attison degree inappropriate

By PATTI FLATHER

Students should protest against UBC awarding Jimmy Pattison an honorary degree because some of his companies sell pornography, a student senator says.

something," Christina Davidson, law 3, said in a interview Sunday. "People may think it's just softporn he's distributing but it's not."

Davidson said Pattison is Canada's second-largest distributor "It's really important for of pornographic magazines, and students to get out and do that his companies have been convicted twice of violating Ontario obscenity laws.

She will approach the Alma Mater Society, the UBC faculty association and other groups to support protests against the former chair of Expo at the spring convocation ceremonies, she said.

Senate vice-chair Jean Elder resigned Nov. 3 over the award and the four other academic women on senate sent a protest to UBC's president David Strangway.

Elder, an associate history professor, said in her resignation letter: "While it is certainly true that anyone may be in any business within the law, to honor persons engaged in businesses which exploit and humilitate women seems to be more than I can countenance.'

Student law senator Paddi Arthur said she is also angry about UBC senate's decision, approved in late 1985 and made public at senate's Dec. 10 meeting. She said she will work with Davidson and other students to oppose the award.

Arthur said she spoke against awarding Pattison the degree when senate voted on it in 1985 because she had "difficulty with the university giving an honor to a man whose business totally degrades women."

Pattison did not accept the award last year but has accepted it this

Arthur said while the vast majority of the 87 senate members voted in favor of giving Pattison a degree, she thought almost all student senators opposed it.

But the chair of the senate tributes committee, which makes the award recommendations, said he can't recall the pornography issue ever being raised in connection with a degree for Pattison.

John Dennison said there was a motion at the in-camera meeting in late 1986 to vote on the degrees one by one and not as a block. It was defeated, he said.

Dennison said he can sympathize

with people concerned about Pattison's involvement with pornography, but that there are "other sides" to Pattison such as the fact he is a major employer in B.C.

Pattison is one of 10 people to be honored at the spring convocation for outstanding contributions to

Associate education professor Jane Gaskell, one of four senators who sent a protest letter dated Nov. 6 to president Strangway, said the procedures for giving honorary degrees will be discussed at the next senate meeting Jan. 21.

One issue discussed will be whether senators can vote on individual honorary degrees or must vote for the block, she said. Gaskell said she thought it was important to make a statement against Pattison.

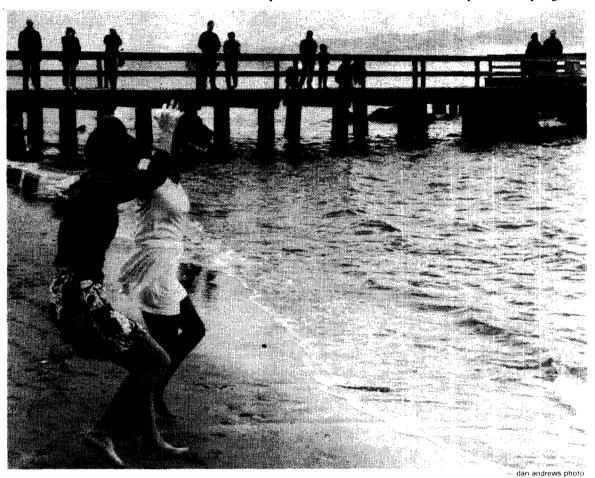
"It makes the university a more difficult place for women," she said, if Pattison is honored.

But UBC chancellor Robert Wyman, an ex-officio member of the tributes committee and a supporter of Pattison's nomination. said there is a review board checking that what Pattison's company, Mainland Magazines, distributes is satisfactory.

Wyman said it bothers him that "a small, militant, and assertive group" may go against the majority senate decision and disrupt convocation through some type of pro-

"I think it's a shame if the minority group decides that they're going to disrupt congregation (convocation) and embarass the univer-

Wyman said most women as well as men on senate did not vote against giving Pattison the award.



PENGUINS ATTEMPT TO win science scholarship by proving that King Canute's theories on influencing wave movement are right after all. The cold weather mammals failed in their objective, but the temperature of the icy New Year's dunking reminded them of their home in sunny Antarctica.

Alumni editor quits over disputed endorsement

By CORINNE BJORGE

The editor of the UBC Alumni Chronicle has resigned. Terry statements.' Lavender left the Chronicle after his opposition to an Alumni endorsement of chancellor candidate Leslie Peterson in the winter edition

The resignation of Lavender is the latest controversial incident in the traditionally austere UBC chancellor elections.

The election began to escalate into a political battle as candidate Stan Persky criticized UBC Alumni Association endorsement of candidate Leslie Peterson. An article, Alumni Association president William McNulty, ran on page three of the UBC Alumni Chronicle facing a full-page advertisement for Leslie Peterson paid for by the Alumni Friends of Les Peterson for Chancellor.

Lavender said he did not support the publication of either the advertisement or the endorsement. "I think it was wrong for the Chronicle to endorse a candidate", said Lavender. "The Chronicle is not associated with the election. It (the election) is held by the Registrar's Office" he said. "Somebody owes Stan Persky an apology" Lavender.

McNulty refused to discuss the resignation of Lavender in detail. But despite Lavender's assertion that the Peterson ad was one of the reasons for his resignation, McNulty denied the endorsement controversy was why Lavender left. "I

"But I don't concur with his

McNulty defended the endorsement of Peterson by saying the endorsement was a news article and that was within the Alumni Association Board of Management's mandate to endorse a can-

refuse to discuss staff" he said, and declare what side of the fence you're on, you're entitled to it," he said.

