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Student court reactivated

by Nadene Rehnby

Conflict within the AMS executive will force director of finance John Lipscomb to appear before Student Court and is the motivation behind the circular of a petition calling for his removal from office.

AMS Vice-President Johanna Wickie put forward a motion Wednesday in student's council meeting asking that the question of conflict of interest on the part of Lipscomb be put to Student Court. The motion passed without opposition; Lipscomb abstained.

The conflict of interest question arises from Lipscomb's involvement with the Global Development Centre (GDC), a newly created AMS service organization of which Lipscomb has a significant interest.

AMS co-ordinator of external affairs Jason Brett initiated and is distributing a petition requesting Lipscomb's removal from office. The petition states that Lipscomb's performance has proven to be far below that expected, and that Lipscomb has often gone outside the bounds of the mandate given to him.

The petition calls for the AMS to proceed with the recall of Lipscomb by two-thirds vote of council, or, failing that, a referendum to remove him from office. Both Brett and Wickie have been involved in the circulation of the petition.

Brett said the petition refers to the general performance of the director of finance and has nothing to do with the conflict of interest charges.

Lipscomb said the action of his colleagues is "like a bad dream. (I was) going along and doing everything really well, and then because people don't like my politics, or don't like me, they create an illusion that I've done something wrong."

"The petition is a personal attack on me by people, most of whom didn't get enough money out of the AMS or who I wouldn't bend rules for, so that doesn't particularly bother me," he said.

The allegations against Lipscomb are numerous. On the matter of his performance as director of finance, Brett said Lipscomb has "implemented procedures that effectively prohibited (clubs) from having the access to their money that they were used to created a lot of controversy by accusing Johanna and Roma of conflict of interest in the Global Development space allocations problems," tried to "overturn renovations committee", asked to be paid an additional two thousand dollars to do a job that's been traditionally completed within the allotted four months, and grouped together accounts after council had specifically told him that he couldn't group club accounts with constituency accounts.

Brett also said Lipscomb "tried to cancel the barbecue because he was ethically opposed to any event involving disposables"; informed the engineers that he was "ethically unable to authorize" money for fundraising;" generally speaks to people like he "thinks that he's above them or something;" and that "basically, his performance has not been satisfactory in the eyes of many students."

Wickie has additional complaints about Lipscomb. They include a refusal to sign cheques and to deal with loans; the passing of a motion—while Wickie was out of town—that revoked her responsibility for the AMS used bookstore, a responsibility that is traditionally within the jurisdiction of the vice-president; and, more generally, that Lipscomb has taken to council issues based on his own morals.

"According to my interpretation of code and bylaws, and in my personal opinion, he is not fulfilling his complete mandate as director of finance," said Wickie. "As for the allegation of conflict of interest, that is up to Student Court to decide."

Other clubs and individuals have complaints about Lipscomb's performance, but only one official complaint had been received by the Ombudsperson at press time.

Ombudsperson Carole Forsythe said she was not prepared to discuss the matter at present as the matter is still under investigation.

A spokesperson for an AMS organization, who asked not to be named since their budget is currently before committee, said she has had problems with Lipscomb.

"He let his biases for environmental concerns influence his judgment," she said. "His first concern should be the finances of the AMS, and second the environment. I don't think he's doing it maliciously, but he is very difficult to communicate with.

"He has done some good things, but he needs to listen to people, he has to learn he can't just do things the way he wants them to be," she said.

Lipscomb said, "I'm sorry that people find me hard to talk to. I try really hard to do things well."

The UBC Debating Society addressed council Wednesday regarding Lipscomb's involvement with the GDC. Jason Ford, spokesperson for the UBC Debating Society, reminded council that the motion that made the GDC an AMS service organization was passed by a vote of 12 to 6 with four abstentions. An abstention by Lipscomb would have defeated the motion as it would have failed to reach the required two-thirds majority.

"Had Mr. Lipscomb abstained in the vote concerning the status of the GDC, he would not have been in violation of your Conflict of Interest code," Ford said. "However, his yes vote was most certainly in direct contravention of that code."

Although Lipscomb admits to his involvement with the GDC; that he formulated a petition regarding GDC space on the concourse; that the petition was formulated on his computer and that he participated in the collection of signatures, Lipscomb said "I do not believe this poses a conflict of interest.

"I do not deny that I am a large supporter of the GDC," he said, "but I'm really worried about students thinking that this is some serious matter, my volunteering in one part of the AMS and volunteering in another part of the AMS. It's all one big organization and I just have a lot of energy to spend, and I really care about development."

In response to the charges, Lipscomb said, "There used to be a ton of stuff that didn't pass this office. Now I've asked a lot more things to be forwarded to me, and this has caused other people within the AMS to be hostile to me."

Regarding the decision to remove authority for the bookstore from the office of vice-president, Lipscomb said "I did that openly.

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CALVIN DANG PHOTO

Goddess of democracy statue's new location in limbo

Goddess' position on campus in question

By Paul Abbott

A proposed campus replica of the "Goddess of Democracy" appears to be snarled in red tape.

The the six foot tall statue is intended as a memorial to the Chinese students who were killed in Tiananmen square on June 4, 1989, and the principles which they died for. The monument is to be erected between the Aquatic Centre and the Student Union Building.

Although $12,000 has already been given to the AMS for site preparation and the proposal has been before the director of Campus Planning and Development, Tim Miner, since August 10, no word is forthcoming on its approval.

The statue was conceived and funded by the Federation of Chinese Student Scholars of Canada, (FCSSC), and the Vancouver Society in Support of the Democratic Movement, (VSSDM), an organization based in Chinatown. The approximately $25,000 needed for the project has already been raised by the two organizations.

According to FCSSC president Dr Dongquing Wei it will be the only permanent statue of its kind in the world. Wei said it will "express the outrage of Chinese student scholars to the massacre" and aid their endeavors to "protect human rights and promote (the) democratization of China."

The statue has been plagued by controversy since it was first proposed to the Vancouver Parks Board in March 1990. At that time it was to be built outside the Dr. Sun Yat Sen park in Chinatown but, because of disagreement among the Chinese community, the VSSDM modified their proposal and asked for a plaque instead.

Opposition to the project has come mainly from the Chinese Benevolent Association. The CBA is a diverse organization of business and cultural interests with representatives elected from member organizations. Its current president is Bill Yee, a lawyer and former Vancouver alderman.

The CBA has given a number of reasons for their opposition to the proposals. In an open letter to the Chinese community published in Vancouver's Sing Tao Daily on March 28, they expressed concern that the plaque would "affect the peace of fellow Chinese and the prosperity and stability of Chinatown", and "give racists a pretext to go anti-Chinese".

The letter went on to say that "on the surface, the request is to fight for democracy and freedom, but in fact it is only a dirty political act, the motive of which cannot be divulged."

In a letter to the Vancouver

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Medical Undergrad Society. Speaker: Victor W. Sidel, M.D., distinguished univ. prof., on: Social responsibilities of the physician in a threatened world. 12:30, Woodward 6.

Pacific Rim Club and International Relations Student Assoc. Bzzr garden. 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., Buchanan Lounge.

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University of British Columbia Sports Car Club. A Scavenger Hunt Car Rally. 7:30 p.m., parking lot behind SUB.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

Lutheran Student Movement. Communion Service. 7 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24

Japanese Legal Studies, Faculty of Law. Lectures Sept. 24 & 26. 2:30 p.m., Room 176 Moot Court Room, Curtis Law Building.

UBC German Club - "Mahlzeit" lunchtime meeting. Information on German Exchange Programs. Tips from previous exchange students. 12:30-1:20 pm, Buchanan B224.

UBC Student Counselling and Resources Centre. Workshop - Academic Skills for International Students. 12:30-1:20 pm., Brock Hall, Room 200.

Global Development Centre elections meeting. 12:30 p.m., Hennings 302, south of Main Library.

UBC Dance Club. Free Jive Class. 12:30 - 1:30, SUB Ballroom.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Committee (DRAAC). Opening ceremony for the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. 11 a.m., SUB - Conversation Pit.

Graduate Student Society. Free Monday Night Videos: 1) Drugstore Cowboy; 2) Sex, Lies & Videotape. First video starts at 6:30 p.m., Fireside, Graduate Student Centre.

Dance Horizons. Jazz 1 class taught by Laura. If you're ready for some fun, drop on by! 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., SUB - Partyroom.

Dance Horizons. Contemporary Dance class taught by Dawn. 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., SUB - Partyroom.

Dance Horizons. Stretch & Strength class taught by Cindy. First of the year! 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., SUB - Partyroom.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Committee (DRAAC). Talk - Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program. 12:30 p.m., SUB Auditorium.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Prayer Meeting with a time for chatting over breakfast afterwards. 7:30 a.m., SUB 211.

AMS Butokukan Karate. First workout. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., SUB Ballroom.

