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Noxious fumes fuelled by cars

by Laura Busheikin

Frances Miller was getting familiar with the emergency ward. This was the third time she'd been rushed to the hospital with what the doctors told her was a heart fibrilation.

The doctors couldn't tell her why it happened. Miller (a pseudonym) didn't have asthma, emphysema, or any other respiratory illness.

A few months after the third hospital visit, Miller read an article in The Vancouver Sun which chronicled the environmental and health dangers of the air pollution caused by automobiles. She recalled how three attacks and realized they'd all occurred during rush hour. Miller lived at Georgia and Denman, one of the busiest intersections in downtown Vancouver. When she spoke to her doctor, he agreed that air pollution was probably the cause of her problem.

Miller has since moved to Nanaimo, in search of cleaner air, but the traffic at Georgia and Denman still roars by, spewing huge quantities of pollutants into the air.

About 15 miles east, the Second Narrows bridge serves as the main conduit for people commuting between North Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. During rush hour on a bad day, drivers in their motionless cars switch on their radios to hear what they already know—traffic is closed on the Second Narrows.

This is one of the hot-spots the provincial ministry of transportation and highways monitors regularly to keep track of traffic levels. In 1985, on a typical summer day, just under 86,000 cars travelled the bridge. Since then, the number has risen steadily. In 1989, 101,000 cars made the trip.

These rising levels are typical of the whole Greater Vancouver area, says Glen Church, who works with the ministry. "Traffic counts are higher than ever," he says.

The automobile industry interprets this as good news. "Everyone [in the B.C. automobile industry] agrees 1989 was a good year. Car sales are up. The Lower Mainland is on a roll," reports an article in the trade magazine Automotive News.

Church, and others in the field, say the growing number of cars on the streets is a result of Vancouver's burgeoning population. If the city grows at the rates people are predicting, the traffic is going to keep getting worse, unless things change radically.

The national picture is just as frightening. There are close to 15 million passenger vehicles on Canadian roads—twice as many as there were 20 years ago. And Canadian drivers used 2.5 per cent more gasoline in 1988 than 1987—the biggest jump in consumption in a decade.

Motor vehicles burn almost 50 per cent of the world's dwindling fossil fuels which creates vast amounts of carbon dioxide, which many experts say is responsible for global warming—the Greenhouse Effect which is drastically altering the Earth's climate.

Motor vehicle exhaust vast amounts accounts for 70 per cent of the globe's humanly-created carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide can be toxic in high doses, and in lower doses it creates toxins in the bloodstream and impedes the lungs' ability to absorb oxygen.

Our dependence on automobiles defines our urban environment. Close to a third of urban landsapes is made up of roads, parking lots and driveways. Cars are the organizing principle behind the design of subdivisions, which are widely criticized as dehumanizing, community-destroying environments.

Over 4000 people died nationwide in car accidents in 1987 (the most recent year for which statistics are available). That's only slightly less than the deaths from lung cancer.

In B.C., 615 people died in car accidents in 1988, and 44,000 were injured. Over \$1 billion dollars were paid out by I.C.B.C. in insurance claims—more than the entire province of New Brunswick spent on health care in 1985.



Vancouver cyclists take back the streets

by Laura Busheikin

You're walking, shopping, driving or just hanging out downtown. Suddenly you see a raucous convoy of cyclists, all wearing gas masks and colorful decorations, spread out in a line that covers a whole city block.

That's what will happen things an this Saturday when Vancouver cyclists celebrate—and advocate—their chosen form of transport in a group ride and friendly confree confree their chosen form of transport in a group ride and friendly confree their chosen form of the confree t

"We want to make a statement about the use of cars. More and more cars have been coming into the city in the last five years. It's not necessary," explains Langara student Caroline Amor, one of the event's organizers.

"People become addicted to their cars," Amore says.

Amor cites plenty of reason to fight this addiction. "Pollution, obviously. Also the space taken up by streets and parking lots. It's like we're paving over the world. And our reliance on cars is responsible for oil spills.

"Bikes are a really positive alternative."

Amor says society's love affair with the car is a symptom of our unhealthy pursuit of consumption and speed.

"It's part of the speed culture we have. People want to get things done fast. We tear down houses and put new ones up in no time at all. People feel they have to do lots and lots of things and do them quickly," she says.

The rally's organizers want to see a more bicycle-friendly city. "We'd like to see car-free zones established, places like Granville Island or Gastown, where you can get away from cars.

"We'd like to see bike paths in the city so we can have more space and get away from breathing carbon monoxide. And we'd like to see more city planning geared towards alternative ways of getting around," Amor says.

Amor says she's expecting about 100 people at the event. Cyclists will meet at noon at Victory Square at Hastings and Cambie, and leave for a group ride through downtown at about 1:00. At 2:00 there will be a rally with live music at Robson Square.

The article that Miller read in The Vancouver Sun, the one that helped her connect her heart problems with the cars that roared past her window, was written by Pamela Graham. Graham is vice president, specializing in air quality, of SPEC (Society for the Promotion of Conservation). She has been studying air pollution, and lobbying for ways of controlling it, for over 10 years.

Graham wants to talk about ozone. These days the word conjures up gloomy visions up the diminishing ozone layer, and the earth fried to a crisp, but that's not the problem she wants to focus on.

Up in the stratosphere, ozone depletion is the problem. But down here on earth, we have too much ozone in the air. And 75 to 80 percent of it is caused by auto exhaust, Graham says.

"Ozone is the most irritating gas known to man. In small amounts it will irritate the lungs. It also eats into materials," Graham says.

Graham's article, written in 1983, warned about the effects and amounts of ozone. The article apparently was big news to more people than just Miller. A provincial government official told Graham niether he nor his colleagues knew there was a pollution problem till they read the article.

Government awareness has gotten a bit better since then. "There are more monitoring stations. There is a meteorologist on Greater Vancouver Regional District staff," Graham says.

Government involvement would have been helpful about ten years ago, when ozone levels were high enough to pose a serious health threat.

"From 1979 to '81 were really bad years for ozone," Graham says. "Levels were above the first stage alert used in California to warn the elderly, children and people with respiratory diseases to stay inside with the windows and doors shut.

"No one knew. There was no publicity. No one knew to be careful. I knew a woman with athsma who kept getting attacks and had no idea why."

Ozone levels declined steadily during the mid-80s. "We thought we'd solved it. But during labour day weekend in 1988, we had horrendous air quality," Graham says. Ozone levels for that year were higher than they'd been since 1981.

We have no time for complacency, Graham says. "Vancouver could turn into smog city. People coming here from Los Angeles looking for clean air will end up turning around and going home"

Graham is not a lone voice. Several weeks ago, the Vancouver board of Trade issued a statement warning that Vancouver will suffer worse pollution than Los Angeles unless the civic, regional and provincial governments address the problem.

The solutions? A mixture of new technology and new commuting habits, says Graham.

"We need to develop and start using different fuels that pollute less. We need a far better rapid transit system. We need to get people using bikes. We need more bicycle routes in this city, for heavens sake!"