But Persky called the board's actions "sheer propaganda" and stressed that the Chronicle should be an independent publication.

Persky also voiced dissatisfaction with the equal advertising space for didate. "If you want to come out the two election candidates in the

UBC Alumni Chronicle.

"In the past the Registrar's office, which is responsible for adminstering the elections, has explicitly discouraged campaigning and tried to guarantee equal space for each candidate. It would have been fairly easy to contact me (to place an ad)" he said.

But Lavender said that Persky's

announcement of his candidacy was two weeks past the deadline for advertising and was what lost him advertising space.

McNulty said he was concerned that Persky was upset over Peterson's ad.

Control of the Chronicle will rest with the Alumni Association until a

Curtis loses third appeal and won't try again

endorsing Peterson, written by change his right to further appeals for the opportunity to serve the rest of his 20 year sentence in a Canadian prison.

The 22 year old Nova Scotian who has spent over four years in a New Jersey prison had his third appeal denied on December 17.

Now he just wants to be closer to home, said Curtis' American lawyer Joanne Legano by telephone yesterday from New York.

Curtis was convicted in a highly disputed 1982 trial of aggravated manslaughter in the shooting death of his friend's mother. Curtis maintains the shooting was accidental.

"The magistrate has recommended a denial of the Habeas Corpus petition," said Legano.

Legano said the magistrate's recommendation was 16 pages long, and "very analytical, not just a summary." She said Curtis will not file an objection, or pursue any further appeals. "Bruce would like a

In order to apply for a transfer to a Canadian prison, Curtis must withdraw any pending appeals, and forfeit the right to further appeals. His petition for clemency from the governor of New Jersey, filed last July, would remain valid even after

James Curtis, Bruce Curtis' father, contacted by phone in Halifax, said his son was not surprised by the magistrate's recommendation, "Bruce has never put any faith in the New Jersey justice system. He's been too close to it," he said.

Legano last week wrote to the New Jersey Department of Corrections stating Curtis would like a transfer to a Canadian prison, and asking that the request be exnedited.

A transfer would mean Curtis would serve his 20 year sentence in a Canadian prison, closer to his family, and be eligible for parole after

By MICHAEL GROBERMAN transfer back to Canada," said seven years instead of the man- County prosecutor, John Kay, "has ditory 10 in New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Corrections told Legano in late November a transfer could take up to 18 months because the department still has to create transfer regulations. The bill enabling prisoner transfers was passed just last summer.

Curtis' aunt, Lorraine Peever, who spoke by phone from her home in Brantford Ontario, is skeptical. "It's odd that a transfer to Maine would only take two weeks," she said, referring to an offer made by the Department of Corrections before Christmas. "I think the 18 months is a bluff."

She believes it is a deliberate stall, insitiated by the Monmouth County, New Jersey prosecutor's office which is currently lobbying the New Jersey legislature for an amendment to the prisoner transfer bill allowing the prosecutor's office to veto prisoner transfers.

Legano said that Monmouth

stated time and time again that he'l do all he can to oppose the transfer."

Curtis' father also questions the length of time the Department of Corrections claims the creation of transfer regulations will take. "They can do things if they want to. If not, they can drag it on.'

Legano said the Canadian government is in a position to speed things up. "If the Canadian government calls the governor of New Jersey and says it wants it done quickly, it will do more than my phone call."

Jennifer Wade, a long time member of Amnesty International and an active member of the Vancouver Bruce Curtis Defence Committee, said she hopes Curtis receives his transfer to Canada soon, but Curtis has still not received justice, and the annual January 24 vigil will occur again this year across Canada. The Vancouver location has still not been announced.

omen organize against silence

TORONTO (CUP) - Women in downtown Toronto neighbourhoods are organizing against silence to feminist Globe and Mail columsurrounding sexual violence against women.

Following five rapes in the Annex neighbourhood near the University Toronto, committed systematically by the same man during a two-month period, women are blaming local media and police for not informing them about the rapist.

"We don't want stories that focus on the victim, what she did, what she wore, what she looked like, and we don't want rape reports buried in the back of the paper," said Nora Currie of Women Against Violence Against Women.

'We want information on or near the front page.'

A public meeting in early October attracted more than 150 women, many of whom expressed anger and betrayal about the silence concerning the serial rapes.

of the Annex rapes, and addressed nist June Callwood, was read aloud during the meeting.

"Four weeks ago, as I slept in my bed, my doors locked, a hooded man forced his way into my apartment, my bed, and myself," the woman wrote.

"The man who raped me has raped four other women in a sixblock radius in the last two months. He follows his prey like a hunter. He attacks single women, living alone in second or third floor apartments. He always enters through the balcony," she wrote.

"Why wasn't I made aware (before) that my life was in danger?'

The woman also said she was told by police not to speak with the rapist's other victims, or to try to warn women because it would hinder police investigation.

Police were invited to the meeting, but no representatives attended. Organizers said the noshow is indicative of their priorities.

Ann Keown, who organized a similar meeting during the summer, warns women of police attitudes.

"The police did show up at our meeting. We asked them what a woman would do if she is sexually assaulted. Should she struggle?" said Keown.