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Lutheran Student Movement. Co-op Supper. 5:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

UBC New Democrats. First annual meeting for organization & planning. 12:30 - 1:30, SUB 207.

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Campus groups call posters offensive

by E. Griffith

UBC fraternities joined other campus groups condemning three offensive posters that appeared on campus Wednesday.

The posters, intended to parody the fraternity recruitment ads, were labelled racist and homophobic by frat rush coordinator Hagan Ainsworth.

"This is an outrage," said Ainsworth, who walked around campus taking down the ads. "It's unfortunate that it makes the fraternities look racist, but we had nothing to do with it. Fraternities do not condone in any way anything that was portrayed in them."

One poster was a take-off on an ad which read "A Kappa Sigma -- the Most Wanted Man in the Country." The parody showed two ethnic stereotypes labelled "Chink" and "East Asian" with the caption "the Most Wanted Minorities in the Fraternity. If you are not one of these... don't join Kappa Sigma!"

Another poster depicted members of a different fraternity dressed in the robes of the Ku Klux Klan, overseeing an initiation involving farm animals and a paddle.

A third portrayed frat members as homosexuals, referring to specific people and fraternities.

Representatives from three minority student groups expressed disapproval, among them Patrick Chow, president of the Chinese Collegiate Society.

"There was a lot of talk last year about racism on campus," Chow said. "We thought the situation would improve. I'm surprised that posters like this would still come out. I don't know who did this but this damages the image of the frats."

Chinese Students Association president Moira Wong said "we know some people are racist, but when you actually put it on a poster, that's advertising the extent of your racism. And then to sign someone else's name to it, it's appalling."

Calling the posters an outrage, Chinese Varsity Club vice president Sylvia Lau said "if these are directed at the frats and someone's trying to make a point, it's a bad way to do it."

Gays and Lesbians of UBC president Anthony Berno objects to the idea that a statement that a person or group is homosexual is considered an insult. "The assumption is that homosexuality is a negative thing."

Michael Muller, also of GLUBC, said the offending posters only serve to "show that the people who did them are obviously living in the dark ages. They should be enlightened (but) they're only displaying their own xenophobia."

AMS anti-discrimination coordinator Carol Hui said "this incident just proves that discriminatory attitudes are alive and well at UBC, and that making this campus harassment-free for all students should be a priority for the administration and the AMS."

The question arises of who might be responsible for the parody ads.

Kappa Sigma member John Yamoto said that whoever had made the poster showed some inside knowledge of the fraternity system with "specific references to certain fraternities and their inside jokes. The chances are that it was done by someone who is or has been associated with a fraternity."

Sandeep Sidhu, also of Kappa Sigma, said that because the posters were generally anti-Greek another fraternity would not have put them up. "You would never find a fraternity insulting another fraternity because it would make the whole Greek system look bad.

"No fraternity's international headquarters condones racism or prejudice of any kind. It would have to be an individual, without their fraternity's consent," Sidhu said.

Petition to recall AMS president underway

by Nadene Rehnby

A petition started by two students has received widespread support and may result in the recall of AMS President Kurt Preinsperg.

Pam Costanzo and Alison Bain, the students who initiated the petition, said an estimated 500 signatures have been received, and anticipate that the required 1000 signatures will be obtained shortly.

Costanzo and Bain, as well as other concerned students, have been taking copies of the petition around campus in an effort to direct the matter to students.

"A lot of people have never heard of Kurt Preinsperg," said Costanzo. "We explain the issues to them, show them the articles from the Province and the letters Kurt wrote to The Ubyssey. We also explain that, while Kurt only wrote his title in his covering letter, he should have explicitly divorced himself from office."

"Students are then making up their own minds," said Bain.

Costanzo and Bain said they have taken the issue directly to students, instead of student council (where a two-thirds majority could remove him from office), because they want the students to decide.

Preinsperg agreed the decision should go to students, not council.

"Impeaching a President is such a major decision, it should be made by the students who elected me," Preinsperg said. "Otherwise there would always be a doubt about whether that's what the majority of students wanted."

The petition is a response to "31 hints to get you off to a better start with woman of your choice," an article published in Kathy Tait's love column in the September 6 edition of the Province newspaper.

Costanzo and Bain said concern has escalated since the petition was first distributed and cited a September 16 column by Tait that refers to The Ubyssey as "warped" and likens having a conversation with the coordinator of the UBC Women's Centre to that with a "rattlesnake."

Tait said in her column the concern that Preinsperg's views promote unequal power relationships is "utter garbage."

AMS Ombudsperson Carole Forsythe said she has received nine official complaints, all regarding the article in the Province, as well as many unofficial ones. She said the outcome of these complaints is now out of the hands of the Ombuds office.

"It is now either a political decision by council, or by students with the petition, or Kurt could resign," she said.

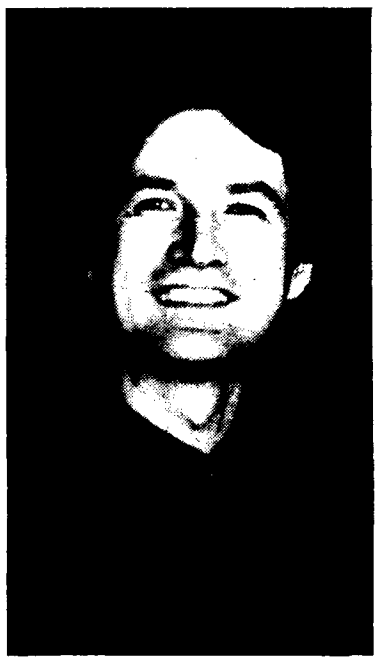
Preinsperg said "For having written a caring letter in Kathy Tait's love column, I do not see why I should resign.

"I never meant to give offence. I worked diligently for UBC students. I am sincerely concerned about the safety and well-being of students on this campus. I care about students. I care about women's equality," he said.

"There are only four months before regular elections. To impeach now over a letter to Kathy Tait will damage the credibility of the AMS. It will create financial waste and needless political turmoil. It will direct further media attention to an already overblown issue," he said.

In an attempt to clarify the limits of an AMS executive's right to voice and publish opinions, Preinsperg tabled a motion at Wednesday's council meeting to have the matter referred to Student Court.

The motion was defeated after it failed to receive support from any council members.



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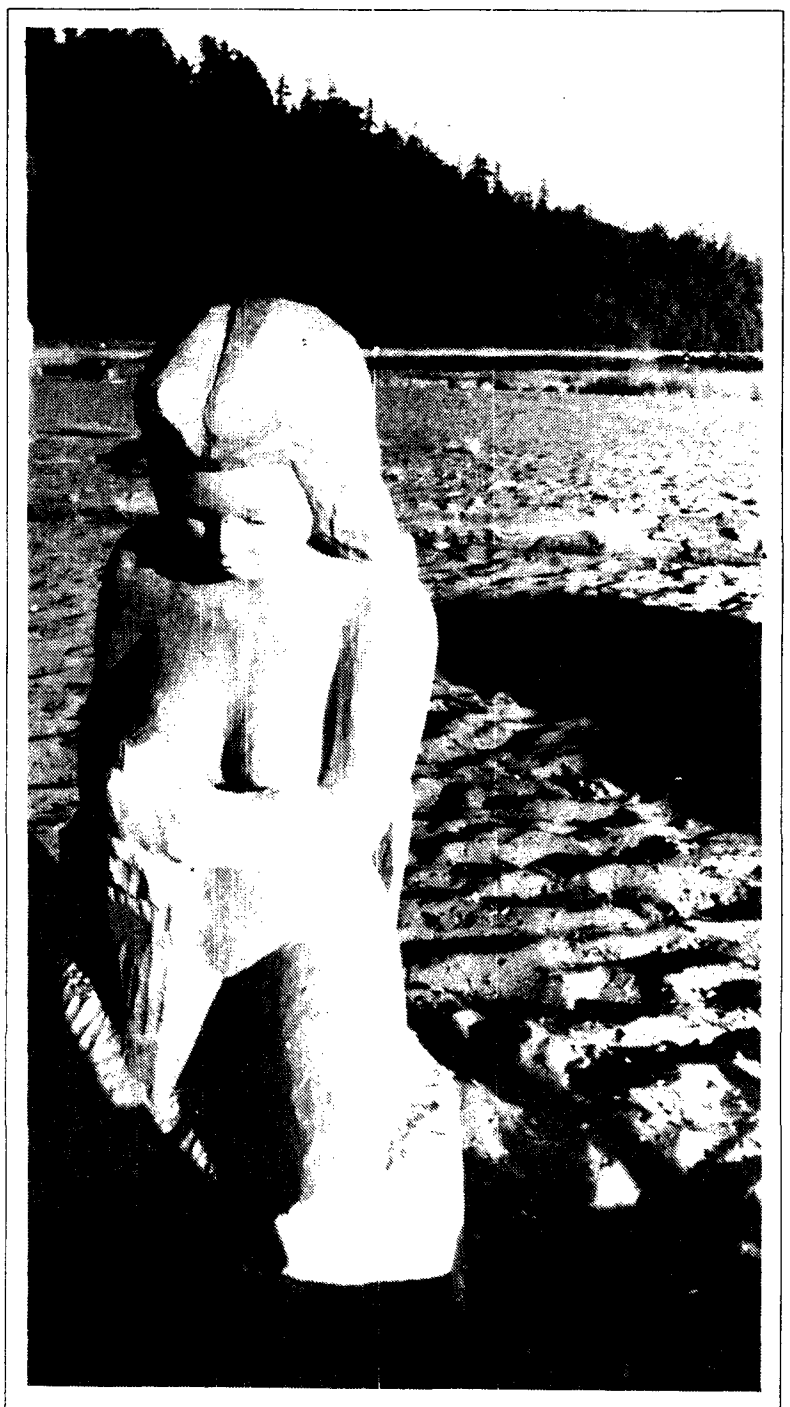

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Sculpture chiselled by Wreck Beach artist John Genn (conspicuously absent).

