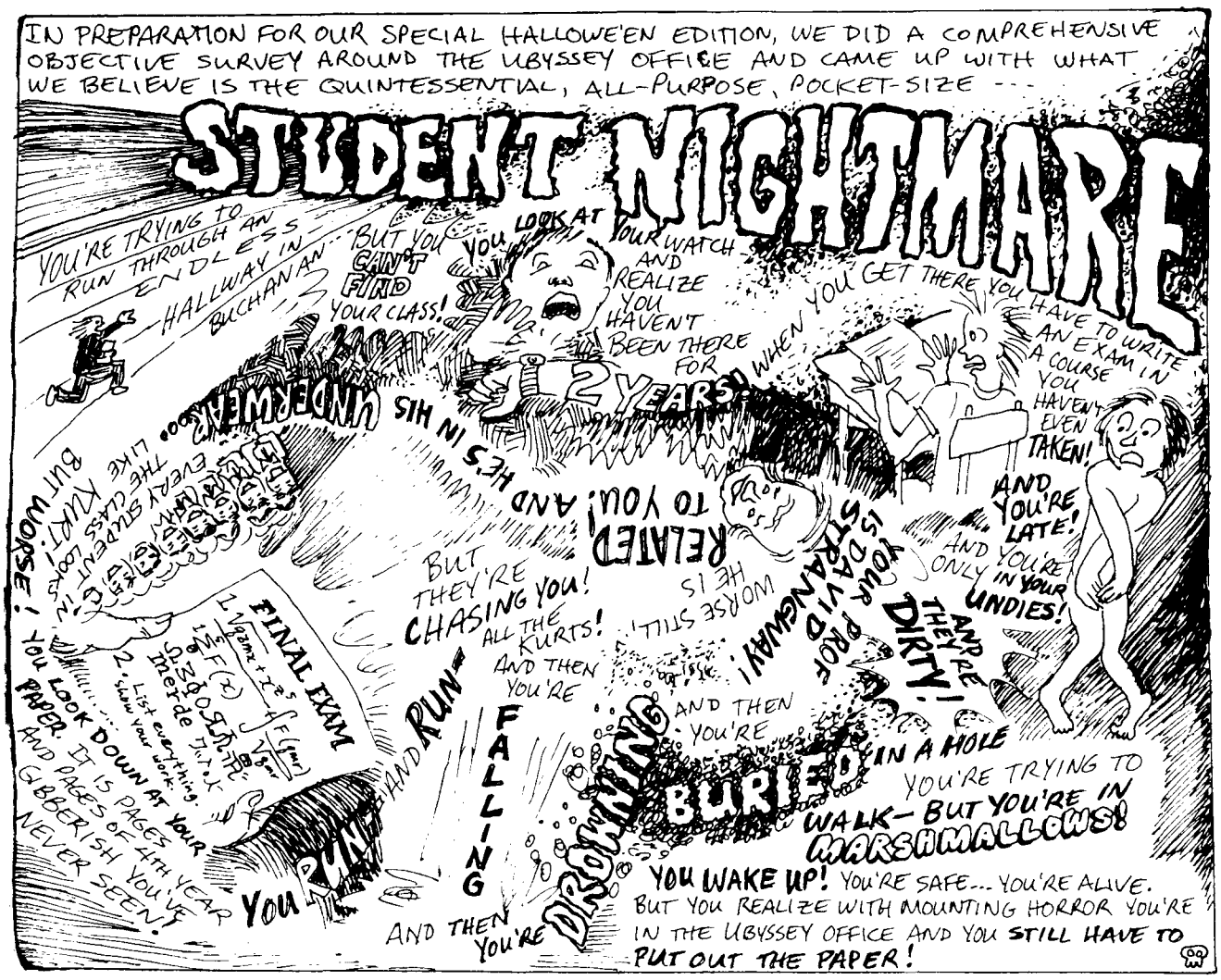

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Promote equal opportunity sexism

When I read "A day in the life..." by John Lipscomb in the Sept. 18 issue of The Ubyssey I was tempted to write a reply to set the record straight and clear up a few misleading statements. I resisted because his comments didn't worry me and I didn't want to join the ranks of those complaining about AMS execs. However, now that I have read Sabrina Hong's comments of Oct. 10 I feel compelled to respond.

