SRA says Murray can stay

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By CHRIS GAINOR

Rick Murray won his battle Wednesday to remain as student representative on the board of governors after ceasing to be a student.

The student representative assembly, after weeks of delay, voted confidence in Murray after charges the vote would be decided in personal terms and after Murray offered his immediate resignation if the vote failed.

The SRA then voted to establish a policy to ensure that non-students will not again be allowed to represent students on the board. The confidence motion passed 16-7 with six abstentions, while the second motion passed almost unanimously.

The debate on Murray's future began with a series of wrangles over what should be decided and how it should be decided. After a series of motions and withdrawals, the SRA decided to vote directly on Murray and then on long term policy in the matter.

Murray, who is now working for the City of Vancouver, read a letter to the SRA explaining his reasons for remaining on the board.

He denied he had refused to resign because, he claimed, he had not been asked to resign. Murray said he asked several people about his status and was told he should remain on the board.

Referring to a legal opinion obtained by the Alma Mater Society from lawyer Donald Sorochan, Murray said: "His opinions do not concur with the opinions of others I have consulted on this question. It is of course not surprising that lawyers do not always agree.

"I feel that the entire question of whether or not I should resign is being rather tenaciously pursued by a small group for what I can only assume to be personal reasons.

"Consequently, I would suggest that the question of my tenure on the board should be considered separately from the development of long term policy for the AMS."

Murray, who read the letter in a quavering voice, suggested that in future questions of confidence in board members, the question be put to students in the same manner as for an AMS executive member under the old constitution. Such a provision would require a change in provincial legislation, he said.

Instead of a court battle over the legality of his status, Murray suggested a vote of confidence or non-confidence identical to that used for an AMS executive member under the current constitution.

"If the SRA at a regular meeting approves my recall under the terms of the constitution, I shall consider myself obliged to immediately offer my resignation to the chairman of the board of governors," Murrav concluded.

The vote of confidence was held on a roll-call basis despite the objections of some SRA members. Murray left council chambers during the vote.

Immediately afterwards, Murray said he will no longer function as a voting member of the SRA since he is no longer a student and therefore no longer a member of the AMS. He will continue to attend SRA meetings, he said.

During a lengthy debate on Murray's future, several SRA members endorsed his contention that the issue was purely personal, and his backers blocked an effort to change the motion of confidence to saying that SRA would not condone such an action in the future.

Med school plans put off

By HEATHER WALKER

UBC's planned medical school expansion is being delayed because different groups involved have not been able to agree on the conditions for the expansion, education minister Pat McGeer said Wednesday.

"A lot of people have set conditions, and it takes time to hammer out all the details," McGeer said.

McGeer said the university, the provincial government and representatives of the Vancouver hospitals are all involved in the proposed expansion.

He said health minister Bob McClelland, who said Monday he would announce his decision on the hospital within 10 days, has sent administration president Doug Kenny a letter expressing the department's support of the hospital and expansion plan.

Kenny said Monday UBC has had to delay plans to expand the school from 1977 to 1978 because the government has not yet made a firm commitment to the program.

"We need sufficient lead time on a firm guarantee from the government in order to start recruiting faculty and updating and increasing facilities," Kenny said.

"Going from 80 to 100 students doesn't seem feasible at this point in time. It seems the lead time is insufficient."

Kenny said the university plans to double the medical school enrolment in stages.

He said in the original plan, first year enrolment for 1977 would be 100 students, and would then increase to 120 in 1978 and 160 in 1979.

Now, he said, the plan must be moved ahead one year, delaying any increase in medical school enrolment until 1978, and delaying a doubling of the school's size until 1980.

Last March McGeer told the university $50 million was available in combined provincial and federal funds to double UBC's medical school enrolment and build a new 240-bed teaching hospital at UBC.

McGeer gave the university 60 days to present a plan to the government for the expansion or, he said, the money would go to the University of Victoria instead.

McGeer said the government still wants the university to meet the same commitments it wanted originally — a teaching hospital at UBC and the doubling of enrolment.

"The government hoped the university would be able to double enrolment by the coming fall," McGeer said. "But they say this isn't possible."

Kenny said the university presented its plan to the government May 4.

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HAPPY HOOKER . . . coming to take you away. See story below

— doug field photo

Computers drafted for vandal war

By DEB van der GRACHT

A computer identification system to trace stolen goods to their owners is being installed on campus, a traffic and security department spokesman said Wednesday.

David Hannah, acting superintendent of the department said the system is going in because of increased vandalism on campus in recent years.

"Vandalism has increased sufficiently that action must be taken to stop it. People will be arrested and will have to take the consequences."

Both RCMP and UBC campus patrols will also be increased to about once an hour, especially around the residences, Hannah said.

"These people that come in from off campus and think they can beat up the girls, or see the campus as an easy mark will not get away with it any more. They will be taken to the law courts."

Installing the computer system involves engraving serial numbers into equipment and furniture, putting warning stickers on all valuables and outside buildings, and compiling a computerized list which tells where and to whom the article belongs according to the serial number.

Hannah said the system should be completely installed by Christmas.

"The serial number of a recovered article will be fed into the computer, which will trace it back to its owner," Hannah said.

"All the chairs, all pieces of equipment, everything in every department will be numbered."

The residences will also be included in the system, although personal belongings of residence students won't be, Hannah said.

"People will be given instructions on what to do if they wish to identify their own belongings," he said.

The idea for the computer came from the Burnaby RCMP Program Identification. The traffic and security department will use the Burnaby detachment's computer so the cost of installing the system will be comparatively low.

"All we have to buy is a few electric engravers, the stickers for the equipment and buildings, and of course pay for the man hours."

Each department will be responsible for allocating people to identify the equipment. The traffic and security department has already marked all their belongings.

"Everything from chairs to computers will be marked. It's a big job, but we think it's worthwhile. The RCMP at Burnaby have found that the system has significantly decreased losses."

The campus RCMP detachment and UBC patrol will also be clamping down on other forms of vandalism such as sign stealing and light breaking, Hannah said.

"Vandalism has increased so much because people have been

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Quasi-Busters hit

The quasi cops are tightening up on parking infringements by towing offenders away, Dave Hannah, acting superintendent of UBC traffic and security department said Wednesday.

After Oct. 12, "people who park where there is a no-parking sign, where there is a yellow curb or in the wrong lots will be towed to the campus compound," he said. "They will then have to pay a fine and the towing charge."

Hannah said the tow-away policy is not new, but that it will be more strongly enforced this year because violations have become so frequent and because people don't pay any attention to tickets.