Graham often hears the argument that jobs will be lost if automobile use declines. She has a ready answer.

"If you have to choose between the future of the planet and jobs, you have to choose the planet. And if we develop new technology, new kinds of fuel and cars, we'll create new jobs."

The pollution problem is linked to other problems facing Vancouver these days, like the housing crisis. "The city is pricing housing out of the reach of many who work in the city. Lower wage earners are having to move outside of the city, and they have to get in and out. So we have to discover a lot more methods to get them in and out." get their acts together soon.

Listening to Graham, it's easy to want to follow the example of Frances Miller, who got out and stayed out. But cities are meant to be places to live, not places to escape from. An old medeival adage says "a city's air makes people free." Something has gone drastically wrong—these days it just makes people sick.

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Pre-Med Society. Last lecture for 89/90: Plastic Surgery - Dr. Snelling. Noon, IRC Wood 1.

Women in Development. Julie Cruikshank, Dept. of Anthropology, UBC, will be speaking on "Women's Life Histories from Northern Canada: Explaining New Changes with Old Stories." 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Geography Building Rm. 223.

Students for Forestry Awareness. Discussion Group with Jack Kempf (MLA Omineca) on forestry issues in B.C. 7 p.m., MacMillan Bldg. Lounge.

Students for Forestry Awareness. Speaker Series: Jack Kempf (Ind. MLA Omineca). Title: Non-competitive access to timber and the stumpage system in B.C. Noon, MacMillan Rm. 166.

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THURSDAY, MAR. 8

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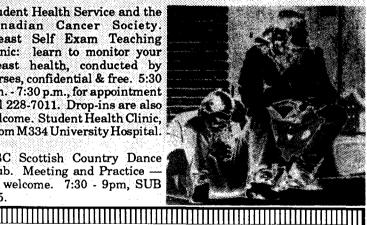
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SUNDAY, MAR. 4

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Graduate Student Society. GSS Bzzr Garden. 4:30 - 7:30, Garden Room, Graduate Student Centre.

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Student Centre.

Ask provinces for \$ - Wilson

the nearly \$2.5 billion cut in federal transfer payments to the provinces for health and education in the next two years.

The federal finance minister, at UBC for a speech yesterday, said it was "up to the provinces themselves" to deal with the cuts in last week's national budget.

"Let's put that in perspective," he said. "It's less than one per cent of their revenues in year one and a shade over one per cent in year two, so it's not a major adjustment for them to make."

Wilson also said recent concerns from post-secondary education minsisters that these cuts would hurt post-secondary education were unfounded.

Michael Wilson shrugged off federal transfers and what they use the moneys for. (The provinces) made that very clear when they had the change made in 1977. For many years, they've been saying that there is no linkage (tying federal funds to education and health) and now they're saying there is. You can't have it two

"It's up to the provinces themselves to make their own policy decisions."

Wilson was at UBC yesterday by invitation of the campus young Tories to speak on federal fiscal policy and the recent national budget.

He said much of the federal government's fiscal policy was designed to ease the future finan-

"There is no link between the cial burdens of Canadian stu- ing about, would come down. stronger?'," he said. "Now I have career in a few years," he said, "yet you'll still be paying taxes.'

After explaining the role of the recent budget in Tory fiscal policy, Wilson took written questions from the audience.

The questions were screened by UBC economics professor John Halliwell, yet several of the submitted questions challenged the federal government's motives in their policies on the GST and the funding cuts in the recent budget.

One question asked about the recent changes in federal transfer payments for education.

He said the transfer cuts were so interest rates, which provincial governments have been complaininces to be part of the national

Wilson said transfer payments as well as government per annum, yet some provinces, B.C., Ontario and Alberta, will poorer provinces, especially in the Altlantic would "be helped".

He asked the audience to imagine that transfer payment growth rates to each province had then, meeting with students there fault rate was excessive and designed to bring the deficit down, and I get the question from the needed to have a tighter adminifloor 'Why is it that you treated us stration. That's why we introduced equally? Isn't the B.C. economy the fee.'

dents. "I'll be retired after a third "We've identified the national only one answer for that question. problem, so we're asking the prov- I would have to agree with that student in Newfoundland and say, yes, I think that we should be asking provinces with stronger, more vibrant economies, like Alberta, spending would grow at 3 per cent Ontario and B.C., to take a somewhat larger share of the burden."

Another question asked about have lower increases, so that the recent imposition of a three per cent tax on student loans. Wilson termed the tax an "administrative expense."

"We've made some changes to the administration of student been held to two per cent. "Let's loans and quite frankly these assume that I'm in Newfoundland changes were overdue... The de-

Students disrupt BoG

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill administrators had to slip out the back door and meet secretly to pass a motion to increase the university's tuition, after demonstrators stormed a board of governors meeting Feb. 19.

After a dozen members of McGill's Coalition Against the Privatization of Education (CAPE) disrupted the board of governors meeting, the chair announced a 10-minute adjourn-

While demonstrators plotted their next move, the board reconvened in a closed session and passed the motion to hike fees.

CAPE members say the board's actions were "undemocratic.

"We conducted ourselves in a manner which I think couldn't be faulted," said Paula Gunn, a CAPE spokesperson. "They were the ones who wouldn't allow discussion of this."

According to CAPE, the university used threats of expulsion to minimize the extent of the pro-

The decision means that McGill students will pay \$385 more in tuition next year.

Students across Quebec will be hit with the province's first tuition increase in 20 years next

stage an unlimited province-wide student strike Feb. 28 to force the government to back down.

Before the board members slipped out, protesters read a statement while over 50 supporters demonstrated outside the building, shouting loud enough to be heard in the board's sixth-floor chambers.

the board postpone the decision until after Quebec students leaders could discuss the issue with the province's education minister, Claude Ryan.

When board members left the room hurriedly, the demonstrators were at a loss for what to do.

"This was one contingency we hadn't planned on," Gunn said. "We were afraid to leave the room in case we couldn't get back in when they reconvened.'

When the students decided to leave, they were blocked by a man who identified himself as a police officer, Gunn said.

"We were disrupting that meeting under risk of expulsion," she said. "I think there would have been a lot more people had that threat not been present.

"I participated because I felt McGill would look bad if they tried to expel students for free speech."

University spokesperson fall. The province's two student Jean-Pierre Morin denied police

federations are teaming up to officers were at the meeting. But he did confirm that students disrupting board of governors meetings can be expelled by the univer-

> He cited a section of the student code of conduct that says no student shall obstruct university activities, including administra-

He said McGill's student They were demanding that council knew about the possibility of expulsion.

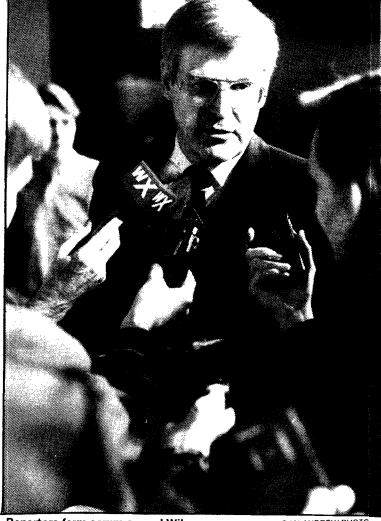
They might have been reminded by the dean of students or the principal—but they certainly knew (before)," Morin said.