"The answer was, 'Do you want to lose your life just to prevent someone from getting a couple of minutes of pleasure.

Murray Cowling, an inspector of the 52nd Division of the Metro Toronto Police, said police did not attend the October meeting because they had only received the invitation that day.

"I consider that too short notice for a topical issue like rape. I wouldn't want to send someone down there who didn't know what they were talking about," said Cowling.

Valerie Scott of the Canadian Organization for the Rights of Prostitutes says rapes could be prevented through the information network shared by prostitutes, if they were not silenced by police and stigmatized by the public.

"It's just another example of how society divides women to make them powerless," said Scott, adding Bill C-49 prevents prostitutes from communicating with each other, the media, and police.

"We know who these guys are. We have their license plates, we've seen their faces," said Scott. "Women need to network, and to start acting for themselves.'

Barbara Hall, alderwomen and member of the Metro Action Committee Against Violence Against Women, said women shouldn't have to "lock themselves into their houses" to be safe.

ways to stop violence. Organize more meetings like this, take self defence courses, talk to and meet other women in your neighbourhoods, and demand better lighting and better public transportation from your municipal policitians," said Hall.

Women at the meeting signed a petition to mayor Art Eggleton calling for funding for free self-defence courses, and full daycare subsidies for mothers who attend the courses.

Said Keown, "It is insulting when police say to us, 'We didn't tell you there was a rapist in your neighbourhood because the women would panic and become hysterical.

"Information is power, information allows us to make choices about whether to lock our doors and where to walk at night," said Keown.

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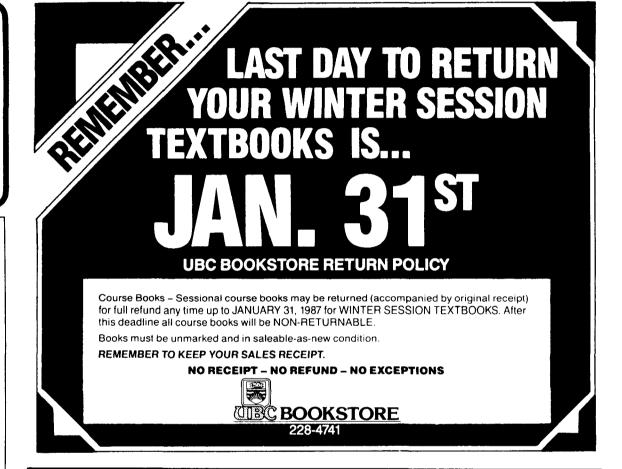
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The British Columbia Youth Advisory Council, established to create a direct link between government and young people, provides advice to government on a range of issues affecting Youth. The government's review of student assistance programs is an important task, one that the Youth Advisory Council knows will benefit from the ideas and suggestions of students across B.C.

Although the government asked for submissions by December 31, 1986, the Council realizes that some students may not have had the time to put their ideas together during exams and the Christmas break. If you are a student or Youth who did not prepare and send a submission to the government, and would like to do so, the Youth Advisory Council asks that you send your submission to them. The Council has a direct contact with government through the Honourable Stanley Hagen, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, and will pass on your suggestions to government.

Write to: **B.C. Youth Advisory Council,** c/o Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training, Parliament Buildings. Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.





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Peace activists meet apathy

Some things are better left unsaid, the saying goes, and for those fighting increased military activity in Labrador, some things are better forgotten altogether.

For example, when 20 members of the North Atlantic Peace Organization, an ad-hoc St. John's peace group whose name mocks the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, recently protested low-level military flights over Labrador, the weather proved more of an opponent than unseen NATO forces.

A NATO study group is currently considering building a tactical fighting and weapons training centre in the sleepy twin towns of Happy Valley-Goose Bay in western Labrador.

With a recording of a low-flying jet roaring in the background, activists anchored balloons just 100 feet above the ground to show how low NATO jets can fly. But the balloons were caught by an unexpected gust of wind, and carried to a tree where they burst and slowly drifted away.

The symbolism of the event was not lost on Newfoundland activists, sadly aware of the seeming futility of fighting the increased militarization of Labrador. The protest received little media coverage, and less support from Newfoundlanders, all of which is indicative of the poor emphasis placed on peace concerns in the debate surrounding the proposed NATO base.

The three main members of that debate — the military, the native Innu, and white residents of Happy Valley-Goose Bay — all see Labrador as a land with great potential, but can not agree on exactly what the land has potential for.

Labrador is a flier's and hunter's dream. Its rugged terrain a mix of tundra mountains and spruce forest, it is admired by the military for its wide, open space. According to a pamphlet recently published by the Department of National Defence, there is "space, for expansion of the airfield and facilities,

space, to fly unimpeded over huge, unpopulated areas."

Goose Bay has been a military centre since 1941, when the United States established an air force base there. The Americans pulled out seven years ago, crippling the local economy, but there is still constant military activity. The U.S. Air Force uses the base as a refueling stop for transport aircraft travelling to and from Europe. The Royal Air Force and the German Air Force use the base for low-level training with Vulcan, Tornado and Alpha military aircraft, some of which is nuclear capable.

"We have a fairly large operation here now," says Colonel John David of the Goose Bay base. And things could become much busier, if the NATO study group chooses the site over a base in Konya, Turkey. The decision, expected late this year or early next year, will be based on cost, available facilities, and how suitable the land is for such a base.