"People just ignore the tickets," he said. "It's getting worse all the time. We gave out 384 tickets in one day but it doesn't seem to do any good. They continually park in places which block other people who have parked legally."

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Kenny wants promises

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He said the plan outlines what conditions are needed to double medical school enrolment.

"We want assurances of monies on capital funds and assurance of the necessary operating expenses to hire more faculty and enable us to double enrolment," Kenny said.

Kenny said the $50 million would be needed to build the new hospital at UBC and to improve off-campus facilities at Vancouver General Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital and Shaughnessy Hospital, where UBC medical students are currently trained.

He said the medical school would also need a one-third increase in its current operating budget to cover additional costs of the expanded program.

"If these assurances are given, plus the assurance that the grant to the medical school will in no way jeopardize the rest of the university in either its operating or capital needs, then I will turn around and present the plan in detail to the medical school, the senate and the board of governors," Kenny said.

"We want assurance that the expense of the medical school will in no way interfere with the ongoing progress of other faculties at the university," he said.

But McGeer said the government's commitment to the medical school would not interfere with other university projects.

He said funding for the school "wouldn't make a penny's difference to any other university project."

The medical school is a government priority, McGeer said, and "the government will fund its own priorities directly."

"Other projects will compete for funds in the normal way," he said. "All educational institutions compete for public funds, which are limited. But if the government funds a project like the medical school, it has no more effect on that campus' funding than it does on a crown corporation or on any other campus."

Kenny said the university's plan had to be examined by both the department of education and the health department.

"There's a lot of money involved in building a 240-bed hospital on campus, and therefore both the departments have to examine the capital expenses," he said.

Kenny said he did not blame the government for its delay in responding to the proposal.

"I can fully appreciate the government's having to take a long time to examine the costs, particularly those of the hospital and updating the older facilities. There is a delay, but it is fully understandable," he said.

Drivers pay for towing

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Previously, cars illegally parked were given tickets. People whose cars had to be towed away to enable other people to get out were, as long as they were in the correct lot, not charged for the tow. Tickets meant fines of $3 to $15 depending on the number of previous offenses.

"This week we towed B-lot cars that were blocking other peoples' way further back into the lot but from now on they will be towed to the compound at the owner's expense."

Hannah said the towing fee will be $12, as opposed to the downtown fee of $24. No specific towing company will be called.

"There is ample space on campus for everyone to park, there are signs up and yellow curbs but because they want to be maybe 100 yards closer, they park one on top of the other."

Hannah said it's too bad that the towing procedure has to be enforced but the parking situation is getting worse all the time and something has to be done.

"Some people have to be hit over the head with a hammer before anything sinks in. They seem to think they can park where-ever they like, and there's no way. I'm not just talking about the students, I'm talking about everybody when I say that anyone who is causing an obstruction or preventing the flow of traffic will be towed away."

Lighting

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getting away with it. This won't be the case any more. We are going to patrol the campus with the objective of stopping and apprehending these people."

Hannah also said the lighting on campus will be increased this year.

"The increased lighting last year has had a good effect and we're going to continue that this year," he said.

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATORS

There will be a meeting for all people who have learned transcendental meditation on Thurs. Oct. 21, at 12:30 p.m. in BUCH. 313

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U councillors step on BoGs

VICTORIA (CUP) — The B.C. Universities council is trying to take over the functions of the boards of governors at B.C.'s three universities, a member of the University of Victoria board has charged.

"They (the council) are going beyond the scope of the Universities Act," the board member, who asked to remain anonymous, said Monday. "I believe they're doing this because they don't know what the hell they're supposed to be doing."

The source charged that the board is appropriating money to the University of B.C. and Simon Fraser University "to get more or less what they want."

"UVic is being shafted, pure and simple," the source said.

The council, established by the previous NDP government, has never properly defined its reason for existence, the source charged.

"It's just not possible for them to oversee the operations of all three universities in the province, all of which are run a bit differently," the source said.

"They can't worry about each university's finances on a line-by-line basis. That's the board's job. There's no point looking at the faculty of arts and science at SFU and comparing it to UBC — the two just can't be compared on the same basis," he said.

"That's like trying to compare the operations of the English department to the physics department, it just isn't sensible."

The source said the council is blocking capital grants for the construction of new UVic buildings on the basis of "a retroactive set of criteria which are impossible to meet."

"Under the rules (introduced in the middle of September), no project can pass."

UVic wanted to build a music building wing, add another wing to another building and make space for several other projects such as a new theatre building and law facilities, the source said.

"The universities council said 'no'," the source said. "But no one appears to know why." He said the council has already twice approved the concept of the UVic buildings.

Poor turnout to pizza parlor causes worries

UBC's new pizza parlor in SUB cafeteria has been a bit of a flop so far, its manager said Monday.

Mary Stovell, SUB cafeteria's assistant director, said 300 people a night come to the converted cafeteria to drink wine and beer and eat cheap pizza but the parlor needs 500 to 600 patrons a night to break even.

The poor turnout to the parlor, opened Sept. 14, is probably due to the recent good weather which makes people stay outside, Stovell said.

But as the weather turns colder and mid-term exams approach, attendance will probably increase, Stovell said.

The pizza parlor, open from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday, will eventually stage special evenings featuring Greek or Mexican food to attract more customers, she said.

The parlor's budget for its first year of operation is $10,000 and it must make at least that much to break even.

But Stovell said the parlor is a long way from recovering its initial investment and no one will know the operation's financial situation until the end of the year.

Pizza, beer and wine are offered across the counter at the parlor and patrons take their booze and food to candlelit tables.

Student cars must be shown at the door but UBC students can sign in guests.

Pizza parlor manager Denis Zomar claims the prices at the parlor are 26 to 46 per cent lower than off-campus prices.

SRA elects Theessen as new pres

Student council Wednesday elected commerce rep Dave Theessen as UBC student president.

He replaces Dave Van Blarcom, who resigned Sept. 29 after the student representative assembly voted against establishing a women's committee.

Theessen defeated Moe Sihota, social work rep on council and external affairs officer, and engineering rep Steve Creed. On the first ballot Theessen received 11 votes, Sihota nine and Creed eight. On the runoff ballot, Theessen defeated Sihota 19-9.

Under the Alma Mater Society constitution, the SRA chooses the student president — who chairs council meetings but is given little executive power by the constitution.

Sihota said he was bitter and disappointed by the defeat, and indicated he may resign as external affairs officer.

"I won't make that decision until the Oct. 20 council meeting," he said. "I will probably run for president of the (social work) undergrad society.

"Obviously the SRA is not where I'm at."