The letters referred to the EUS's $20,000 debt and John's refusal to allow the purchase of our Godiva patches. Firstly, the EUS does not have a $20,000 debt. Nearly $11,000 of that was a debt which John attributed to us but actually belonged to an AMS club. My statement is supported by a Sept. 19 motion of AMS Council. The other $9,000 represented the value of miscellaneous inventory which is destined for resale (money borrowed to buy stock—surely it isn't a crime to get a few of those foul red jackets during the summer so that we can sell them in September). That leaves (let me get out my calculator) an account balance of $0 at the time of his letter. Secondly, the decision to allow purchase of Godiva patches should be based on business principles and not on personal ethics. But above all this, what right does the Hate Hurts Committee have to control the actions of an undergraduate society? This is not to say that the Hate Hurts Committee isn't worthwhile, only that it isn't the committee's place to be UBC's moral guardian. If it hadn't been mentioned that the patches to be ordered showed our vile Lady Godiva symbol it is likely that John would have approved the purchase on business grounds. (Note: Lord Godiva patches are also available—the EUS promotes equal opportunity sexism.)

The other matter of contention was the removal of SUB furniture by engineering students and that it was returned damaged. I was in the AMS offices while the furniture was on its way out the door. When I came around the corner I encountered a few friendly, laughing, AMS-type faces. My first reaction was "OK, so what did they do this time?" (My, how people like to make a president's life difficult.) After I had been told, I mentioned that the furniture would be returned promptly (the Cheeze Factory isn't in need of another sofa). John had obviously not heard my reassurance and took the matter quite seriously. The furniture was returned UNDAMAGED, with the exception of a few legs unscrewed by a drunken engineering frosh. The legs were left and later found somewhere upstairs in SUB.

Sabrina, I wouldn't worry about the AMS paying someone to screw the legs back on a few chairs and a sofa. And John, lighten up!

Daren Sanders
Engineering 4+

Bendl truly behind

Enough is not nearly enough!

Chris Bendl describes UBC daycares as "money pits" and thinks we should throw our "money and blind support" into a new recreation facility instead (The Ubyssey, October 10, 1990).

If the percentage of students likely to make use of facilities and services is the best criterion for allocating funds, perhaps we should put a stop to the "blind support" UBC gives handicapped students. Better still, since university students represent such a tiny proportion of the general population, let's encourage the federal and provincial governments to apply Bendl's logic and end their "blind support" of post-secondary education.

Only the truly blind would trade the welfare of children for a place to play a rousing game of volleyball.

Chris Lalonde
Graduate Student
Psychology

UBC recycling efforts are lacking

I would like to voice a serious concern about the state of environmental awareness on UBC campus, especially the lack of recycling boxes in and around the SUB building.

I would have thought, that as a leading university in this province, UBC would take a leading prole in the three "R's" of "reduce, reuse and recycle." Yet it appears that the university is totally apathetic on the subject.

Where in SUB can I put my recyclable cans and bottles? And where, please tell me, is the bin for old newsprint? I am disgusted everytime I have to throw away a can, or when I see the SUB cleaning staff throwing old newspapers in with the regular garbage.

This is a serious issue. Surely, if the AMS can afford new computers, they can afford to set up a recycling program for the university. How expensive can some bins marked "newspapers" or "cans" be?

Let's get serious, stop wasting student's time with useless referendum issues like allotment of SUB office space (I mean, really, who CARES?) and make a positive step towards being an environmentally-friendly campus!

By the way, The Ubyssey could really reduce the number of papers printed each run. You really are running far more than necessary.

Tracey Edgar
Graduate Student

"... Unthinking idiots"

My first reaction to the handing out of violent, sexist invitations to the women of Place Vanier was amazement. You would think that after the Montreal Massacre, the events at Queen's, the EUS nEUSlettre here at UBC last year, and many other similar incidents nationwide that men would be more sensitive to issues of sexism or racism. I mean, how stupid can you get? Don't these guys ever read? Didn't they think about the inevitable response of the media and the university community to their actions, given the events of the past year?

But there's more to it than just stupidity and "boys being boys." The persistence of these hateful incidents serves only to show how deep-rooted sexism is in society. What happened at Place Vanier cannot be dismissed as "just a bunch of unthinking idiots" or an aberration. The university is a microcosm of our larger society and it is obvious that we are not learning from past mistakes. It seems media coverage is not causing men (and women) to rethink their attitudes towards women and themselves.

Don't let the invitation-writers fail to realise the deeply offensive nature of their behaviour. More importantly, we should not laugh off this incident. "Jokes" reveal a fair bit about the values we hold, or at least accept. Men should sincerely consider their perception of women and ask whether they truly understand why such events are hateful of women.

Derek Breen
Arts 3

Jerks should learn to cook

I am writing in response to the article, "Obscene Letters at Vanier Anger."

Well, anger is an understatement. And my anger only intensified after listening to the President of Cariboo House interviewed on CBC Radio on October 16th. At first he apologized for the letters, but his subsequent comments showed how shallow his 'apology' actually was.