David says an interim NATO report indicates the Konya base will

"The Quebecois don't have the same kneejerk acceptance of the military as English Canadians do,"

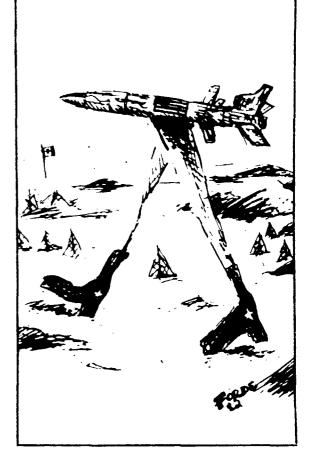
—Peter Armitage, anthropologist

be chosen. Still, Goose Bay could be chosen if Konya can not provide required facilities.

Concern about the proposed base is magnified by low-level training flights in Labrador. The most vocal opponents of these flights are the native Innu — whose name means The People — of Labrador and Quebec, who say the flights not only disrupt their traditional way of life, but are a facet of what leader Penote Ben Michel calls a cultural genocide against his people.

As well, the loudness of the flights is damaging to their health, the Innu say. Hunter Francois Bellefleur recalls an encounter with a low-level training exercise: "We couldn't hear them coming up from behinds us on the river. We couldn't hear them at all. (My children) jumped out of the canoe when the planes took us by surprise, because they were frightened. And if they had jumped off in deep water, I could have lost them."

However, the military has been quick to dismiss such complaints. David agrees a jet flying overhead could frighten an unsuspecting person, but said the damage is no greater than that caused by stereo headphones. (This same point was made in May by Newfoundland MP John Crosbie, while entertaining NATO officials visiting Goose Bay. Crosbie said those truly concerned about hearing loss should "look at the young people with the headphones". Ironically, three Innu leaders were not allowed into that dinner or to contest Crosbie's state-



ment, because they were not wearing the required ties.)

David said the noise level caused by low-level aircraft is not as high as the Innu claim. "given the decibel level, you would have to overfly a person 450 to 900 times in order to surpass the American-set noise level," he said.

And Henry Shouse, mayor of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and a strong supporter of the proposed base, doesn't consider noise made by the flights to be damaging to anyone. "It's there before you know it and gone before you know it. It's like a clap of thunder," he said.

But a report released in September by the Conseil Attimek-Montaignais indicates noise from low-level flights can indeed cause hearing damage. The pain threshhold of the human ear is 110 to 130 decibels dBA, and irreversible ear damage can be caused by hearing a noise made by planes, is so named because it rises suddenly, and humans don't have the ability to prepare for such intense noise.

Using statistics gathered by the U.S. and Royal air forces, the report shows as an example that noise made by the Phantom II plane, used by the German air force, surpasses the pain threshold and the point of permanent damage.

Peter Armitage, an anthropologist who has worked for several years in Innu communities, says effects of low-level flying on the Innu are serious and far reaching

"Prolonged exposure can cause many physiological and psychological problems," said Armitage, adding a recent report by the Canadian Public Health Association makes several inappopriate recommendations for dealing with the intense noise.

"The report suggested that the Innu be taught methods of coping with the noise of the planes," said Armitage. "How do they expect the Innu to control an involuntary reaction?"

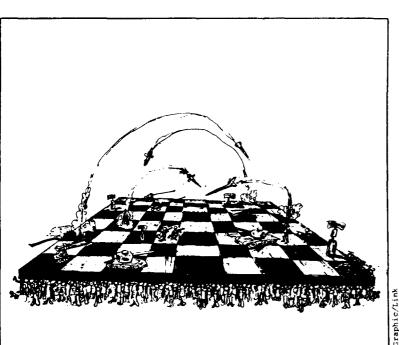
However, David said activists are misinforming natives of health hazards, and this has led to much of the controversy over low-level flying.

ing.

"It is traumatic, if people are being told there is radiation output from the jets, as the people are being told by some activists," said David.

He said the military is planning to accommodate the Innu by relocating flights, providing they are informed of where and when Innu will be.

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In the life of a true sports fan, there are always a few special moments, teams, and individuals.

In hockey there is always the wonder of the incredibly skilled, disciplined and supposedly non-violent Soviet national hockey

The events occuring on the afternoon of January 4 between the Soviet and Canadian national junior team's will be remembered for many years to come as something the sports world would like to forget.