Creed, obviously not a serious candidate, said he had only five minutes advance notice before his nomination, and when asked by Van Blarcom to keep his election speech brief, he said:

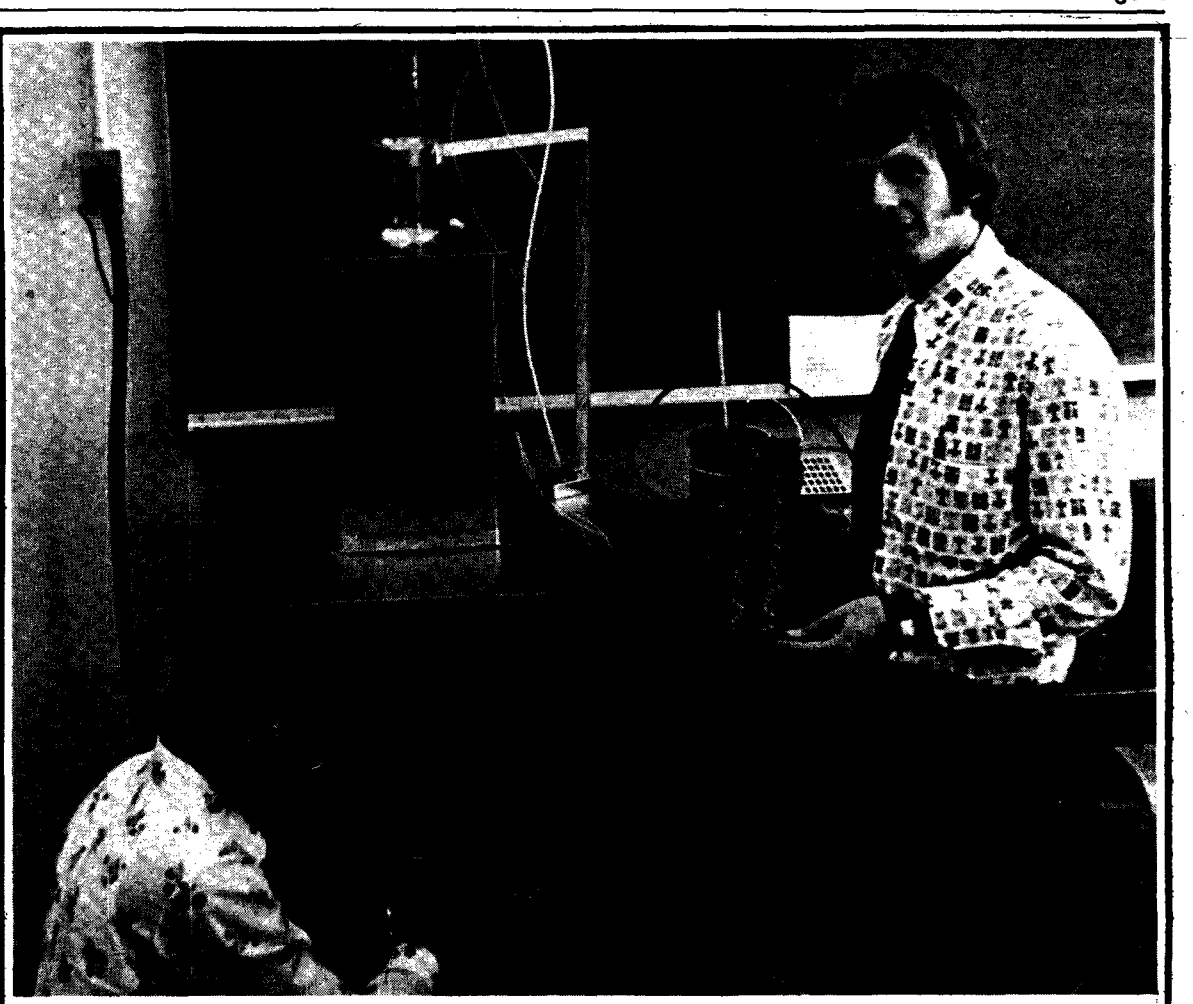
"I'm a brief person. Want to see my briefs?"

Theessen, a veteran student politico, was AMS treasurer in 1974-75 and internal affairs officer in 1975-76.

Van Blarcom was AMS vice-president in 1975-76 when he was a principal architect of the new AMS constitution.

Van Blarcom apologized for his theatrical resignation scene at the previous council meeting, when he angrily stalked out of the meeting immediately after the women's committee vote.

He admitted after that meeting he had planned to resign at that meeting so he could run for senate. He continues as an arts rep on council.



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DROBNY AND PULFREY . . . electricity from sunlight

Solar cells suck sunlight

By PETER van der GRACHT

The world's existing energy sources are running out rapidly and most experts agree alternative sources must be found.

Solar power may become one of the most important of these sources and UBC electrical engineering professor David Pulfrey is investigating one way to harness the sun's power: solar cells.

Most existing solar heating systems convert sunlight into heat but solar cells convert the sun's power directly into electricity.

Some work into this new way of trapping the sun's energy has already been done, and in Phoenix, Ariz., electricity has been supplied to a house by lining the roof with solar cells.

In the future solar cells spread over wide areas of desert or set on huge barges floating on the ocean may provide power to an entire city.

Solar cells have been in use in spacecraft for 20 years.

The mechanics of solar heating is complex. Basically, though, incoming light excites electrons normally held in place by electrons and gives them enough energy to create a current.

"For use on earth, although a high efficiency is desirable the important factor becomes the ratio of cell cost to output power. Presently this figure is running about $20 per peak watt, principally because of the use of expensive semiconductor fabrication processes," Pulfrey said.

Another factor which adds to the cost of solar cells is their size. They are so small that to generate a lot of power many of them must be wired together. This becomes an expensive process.

"To be cost-competitive with conventional sources of electricity such as thermal plants the cost of solar cells must be reduced to around 50 cents per peak watt," Pulfrey says.

Absorption by the earth's atmosphere reduces the power of sunlight. The maximum power available on earth is one kilowatt a square metre.

"There are two approaches that can be followed in an effort to make a viable means of producing electricity for terrestrial use," he said.

The first approach involves concentrating the sunlight. This requires solar cells, sunlight intensifying reflectors and cooling equipment to stop the cells from overheating.

Because only a relatively small area of solar cells is necessary, the cells can be made from expensive materials, such as highly-processed silicon or gallium arsenide, which can lead to higher efficiency. The disadvantage is the high cost of the reflectors and cooling equipment.

The second approach requires a larger solar cell. To keep the price down, cheaper semiconductor materials would be used but this would lead to a lowering of efficiency.