The council, which had originally supported the occupation, decided to pull out of the action at the last minute after the university informed them that council executives would be targeted for expulsion.

'It was made clear to us what the administration's concerns were," said council executive John Fox. "It came down to us (from the administration) that we couldn't get immunity for the students involved in this.'

For her part, Gunn said the university is denying student their right to freedom of speech.

"Our (student) society was cornered into backing out," Gunn said. "The threat of expelling students for civil disobedience is out



Reporters form scrum around Wilson.

DAN ANDREW PHOTO

AMS buys costly computers to improve management

by Roger Kanno

Members of the AMS executive will be padding their offices with state-of-the-art computer hardware and in the process digging \$33,000 out of students' pockets.

AMS Student Council passed a motion Wednesday ratifying a maximum of \$33,000 for the computerization of the executive offices Roma Gopaul-Singh declined the and the Ombudsoffice.

AMS vice-president Johanna Wickie said the AMS "is in the dark ages and it's time we got it together' by getting computers.

The director of finance will receive a \$6000 Apple Macintosh computer because of the position's on the market. specific responsibilities. The other executive members and the Om- ible system would cost about half busdsoffice will each receive a as much as a Macintosh. \$4200 Macintosh.

would be used for writing letters, machines such as Ibms, it is the

spreadsheets, and later on for elec-

Opposition to the motion was voiced by EUS council representative Mike Walsh. "I'm not against the idea of having computers." he said, "but \$33,000 is going over-

Director of administration purchase of a computer for her office, because she thought it unnecessary

Lipscomb justified purchase of the expensive Macintosh computers because they are the most 'user-friendly' personal computers

A comparable IBM compat-

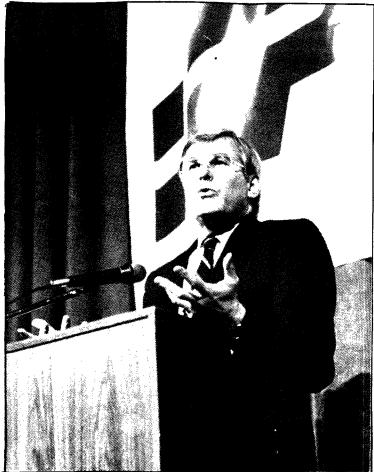
According to Lipscomb, in of-Director of finance John fices where Macintoshes are Lipscomb said, "The computers placed side by side with other

Macintoshes that get used.

Dennis Bibby, education rep and a member of the Personal Computing Committee on council, said the decision to purchase the top of the line Macintoshes was made based on "recommendations from the Computing Centre and the PC Support Centre."

The Obudsoffice is in a different situation than members of the executive because their computer will be used to directly aid students. Ombudsperson Jessica Mathers said the computer will cross-reference precedent setting cases to greatly increase the speed at which advice can be given to students.

Mathers expressed concern about the cost of the computers to students. "I want to spend the least amount of money possible without getting a computer which is inadequate," she said.



Michael Wilson advises to students to appeal to GOD for education DON MAH PHOTO

Totem residents face steep food increase

by Franka Cordua-von Specht

Convenience will cost Totem Park residents.

About \$400 a year more if a UBC Food Services proposal is passed at the April Board of Governors meeting.

The price increase to the three food plans will go towards subsidizing a wider selection of food at the Totem cafeteria.

Under the proposal, Totem 100 per cent without dents will also be able to use student input," he said. residents will also be able to use their meal pass, a food credit card, at the Subway cafeteria and Magda's, a canteen in Totem.

Totem residents will pay the regular prices at Subway and Magda's, but will receive a ten per cent discount if they dine at Totem cafeteria.

The proposal was accepted some students, who may petition

Totem Park Residents Association, Cam McNeill, at a meeting with UBC food services representative Christine Samson.

McNeill, commerce 2, said he accepted the proposal to be forwarded to BoG, but was unhappy with the lack

of student input. "The proposal was "We (TPRA) didn't have any input until last week when they came to

us with the finished pro-

posal.

McNeill approved of the idea to expand services, but said the cost increase did not sit well with

last week by the president of the Food Services and Student Hous- residence's cafeteria.

Samson said, "This is the way budgets are usually done. If he (McNeill) had opposed it (the proposal) we would have reconsidered and reworked it."

Current price Proposed price \$1655 Food plan A \$2000 Food plan B \$1900 \$2300 \$2125 \$2550 Food plan C

> McNeill also said Totem residents should have been asked whether they want to pay more for a wider selection of foods at the

"A lot of the fancy food articles aren't necessary-like ice cream bars," he said.

Totem resident Shane money and are deducted from the Cameron said, "We should have meal pass with each meal. been given choice if we want to pay

> for conveniences. "Those who don't go to Magda's are being penalized," he said.
> "They should give us choice and not make us pay extra to begin with.

"A\$400 increase is a hell of a lot. It

will be an expensive year for students next year the way things are

going at Totem right now.' Samson said many students

this year have had to buy more food points because the points allotted to each plan ran out.

Food points are used like

According to Samson, the new plan takes into account the fact that many Totem residents overspent on food in residence.

Samson said the points system will be abolished under the proposed plan and the new meal passes will be calibrated in dollars.

Samson said Totem residents will also be able to entertain their friends on the meal passes. Also, any money left over at the end of the year on plan B and C will be refunded to students.

HOT FLASH

UBC Women's Centre presents: TAKE BACK THE UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S WEEK Monday, March 5 12:30 pm: Women's Studies at UBC - potential and reality, Dr. Valerie Raoul. Buch A203. 7:00-10:00pm: Alliance of Women Against Racism facilitates "Unlearning Prejudice" workshop. SUB 212. Tuesday, March 6

1:00-2:30pm: Informal Presentation by Dr. Helga Jacobson and Dr. Martin Meissner: "Peas and Honey: Cooking in Context." ANSO 1305 (space lim-

1:30-3:30pm: Women's Week films by, for and about women. SUB 211.

Wednesday, March 7

12:30pm: Pro-choice Rally. No New Abortion Law! Meet at the clock tower (Main Library), march to SUB.

1:30pm: Hate Hurts open discussion on feminism, SUB Conversation Pit.

Thursday, March 8, International Women's Day.