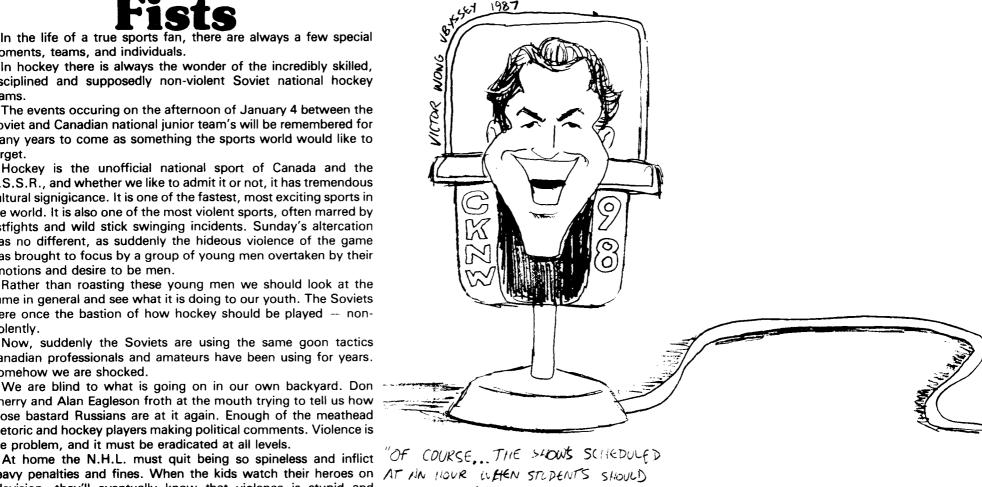
Hockey is the unofficial national sport of Canada and the U.S.S.R., and whether we like to admit it or not, it has tremendous cultural significance. It is one of the fastest, most exciting sports in the world. It is also one of the most violent sports, often marred by fistfights and wild stick swinging incidents. Sunday's altercation was no different, as suddenly the hideous violence of the game was brought to focus by a group of young men overtaken by their emotions and desire to be men.

Rather than roasting these young men we should look at the game in general and see what it is doing to our youth. The Soviets were once the bastion of how hockey should be played - nonviolently.

Now, suddenly the Soviets are using the same goon tactics Canadian professionals and amateurs have been using for years. Somehow we are shocked.

We are blind to what is going on in our own backyard. Don Cherry and Alan Eagleson froth at the mouth trying to tell us how those bastard Russians are at it again. Enough of the meathead rhetoric and hockey players making political comments. Violence is the problem, and it must be eradicated at all levels.

heavy penalties and fines. When the kids watch their heroes on AT NA HOUR WHEN STUDENTS SHOULD television, they'll eventually know that violence is stupid and degenerate.



JUDYING.

Letters

Volunteers for food and development needed

I'd like to rectify a couple of ommissions in the article on the UBC food bank

First of all, Rebecca Nevraumont provided assistance in choosing the correct wording for the constitution of the Food and Development Centre Board, and went over the final document before it went to council.

Secondly, it was Sandra Jarvis who made the initial contact with the Lutheran Campus Centre.

All letters must be brief and typed on a triple-spaced, 70-character line. They must be delivered in person with identification shown by 4:30 p.m. the Friday before publication to the Ubyssey office, SUB 241k.

The Ubyssev reserves the right to edit for brevity, spelling and grammar, and libel. Sexist, racist, and homophobic letters will not run. If you have any questions or comments, or just want to shoot the breeze, drop by SUB 241k, or call us at 228-2301/05.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to let people know that although three positions on the board have already been filled, several challenging volunteer opportunities still remain.

The FDC Coordinator is responsible for organizing and coordinating the activities of the board. This position carries honorarium of \$400. Also needed are a resource solicitor, to solicit donations or to solicit food and merchandise from the campus and the outside community; a volunteer recruitment and scheduling director, to do exactly that; two fundraising coordinators, one for the campus, one for the outside community; and a secretary, to take care of the paperwork and ensure the smooth running of the board.

Of course, we will need many other volunteers to help run the centre. We are hoping to offer childcare, nutrition counselling, and help in coping with a lowincome lifestyle. Volunteers in these areas, as well as for the practicalities of food collection and distribution, will be needed.

As you can see, this is an ambitious project that will not succeed without campus and community support, and a lot of volunteer manpower. Consequently, the AMS is actively seeking your help in terms of time and effort. None of these positions, except for that of the coordinator, receive an honorarium, but they all pay off in the sort of practical experience that will both enhance your resume and prove useful in any future under-

Each position's term will last a year. The first FDC coordinator's term will run from February, 1987 to March, 1988; subsequent coordinators will be chosen in March. The rest of the board positions will be selected shortly afterwards. A deadline has not been set for applications, but two weeks notice will be given to all recipients of this letter. The coordinator position's application deadline will also be published in The Ubyssey two weeks beforehand.

Please give careful consideration

to these volunteer opportunities. Urge anyone else who might be interested to consider them as well.

Those interested in board positions should submit a resume and covering letter to the address below, to the attention of Carol Pedlar. If interested in helping out in other ways, please just send along your name, address, telephone number, year and faculty. Finally, for more information, please call me at 228-2050 or write.

Carol Pedlar AMS external affairs coordinator

Longley wishes to lower voting age

I would like permission to speak to the AMS student's council at their December 3rd meeting.

The issue I wish to bring up is that British Columbia is the only province whose voting age is 19, all others have 18, and even federally, we in B.C. can vote if we are 18.

Section 3 of the Constitution Act states every Canadian citizen has the right to vote and Section 15 states there should be no discrimination on the basis of age.

While Section 1 allows that there may be reasonable limits prescribed in a free and democratic society, it obviously open to a court challenge whether it can be demonstrably justified that in the rest of North America, except the territories, the voting age is 18, in B.C., however, it is 19. Furthermore, Section 24 of the Constitution Act allows individuals whose rights have been denied to appeal to the courts.

My point in being on the agenda is to ask for the AMS support, including the possibility of covering court costs, if some of my fellow students at UBC who were 181/2 at the time of the recent provincial election wish to petition the B.C. supreme court for a declaration that they have wrongfully had their right to vote denied to them.