Solar cells are specially-designed semiconductor diodes which use expensive materials, equipment and energy.

To make large area solar cells suitable for use without concentrators, new ways of preparing suitable semiconductor materials have to be developed, as well as different ways of making the actual diode.

Pulfrey is doing work in both these areas with the "goal for this line of research being to bring the cost of solar electric power down to a competitive level."

The semiconductor materials work, involving graduate students Vlado Drobny and Blair Russel, is looking at ways of placing thin semiconductors on top of large metal sheets which act both as an electrical contact and could be nailed directly onto a rooftop.

Another graduate student, Ron McOuat, has been evaluating a solar cell made by depositing a very thin metal layer on top of a semiconductor. He has found this type of structure could be used with the type of semiconductors resulting from the thin film semiconductor work.

Pulfrey has just returned from a year's sabbatical leave at the University of Western Australia where he found plenty of sunshine to test his own solar cells.

"It would be nice," Pulfrey says, "to be able to solve all our problems before B.C. Hydro starts work on their Revelstoke Dam, because then we could supply the power from a harmless solar cell farm in the Okanagan instead."

Student reps decide not to decide

The student representative assembly voted 12-10 Wednesday not to take a stand one way or the other on the Canadian Labor Congress Oct. 14 day of protest against wage controls.

But the SRA did overwhelmingly pass a motion asking the administration and faculty not to penalize students who participate in the protest and refuse to come to classes.

The SRA's refusal to take a stand came when it voted to table indefinitely a motion from Alma Mater Society secretary-treasurer Bill Broddy that the SRA express its "regret" of the CLC's protest. Broddy is also an arts senator and prominent campus Liberal.

Arts rep Dave Van Blarcom sponsored the second motion and also the motion to quash Broddy's motion.

"I don't see the point of this body passing this kind of motion or the converse," Van Blarcom said. "We shouldn't pass these type of airy fairy motions."

Although only one motion was quashed, SRA president Dave Theessen ruled out of order all other motions pertaining to the day of protest except for Van Blarcom's second motion.

Broddy said the SRA should take a stand because the B.C. Students' Federation and the National Union of Students have endorsed the protest, and UBC belongs to both groups.

He added CLC president Joe Morris has asked students to participate in the Oct. 14 strike, and the SRA should "reply" to his request.

External affairs officer Moe Sihota said many students will not be able to go to class because buses will not be running and the campus locals of the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Office and Technical Employees Union will support the protest.

Arts rep Pam Willis said Oct. 14 "very much concerns" students because of soaring costs they face while under controls for housing, food and transportation.

But Basil Peters, a student rep on the board of governors, warned that the administration had decided to operate as usual Oct. 14, and not cancel any classes, labs or exams.

Van Blarcom said his motion will guarantee that the AMS upholds students' rights to free speech. Those who opposed his motion did so on the grounds it implicitly approved the CLC protest.

Ruled out of order were motions that the SRA condemn the anti-inflation board and that campus unions be asked not to discipline members who elect to work Oct. 14.

On fence-sitting turkeys

There's not enough controversy on our campus. It's getting boring these days. Where have all the issues gone?

We know. They're sitting on the nice little carefully duplicated stacks of paper each student representative assembly member gets before each SRA meeting.

The problem is, the issues stay right on those pieces of paper and none of our democratically elected student representatives ever works up the guts to take a stand on anything.

Wednesday night provides a classic example.

The SRA meets, each pathetic member clutching his or her stack of papers. One of the items to be discussed is what the SRA should decide about the Oct. 14 day of protest being staged by the Canadian Labor Congress to protest federal wage controls.

So what do those turkeys do?

They sit there. They look at the floor and the ceiling and twiddle their thumbs and pick their noses. They whisper to the turkey next to them about how they can hardly wait till the meeting ends so they can go to the Pit and gossip.

What they don't do is take a stand. Those mealy-mouthed twits hem and haw and snivel and whine a bit and then decide to not really make any decision at all.

They won't support the day of the protest, but on the other hand, they won't condemn it. They won't do anything. Except make some gutless request to the university administration asking them not to penalize anyone for not attending classes during the day of protest. As if the administration ever cared if anybody ever missed a single day of classes.

When students elected those meat heads they were probably under the (mistaken) impression they would get some leadership. They hoped they would hear something from their representatives about why those representatives supported or opposed particular issues. They hoped they would get some direction, or a jumping off place for them to think about issues themselves.

But the Alma Mater Society is doing anything but getting people to think about issues. How can it when it dodges issues consistently itself?

Speaking of issues, there's another one the AMS should be concerned about. They spent some money sending two representatives to the National Union of Students conference in Ottawa last weekend.

One of the main issues that NUS is concerned about these days is the upcoming National Student Day on Nov. 9.