AMS fee hike proposed

by Jason Robertson

In early October, students at UBC will be asked to vote to increase their AMS fees by $5.

In Wednesday's student council meeting, a motion was passed enabling the AMS to post and distribute a poster advertising the referendum to be held October 9-12 that, if approved, will raise the current annual student fees from $39.50 to $44.50.

AMS vice president Johanna Wickie said the poster, an explanation of the referendum and a list of initiatives that the AMS is considering, is 90% certain to reflect the ballot as it will appear. Students will also be asked to indicate which of several suggested initiatives should be allocated money.

Wickie said the AMS is currently in a $28,000 deficit situation, and wants to take on new initiatives.

"The AMS is currently undergoing huge financial strain under which all programs will suffer unless funds are found somewhere else." The fee increase is to meet the cost of inflation, the last increase having been in 1982, she said.

AMS director of finance John Lipscomb questioned the need for a fee increase.

"There are a lot of unecessary expenditures in the AMS," Lipscomb said.

He said major examples include the Macintosh computers that the AMS bought for its executive. "Lower end models could have been purchased."

He also said the AMS should be more careful about lending money. He said a good example is the now deconstituted Musical Theatre Society (MUSSOC) which has an outstanding debt of over $44,000 dollars, acumulated over two years.

He said he also considers that the $40,000 the AMS pays its five executives to hire them full time during the summer months is "a lot of money to hire politicians."

These expenses add up to roughly 14 per cent of the $800,000 Annual Operating Budget of the AMS. Student's money could be better spent, he said.

Jorj McWhinnie, the students' council music representative said in Wednesday's council meeting that the referendum question on the fee increase could be added to the ballots in the January AMS general elections since the fee increase would not apply until next year. Each referendum costs about $6000.

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NEWS

New abortion clinic jeopardized

By Kathryn Weiler

The proposed opening of a privately funded abortion and family planning clinic at the Hycroft Medical Building has erupted into a sea of controversy.

Pro-life groups have already rushed to the scene with picket signs and protest slogans while physicians have threatened to pack up and move their practices.

"What we have here is a group of people that are fronting for a group of doctors wanting to open an abortuary," said Betty Green, head of Vancouver's Right to Life Society. Green is vehemently opposed to the controversial abortion clinic which will open at 16th and Granville.

Green claims that because of the controversial use of the location, local residents and tenants of the building should have a right to oppose the location of such a clinic. She further states that a plebiscite would have been appropriate in this case as is often the procedure with proposed openings of establishments such as pubs or drug rehabilitation centres. She believes an abortion clinic falls into this category.

Gwen Brodsky, a Vancouver lawyer and one of the board of directors of the Elizabeth Bagshaw clinic (the non-profit organization funding the clinic), said there is clearly a need for another clinic in Vancouver. She said the Every-Women's Health Clinic (presently the only other private abortion clinic in B.C.) is 2 to 3 weeks behind, an alarming fact considering the importance of immediacy in this medical procedure.

Brodsky said 20 to 30 per cent of the women using abortion clinics in Washington are from B.C., a clear indication of the shortage of clinics in this province. She said it is ludicrous for women to be forced to seek abortions in a foreign country and attributes this to the ad hoc nature of B.C. hospitals where quota systems restrict the availability of abortions.

Although the proposed clinic has met with vocal opposition, Brodsky said the majority of people in Canada view abortion as an inherent right for women.

BC Tel blamed for phone hang-ups

by Michael Booth

Students requesting telephone service in Gage, Fairview and Vancouver School of Theology residences are in for a long wait as BC Tel and the university's Network and Communications department squabble over who will pay for the installation of new cable.

Currently, 140 students are waiting for telephone service due to a shortage of available telephone lines on campus. The university and the telephone company operate on a loose agreement in which UBC owns the cable but BC Tel provides the service. If any new telephone cable is to be installed on campus, an agreement addressing costs must be reached between the two sides.

"We work together continuously," said Dr. Fiorenza Albert-Howard, director of Network and Communication. "Any cable under UBC land is our cable and they have to go through us.

"Residences are not our problem, they are BC Tel's," she said. "Residences get their supply from BC Tel. From the time the agreement was made, it has been BC Tel's responsibility. It has always been their responsibility."

Albert-Howard said that shortage of available lines on campus was not helped by a sudden increase in demand for faculty phone service.

"The average number of requests is between 50 and 100 requests per month," Albert-Howard said. "In August alone, the request was for 850 lines specifically for faculty telephones.

"BC Tel has not come forward with any plans for installing new cable to residences. They are well aware of the cable shortage; it's not news to them," she said.

The university is currently installing a fibre-optic cable network to facilitate UBC's data transmission requirements. As the system begins to be utilized, it will free up copper lines that will be used to meet the backlog of requests by faculty for telephone service.

"In terms of providing service for UBC, we are working on it but it has no overnight solution," Albert-Howard said. "Residence phones are BC Tel's business but if they need help from us, they can call us."

"Residences use (BC Tel's) cable and if (BC Tel) wants to provide service and make money, then (BC Tel) pays for it," she said. "If they want to do work on UBC land then they talk with us."

BC Tel public affairs administrator, Kathryn Aberle, said "the crux of the matter remains the dispute over who pays for the installation of cable.

"We can't supply service where we don't have any cable available." she added.

Some have it easy in life... MIKE COURY PHOTO

Lipscomb's position as D of F challenged

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The motion was passed by council."

Responding to other allegations, Lipscomb said "I didn't think it was wrong to request an additional payment for the month of August. Council turned this down and that's fine."

"I refused to fund the disposables for the barbeque," Lipscomb said. "I morally cannot fund disposables in such large quantities. But if my morals don't allow me to do something, then students' council has the power to override me, so there's no fear of my moral convictions hurting the student union."

AMS president Kurt Preinsperg said, "John is not perfect, far from it, but he's a hardworking executive. He has high ideals and is very stubborn in pursuit of those ideals.

"He has annoyed me many a time and yet I respect him. He's done good work. It borders on the absurd to dream of impeaching someone like him."

Preinsperg is concerned about the recent events.

"With this cloud hanging over John's head, I wouldn't blame him if he could not give his best to his job," he said.

Former UBC AMS president and current Board of Governors representative Tim Bird expressed concern about the effects of AMS infighting.

"This year is really no different than other years," Bird said. "There is always going to be conflict within the AMS. It's inevitable.

"But the stakes are so small in the AMS. Is it really worth it to publicly embarrass somebody by trying to remove them from office?"

"It's not worth it unless somebody has done something to really damage the society," Bird said. "That somebody is difficult to work with is not enough."

Bird added "I've never found John to be all that out of line. He has his own style and he's got his own issues at heart. If you have a problem with their (the executives) issues, then you have a right to criticize the issues, but not to make it a personal attack.

"The AMS is an organization that can do a heck of a lot. But as long as there is this degree of infighting involved, it has no potential."

NEWS

Homeless statue

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Parks Board, Yee said "what the VSSDM is asking now really is a blatant interference with the affairs of another country," and that Chinese Canadians should put their energy "into resolving local issues like the constitutional debate, the GST, the education referendum etc. where Canadians stand to gain," he said.

In a radio interview with CKNW he went so far as to express doubt as to whether the massacre actually occurred in the manner reported by the Western Press. "Sometimes you can't believe what you see and hear," he said.

The Chinese Government has also been taking an active role in the issue, and much of what Yee has said echoes its positions.

Former Consul General to Vancouver, Duan Jin, said in the Sing Tao Daily, March 26, 1990, "as far as China is concerned, this is interference with the internal affairs of China. It doesn't help to make any commemoration. It will only confuse the people more and bring no good to both China and Canada."

A spokesperson for Chinese students and scholars said "it is a dream (of the Chinese) to build the statue. It will touch everyone's heart. It even touched Bill Yee's heart, but he can't respond to his conscience, he's a politician."