12:30pm: Eco-Feminism Discussion, sponsored by the Student Environment Centre. 12:30pm: Susan Cole on the

myths of sexual equality, Grad Student Centre, Ballroom. 1:30-4:30pm: Coffeehouse and

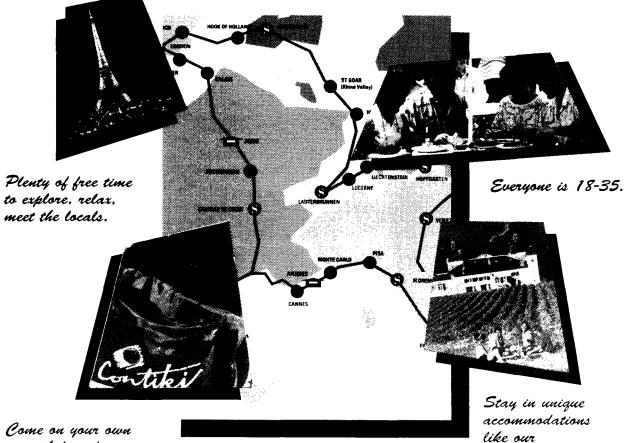
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Thomas targets anti-abortion vandalism

by Rebecca Bishop

The recent attack on Vancouver's only abortion clinic was an act fuelled by moralistic intolerance according to its president Hilda Thomas.

"People believe that their personal views entitle them to prevent women from making choices about their own bodies," said Thomas in a noon-hour speech Wednesday at SUB.

The Everywoman's Health Centre was vandalized at noon this past Sunday by two males wielding a tire iron and a hammer. After prying the door off and smashing the glass, one of the males proceeded to go through the Centre.

"The men were obviously targeting the medical equipment," said Thomas, an English professor at URC

According to Thomas, the \$20,000 ultrasound machine may be written off if broken parts cannot be replaced. The front door alone, cost close to \$600 to repair. And the aspirator was sent crash-

ing to the floor with the cost of damages yet to be determined.

Thomas said the Clinic will have to raise between \$20,000 to \$30,000 to cover uninsured damages, costs for increased security, and overtime hours clocked by staff to get the clinic back in operation.

Two women drove down to Yakima, Washington to borrow an aspirator from a sister clinic so the Centre could open Tuesday morning operating at full capacity.

Women scheduled for operations were not turned away, but were rescheduled for later in the week.

Thomas stressed that abortions are not the only women's health service offered at the clinic.

Thomas warned students about the threats being made against women's rights and access to women's health care.

Thomas explained how the proposed new Bill C-43 will deny women the right to control their own bodies and would re-criminalize abortion.

Bill C-43, a proposed amendment to the criminal code, requires a doctor to declare that a woman's physical, emotional, and psychological health is threatened before she can obtain an abortion. At present there is no law against abortion.

Section 251 of the criminal code was struck down by the Supreme Court on Jan 28, 1988 for being unconstitutional as it was an "infringement of the rights and liberties of women."

Prominent Conservatives such as Kim Campbell and Mary Collins were vocally pro-choice on the Commons floor, but are now supporting the bill. Thomas described this as a cop out to create the appearance of consensus in the Conservative party.

Campbell said the bill would provide a framework for abortions and would increase access to the procedure.

Thomas said this was a lie. "This bill will do nothing for access. It doesn't provide more locations and it won't stop anti-abor-

tion boards at hospitals."

Thomas counted off numerous areas in B.C. where abortions are not performed, citing Richmond where anti-abortionists hold the majority on the hospital board.

If the bill is passed, only doctors will be allowed to perform abortions.

Anyone performing abortions or counselling a woman who has not received a doctor's consent, and any woman having an abortion without a doctor's consent can be punished with up to two years in iail

Anyone can step in and accuse a woman of having an illegal abortion, even unrelated third parties. Clinics are worried their staff will be threatened. Women pretending to be pregnant could charge counsellors after the consent form for an abortion was signed.

The Canadian Medical Association has said a significant number of doctors will stop performing abortions if the law passes

Thomas said there is a "deepseated distrust of women and a fear of women's sexuality. This is what I think is behind the antichoice movement."

Thomas said all women considering having an abortion at the Clinic must see a counsellor first.

"Noncoercive, nonjudgemental counselling empowers women to make the decision for themselves. Some women decide not to have the abortion," said Thomas.

The cost of an abortion is \$300. If a woman has Medical Services Plan covered, she pays \$200 and the MSP covers the rest. Without coverage a woman must foot the bill.

The Centre, however, offers a sliding payment scale where women pay what they can, sometimes nothing. The Centre usually runs a deficit of between \$2,000 to \$4,000 a month.

Everywoman's is presently running a donation system where people pledge 10 to 25 cents per anti-abortion protester outside the clinic during a given month.

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Same sex benefits refused

by Mike Orsini

MONTREAL (CUP) — The same university that introduced a ground-breaking non-discriminatory HIV/AIDS policy last year is still actively discriminating against its gay employees.

Concordia University—which has Quebec's first policy that deals with HIV/AIDS concerns on campus—does not allow employees in lesbian or gay common law relationships to insure their spouses.

A group of employees that has been fighting for almost two years to ensure gay employees get the same rights and benefits as heterosexual faculty and staff is threatening to take the university to court if its demands aren't met.

Pat Freed, faculty personnel administrator and a member of the group, said a university so proud of its AIDS policy should be leading other employers in drafting non-discriminatory life insurance packages.

ance packages.

"Universities are supposed to be at the forefront oflearning," Freed said. "Is this all tokenism?"

The faculty's collective agreement forbids discrimination against gays.

Last September, Concordia's employment benefits committee rejected a request to drop "opposite sex" from the definition of "spouse" in the insurance package. It cited the uncertainties and risks involved in providing insurance coverage where no precedent

exists.

In fact, precedent does exist. Four Canadian universities — Dalhousie, Acadia, York and the University of British Columbia (UBC) — have introduced samesex benefits for their gay and lesbian employees.

Concordia commissioned a report on the implications of covering same sex spouses last year. Most of the 25-page report deals with AIDS and the disease's impact on potential insurance claims and premiums.

Although the report says the effect of AIDS on Concordia's life insurance plan is "extremely difficult to predict with any degree of confidence," it later goes on to say that the threat of AIDS will drive insurance premiums up.

Tom Waugh, a Concordia cinema professor who has been leading the fight for same-sex spouse recognition, said the report uses AIDS as the bogeyman.

"I was very alarmed to see that the report raised this issue," he said. "It's complete speculation. It implies that non-discrimination is too costly and that has nothing to do with it."

The report does not mention that the rate of HIV infection in heterosexuals has increased dramatically in Quebec. In fact, 93 per cent of all reported AIDS cases among heterosexuals in Canada reside in Quebec, according to the Centre for AIDS Studies at Montreal's General Hospital.

Also, four per cent of people who use intravenous drugs in Montreal have tested HIV-positive. These are predominantly heterosexual cases.

Concordia administrator Hal Proppe said the university and the benefits committee decided that it would be irresponsible for Concordia to venture into "uncharted territory."

"Is it fair to have other employees pay a penalty at the expense of offering a benefit to a certain amount of people?" he asked. "I think it's too early."

"We've always been on the vanguard for lots of things," Proppe said, but nothing can be done until the insurance industry's mentality changes. "The social climate has to change."

UBC recently awarded medical benefits to spouses of its gay employees, ruling that the university's health care plan violated the non-discrimination clause in the faculty association's collective agreement.

Unlike Quebec and Ontario, B.C.'s lesbian and gay communities are not protected by their provincial human rights charter.