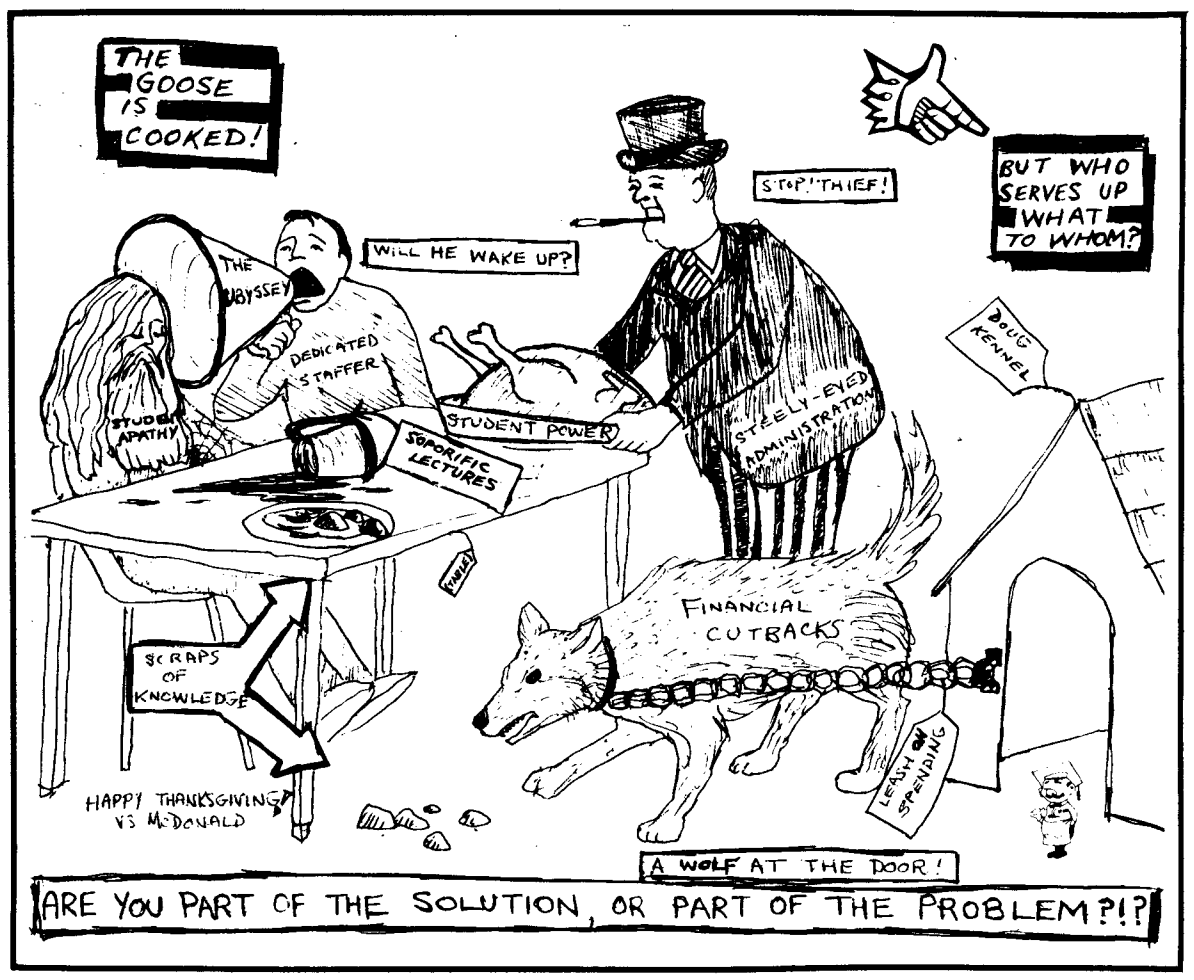
On Nov. 9, students are supposed to be demonstrating to draw attention to some of the issues that bug them — like student loan policies, tuition fee hikes and so on.

But there's been nothing, not even a faint whisper, from your student society telling you why you should take part in the Nov. 9 activities — and they haven't, to our knowledge, done much planning about activities that day. If they have done any planning, they're certainly not telling anybody.

We could go on and on. Like what has the AMS done to get students together to oppose tuition fee hikes? Or what has it done about getting education minister Pat McGeer and administration president Doug Kenny together on campus to talk about general education policies and the role of the university?

Are you hacks out there listening? Have you been complaining lately that students on campus are apathetic and don't seem to care about the issues?

Stop your griping. How can you expect students to care about issues when you are too wishy-washy, spineless, indecisive and fence-sitting to ever get involved with an issue yourselves?



Letters

Lunchtime loudmouths

This letter is addressed to those individuals who insist on using the SUB listening room as an annex of the conversation pit.

Today, I was eating my lunch, listening to music, when I slowly became aware that I wasn't just hearing Shawn Phillips.

At least three groups of you people were jabbering away, most of you without headphones anywhere in sight: i.e. you were not only not using the room for the purpose for which it was designed, but you never intended to do so.

Why the hell don't you go to the conversation pit????

The chairs are no less comfortable than the ones in the listening room; the only difference is that in the conversation pit, you aren't bugging people. You may not be aware that your lunchtime chatter bothers people, but it does.

I turned the volume up as far as it would go, and I could still hear you. Please people, use some courtesy, if you know the meaning the word.

Kathy Ford
arts 4

Liquor

It was good to see the letter entitled Minor's lot in the Oct. 5 issue of The Ubyssey. This gives the science undergraduate society, and I am sure other on-campus organizations, a chance to explain the liquor regulations concerning dances.

First of all, it is legal to admit persons under the age of 19 into a function in which alcoholic beverages are being consumed under the Special Occasions Permit.

Following this it could be stated that "the letter of the law" allows underage persons to attend dances, etc. where liquor is being served.

The problem, however, arises when people under 19 consume alcohol at such a function. It is because of this factor that we did not allow underage persons to attend.

It is next to impossible to stop minors from drinking. If minors are found having consumed alcohol or are consuming alcohol, then the person who signed the liquor licence is responsible.

The person who signed the liquor licence for the Oct. 2 dance is an SUS executive and the SUS was not about to take the chance of having a charge brought against him or the SUS.

With respect to the idea of serving liquor in one area and the dance in another, this was tried in the past, but was not considered popular.

In addition, I would like to add that because of the recent tightening of liquor laws, the SUS was not prepared to eliminate the chances of other groups to sponsor liquor functions on campus.

This may sound phony, but I recognize the fact that a lot of the frosh are not part of the campus scene and it is something that I can sympathize with.

But, it should be pointed out that your wish of attending dances in the future might materialize. This would happen if liquor licences are suspended.

You ask, why the talk of suspension? Well, because of recent performances in the residences and elsewhere, the possibility of dry functions on campus hangs in the air.

Robert Salkeld
president
science undergrad society

Academic

With respect to the Student Support Committee's comment in the Oct. 5 issue of The Ubyssey, I would like to make my position clear.

I resigned from my position as science senator and affiliated commitments because of the academic load I am encountering. This decision was made after serious consideration.

Any past involvement with housing or the administration was not a factor as implied in the Oct. 5 letter. I can categorically state that my resignation was for academic reasons only.

To suggest that external forces were brought to bear, with respect to my withdrawal, would be misleading.

Robert Salkeld
science 3

Vendors

Apathy. The word no longer stands for a problematic issue but a joke — and it is treated as such.

It would be far better if we just forgot about the word completely and just examined the things going on around us with a little more care and concern.

We have all done a great disservice to a group of people who are trying to get by just like you and me. These people are called vendors.

It is not that we did them a disserve by saying either yes or no to them but that we could not even offer them an answer.

Because at least 3,450 people did not vote on Friday, the vendors are now left in limbo — they haven't received a proper answer.

With a little thought one can see how they must be feeling at this point. Not very pleasant.

Even if 15,000 or more people (and why not?) had voted no they would have probably felt better than they do in the present state of affairs.

We were all asked for a decision and thus all had the responsibility of making one.

What did you think about the vendors? Let's hope for their sake that the situation is cleared up soon.