The consulate also sent a letter to the MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, Tom Perry, asking him to oppose the statue. "To the Chinese" it said, "the statue is a reminder of big powers bullying weak nations and the humiliation and suffering they were subjected to by the turn of last century."

Perry responded with strong statement which called the massacre "a blatant disregard for the universal rights of human beings which were enshrined in the United Nations Charter, to which the People's Republic of China ostensibly subscribes."

He went on to point out the "curious logic that the Government of China would regard criticism of a mass murder of innocent students as 'meddling with the internal affairs of a friendly nation' whereas Consul General Duan Jin does not consider it inappropriate to suggest whether or not Canadians should be allowed to express their democratic rights in our country."

The VSSDM and FCSSC have now turned their attention to UBC. On August 1 the AMS unanimously approved the building of the statue. Since then, however, the matter has become bogged down in bureaucracy.

According to AMS co-coordinator of external affairs Jason Brett, UBC vice-president of academic and student services, K.D. Srivastava, was informed of the proposal on August 10 and gave his "tacit approval." It was then referred to Miner's office on August 15.

"I had concern expressed to me that (approval) would take a while (so I) expressed my concern to Tim Miner that I would like to have it done as soon as possible," Brett said.

On August 20 the proposal was put before the President's Advisory Committee on Art to advise Tim Miner on whether the statue would be aesthetically compatible with its surroundings.

Repeated efforts to contact anyone in the UBC administration regarding the statue have been unsuccessful and Srivastiva would not return The Ubyssey's calls on the matter.

In a related matter, both Srivastava and UBC president David Strangway declined an invitation to speak at a fast held by the FCSSC on June 4, 1990, the anniversary of the Tiananmen square massacre.

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NEWS

Transit discounts go only for the distance

by Niko Fleming

Students with long commutes are receiving discounts from B.C. Transit this year.

With a Fast Trax sticker attached to their student cards, students can travel in all three transit zones with a one zone FareCard. This applies to the monthly fare cards only, not single journeys.

Students commuting from Surrey or Coquitlam save $40 per month on their bus passes, while those from Burnaby and the North Shore save $17. People living in the central zone (West of Boundary) receive no discount.

Jason Brett, AMS representative for the Student Transit Advisory Committee, helped negotiate this arrangement with B.C. Transit last year. STAC includes students representatives from all Vancouver colleges and universities.

"(STAC) was created ten years ago to combat eroding concessions on fares for students," Brett said. Students used to receive concessions, but fares increased during the eighties. Until two years ago, post-secondary students received no discounts on transit.

Brett said STAC lobbied for bigger price breaks, but B.C. Transit is operating from a revenue-neutral stance. "Unless students generate the funds, there will be no true concession," he said.

Paul Barlowe, Manager of Treasury and Risk Management for B.C. Transit, said students should be going through the Ministry of Advanced Education for their funding.

"Why should we give university students subsidies?" he said. "There are people making five dollars an hour who use transit to get to work, and they don't get subsidies."

Barlowe said the program is on a year to year trial basis.

Fast Trax stickers are available to all full-time students at the AMS Ticket Office in SUB for two dollars.

Vancouver buses made accessable to disabled

Vancouver (CUP) - Disabled people will finally have full access to transit throughout the lower mainland thanks to the introduction of Canada's first lift-equipped buses.

Disabled students who must commute to the remote campuses in Greater Vancouver will be strongly affected by the new buses, equipped with hydraulic lifts which make it possible to load wheelchairs.

"Certainly this makes the transit system a lot more accessible to people who were unable to use it before," said Frank Jonasen, president of the B.C. Educational Association of Disabled Students (B.C.EADS).

"It's easy to tell other people to carpool or use transit, but students with disabilities until now weren't able to do that. Now they can," Jonasen said.

The lift equipped buses are now on 22 Vancouver area routes. Two buses to UBC and VCC have been lift-equipped since September 3, and three of the new buses have been added to routes to SFU this week.

Local students are already noticing a difference.

"This does a great deal to help disabled students be as spontaneous as others; be able to go shopping or to a movie on a moment's notice," said UBC sociology graduate student, Laurie Brown. "This is very liberating."

Stephen Heaney, president of the UBC Disabled Students Association, said "just the fact that Vancouver is integrating more wheelchair users directly into the system so they can use it like anyone else is important."

Heaney said the lift-equipped buses would help alleviate the problems students had with the "Handy Dart" van system, which required riders to book a week in advance for rides.

"If you were using Handy Dart and had a rescheduled seminar or a studying session for a final, it made things difficult," he said.

B.C. Transit spokesperson Diane Gendron said "we think this is an important step. This allows more passengers to travel spontaneously."

All new B.C. Transit buses will be equipped with the hydraulic lifts, Gendron said. The entire fleet will be wheelchair accessible in "about 17-20 years," she added.

But students who use electric 3 wheel scooters are still waiting to use the lift-equipped buses. According to Gendron, scooters will not be allowed on the buses until early 1991, after "transit engineers develop a safe tie-down system."

"I think that before they deny us a space on the bus system they should figure out another solution before keeping the ban on people on scooters," said Simon Fraser University sociology student Karen Van Biesen.

"It reminds me of when blacks were asked in the U.S. to get to the back of the bus," she said.

Jonasen, a student at Kwantlen College in Surrey, said B.C.EADS would suggest that other B.C. bus systems try to get lift-equipped buses.

"In a college community like Prince George or Kamloops, one or two lift equipped buses, maybe on a route to schools and the main shopping area, would make a world of difference," he said.

Canada's National Education Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) coordinator, Frank Smith, said that while NEADS supports the idea of lift-equipped buses in other cities, the organization "doesn't have the resources" to lobby for them.

"We're all in favor of integrating transit systems," Smith said. "It's a great idea."

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Slavonic Studies program to be altered

by Sharon Doyle

The Slavonic Studies department will be revamped dramatically over the next two years with special emphasis placed on Russian language and literature.

Pat Marchak, dean of Arts, said that the department is not being cancelled as much as it is undergoing a transformation. The intention is to alter the direction of the curriculum over the next two years.

The department will place a greater emphasis on the Russian Language and Literature areas of the program. As a result, the historical, sociological, economical and political aspect of Slavonic Studies will suffer.

This is unfortunate as Marchak believes that UBC is weak in these areas. The university is unable to hang on to enough qualified professors to keep the department academically competitive.

Furthermore, there is a lack of students interested in Slavonic Studies as a course major. This could be attributed to the events in eastern Europe over the past year.

Dr. C.J.G. Turner, executive secretary of Slavonic Studies, resigned as department head over the summer. Marchak is currently serving a one to two year internship as head of the department and will oversee the implementation of the department's changes.

The root of the Slavonic Studies department's problems is a lack of financial resources. This is a common plight to many if not all departments in the Faculty of Arts. The faculty's budget was slashed by $800,000 for the 1990-1991 session.

Prank calls plague CiTR

by Sophia Harris

A prank caller on campus has angered university radio station CITR and embarrassed some UBC residents.

On Monday night, a male caller claiming to be from CITR made over two dozen phone calls to pay phones at Totem Park and Place Vanier residences, between 9 and 11pm. He said that he was conducting a radio contest, and told the students who answered they would win $100 worth of goods if they could identify a certain song.

20 students who responded to the calls arrived at CITR Monday night, and another six on Tuesday, requesting their prizes.

CITR's station manager, Linda Scholten, said she knew nothing about the calls and was surprised to see prospective winners arrive at her office.

"At first I gave them some stuff, some cassettes and things, but more showed up," Scholten said. "If I gave any more things away, we wouldn't have any prizes left for the real CITR Ring Contest next week."

A Vanier resident who received one of the fraudulent calls said the caller had an outgoing, DJ sounding voice.

"The phone rang at 10:15pm on Monday night," she said. "Someone said, 'Hi, this is CITR.' I didn't know who CITR was, and he explained that it was a radio station on campus. Then he said, 'We're running a contest, and if you can name this song, I'll give you a prize.' He played 'Always on My Mind' by the Pet Shop Boys."

When the resident went to CITR to claim her winnings, she was told the contest was a scam. But they gave her a DJ Sound War t-shirt as a compensatory prize.

The resident said she thought the culprit was someone from CITR, because when she told Scholten what the caller had said the prizes were (t-shirts, movie passes, coupons, etc.), Scholten informed her that was exactly what they were going to give away next week.