But, while the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms specifically forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, one section states that certain articles "do not apply to pension plans, retirement plans, life insurance plans, or any other plan or scheme of social benefits..."

The Brock Memorial Building

In connection with the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the University in 1936, it was decided that a memorial be established by general appeal to students, graduates, and friends of the University throughout Canada. A committee representing all branches of the University decided that the memorial should take the form of a student union building, dedicated to the memory of the late Dean of Applied Science, Reginald W. Brock, and Mrs. Brock, by whose tragic deaths as a result of an aeroplane accident the University suffered a great loss.

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The original fund for the construction of the building was subscribed by relatives of Dean and Mrs. Brock, friends of the University throughout Canada and the United States, alumni and students of the University, and former colleagues of Dean Brock. The balance of the amount required to complete construction was provided by the students and the Board of Governors in cash and through a bond issue of the Alma Mater Society. Furnishings of the building were provided from a fund raised over a period of years by the Women's Union Building Committee of the University.

The building is situated adjacent to the playing fields and gymnasium. In it are located the offices of the Alma Mater Society, the Alumni Association, and various clubs and student activities. The building also contains common rooms, lunch and tea rooms, and accommodation for social groups.

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Canadian playwrite rewrites Shakespeare

by Alberto Rubio

HA ESPEARE may or may not have been amused by Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet), but the rest of us certainly are. This Canadian play rewrites Shakespeare with intelligence and a tremendous sense of humour, presenting an alternative reading of the Bard and its point is well taken.

THEATRE Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) Vancouver East Cultural **Until March 17**

Ten years ago, Toronto's Nightwood Theatre was founded in order to promote the work of Canadian women writers and directors exploring alternative visions. The present national tour of Goodnight Desdemona, written by playwright and actress Ann-Marie MacDonald, is part of the company's anniversary celebration and is a fitting example of its mandate.

The play's concern with Shakespeare's depiction of women revolves around Constance Ledbelly, a sympathetic but pathetic young lecturer at Queen's University who ghostwrites essays for professor Claude Night, with whom she is in love.

Constance is an academic

laughing-stock, yet perseveres in proving her thesis: that Othello and Romeo and Juliet were comedies by an unknown author, rewritten by Shakespeare in

In a fit of despair, Constance throws her work into the garbage only to find herself magically transported into the world of the two plays. There she has the opportunity to alter their plot-in effect, rewriting the works by living in them. The farcical results are against all expectations.

The play's humour is both its greatest strength and its weakness. Constant irony between the rewritten farce and Shakespeare's original not only makes for good fun but subverts the audience's conventional assumptions about the Bard's

But the strain to create humour—at times very campy humour—occasionally compromises the play's concerns. Constance is made something of a caricature and her position as loser is emphasized at the expense of psychological depth. Her process of personal growth is not sufficiently developed.

Further, such caricature misses any critique of Constance's exploited situation, which is presented in purely personal terms and never acknowledges the social context that makes such exploitation

Kate Lynch is as endearing as Constance, the centre of the play, but the production's effectiveness lies not so much in individual performances as in the dynamics of the group. Five actors struggle with seventeen roles, in true Elizabethan fashion, the most memorable being Diana Fajrajsl's violent Desdemona and Martin Julien's sulky, sexually unconventional

Beverley Cooper is by far the weakest link in the ensemble, but the play's lively pacing makes little of this.

All the players, with the exception of Lynch, belong to the original cast that opened the show in 1988. Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet) has since won the Floyd S. Chalmer's award and received critical

Such recognition is much deserved as, despite its limitations, the play makes a very positive contribution to the Canadian stage scene. Its exploration of Shakespeare renews the Bard's validity for the contemporary stage, making due acknowledgment of the need for a feminist re-evaluation of our literary past.

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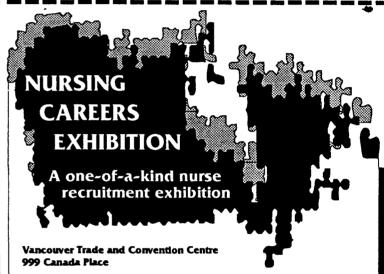
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THE ARTS

Cubes Pulsate



by Effie Pow

ARKING in an alley. Black wet cobble of Granville on a Friday night and emerging street life: teenagers from suburbia squealing at the bus stop, tourists with children in tow, buskers on the Orpheum doorstep; the muttering and stumbling drunk, acid washed denim, feathered and shellacked

MUSIC Sugar Cubes Orpheum February 23



hair, those who preen, those who strut, those who stand in shadowy doorways watching it

Commodore's wine-coloured carpet. Round tables under chandelier lights. Brass, glass and mirrors in the ballroom. Primitives twang and a fiery head of curls bouncing across the stage. Mass of bobbing heads in front. No huge hurrah, we're here to see the Sugar Cubes.

Beer queues in between the music. Gradual congregation on that wooden dance floor. Around tables littered with bottles are boots, black leather and the swish of transparent cloth. Hey where's the music?



poetic songs that lift our spirits.

We are dancing, shuffling

Cheered back onto the stage

and knee-jerking to the music.

vibrating under our feet. Wow.

Electrifying music. The ball-

room's creaky wooden floor

for an encore, Thor jokes, "We already have your money, man. Thank you, you can go home now."

Stomping, clapping by the audience and two encores later, the floor is covered with shards of brown bottle glass. And a strange clinking, tinkling sound following the dispersing crowd toward the door.



Finally the ballroom darkens and the stage is lit. Squished between strangers, I can't really see a heck of a lot. Anticipating sound. There's a comical entrance: music and theatrics welcomed by cheers and ap-

Siggy, Einar, Braggi, Maga, Bjork and Thor. Let there be Iceland. Voices and sound fervent and gusty like a cold wind. Bjork, a mischievous pixie, meshes her extraordinary vocals with Thor who provides the tenacious bark and bellow. Colourful dress and psychedelic romping.

Ppp-plastic. Meow Meow and Buzzz Bzzz. Wild, crazy





Friday 3 pm - 1 am

Guitarist delivers little

by Stephan Haog

T was Eliot Fisk's turn to delight a well-seated recital hall with his classical guitar in Thursday night's Faculty and Guest Artist concert series at the UBC School of Music.

MUSIC **Eliot Fisk UBC Recital Hall** February 22

Eliot Fisk is well-known in the world of the classical guitar. At his first concert in Cologne, where he became professor for guitar in 1981, he baffled his audience with a stunning (but not flawless) technique and an unusual repertoire. Yet it seems Mr. Fisk allows himself to go idle for too long periods at a time because in Thursday's concert, he played the same transcribed Bach-Partita (originally for violin) and Paganini-Capricci, which he had played almost ten

years ago in Cologne. Hence, he not only plays the same old hat, but plays it exactly as imprecisely and badly as ten years ago.

The concert did, though, contain a piece recently composed for Fisk by renowned Italian composer Luciano Berio-the eleventh and latest in Berio's Sequenza series for solo instruments. Fisk performed this fascinating piece with all the energy required—it is a delight to listen to contemporary music when it is performed that well.