Mike Haines
arts 4

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In the smoky gloom of the People's Ubyssey the oppressed proletarian staffers plotted the overthrow of the state. "We must destroy the imperialist masters and all their running dogs," Verne McDonald, Steve Howard, Sue Vohanka and Ralph Maurer muttered. "The blood will run like a river in the streets." Marcus Gee, Heather Walker and Dave Wilkinson nodded agreement. "We must use all the weight of our revolutionary zeal to crush the bourgeois pigs," Chris Gainor grunted. "The lackeys of the capitalist oppressors will fall to their knees before us," said Jan Nicol as Steve McClure, Deb van der Gracht, Peter van der Gracht and Matt King painted slogans from Mao's little red book on the walls. Geof Wheelwright burned himself in protest and Jerry Eberts, Charlie Micallef, Doug Field and Doug Rushton roasted marshmallows.

Canada maintains money interests in South Africa

By LINDA BLANCET
and KATY LE ROUGETEL

The following article examines Canada's presence in South Africa and the activities of some major Canadian corporations there.

It is reprinted from the Gateway, student paper at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and is distributed by Canadian University Press.

This summer the Republic of South Africa was shaken by what may have been the most widespread uprising in the history of the South African liberation movement.

The oppressive regime of John Vorster has responded by slaying hundreds of black and "colored" (mixed race) protestors in a massive witchhunt campaign.

The riots in Cape Town and Johannesburg were sparked by several issues, including language and a new Vorster effort to further stratify and segregate South African society.

Blacks, who are taught Afrikaans in schools, said they wanted to learn English because if they had to learn one Western language it might as well be an international one.

Frustrated by the Vorster regime's apparent indifference, students and workers from the black township of Soweto rioted this summer, setting off a chain of demonstrations which underscored the frailty of the white supremist regime.

Now that Mozambique and Angola are in the control of leftist blacks, Vorster and Ian Smith's white minority Rhodesian government are being forced to compromise before violence flares up across the continent.

Blacks frustrated

And despite the shuttle-diplomacy of U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger, calculated to make U.S. president Gerry Ford look good, it may be too late for compromise.

Vorster may have signed his own death warrant by creating several "homelands" for South Africa's indigenous people and forcing blacks who live in Cape Town or Johannesburg to move to areas of their tribal origin. He is effectively making them aliens in South Africa.

Growing industrialization and a shortage of labor have helped develop large black working-class populations in Soweto and other black townships. Since the early 1970s this new layer has shown increasing confidence and militancy, defying state repression in a series of strikes, demonstrations and other actions.

The recent uprisings are merely an indicator of the explosive social tensions that have been building in South Africa for centuries. Black Africans are struggling against a system that condemns them to virtual slavery.

They are crowded onto reserves, or Bantustans, that are kept in utter poverty. They may not own property or settle in white areas of the country.

They must carry passes at all times or be thrown into jail. They may not form or join trade unions, and strikes by black workers are banned.

Starvation wages

Black workers' wages, currently averaging one-twentieth those for whites, remain at starvation level.

The cornerstone of South Africa's apartheid labor policy is the migrant labor system, under which blacks contract for labor in the cities for one year at a time, usually isolated from their families. This system ensures a large degree of government control over the movement and employment of black workers, and provides employers with a regular and inexpensive supply of labor.

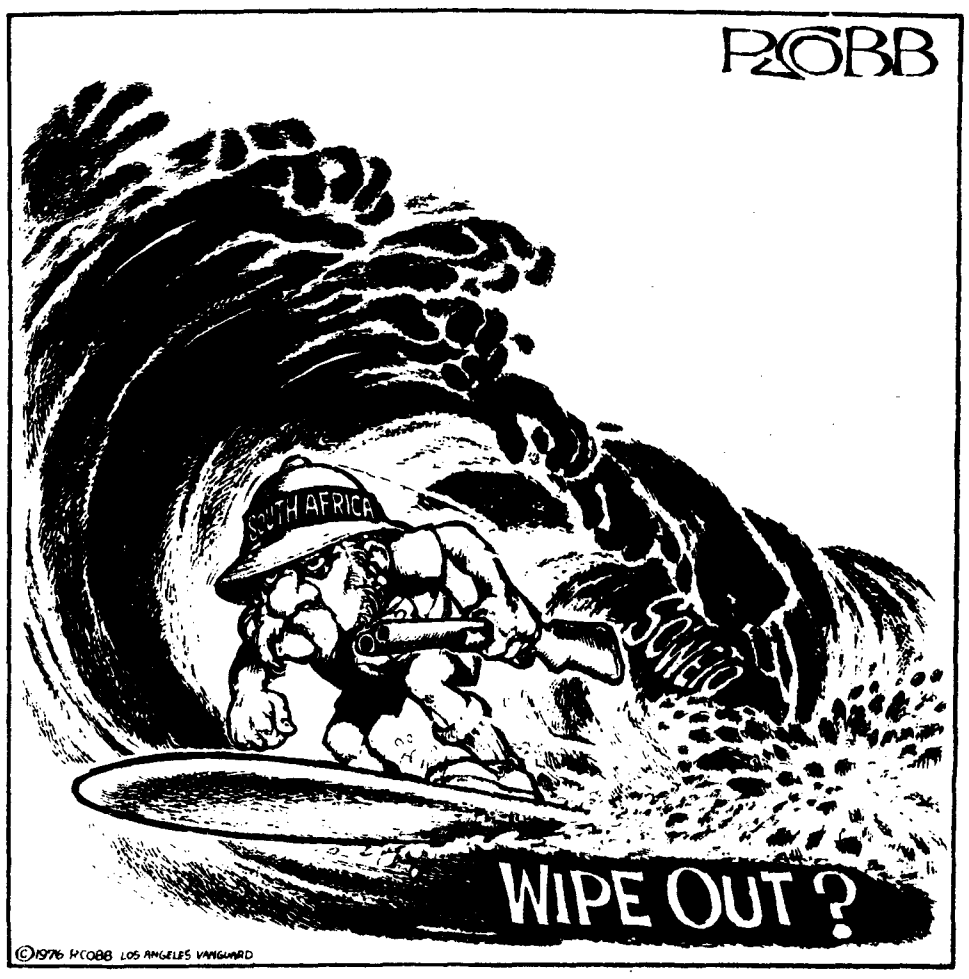
Western Europe and North America maintain economic and political links with the Vorster regime. After all, South Africa offers attractive incentives to foreign investment — including large deposits of gold, diamonds and other valuable minerals.

The apartheid system gives Canadian and foreign corporations access to a large pool of workers whose wages are kept at rock-bottom levels, promising reduced labor costs and therefore higher profits.

The Canadian government — though it has condemned apartheid in South Africa — has not discouraged Canadian corporations from taking advantage of trade and investment opportunities there.

Such big-name industrial concerns as Massey-Ferguson, Alcan and Falconbridge maintain subsidiaries in South Africa.