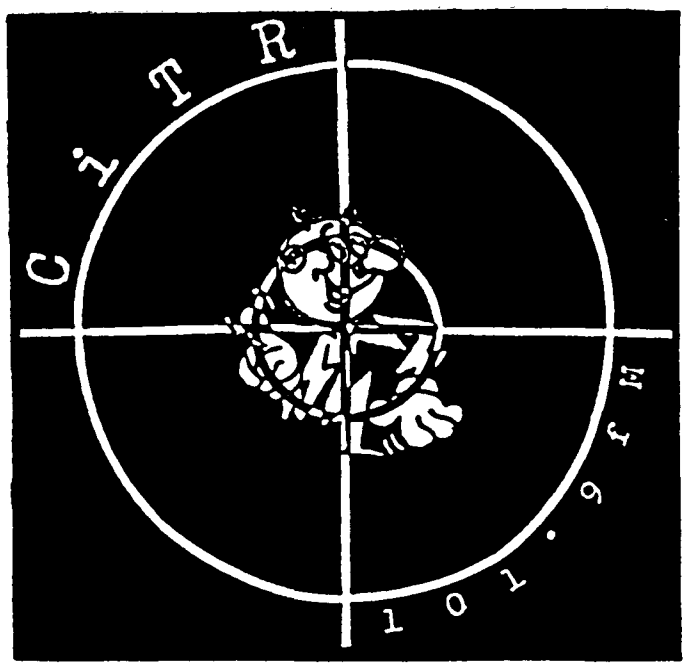
"It could be someone from CITR, but I don't know why," said Scholten. "If it's someone seeking revenge on us, this prank is so pointless and so dumb."

She said she thought the caller lives in residence. "It was not done in the CITR office. There were people working there that night."

Scholten also said she does not mind the publicity CITR received from the calls, but she dislikes having to turn people away who are expecting prizes.

CITR's annual Ring Contest runs from September 24 to 28. The radio station calls pay phones on campus, and whoever answers, wins a package of CITR goodies live on the air.

Pay phones will soon be ringing unexpectedly on campus. The authentic contest does not ask you to name the title of a song, or to pick up your prize at CITR. If you answer a pay phone and CITR is on the otherend of the line, you automatically win, and CITR immediately presents you with your prize. If anything different happens, hang up; it is not the real thing.



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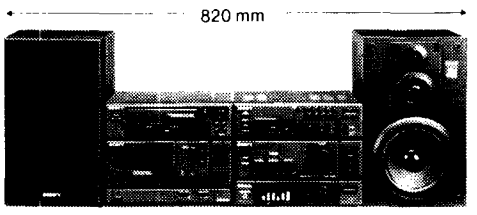

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NEWS

Quebec student federation faces new challenger

MONTREAL (CUP) — Quebec's largest student federation—traditionally Canada's most militant education lobby—is being challenged by a new provincial group.

A less militant student federation is gaining momentum in the province and may represent over 100,000 students by the end of this semester.

The upstart Federation des Etudiantes et des Etudiants du Quebec (FEEQ) is hoping to replace the 15-year-old Association des Etudiantes et Etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ) as Quebec's student voice.

Students at six universities will be holding referendums this semester to decide whether to join FEEQ, including McGill University and the universities of Montreal, Sherbrooke, Laval, Chicoutimi and Trois Rivieres.

If those universities join FEEQ, the federation will represent more than half of the province's undergraduate university students.

"I think we're getting more and more popular because ANEEQ hasn't been able to adapt to the new needs student have," said FEEQ official Nicholas Plourde. "We feel we're the organization which best represents student needs right now."

Both organizations oppose the Quebec government's decision to raise tuition fees for the first time in 20 years this fall. But, while ANEEQ's platform calls for free university education, FEEQ accepts that students should shoulder some of the cost of their education.

FEEQ's political platform revolves around a "new partnership" between students, government, and business, Plourde said.

The best way to offset Quebec universities' $300 million deficit, is to ask students to pay a special post-graduation tax, Plourde said.

"Our goal is to implement measures that won't hurt accessibility, but that will still help solve the underfunding problem," he said.

ANEEQ, which launched many bitter, drawn-out strikes over its history, has been credited with upholding Quebec's 20-year-old tuition fee freeze.

But the organization has been losing membership over the past decade. At its peak, it had over 30 members. Today, only two university members and 18 college members remain.

Concordia, one of the two university members, will be holding a referendum this semester to decide whether to continue its membership. The other university, l'Universite de Quebec a Montreal (UQAM), is boycotting ANEEQ meetings because it feels the federation is too centralized, although it is not considering pulling out.

ANEEQ official Stephane Lessard said the new student organization may split up the student movement at a time when it desperately needs unity.

"They're just playing into the government's hands," Lessard said. "There's nothing more those in power would like to see than a lack of solidarity among students who are undergoing hard economic times."

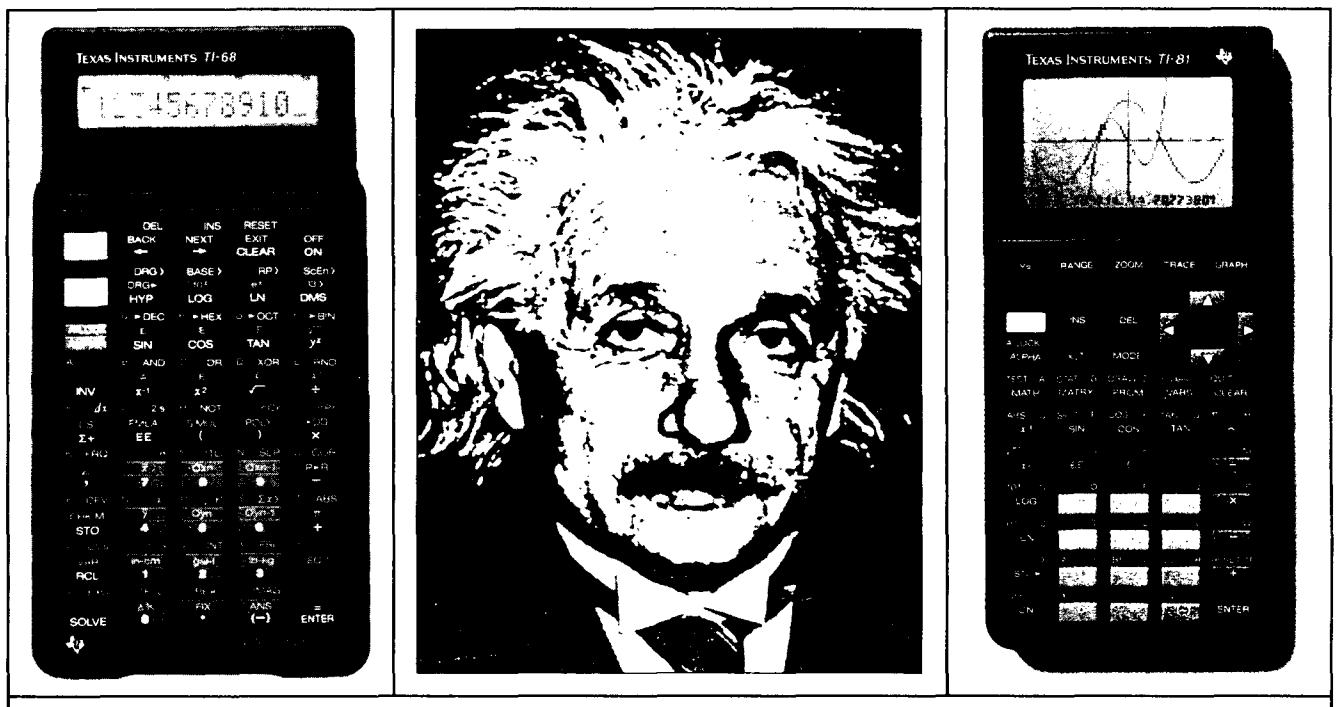
Lessard said FEEQ's platform is towing the government line and ultimately goes against students' interests.

"The moment you ask students to pay more, you're going against their interests," Lessard said.

He said the only way to solve the underfunding problem is to force corporations to pay a one per cent education tax.

ANEEQ said the new federation is not going to have much success.

"Twice in the 80's, organizations have tried to set up rival student organization, but they've always failed because of lack of conviction for basic principles," Lessard said.



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The Typesetters

Course plans to address issues

by Michael Booth

A mandatory course for first year engineering students has been expanded to include one entire term of lectures addressing current social issues.

The course, Applied Science 120, is billed as an "introduction to engineering" and traditionally features lectures on the different types of engineering taught at UBC. In the past, the course has been one hour a week for one academic semester.

This year, however, the course will be stretched out over a full school year to allow for new material designed to give engineering students a better understanding of issues facing Canadian society today.

"The course used to be for one term, now it's two," said Dr Axel Meisen, dean of Applied Science. "The second term is the same as the old course, an introduction into the various engineering disciplines. The first term uses guest lecturers to address the broader issues faced by engineers in society."

Topics to be discussed include the social impact of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline, first nation issues, multiculturalism, gender and sexual harassment issues and engineering ethics and professionalism.

Meisen said that last spring's issue of the nEUSlettre, which offended natives and other minorities, was a factor in the course's speedy inception into the faculty's core curriculum.

"The publication of the nEUSlettre last March made it clear that these issues had to be addressed in a more structured way," Meisen said.

The Engineering Undergraduate Society agrees the course is necessary although they have had no feedback from their members yet.