While Sequenza XI makes use of almost all the technical possibilities of classical guitar, the piece does not regress into a mere virtuoso work for the brilliant performer. Berio knows how to reduce the importance of virtuoso passages (technically stunning, but musically unconvincing) in favour of more lyrical elements. It is this overall framework that succeeds in giving the instrument a new language.

The other work in the concert

deserving attention is a piece by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Like Sequenza XI, it is able to give an individual voice to the guitar. However, it cannot live up to Berio's work, and somehow lost its appeal in such a powerful environment.

But, there is nothing astonishing about a guitarist who nearly breaks his fingers in trying to outplay violinists. Surely, that is not what one expects from an evening of guitar music. Fisk's concert, thus, was an event, yet, an event that was more reminiscent of the events in a sports arena (or, perhaps, in a circus) than in a concert hall.

So-apart from 15 minutes of good music and one hour and 45 minutes of a vain and athletic attempt at playing faster than violinists-I ask, what else is new, Eliot?

The next concert in this series will be violoncellist Eric Wilson and friends on Thursday March 29 at 8:00 p.m.

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The The show proves mindbombing

by Bradley Dickson

OHNNY Marr is a very smart man. Since the break-up of The Smiths, the guitarist has worked with such notables as Bryan Ferry, Talking Heads, New Order's Bernard Sumner, and now has become a full-time member of one of the most important bands of the eighties, The The. Three sold-out shows this week would confirm this as a smart career move.

MUSIC The The February 28 Commodore Ballroom

The The have been around for ten years in various incarnations, but have released only three albums. Though somewhat a reclusive and shadowy figure, singer-writer Matt Johnson has been a constant, attracting a large and deserved cult following. In addition, the band has never toured, making its popularity even more surprising.

After a lengthy recorded preamble which featured snippets of Johnson's strange and obscure debut solo album, Burning Blue Soul, the show got underway. Flanked by banks of bright lights, minus any sort of spotlight, Johnson inhabited, appropriately enough, a dark area in between, pacing the small stage like a caged animal.

Without any glib chatter between numbers, he led the band through an assortment of tracks from their three albums, all of which were greeted with equal enthusiasm—revealing that the audience was familiar with the albums in their entirety, and not just the hit singles. Besides, The The have no hit singles.

The songs reflect Johnson's primary concerns, or rather, obsessions: spirituality and sexuality; the relationship between God and humans; and the struggle to retain one's soul in a soulless world. Not exactly top 40 material.

With one microphone in each hand (one with distortion), Johnson could play both the role of the questioning, tortured soul and social commentator. An example is The Violence of

1st voice: Why is it anything we do not understand/ We are pushed down on our knees/ To worship or to damn.

2nd voice: Those are the rules of religion/ Those are the laws of the land/ That's how the forces of darkness/ Have suppressed the spirit of

Musically, the band performed as a first rate ensemble. Johnny Marr's guitar and harmonica enhanced some of the older material, managing to be

overt and understated at the same time. This was especially true of an extended version of Beyond Love, an improvement over the somewhat truncatedsounding album version.

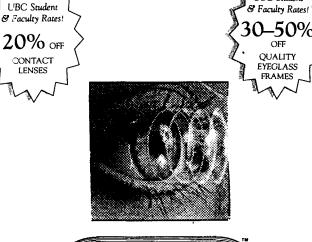
Uncertain Smile was also given a grand treatment, complete with a spiralling piano solo. And during Good Morning, Beautiful, Johnson strode up and down the stage, half-singing, half-preaching like some crazed evangelist.

If there was any downfall, it might be that the duets with Neneh Cherry and Sinead 0'Connor were not performed, despite the presence of a competent female back-up singer. Perhaps the Kenny Rogers-Dolly Parton image of a duet on stage would seem too incongruous with this band—who knows.

Similarly, This is the Day, which received some radio play years ago (remember the accordion solo?) was overlooked, but that is forgivable owing to the difficulty in synthetically reproducing the instrument.

All in all, however, the evening was very satisfying and highly entertaining—easily the best show so far this year. If you had not heard of The The before, you have now. And now that Johnny Marr has left the, shall we say, excesses of Morrissey for the angry, intense genius of Matt Johnson, you should be hearing a lot more of this band in the nineties.

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Okay, ours are not exactly top of the line, but they've put out the last fifty issues of this paper. We're not complaining either up until two years ago The Ubyssey typed up its news stories manually.

If The Ubyssey asked for \$33,000 for new computers, council would no doubt either laugh in our faces or collectively drop dead. The idea is too outrageous, not to mention stupid, to even ask for serious consideration.

So, the good old IBM compatables are sufficient enough for the proletariats down the hall, working 20-hour shifts, fighting for computer time, but not for our high-profile executives?

These computers will be used for such difficult and complicated tasks as writing letters, and accessing spreadsheets. These tasks and a good many more can be done quite well by even the shoddiest, drug store bought units- which the AMS might already have the software for.

God forbid they should have to send inter-office memoranda to one another with anything less than \$6000 top of the line Macintoshes.

We aren't saying the AMS shouldn't have access to advanced techonology, increasing both efficiency and access to information for our execs, we are just asking if \$33,000 of students money is necessary when adequate computers can be bought for half the price.

It is interesting that in its first weeks in session, your "trust us" AMS should be asking you to swallow \$33,000 to amuse its execs. This is clearly not a move toward putting student faith back into council's spending choices.

March 2, 1990

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"Oh Fuck, another incoherent, quasi-surrealist masthead," said Keith Leung, getting the first word in. Rick Hiebert started the ball rolling by confessing that he was really Enver Hoxha in drag. And Joe Altwasser was Mrs. Hoxha. Tonya Zadorozny tapped her red shoes and appeared in McCain orange groves in Belize, to be greeted oke in hand. Use 'addie' somewhere insisted Effie Pow, echoing Alberto Rubio. Waddle. Postcards. There, you happy? Paul Dayson contemplated the head-line. "How about 'Dancing Pounds Heart'?" Nah, said Rebecca Bishop, we'll never get into The Graduate that way. "How about 'Dancing Affects Heart?" offered Chung Wong, to the cheers of Stefan Haog and Bradley Dickson. "How about 'Ubyssey pounds editor"?" growled Michael Booth. "To the Balcony!!!" screamed the vicious and violent Yukie Kurahashi. Wong Kwok-Sum used crickets as yo-yo's in order to fulfill another Effie request. "Just needs a good riot to clear out the yuppies," said Ernie Stelzer, to the approval of hardcore Albanian Marxist-Leninist Ted Aussem. Franka Cordua-von Specht turned into a Dorothy Hammill haircut and win-klepickers—and nothing else—fulfilling yet another Effie demand. "She's been in the masthead way too much," said Katherine Monk, enviously. Katherine Monk Katherine Monk. There, you happy? Roger Kanno photocopied his body parts to show to Effie, who got into the masthead once again. "You're all Lo Fan Gwie Lo," intoned a deranged Hao Li to the world. But hey, he's just a lousy Northerner, thought Don Mah and David Loh, simultaneously. Nadene Rehnby was sadly missed. My kingdom for a ukelele and ambrosia, cried out Greg Davis. That's Slinky to you, said Dan Andrews seductively to John Gray. Red Rum Red Rum cackled a Nicholsonian-Laura Busheikin. "This is just too wierd," muttered Keith Leung, ending the masthead but getting the last word in. (But not before he could scream Death to all Landlords Property is Theft Squat the World before disappearing into a soft fluttering flame.)