Let us inform a suitable student. who has a driver's licence, has worked, or even been married, but can not vote, that their constitutional rights have been violated. and help them pursue this matter in the courts.

I submit that the just and appropriate remedy for this, if we win the case, is that the result of the recent provincial election on October 22nd be invalidated and a new election called. However, I do not maintain that I know what the court will actually decide.

Nevertheless, I think the case is sufficiently strong that it should be acted upon, and I wish to present

the outlines of this argument to the AMS and ask that they take measures to make sure the case will be heard, and perhaps that they will help to cover the court costs in the interests of all the 18 year old students at UBC who could not exercise their right to vote in the recent provincial election.

Blair T. Longley graduate studies

Come and find integrity

It has been largely the focus of the AMS Integrity in Action Club executive, with considerable help from guest speakers outside the university, to provide a setting for between-faculty student communications. This has served as an integrating force between many unique and talented people who have discovered the value of this form of student association.

Many of our guest speakers are graduates from UBC, who, having earned technical experience relevant to business, resource management, engineering, the arts and education, provide leadership to members covering a wide range of human pursuits and experiences.

Weekly lectures, given reliably every Thursday in Buchanan B225 at 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., have provided the means by which something quite substantial has developed. Our lectures will continue to be held at the same time and place this term.

As far as future speakers are concerned. Mr. Bill Wilkinson, Field Director of the Whole Health Institute of Canada, a host to a television interview program, Options for Health, and Director for the Association for Responsible Communication, is scheduled to speak at the university Thursday, January 8.

As coordinator of the club, I don't aspire to impart burdensome religious, political, social or philisophical overtones, neither do our speakers. We do place emphasis, however, on concise reporting of our experience, rather than on second-hand knowledge.

We invite all those interested in developing their abilities as leaders, in whatever field of endeavour, to join us. Obviously, this unique opportunity and challenge is not restricted to those who only do well in school.

Scott C. Mitchell President AMS Integrity in Action Club third year forestry

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It was another average night at the printers . . ." the man in the coal black suit said. Who's he?" Evelyn Jacob asked, sick unto death with either the flu or the bubonic plague

"They would find that this night would lead them into a realm of sheer terror. Not even Michael Groberman's repertoire of Broadway show tunes, Dan Andrew's splendiferous photography, Peter Burn's lessons in 'coolness' or Cassandra Freeman's plans to boycott the entire Western Hemisphere could save them now," said the suited spectre who looked suspiciously like Rick Hiebert Corinne Bjorge and Patti Flather ran off in terror with David Ferman to the sunny climes of North

Stephen Wisenthal and Malcolm Pearson called Svetozar Kontic over to have a word with the disturbed young lad. "Uh, Rick . . . as the ancient Roman philospher Buggus Bunnius once said "Reducto ad absurdium, veni, vidi, vici, in hoc signo vinces," which loosely translated means "Quit

being a gomer and get back to work!" ert wandered over to the facilities, almost bumping into another black s gentleman who turns to the camera and began to speak.

"Yes," Rod Serling said, "little did Rick Hiebert know that it is unwise to tempt the supernatural, even in jest. His deepest fears would be realized as the hitherto friendly Rags would be metamorphised by atomic radiation into a 3,000-foot monster that would see him as a chew toy."

Cut to a screaming Hiebert, being carried off into the distance by a giant cockapoo with F-16's buzzing around its head.
"But after all," Serling concluded, "Rick didn't know he was in (all together now . . .) The Twilight

Doo Dee Doo Doo, Doo Dee Doo Doo . .

January 6, 1987

Company profits selling essays

By TOBY SANGER & AURA DE WIT of the Charlatan

Students who lack the time or burn are contributing to healthy economy — essay writing services.

At a cost of about \$15 per page, a Essay Services, will furnish students anywhere in the continent with original essays tailored to individual number of foreign students who requirements. Prices vary slightly depending on the client's level of study.

Derrik Sim, the essays take a day or two to write, depending on the customers. length and sophistication required,

and bring in A minus or B plus grades on average.

The service, started at Ryerson skill but with plenty of bucks to Polytechnical Institute by Ray Kennedy, is now in its 13th year and is profits in a booming sector of the staffed with people Sim describes as 'intellectual bohemians who work freelance." Sim says a number of Toronto based company, Custom his employees are ex-professors. 'some of them with eight degrees.'

The service also employs a work under the table and are paid \$5 per page.

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modestly called Research Assistance Inc., is advertising its stock of over 16,000 research papers in student newspapers across Canada.

The company, also offering custom research, touts an "ordering hot line" and accepts payment by Visa or MasterCard.

When we telephoned the company in Los Angeles, Mike Kukhta, president of McMaster Student Union in Hamilton, was told that students using the service receive a list of documented research information from which they are expected to write their own papers rather than the completed papers which the agency advertises.

Company officials told Kukhta that the agency advises its customers never to put anything into a paper which is not their own.

While essay writing companies may only be breaking income tax and false advertising laws, students caught using their services face stiffer penalities.

Dalhousie's Calendar advises students that the presentation by an author of the work of another author, in such a way as to give one's reader reason to think that the other author's work is one's own" is considered plagiarism and can be rewarded with a loss of credit and suspension from the university.

Students assisting others in plagiarism or other "irregular procedures" can also be liable to penalty from the university.