"It's a good idea and it is supported by the EUS but we don't know how it's going so far because it just started," said EUS president Darren Sanders.

Students forced to look off campus for housing

by E. Griffith

Long waiting lists for residence are forcing many students to look for housing off campus.

One first year student looking at ads at the housing office said it was especially hard for first-years to get into residence as preference is given to second year students.

First year students applying to Totem Park and Place Vanier can take only double rooms and it is first come first serve. "It makes more sense to go for off campus," he continued. If forced to live off campus he would not be able to quit his job during the school year as costs are much higher, he said.

Director of Housing Mary Risebrough said that accurate figures on how many people are waiting for housing are hard to find. "All we know are the numbers called on the waiting list," Risebrough said. Everyone applying for on-campus housing in the four single student's residences goes on one big list which has remained close to 1100 women and 1400 men since September 1.

As each residence gets a vacancy, numbers from the list are called. Each residence starts at #1. Numbers that have been called for different residences vary enormously. As of September 18, 168 women on the waiting list had been called for Walter H. Gage residence, while the entire list has been called for women's shared rooms in Totem Park and double rooms are now available in other residences.

The housing office has no way of knowing how many people have found alternate housing but have not notified Housing to have their names taken off the list.

By comparing the total number of students who have applied this year with previous years, Risebrough said that "there's been a slight drop in the number of people applying for housing on campus."

A survey by the Graduate Students' Society last summer suggested that many students are choosing to live off campus rather than take their chances with the waiting lists for residences.

Nearly 30 per cent of the graduate students who completed the survey listed the reason they lived off campus as "can't get into on-campus housing because the waiting lists are too long."

There is no definite figure for undergraduates seeking housing off campus, but GSS external affairs director John Berges said the number is likely to be higher for undergraduates, since grad students may have less incentive to live on campus, due to age, income, and marital status.

Risebrough said the off-campus housing situation appears to be better, although one can only judge by counting the number of people who go to look at the off-campus housing notice board.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Commission said the city's vacancy rate was .9 per cent as of April 1990, up from .5 per cent in April 1989 and from October 1989 when it was only .4 per cent.

Even if the situation is improving, many are still unsatisfied. One grad student looking for housing said in the four times he has moved since he started at UBC it has gotten harder every year. In 1987 it took a week to find a decent house, he said, but last year it took him two months.

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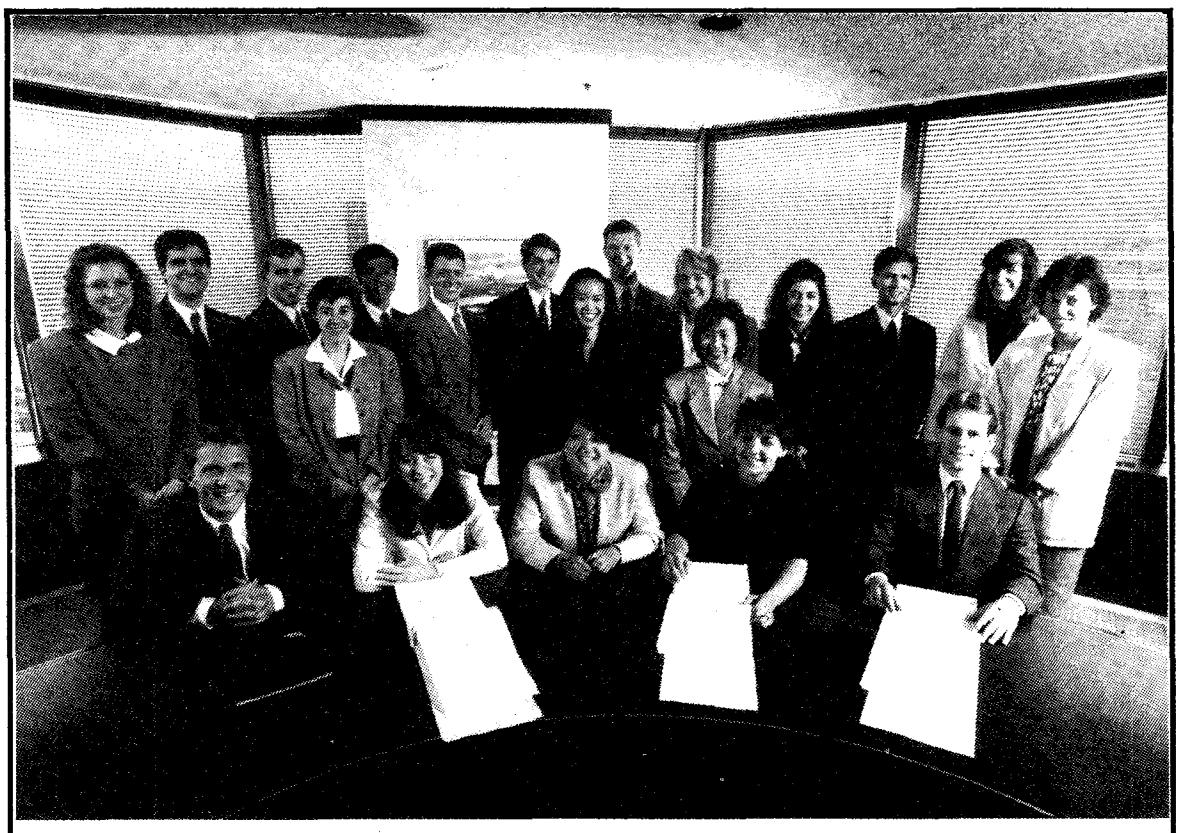

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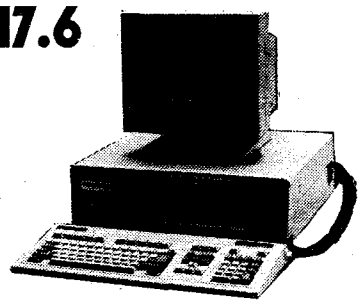

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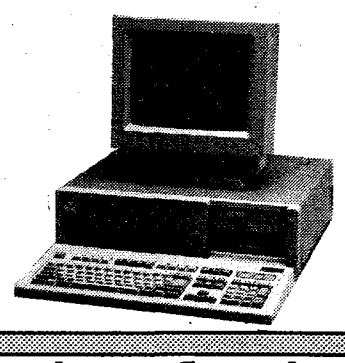

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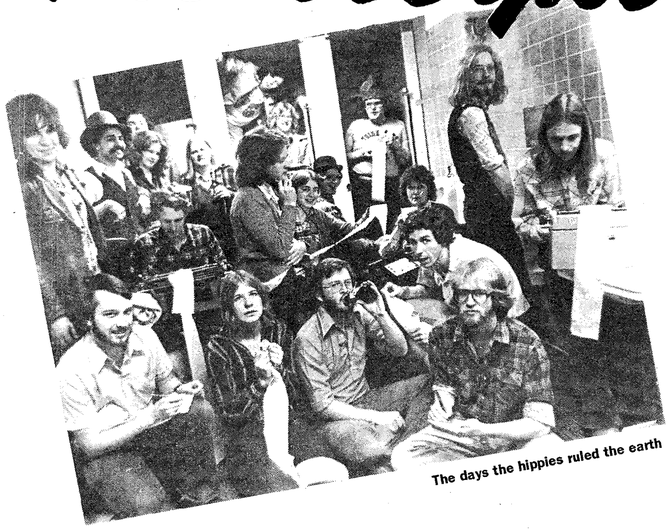


The days the hippies ruled the earth

The Ubyssey

It has been suspended, banned, censored, censured, condemned, loved, cherished and, occasionally, honoured. "It" is The Ubyssey.

The paper has been saddled with such colourful labels as "the vilest rag west of Blanca" and more recently "a boil on the backside of journalism" by local columnist Doug Collins, as well as "the best journalism school in Canada" by Allan Fotheringham. (One should judge whether a comment is a compliment or an insult by its source.)

The paper, as we fondly call The Ubyssey, has been around since 1918. It has changed a lot since its beginnings. In the 1960's there was an internal battle over the political stance of the paper. It is generally agreed that those on the "left" won the internal conflict on the paper, yet the "right" still maintains a presence. This led to a change in internal structure from that of a hierarchy, with an Editor-in-Chief, to a collective. Yet despite this, some things never change.

The Ubyssey has consistently challenged the government, university administration and the Alma Mater Society for their decisions. In 1931, editor-in-chief Ronald Grantham was suspended for two weeks because he chose to speak out against government underfunding of education.

From either side of the political fence, The Ubyssey continues to cover the issues, speaking out on those which attract the attention of its staff members.

It has become apparent to The Ubyssey that many students believe the paper costs them a great deal of money each year. Put quite bluntly, this is not true.

The Budget

The Ubyssey has a budget of approximately $172,000 during the fall and winter sessions and $20,000 during the summer session. Of this, $30,000 and $14-15,000 respectively, have been the subsidies budgeted by the Alma Mater Society.