The record of Canadian corporate involvement shows that foreign investment has been anything but a liberating force for black South Africans. Black workers have won a number of concessions as a result of large upsurges and foreign pressure, but their status remains abysmally low.



A study of the activities of Canadian subsidiaries in South Africa was compiled by Hugh Nangle and published in the Ottawa Citizen in 1973.

According to Nangle's study, the total assets of Massey-Ferguson's South African subsidiary increased in 10 years from more than $20.9 million in 1962 to more than $28.5 million in 1972.

But at Massey-Ferguson's plant in Vereeniging, the overwhelming majority of black workers were paid less than the government's official poverty line.

The lowest paid white worker at the Vereeniging plant earned at least $191 monthly above the poverty line.

This disparity in wages is maintained by racist laws that deny black workers the right to form trade unions and protect their wages and working conditions. These are determined by government labor councils controlled by whites.

L.E. Knoll, chief executive of Massey-Ferguson in South Africa, claims his Canadian shareholders would be "very unhappy" if black workers were paid higher wages. Since the company obviously has the resources to substantially reduce or close the wage gap between blacks and whites, it is evident that Massey-Ferguson intends to continue operating within the framework of the racist apartheid system.

According to Nangle's study, the total assets of Alcan Aluminum's South African subsidiary are more than $41.3 million. However, at Alcan's Pietermaritzburg operation, black workers are paid much lower wages than white workers.

In addition, they are expected to purchase their own overalls and safety boots. There is no assistance to help workers obtain adequate housing and educate their children.

The company has no regular bus service for its black workers to their homes in the African townships, even though municipal buses are overcrowded before they reach the Alcan plant.

Whites do better

Alcan maintains expensive in-training programs for non-white workers but it is clear they are maintained in the interest of improved production and profit, not in the interests of black workers.

Falconbridge of Africa Ltd., a subsidiary of Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd., operates mines in Namibia and Rhodesia.

The Blanket Mine in Southern Rhodesia made a profit of $1.3 million in 1972. Yet the starting wage for blacks at the Blanket Mine was 56 cents a day in 1973.

Some blacks who had worked for Falconbridge for more than 20 years received about $45 per month. But some white workers doing supervisory and maintenance work received $810 per month.

Entire black families are crowded into two-person shanties made of corrugated asbestos sheeting. Recreation facilities consist of beerhalls and potholed soccer fields. Whites, on the other hand, live in spacious, attractive houses and have access to a swimming pool, tennis court and clubhouse.

"It is not unfair," writes Nangle, "to charge that Falconbridge is operating a slave labor mine."

Falconbridge also operates a large copper mine in Namibia, or South West Africa, illegally administered by Vorster's regime.

Namibia is rich in uranium, copper and diamonds. South Africa rules Namibia by virtue of "an international instrument," the Mandate of the United Nations.

Attempts by South Africa to annex Namibia formally have been thwarted, but despite UN declarations the economic exploitation of black workers and plundering of the country's resources by foreign capitalists goes unhindered.

South African apartheid laws and practices are enforced in Namibia.

Canada actively encourages Falconbridge's mining operation by granting corporation tax deductions — in direct contravention of a 1970 UN resolution declaring that all member states are obliged to "discourage" their companies from investing in Namibia.

Canada has repeatedly made statements condemning apartheid and the Vorster regime. In 1963, for instance, the UN placed

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Hot flashes

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Oct. 14

If you want to learn more about the reasons for the Oct. 14 protest, Vanguard Forum at 1208 Granville will present a series of speakers who will talk on the subject at 8 p.m. Friday.

Speakers include Art Kube, education director for the Canadian Labor Congress, NDPer Harry Singh, Joe Kellner, League for Socialist Action mayoral candidate, and B.C. Students' Federation hack Stew Savard.

'Tween classes

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KARATE CLUB
Practice, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., winter sports centre.

LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT
Clark Pinnoch on Good News for the Poor, noon, Lutheran campus centre.

UBC LIBERALS
Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 119.

SQUARE DANCING
Practice, noon, SUB 212.

EAST INDIANS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Organizational meeting, noon, International House.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Speaker, noon, SUB 205.

KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB
Meeting to organize trip, noon, SUB 212A.

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTER MACHINERY
A. G. Fowler speaks about computing opportunities in the Vancouver area, noon, Civil 201.

UBC INTRAMURALS
Co-recreational volleyball, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., War Memorial Gym.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Speaker John Anonby, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLUB
Iranian dance workshop, 2:30 p.m., SUB ballroom.

FRIDAY

SQUASH CLUB
Practice and tryouts for squash team, 3 p.m., winter sports centre.

THE CENTRE COFFEE HOUSE
Canadian folk singer Fred Booker, 8:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

SKYDIVING CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 212..

AUS
All candidates meeting, noon Bu. 100.

CSA AND CVC
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CHINESE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
August moon party, 9 p.m., graduate student centre.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE
Meeting, noon, International House.

UBC MEDIA GROUP
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In Vorster's South Africa

Canada backs racists

From page 5

an embargo on arms sales to South Africa. Canada supported the resolution. Yet military hardware manufactured by Alcan is used today against liberation struggles in Namibia.

The issue of Canadian involvement in South Africa extends to other southern African countries as well. In December 1960, Canada voted in favour of a UN resolution pledging unconditionally to bring an end to colonialism.

But in 1973, Mitchell Sharp, then secretary of state for external affairs, refused to discuss the Portuguese liberation wars in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization council, writing that it would be "neither appropriate nor effective." By allowing Portugal complete freedom to suppress blacks, Sharp was pursuing the most "effective" means to high corporate profits and lucrative exploitation of Angola and Mozambique.

An important component of Canadian support for the Vorster government is Canada's membership in NATO.

Within its network, Canada gives substantial military support to the South African regime.

The African continent contains very strategic cases and resources which NATO allies are anxious to use for their own ends.

The U.S. has a guided missile station and a space tracking station in South Africa. A naval surveillance system established with the help of NATO members at Silvermine allows South Africa to keep under surveillance an area from South America to Bangladesh. NATO forms and stock codes were used throughout this operation enabling South Africa to function as a de facto member of NATO.

Defense against the "threat" of Soviet ships in the Indian Ocean is a convenient pretext for NATO collaboration with Vorster's regime. In reality, these military agreements represent an attack on South Africa's black workers.

NATO members are fortifying their immense economic investments in South Africa against the country's explosive internal situation. In return for using South Africa's strategic bases, NATO provides the Vorster regime with arms to protect white racist rule and western investments.