Professor John Yogis, chair of the Senate Discipline Committeee which deals with plagiarism, says the committee has dealt with about 25 allegations of academic irregularities in the last two years, the most common of which has been plagiarism. All but five of these cases have resulted in academic penalties being imposed.

Dalhousie students seem more inclined to take advantage of the cheaper, off-the-stacks services available at the library. Yogis says he hasn't come across students submitting custom produced essays during the time he has served on the committee.

There do not seem to be any companies in Halifax which specialized in custom writing papers for students, although there are a number of companies which have advertised in the Gazette offering assistance in grammar and English composition.

These services, if their assistance is restricted to grammatical advice. are not contributing to anything illegal. They may in fact, be filling a role which doing a bad job at providing -- training students in writing essays.

When contacted by the Gazette, a person at one of the services was reluctant to be interviewed but said they didn't know of any custom essay writing companies in Halifax. They estimated their business at five to 10 people seeking grammatical advice per month.

"I don't know if the reason is that students haven't been using these services or they haven't been reported," Yogis says, "the danger in many custom written papers is that they are often plagiarized themselves," making it easier to

Most cases of plagiarism are discovered by professors who either notice something familiar in the material submitted or consider it to be substantially different in style or quality than the student's regular

Yogis says his committee is seeing more allegations and thinks that the practice is increasing although he admits he has little idea of how widespread the practice is.

Sim says he's never heard of anyone being charged of plagiarism with one of his company's essays and claims a manufactured term paper is almost impossible to detect.

"It's all original, so unless you tell them, the profs have no other option but to believe you. There are a lot of lazy profs out there."

Yogis says purchasing essays reflects a "totally defeatist" attitude on the part of students but he defends an evaluation system which requires submission of written work because there is little replacement

Sim blames the university system for the success of his business. "They stick 400 students in a psychology class . . . it's a large factory out there, grinding out students . . . there's a chink in the system."

Sim rationalizes the service in free enterprise terms, saying "some rich people have tutors, and if you can afford it, it's a business choice.'





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Low level flights disintegrate Innu lifestyle

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"We can move on a daily basis. or even an hourly basis, if given notice," he said.

The Innu, however, have balked at the suggestion and argue the military will not likely change its operations on call. Furthermore, Innu leader Peter Penashue said military activity has already seriously altered native lifestyle. He said low-level flights happen to be most frequent during the two annual trips the Innu make to the Labrador bush.

Happy Valley-Goose Bay mayor Shouse claims the 'Innu lifestyle' is history. 'They're not living the traditional lifestyle," he said.

"They're living the rich sportsman's idea of a vacation at someone else's expense," said Shouse, who said "government is bending over backwards" to subsidize native hunting trips.

Ironically, the Innu are not leading the life of their ancestors, as they have been attempting to do for some years. Training exercises deter many hunting trips, and herds of caribou are being scared away by low-level flights.

According to Armitage, the Innu think the provincial government is as much of a threat as the military.

"The government does not recognize the rights of the Innu, and will not allow them to hunt without permits in their own territory," said Armitage. "But they won't give them the necessary permits. The Quebec government does not require the Innu of their province to have permits to hunt their own land.'

Though Shouse has "a lot of sympathy for the Innu," he said Happy Valley-Goose Bay residents can't afford to lose a possible base in the area.

If approved, the base would spark an economic boom in the depressed town. David estimates between 800 and 1,000 civilian jobs would be created in spin-offs to the

"It's made a tremendous difference in Happy Valley-Goose Bay in the people's minds. It gives us the stability we never had when the British were here," said Shouse.

Somewhere between the debate of native rights and economic recovery is the peace movement. Gene Long, a St. John's activist, calls the situation in Labrador one of the most frustrating the local peace movement has ever en-

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"It's difficult to be taken seriously by the supporters of the base and the media. Peace groups have been slandered and misrepresented," said Long.

"Our concerns have been lost in a fog of emotional debate, racism and the demand for jobs and economic development," he said.

According to Long, work by peace groups is being tremendously overshadowed by job prospects, all too hard to find in Canada's poorest province.

"Jobs are important, but at what cost? Isn't there another way to develop a community's economy besides turning to the arms race?' asks Long. "It's a failure of the imagination of the Newfoundland government that they can not develop an industry in Newfoundland that does not depend on the military."

While Newfoundlanders have remained fairly apathetic to militarization of Labrador — and often scornful of protestors — the people of Quebec have been remarkably vocal in opposition to military expansion.

'The Quebecois don't have the same knee-jerk acceptance of the military as English Canadians do,' said Armitage, who claims there are 98 groups around the world opposing militarization in Labrador. Most are concerned about threats to native life and the environment, Armitage said.

David Benson, a member of the St. John's Unemployment Action Committee, says western Labrador is being considered because most European NATO countries would not stand for such a base.

"They would never, never be allowed to do it there, but they can get away with it here because they can dangle the jobs in front of us,' said Benson.

Long said a NATO base in Labrador would not only hurt the environment and native ways of life, but would escalate world tensions considerably.