Firstly, one of his major concerns was that the guilty men might have their chances for restricted faculty admission (read: Law, Medicine, etc.) reduced. And that media exposure might pressure the university to take more severe punitive action than he thought was warranted.

Secondly, he spent a lot of time talking about how some people thought that the media had blown this incident out of proportion.

I have no sympathy whatsoever for those guilty men who have aspirations for Law or Medicine, etc. While these men think they are bright enough for these faculties, they could not find two brain cells to rub together to figure out that you cannot threaten women with physical violence for fun. And how they can see themselves as capable of attending to people's illnesses and legal matters when they are totally incapable of acting responsibly towards their fellow human beings is beyond me.

It is time that the myth that there is a sharp distinction between the student and the real world should come to an end. It is time that male students learned that there is no such thing as 'pranks' that are 'just fun' just because they take place on campus. Threats are threats, and in the real world there are punitive consequences for such acts.

These jerks deserve to, at least, be expelled from residence. Maybe if they had to cook and clean for themselves they would have less time to plot the harassment of women.

Kathleen Ann Roczkowskyj
Arts

Open letter to men

Hey guys, let's get it together. I'm getting pissed off. There's too much screwing up going on.

Marc Lepine and wife killers in Quebec, wife batterers and child abusers everywhere, engineers and written threats of violence here at UBC. We're looking bad guys. Let's get our act together.

Starting point: it ain't on to hurt anyone or anything. Period. Whatever the situation; no provocation, no frustration, no desperation ever justifies your violence. Know that in your being and never doubt it.

You are a man and that means you are going to carry some pain and probably some shame. You may need to grieve. Make for yourself a way that that can happen. In nature, alone, or with other men. Find some friends and gather together as men. If you don't yet feel a man, get yourself initiated, somehow. Older men may help.

When you gather as men, call each other on your stuff. You know what is bullshit and what is real. Share that clarity. Whatever the ads say, whatever the crowd says, whatever mixed messages you get, show the courage to do what's right. Don't hurt others. Or the planet for that matter. Gathered together, we can do great things.

About sex, a woman says when. That's not our area. Surrender it. Maybe you feel it's not fair but that's the way it is. (maybe you get to say how.) Maybe you feel scared, maybe angry, maybe you feel rage, impotent and powerless. Use your strength on yourself. It's weakness to give in to violence. Learn other ways of release and self defence. Walk, for example; or run if necessary.

When something bad happens and you feel like you want to die, remember, you matter. Before it gets to that, find some men you care about, some men you can be real with. Be real with yourself. Don't expect any woman to carry all your emotional eggs.

Find some guys to be an asshole with. Know that you're a jerk and that's OK. You are also a man. And that's great.

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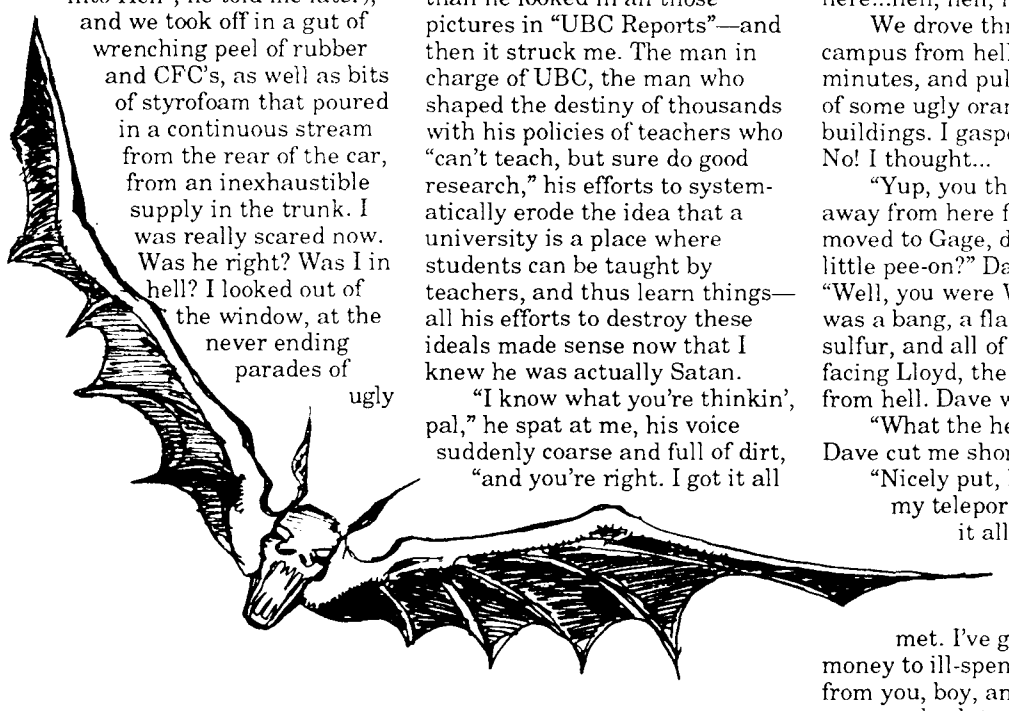
Uno. Top Dog. King o'the Hill. Head o'the Heap. Yesirree, you're up to your nose in a pool of shit and I'm gonna go waterskiing. Hold your breath, pal...we're going driving."