Actual expenditures and revenue during the last year showed The Ubyssey spending approximately $185,000, of which $157,000 came from advertising. The Alma Mater Society contributed approximately $28,000 to the winter paper.

The Summer Ubyssey for 1989 was subsidized to the tune of $11,500 ($3,500 under budget) with advertising revenue contributing $10,000. $22,000 was spent.

So what does this mean to you as students?

Last year the winter edition of The Ubyssey cost you about $1.08 and The Summer Ubyssey about $.44. A grand total of $1.52 per student for seven issues during the summer and forty-nine issues during the fall and winter.

That's about $.02 per paper.

Five years ago, The Ubyssey had a subsidy of $83,000. By making our production more efficient we have cut our costs by over $50,000. We have constantly streamlined and have been consistently financially responsible. We feel that we have made all the cuts we can.

This year it appears that the Summer Ubyssey was again at least $3,000 under budget and despite this, the AMS budget committee is trying to cut our allotted subsidy to $22,000.

Budget committee's proposed subsidy for this fall and winter session would cost you about $.85. It has been increasingly evident to the staff of The Ubyssey that the students, and particularly Students Council, do not fully understand the way our newspaper's system works.

The Collective

There is a method to The Ubyssey's madness. We do not exist in a vacuum.

This newspaper works on a collective system.

A collective works on the basis of each individual having an equal say in the affairs of the organization. That is to say, there is no hierarchy. Each individual has equal input in, an equal vote on, and equal responsibility for the actions of the collective.

The collective, then, decides not only the overall policy of the paper (such as the constitution, membership or the members of the editorial collective), but also what goes into the paper and where. The collective decides at a production meeting the day before an issue comes out which stories will or will not run, where each story will be placed, if all ads will run, and the content of the editorial. The editors do not decide by themselves the content of the paper.

There is no doubt that the editors have an influence, perhaps greater than that of some other staffers. But other experienced members of staff also have great influence, perhaps greater than the editors. This is how the collective functions, on the basis of influence, which in turn is based on respect.

In the case of The Ubyssey, the collective consists of the staff. Each staff member votes on each initiative undertaken by the paper.

Members of the Collective

So we have the collective sketched out, but who makes up this group.

The collective of The Ubyssey is made up of the newspaper's staff, all of whom are volunteers.

We are open to all members of the campus except, for reasons of editorial freedom and integrity, those sitting on AMS Students Council, those who are a part of the Student Administrative Commission or other student government bodies.

If any person can put up with us long enough to contribute to three issues, and attend meetings on at least a semi-regular basis, she or he will be considered a staffer of The Ubyssey.

As a staffer, she or he will be able to vote on any policy or content matter brought to staff, to elect editors, to hold a position on staff, and so on.

The Format

You're looking at the it: Fun-filled pages, anywhere from 8 to 28 pages in length. Starting at the front...

Our news is mostly campus and local, although national and international news stories do often appear.

Page two consists of the Classifieds and 'Tween Classes. Classifieds can be placed by visiting the AMS business office down the hall from us. Between classes are free and are open to everyone: blank forms and drop offs all happen at The Ubyssey office, SUB 241K. Page two has some serious deadlines, so now that you've been told, don't give us no flack about your late 'Tween.

Sports runs in the Tuesday edition, arts brings colour to the Friday issue, and they both usually hog centre spread.

News from campus newspapers around the country can also be found under the 'CUP' folios throughout the paper. Check out the section on CUP for more on this.

Letters

The letters section is where everyone else gives their opinion. If you want to let your thoughts be known to the University community, please hand deliver a letter to The Ubyssey and bring in some i.d. The limit is 350 words, a policy most stringently enforced when we have a backlog of letters. If you keep your letter brief, there is a better chance that it will make it into the next issue.

Letters must be submitted in typed form, but you are more than welcome to use our word processors. Any one of our plethora of staff members would be happy to show you how it's done.

The Ubyssey will not print letters that are deemed by the collective to be racist, sexist or homophobic.

The Ubyssey does not, under any circumstances, attempt to sway an argument by withholding letters. The only letters not printed by The Ubyssey last year were a couple of essay-length letters left over at the end of the year because of a lack of space, and one letter that was so racist, sexist and homophobic it was handed over to the authorities instead of our typesetters.

Opinion and editorial

Then we have the opinion and editorial section.

The Editorial, a reflection of the opinions of all staff present at our 5 p.m. news meetings, are based on topics which are generally discussed at length and then assigned to one or two writers to prepare a rough draft.

Throughout production night, all staff present try to get a chance to read it over, add to it, take away from it, fight about it. The editors (usually at about 4 a.m.) go over the final version and either make it coherent, or, in a delirious attempt to make it coherent, make it totally indecipherable.

Perspectives are in-depth analysis opinion pieces from non-staff members. Voting staff members of the Ubyssey cannot write letters to the Editor, but are welcome to submit their opinions as Freestyles.

Masthead

Have you ever wondered about those weird little bits of fantasy/horror/lunacy under the editorial box?

As The Ubyssey, in accordance with the CUP Statement of Principles, seeks to oppose hierarchy, The Ubyssey does not have a traditional masthead arrangement. (You know—editor in chief, assistant to the editorial assistant—that kind of crap...)

Instead, anyone who helps out on an issue in any way gets thrown into the collective melting pot, The Ubyssey Masthead, where just about anything could happen. This includes some serious weirdness—talking lizards, blue toenail polish, stuff like that.

Getting involved

We may be strange, unsanitary and somewhat psychotic, but rest assured, we don't bite. Moreover, we need new people with lots of bright, fresh ideas to add to our twice weekly melting pot. Even if you don't have any of these, we can still use some people who don't mind "just helping out." Put bluntly, we'll take almost anyone.

Writing

The most obvious thing you can do at The Ubyssey is to write. A lot of people come in with ideas for stories, usually on things they're interested in and would simply like to find out more about. After all, what better way to become more informed about the Native land claims issue than by talking to the people involved? Just walk in, run it by an editor and with the advice you receive in mind, go with it.

Another reason for writing for the paper is if you think The Ubyssey is missing out on something that you believe is important enough for our readers (circulation 15,000) to know about.

Famous people pass through this campus all the time, eliciting profound thoughts along the way. We can't always be there to cover them, often because we don't know they're around. Help make us look less foolish and write something about it yourself.

If you don't have any ideas, we do—tons of them, just not enough people to write about them. If you have some time to kill, walk in, button hole an editor and find out what's up. You might end up doing anything from sitting through a lunch time speech on what should be done with the trees in the Stein Valley, to extracting quotes from AMS members on a juicy sex scandal (but only if you're really, really lucky. These are few and far between—most of the time).

Sports/Arts

The Ubyssey will allow you to do more than just write straight news. Our sports department is burdened with the task of covering 18 separate varsity teams, ranging from football to gymnastics.

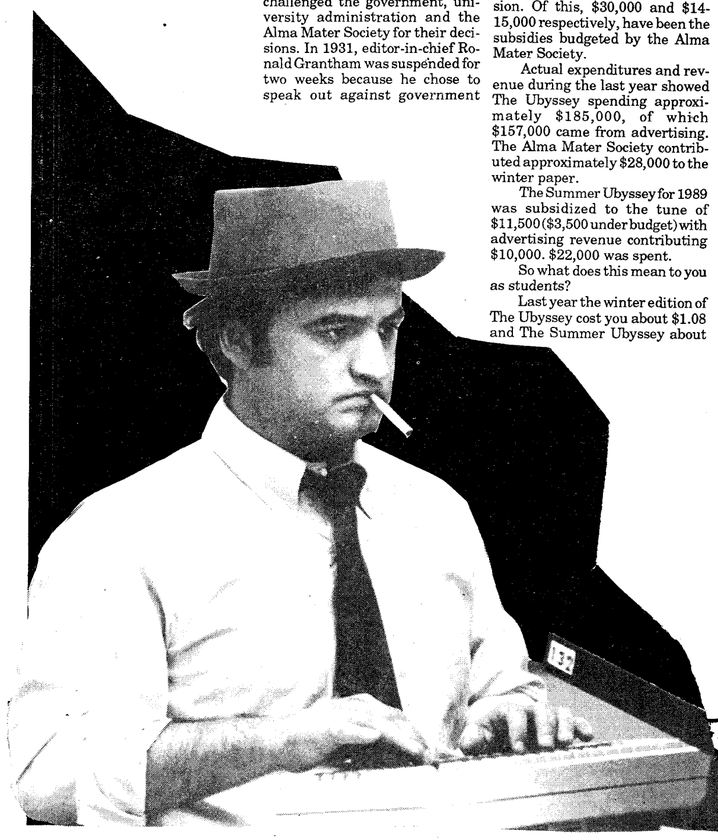
There is also the arts section which focuses on on-campus happenings, the alternative scene and stuff just not covered by the mainstream press. Promise to write us a story and we'll try to get you in free. Come back with a story, and you can do it again.