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Yes Virginia, the ANC is red

Mafficking over Mandela's release, Angela Lamensdorf asks Was the ANC "ever" communist? (Feb 20)

Who better to ask than the African National Congress itself? In 1964, before he went to prison for stockpiling Cuban arms, Nelson Mandela proclaimed, "Under a Communist party government, South Africa will become a land of milk and honey." He extolled "the great qualities of revolutionary geniuses like Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin."

As President of the ANC in 1979, Oliver Tambo praised the Vietminh "victory" in Indochina as a model for ANC goals in Southern Africa. The ANC 'people's vanguard moverevolutionary blueprint set in "Cuba, East Timor, Kampuchea, Iran, and Nicaragua." Moreover, the ANC liberation alliance" with the South African Communist Party (SACP), which is closer to the Albanian CP than to Gorbachev, and its fraternal links with the avowedly Leninist regimes of Frelimo and the MPLA, are no secret. ANC Radio Freedom has broadcast from Col. Mengistu's Ethiopia for years. And how else would one explain Tambo's condemnation of Polish Solidarity? Or the ANC's consistent support for Soviet policy, including the invasions of Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan?

Fellow-travellers and ness for all mankind." ANC apologists have long presented the ANC as communist? Was it ever? peace-loving, democratic,

progressive, and often as the sole legitimate embodiment of Black nationalism in South Africa. In fact, the ANC's record is pretty shaky, and there are numerous Black groups and tribes perhaps more representa-

tive than the ANC. The fact is that the ANC, while not directly "manipulated" by Moscow, has long been openly and vocally pro-Soviet. Winnie Mandela's lavish praise for the USSR's achievements is eloquent testimony. In 1986, ANC "centrist" Alfred Nzo (now secretary-general of ANC) paid tribute in person to the 27th CPSU Congress in Moscow, calling Soviet Russia "the bulwark of peace, security and happi- ing.

Room 241K, SUB. Letters must include name, faculty or department, year of study and signature.

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otherwise unift for publication will not be published. Please bring letters, with identification, to our editorial office,

"Is the ANC any less

Christian Champion

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Have you looked around the cafeterias and food stands lately? Or anywhere for that matter? It's amazing the number of styrofoam cups lying around; it's amazing the number of people still willing to use styrofoam! It's not that it's difficult to use a mug: anyone can buy a plastic mug. Blue Chip Cookies sells them for only \$1.00 and many places off a 5 cent discount. After only twenty cups of coffee your mug is paid for and you start sav-

But people continue to use styrofoam cups. Most of those cups contain CFC's and even the ones that don't still aren't biodegradable. Two hundred years from now each styrofoam cup you used for a much-needed cup of coffee will still be here, occupying a lot more space than the mug in your bag.

Now don't say, "Oh this is just another environ-mental fanatic!" when you read this letter. I'm not suggesting you eliminate all garbage, I'm simply pointing out how easy it is to do one teeny-tiny thing for your earth.

So next time you buy a cup of coffee, buy yourself a handy mug too and feel good about your contribution to the environment.

> Susan Rechel Arts 1.

This is preliminary voters list for the upcoming Ubyssey editorial elections. All those who have made three or more editorial contributions to the paper since January 1, 1990 are eligible. Please come in if your name does not appear on it and you feel that it should.

Dan Andrews Ted Aussem Esther Besel Rebecca Bishop Michael Booth Steve Chan Christina Chen Martin Chester David Chivo Steve Conrad Franka Cordua von Specht Greg Davis

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LETTERS

Au contraire

This, I hope, will be the last letter written by members of Students for a Free Southern Africa. This one is being written only because there are several issues Robert Christian brings up in his letters to the Ubyssey that require mention.

Christian cites the majority of black workers as against disinvestment and sanctions according to numerous surveys done in S. Africa. I do not doubt the surveys showed this.

Two polls in S. Africa by Schlemmer were done at the workplace on workers of U.S. Multinationals, were openly American and were funded by the Reagan Administration!

In case R. Christian was not aware of this, it is against the law to speak out in favour of sanctions in S. Africa, the minimum penalty being five years in prison, the maximum—death.

Considering the danger of putting one's life on the line for a survey, the significance of the polls is that an average of about 20% of the workers did.

Secondly, the kind of sanctions we at SFSA advocate are "full, mandatory and comprehensive sanctions" NOT the 'corporate camoflage' that often occurs when companies disinvest. We support the Congress of S. African Trade Unions's (COSATU) list of demands for a fair disinvestment procedure.

COSATU's summary begins,"In the event of a disinvestment or partial disinvestment by Shell of its South African operations, a fair disinvestment procedure will be followed." This does not include transferring stocks or selling holdings to a fake name.

The last item I'd like to point out is the apparent nature of Robert Christian's politics. The piece we were sent is endorsed by free-market capitalists and Mangosuthu G. Buthelezi, commonly seen as a puppet of the South African government.

A non-racial, free-market enterprise system in South Africa would only result in continuing blacks already face.

Warren Whyte the economic oppression the

UBC Students for a Free Southern Africa

Hammer and sickle flies in Gage

The Ubyssey's reaction to the display of the Third Reich's Battle Flag by a resident at Gage towers was uncharacteristically passive (Feb 23 Ubyssey). Obviously what this flag represents is repugnant to you and many others. It is well knows that between 1941 and 1945 around six million Jews died in Nazi camps like Granienburg and Sachsenhausen.

What is surprising however, is your lack of reaction to the communist flags which hang in the windows of Gage and other residences on campus. Joeseph Stalin was responsible for the deaths of millions of Ukranian peasants before Hitler had ever conceived of exterminating the Jews of Europe. The purge of 1936 alone saw the internment of millions of Russians in Siberian Gulags. Unfortunately, Stalin's henchmen were not as careful at keeping records as were the SS. and we may never know the full extent of Stalin's program. Since the Second World War, thousands of people have died at the hands of

Knowing this, why is our reaction to the Swastika so much greater than our reaction to the

was the Ukrainians who controlled the media, things would be

Arts 2

Refuted

"Simply being black does not make one an expert on the S. African situation and open-minded about change," intones David Kojwang grandly and irrelevantly in complete disregard of Professor Christian's careful analysis of the true economic consequences of a boycott of Shell Canada, made the scapegoat for Shell South Africa in spite of the former's having no causal connection to the latter.

Kojwang misses Professor Christian's point, namely, that opponents of the boycott have been dismissed as "racists" precisely for not "being black". So, by citing Professor Walter Williams, who is both black and an economist, Professor Christian neatly evaded the standard "racist" smear directed at opponents of the boycott.