So saying, he slammed the chariot into D (for "descend into Hell", he told me later), and we took off in a gut of wrenching peel of rubber and CFC's, as well as bits of styrofoam that poured in a continuous stream from the rear of the car, from an inexhaustible supply in the trunk. I was really scared now. Was he right? Was I in hell? I looked out of the window, at the never ending parades of ugly gray water stained dank looking buildings, designed in the fifties, and decided I was. This was hell, and it was raining.



I looked across at Dave, who was peering intently out of the windscreen, mumbling to himself. He was even shorter than he looked in all those pictures in "UBC Reports"—and then it struck me. The man in charge of UBC, the man who shaped the destiny of thousands with his policies of teachers who "can't teach, but sure do good research," his efforts to systematically erode the idea that a university is a place where students can be taught by teachers, and thus learn things—all his efforts to destroy these ideals made sense now that I knew he was actually Satan.

"I know what you're thinkin', pal," he spat at me, his voice suddenly coarse and full of dirt, "and you're right. I got it all figured out, and I'll do it, too. I'm gonna run this place like a business, make a pile of money, retire my ass, and fuck anyone who wants to get in my way. Scholarship my ass. But enough talk about me. It's time you saw what you're gonna be doin' down here...heh, heh, heh."

We drove through the campus from hell for a few minutes, and pulled up in front of some ugly orange squat buildings. I gasped. Totem Park! No! I thought...

"Yup, you thought you'd got away from here forever when you moved to Gage, didn't you, my little pee-on?" Dave roared, "Well, you were WRONG!" There was a bang, a flash, a smell of sulfur, and all of a sudden I was facing Lloyd, the cafe manager from hell. Dave was next to me.

"What the hell..." I began—Dave cut me short.

"Nicely put, boy; that was my teleporting ability. I do it all the time. This is...well, you guys have already met. I've gotta go: I've got money to ill-spend. Any trouble from you, boy, and I'll teleport your ass back to the gun emplacements down at that pissy little museum we got. That's where I live. Be seein' ya Lloyd."

And with a flash, a bang, and a smell like a bad fart, Dave Strangway, King of the Underworld, Lord of Hell, and president of the University, was gone. I was alone, cold, hungry, in Totem—and dead, to boot.

"Welcome to Hell, David. I just know you're going to hate it here. Everybody does," Lloyd droned, nasally.

I was still stunned...could it get worse? Here I was, dead, doomed to spend the rest of my death on the UBC campus in the winter rain, in Totem Park, and the only two people I knew were Lloyd and Satan. It could, and it did.

Lloyd, grinning, showed me to a table. On it was a huge pile of wet rubber rope, and an enormous sheet of letters.

"That is your hell, David. Enjoy."

"What...what is it? What do I do?"

"Oh...you mean he didn't tell you? That," he said, pointing at the pile of wet rubber (it was moving, I was sure), "is Tortellini's spaghetti. You will not leave hell until it has all been eaten, or paid for. It costs, of course, far too much."

"How much?"

"It's not a quantity, it's an ideal. This is hell: it simply costs too much. But that is not all. For whilst eating, you must read these letters that are on your table. They are to The Ubyssey. There are millions, and they are all written by Kurt Preinsperg. They detail his sexual fantasies."

I screamed in horror.

"Oh, that's not all. When you've finished them, I've got a big series from John Lipscomb: a minute by minute account of his life from shortly after conception all the way up to last Wednesday, when he fearlessly scooped furniture from the brink of destruction."

I yelped in pain.

"Uh-huh. And after that, a whole pile of crap from Sabrina Hong...if you ever do finish those letters, butt-wipe, you can go back to your old room. Remember? The one with a view of B-Lot? The one with all the Arts 1 neighbours who can stay up 'til 2 am 'cos they don't have a class tomorrow 'til 11? Remember? Of course you do! Ha Ha Ha Ha..."

I belched in agony. It was going to be a long night.

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