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"It's a sad reality that people do "The military training in not realize what their relationship Labrador represents a new stage of with the military is doing with full integration of nuclear and con-military madness hitting so close to

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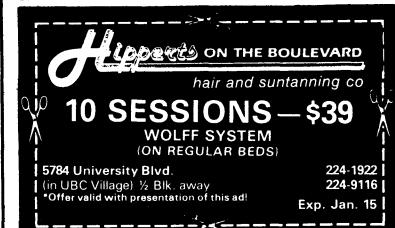
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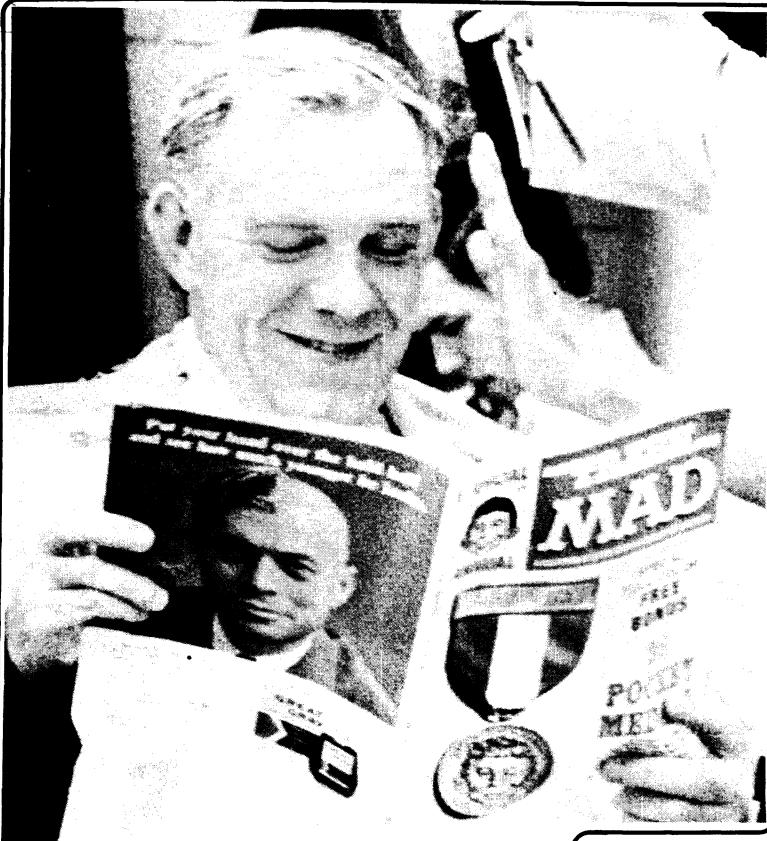
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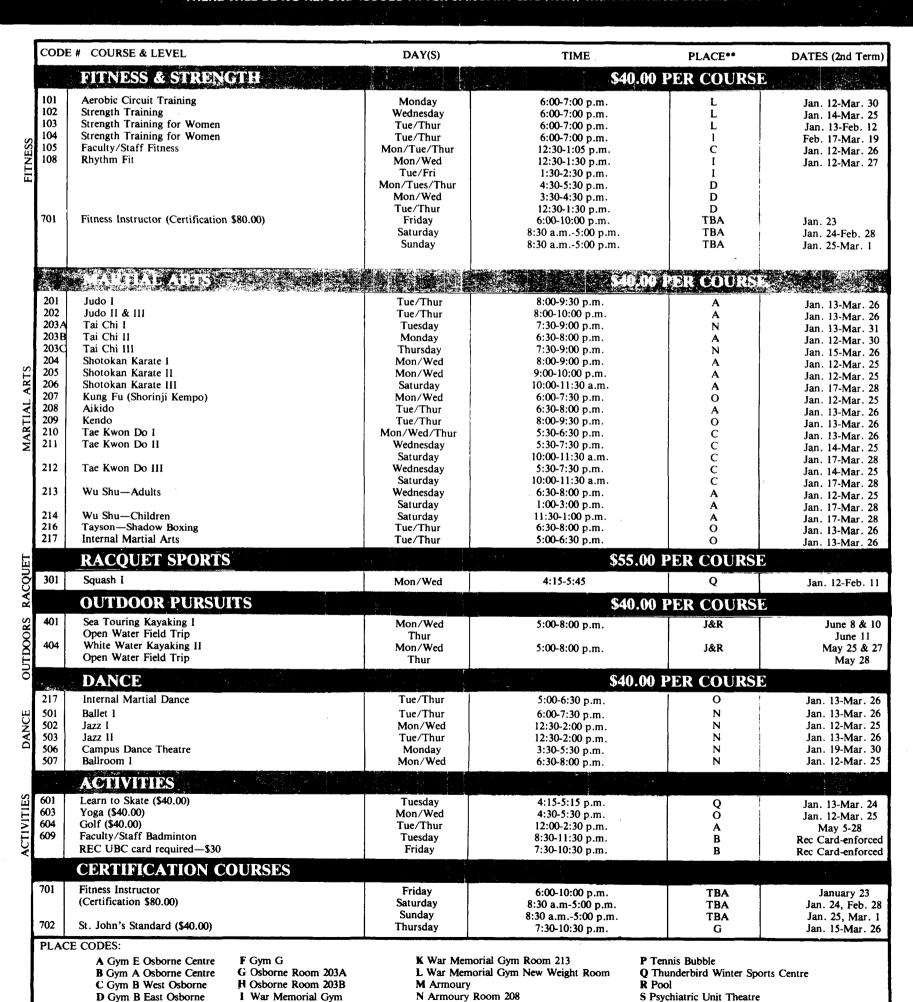
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