The Canadian government remains silent in the face of western collaboration with apartheid. Through NATO's common arms pool, Canadian military hardware frequently finds its way into the armories of South Africa.

As members of NATO, as arms manufacturer, as capitalist power, as investor in South Africa, Canada is responsible for supporting the crimes of the South African regime.

Black African workers are no longer willing to suffer these crimes in silence.

Their protests are shaking the very foundations of the apartheid regime. We must support them in their struggle for freedom.

By putting pressure on Ottawa through rallies, demonstrations, petitions and talks, we can begin the task of educating Canadians about their government's complicity in the Vorster government.

By boycotting products manufactured in South Africa, we withdraw support for companies that exploit black workers. We must refuse to participate with South Africa in any athletic, cultural and similar activities to destroy the myth of friendly diplomacy and interchange.

Pool lottery selling fast

Lottery tickets to raise money to build UBC's covered pool went on sale Monday and they are selling fast, chief fund raiser Doug Aldridge said Wednesday.

UBC clubs, undergraduate societies and students are selling the $1 tickets. The winners will net a first prize of $2,500 or one of three $500 second prizes.

The 15,000 tickets printed for the lottery are being sold in books of 15 and a commission of $2 a book goes to sellers, he said.

Money raised by the lottery will go toward making up the $1.2 million still needed to complete the $4.7 million pool.

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Peaceful end seen to S.A. trouble

By CHRIS GAINOR

The end of race segregation and minority white rule in South Africa will come peacefully, a leading South African politician predicted Wednesday at UBC.

Harry Schwarz, a member of South African parliament and executive chairman of the opposition South African Progressive Reform party, said in an interview that current unrest among South African blacks will not lead to revolution.

"The current disorders are protest demonstrations and not revolution," Schwarz said. "People are worried but I think it will make them think."

Schwarz's party holds 11 seats in the 171-member South African parliament, dominated by the National party which instituted the apartheid policy when it came to power in 1948.

He described his party's policy this way: "We are opposed to apartheid. We oppose all forms of discrimination and we support a change in the South African constitution to make it federal.

"We are opposed to the homeland concept and we believe the way to solve our problems is to call a national convention of all races to change to a more multiracial basis.

"We're a free-enterprise party but we believe capitalism must be reformed if it is to survive in Africa," Schwarz said. He will make three speeches at UBC next week.

Under the current government's "separate development" policy, he said, blacks live in separate "homelands" which are isolated from industry and form only 13 per cent of the area of South Africa.

Schwarz said his party advocates a federal system similar to Canada's, but with more provincial autonomy. Provinces would not be set up along racial lines, he said.

South Africa will eventually be ruled by multiracial parties in which blacks would be dominant because they form the majority, but when asked when this would occur, Schwarz said "Nobody can give a timetable in Africa because things move swiftly there. But I'm convinced apartheid will collapse."

He said the world media is overreacting to the current disturbances.

"I think South Africa is going through a difficult period and has many difficulties ahead. But I am still optimistic and I think there are enough people in both the black and white communities who want peaceful change to make that a reasonable possibility."

The current problems will make whites either more liberal or reactionary, he added.

Whites are not colonists in South Africa as they are in other areas, Schwarz said, "they are Africans the same as blacks but they are white Africans."

He said the first whites came in 1652, about the same time blacks were moving into South Africa from the north.

"The world has changed and South Africa was left behind." According to current South African law, people can be imprisoned without trial and be subject to house arrest and internment, Schwarz said.

"We however have a free press which has only limited restrictions and the English-speaking press is a very courageous press in South Africa." The press cannot report on police stories without government approval, he said, but it is completely free to criticize government policies.

Schwarz, who founded the Reform Party, a predecessor to the Progressive Reform Party, said his party is completely free in its activities except it cannot be multiracial.

AMS drops protest forum

Plans by the Alma Mater Society to hold an open forum to get students' views about the Oct. 14 day of protest have fallen through.

The forum about labor's protest against wage and price controls would have been held tonight in SUB conversation pit and would have featured labor leaders and a representative of the federal government.

The AMS wanted to hold the forum so the student representative assembly could decide what position to take on the labor protest.

Dave Theessen, forum organizer and commerce rep on council, said Wednesday the forum was cancelled because the date coincided with a federal cabinet meeting, which prevented the expected government speakers from appearing.

Theessen said Liberal senator Ray Perrault told the AMS he would fly to Vancouver especially for the forum if it could be held this coming Friday, but the AMS did not know this until Oct. 1, too late to change the date of the forum.

John Russell, AMS speakers committee chairman, said a panel discussion Oct. 14 organized by campus Christian groups will be the only speaking event on campus connected with the AMS.

The panel for the discussion will include commerce and economics professors and campus union leaders.

Russell said the speakers committee has yet to finalize a schedule of speakers who will appear on campus this year. The list will be ready in about two weeks, he said.

UVic student council out to oust president

VICTORIA (CUP) — The student council at the University of Victoria plans to fire its student president.

The decision was made Sunday after council voted to ask for Alistair Palmer's resignation, which he refused to submit.

The controversial student president has raised the ire of a number of council members by:

- refusing to ask the UVic board of governors to collect a $1 fee levy from students for the B.C. Student Federation, which has already been passed by a campus referendum;
- missing council meetings (which he has termed petty and boring) to watch hockey on television or attend a rugby function;
- made allegedly false statements to the press.

After council had voted to ask for Palmer's resignation he was asked what action he planned to take.

"Yeah, my action is that I'm not going to resign," he said.

The main issue is Palmer's repeated attempts to block UVic membership in the BCSF despite the results of the referendum.

"What are we going to have to do to convince Mr. Palmer we are members (of BCSF)," asked council member Casey Rippon. "Kill him?

"Our constitution has no veto for the president," said Rippon. "His refusal constitutes malfeasance in office. He should get the hell out."

Palmer countered council's insistence that he comply with its wishes with respect to BCSF by introducing a petition, signed by 150 students, calling for another BCSF referendum.

Council declined an opportunity to place the issue before students during a by-election Oct. 15 and instead drafted another letter for Palmer to send to the board.

Several members expressed doubts Palmer would send the letter and one member who abstained on the resignation vote indicated he will vote for impeachment if Palmer ignores the request once again.

But Rippon said he will initiate dismissal of Palmer at Council's next meeting Sunday anyway.

Palmer has claimed that the representative assembly of UVic's Alma Mater Society has not passed the formal request for a $1 BCSF fee levy, even though the students have in a referendum.

Many students have already paid their fees without the $1 BCSF levy added on, and Palmer says he thinks it is too late to collect the fees.

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