Kojwang's general principle is so broad as to apply to himself particular: he is no expert on the S. African situation when he imagines, "Our war is not against capi-

Ironically, just as Kojwang was scribbling his silliness, Nelson Mandela was quoted in The Sun as saying dogmatically, "The nationalization of the mines, oanks and monopoly industries is the policy of the ANC and a change or modification in this regard is inconceivable." The "comrades", as they call themselves, have glorified communism since the 1950's. Just read their literature.

Greg Lanning

Appallin' polls

In a letter entitled "Blacks dislike sanctions" (The Ubyssey, Feb 20), Mr Robert Christian argues that "the results of surveys seem to indicate that disinvestment doesn't seem to be wanted by most blacks in South Africa."

He might have added that, in a country where many have been subject to arbitrary arrest and imprisonment, with the risk of torture and death, few would be eager to offer their candid opinions against apartheid to a polltaker who might be a police informer.

If Mr Christian wants accurate public opinion polls from South Africa, he will have to wait until a democratic non-racial majority government in that country is able to guarantee to all its citizens the same rights which we enjoy in Canada.

Glenn Bullard UBC Alumnus.

Gabriel obnoxious

I am replying to Michael Gabriel's obnoxious, offensive and ill-considered letter (The Ubyssey, Feb 23) that drew a foul analogy between violation of property and violation of the female body. But first, I wish to address Gabriel's assumption that it was a man, not a woman, who stole his dilapidated and easily replaceable piece of transportation equipment. Does he think that women, as the weaker sex, are incapable of stealing? Is he bound by the archaic stereotype of university woman as "classy dames" who wouldn't stoop to such depths? Or does he assume that women have no need for a bike, as they can easily pick up a ride by flashing some leg? Perhaps, if Gabriel thought in racial, rather than sexual terms, he would have assumed that his bike

hammer and sickle? Perhaps if it was stolen by someone who was black. I am ready to stand trial in Gabriel's kangaroo court to defend my male dignity against his hurt-A. Saul ful charges. His argument, however, shows no respect for a legal system which presumes a party innocent until proven guilty, so maybe Gabriel should buy himself a shotgun and start wasting all the men who he supposes cause all his problems.

Unfortunately, Gabriel would then find himself the lone male on a planet of females of whom he has no understanding and for whom he has no respect. I would argue that theft of a small piece of personal property, albeit thoughtless and slimy, could not traumatize this man anywhere near to the extent that a rape could disturb a woman. In a letter expressing his selfish feelings of loss and frustration, he has denigrated the struggle of women for equality and respect. I would hope that in the future the 35 year old Gabriel would mature enough to channel his frustration with humanity into a constructive, rather than destructive effort.

> P.S. Too bad about the bike. Dougall Molson Arts 3

So there

Mr. King, wake up it is the 1990's! Your criticism of The Ubyssey in the February 23 issue is both uncalled for and unjust. The fact that the Ubyssey won't allow "libelous, slanderous, racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise unfit language" illustrates their respect for the majority of UBC students and not just a few who want to foam at the mouth. The writers at the Ubyssey should be congratulated instead of condemned. Even though I don't always agree with what they print I respect their commitment and I appreciate the time they donate to inform everyone of campus issues. But unfortunately a few students on campus, like yourself, find it easier to criticize then to actually contribute to the paper. Please do us all a favor and stop your slander and show that you too, have a little humanity and respect.

Angela Weltz **International Relations 3**

clubs.

service organizations and undergrads, on Wed. March 7, the AMS Code and Bylaws Committee is having an open meeting in room 212 of SUB to discuss whether service organizations should have room booking priorities OVER clubs in SUB. They want your imput, dang it. Call Toanna Wickie at 228-3092 for more information.

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Take note that the Student Court will convene Tuesday, March 6, 1990, at 7:30 pm in SUB room 206 to decide the interpretation of Bylaw 12(5) with regard to the honrarium due to Andrew Hicks.

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CFS angered over budget cuts

by Joe Altwasser

The B.C. branch of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is outraged over federal government transfer payment cuts and want the provincial government to utilize the \$1.2 billion budget stabilization (BS) fund to ensure that university user fees don't rise.

According to the CFS, the cutbacks will total almost \$30 million—about three per cent of the B.C.'s advanced education budget.

"Such federal cutbacks will certainly translate into higher user fees for our post-secondary system and erode whatever accessibility currently exists," said Pam Frache, Pacific region chair for the

Despite the cutbacks on the federal level, the CFS would still hold the provincial government responsible for increased fees.

Roseanne Moran, CFS execu-

tive officer for the pacific region, is "outraged" by the cuts.

"The federal government has put a lot of money into the province and it has not been used for education," she said. "It would be fair to say the provincial government has abused the transfer payments."

Moran would like to see the provincial government subsidize post-secondary education through the use of the BS fund.

But B.C. minister of finance Mel Couvelier, in a statement made to The Ubyssey, said, "There are no funds (cash) in the Budget Stabilization Fund to help fund increased expenditures or reduced revenues."

Couvelier stated the fund was established in 1987-88 as a financial management tool to control expenses, even during times when the economy is strong and revenues are higher than expected.

"Often, when revenue is unusually high due to a stronger economy, or windfalls, there can be a tendency to introduce new programs or to expand existing programs," he said. "This level of increased expenditure cannot be sustained when revenues return to their normal levels.

On the other hand, when revenue is unusually low, it is often not possible to reduce expenditures by an equal amount, which results in an increased deficit."

Moran said the government has no choice and must use the BS fund to keep funding at an adequate level because of the Socred government's poor record of financing post-secondary educa-

"The government has built up expectations for people in the province," said Moran. "It will be shoddy if they cannot come up with \$30 million dollars through

the BS fund."

B.C. minister of advanced education and job training Bruce Strachan said he does not anticipate severe cuts to his ministry but said it was still "too early to say" whether students will face tuition increases because of the federal budget cuts.

He expects a decision to be made by April when the Socreds release their new budget.

Next week at the Socred cabinet meeting, Strachan plans to ask every minister to accept cutbacks in their ministries, as an alternative to education and affect women more as they usuhealth bearing the brunt of the

"We all shared the gain and we should all share the pain equally," he said.

The CFS also believes women will be hard hit by any provincial

Women will be twice victim-

ized by the cuts in the EPF," said Frache, "since they face the most obstacles in acquiring a post-secondary education and since women's reproductive health services are generally lowest on the priority list of services provided for by provincial govern-

Moran said women's accessibility to education would suffer considerably because cutbacks usually affect the arts faculty first-which also has the largest number of women enrolled in it.

"A tuition increase will also ally have jobs-summer jobsthat pay less," she said.

Moran would also like to see a similar program of accountability set up for education transfer payments as there is with health care.

"At least the Canada Health Act guarantees a certain amount of service," she said.

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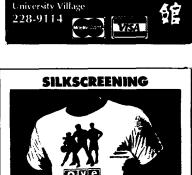
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