Of course, there is the matter of style. Writing news is very different from writing essays, but the former is easier to pick up on. Once you've got your notes sit down with an editor, who will go through such things as the six basic questions and the inverted pyramid, and you'll be on your way to a Pulitzer. We also hold the occasional writing seminar throughout the year.

Photography/Production

We need photographers and lots of them. Unfortunately, we don't supply the cameras or the flashes, but we can give you film and access to a dark room. We also give you a lot of freedom in terms of content. While we appreciate the efforts of our photo-journalists, we also like the artsy stuff. Shooting for The Ubyssey is also a great way to get into events, like concerts and plays, for free.

As well as making enough copy, and processing enough photos to fill our pages, we also need people to lay it all out. While a lot of this involves simply slapping down the right stories on the correct pages, there is also some chance to do creative work—especially on the arts pages, and when we run features.



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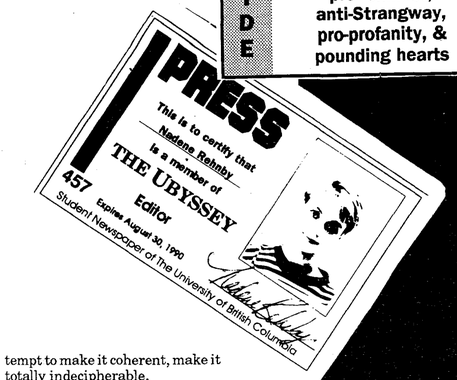

THE UBYSSEY

Do you hate us?

The Ubyssey is a student newspaper. The key word, of course, is student. This means that, like you, we are still learning. We are learning how to put the paper together, how to write, and above all, just how powerful the print media can or cannot be.

Since we are still learning, we do make mistakes—as do our counterparts on the mainstream papers. Mistakes themselves are not necessarily a bad thing—they can be a very effective way of learning how not to do something. However, since The Ubyssey is read by as many as 15,000 people, our mistakes may take on more significance than a run-on-sentence in an English 100 essay.

One effective remedy for mistakes, controversial editorials, coverage that may be perceived as biased, or an everyday dislike for the ilk that hangs around SUB 241K is the Publications Board.

Publications Board

The Publications Board is a student organization designed to be a sounding board between The Ubyssey and the UBC student body. It consists of three members of The Ubyssey, three students-at-large, and the AMS ombudsperson.

The board meets every two weeks (usually on Tuesday afternoons) to discuss such mindboggling topics as The Ubyssey's budget, its constitution, and any complaints that have been lodged about stories or editorials run in the pages of The Ubyssey.

There are currently two vacant student-at-large positions, but the board also welcomes all student input in the interests of improving The Ubyssey and helping us serve the student body in the best ways possible.

Unofficial complaints can be given to us directly at our office and will be acted upon directly by the staff of The Ubyssey. Official complaints can be lodged with the AMS Ombudsoffice and will be addressed by the Publications Board at one of their meetings. Don't worry. If you want to join The Ubyssey, you can.

CUP

The Ubyssey is a founding member of Canada's oldest student organization, Canadian University Press, a co-operative of fifty student papers from across Canada.

CUP provides an endless list of services to The Ubyssey, supporting the paper in everything from computer breakdowns to lawsuits, and organizing the conferences where The Ubyssey's staff learn their skills. CUP owns and collectively runs Campus Plus, a very successful advertising co-operative designed to keep student money within student papers.

CUP's member papers often work together, sharing the toils and turmoil of putting out papers with student volunteers and practically no money, and providing invaluable support to papers in hard times. Copies of all CUP papers are available at The Ubyssey.

Last but never least, CUP provides the news exchange. When you see CUP beside a story, that means it's from another CUP paper, which gave it to The Ubyssey via a computer bulletin board system that links CUP papers across the country, all co-ordinated by CUP's national office in Ottawa.

BC Bureau

The Ubyssey is also the home of CUP's BC Bureau. Bureau chief Rick Hiebert provides news coverage of events that affect BC students, as well as co-ordinating some of the news exchanging that happens between UVic's The Martlet, SFU's The Peak, The Gleaner at Langara, Douglas College's Other Press, The Phoenix at Okanagan College and the Capilano Courier at Capilano College. His office is, alas, located in SUB 241K.

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Allan Fotheringham (Ex-Ubyssey editor)
Maclean's, December 1988

"A boil on the backside of journalism"
Doug Collins (Ex-Province columnist)
North Shore News, April 1990

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MONDAY, September 24/90, 11:00 am to 12:00 noon, CONVERSATION PIT, SUB

Introduction of Speakeasy, an interactive computer designed to enhance decision making processes vis a vis the use of alcohol and to provide thoughtful information about alchohol consumption. Dr. R. Perreault, creator of Speakeasy from the Clinical Research Institute of Montreal, will officially welcome Speakeasy to the province of British Columbia. Speakeasy will then start touring B.C. Sponsored by Molson's. A private reception to follow in the Art Gallery.

TUESDAY, September 25/90, 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm, CONVERSATION PIT, SUB

SPINAL CORD INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM: Rob Dunfield, a SCIP representative will discuss his accident and how life has changed since.

THURSDAY, September 27/90, 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm, SUB AUDITORIUM

Back by popular demand, Mike Buckingham, a former Washington State police officer will discuss the effects of drinking/driving accidents. Mike speaks from personal experience — he was hit by a drunk driver.

FRIDAY, September 28/90, 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm, CONVERSATION PIT, SUB

PARTY: a presentation by health care professionals. What is it like for them to care for victims of drinking related accidents? ***Warning: slide show may contain violent and disturbing pictures.***

FRIDAY, September 28/90, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, ROOM 207/209 SUB

This Beer Garden wraps up the week with de-alcoholized and non-alcoholic drinks (as well as alcoholic beverages — after all we are promoting RESPONSIBLE DRINKING). The ICBC designated driver program, Tall Cool One, will be in effect. As well, the RCMP, University Detachment will have a breathalyzer on hand.

DAILY DISPLAYS will be in the main concourse from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Participants will include: Student Services, ICBC, RCMP, BC Lung Association, AA, NA, Al-Anon, and students from the Health Sciences, eg. Pharmacy, Nursing, Family & Nutritional Sciences.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Council appoints committee to watch new 'recfac' fee

Students' Council voted in favour of appointing a five person committee to oversee the allocation of the new $40 athletic recreation fee levied by the university administration to build a sports facility.

Council was concerned that students have a say in the spending of this money, which was levied without student input. The fee is to build a facility similar to one already rejected by student referendum.

AMS Student court to investigate special meeting fiasco

Council has asked the yet to be chosen judges of students' court to decide on the validity of the results of the September 7th Special General Meeting.

However, a suggestion to bring two motions to referendum in October was ruled out of order because of the impending student court decision. The motions were to remove sexist language from Code and Bylaws and change the title of the director of external affairs to coordinator of external affairs.

Council supports Senate Review

Members of Students' council unanimously voted to direct AMS President to write a letter of support to the University Senate endorsing a Student Senate Caucus motion to establish an ad hoc committee administering teacher evaluations. Members suggested that the evaluation process be reviewed. The process was established 12 years ago.

Ombudsoffice report to council

Ombudsperson Carole Forsyth reported to council that she has received nine formal complaints on the issue of Kurt Preinsperg's article in the Province's Love Column, as well as many informal complaints.

"Some people see this submission as dangerous because it promotes unequal relationships," Forsyth said.

She also said the submission was written by Preinsberg as a student, not as the AMS president. Cathy Tait was responsible for adding Preinsperg's title as AMS president, she said.

Natives want voice in AMS

Council postponed a decision to establish a non-voting position on council for native students at the university.

It was argued that council members needed more time to respond to the request, and wanted a more formal proposal to study.

A native representative indicated that native students feel alienated by the student government process in general.

At present there are no native students sitting on council.

Last Wednesday's student's council meeting attracted the largest audience since the nEUSlettre scandal, pictured above. CHUNG WONG PHOTO

Not in my back yard, Westside residents say

by Merlin Levirs

Skytrain's future on Vancouver's West side was the main topic at Wednesday evening's provincial government townhall meeting.

Half of the questions asked premier Vander Zalm and minister of highways Rita Johnston to pay close attention to concerns of residents of communities that Skytrain's proposed Richmond connector will cross. Frustration with the process of consultation was a major audience concern.

Consideration is being given to Main, Cambie, Oak, Granville, and Arbutus streets for the route. Of these neighbourhoods, Arbutus and Cambie residents appeared most strongly represented. This issue was the overwhelming concern of the crowd of some three hundred persons.

"We will not run roughshod over any community," Johnston said. "We have never had the availability for more public consultation than on this issue (and) have asked this citizen's committee to go and get input from you."

"Whenever a government undertakes an initiative," Johnson said, "some people will be made unhappy."

Citing his government's concern about pollution, Vander Zalm said the Skytrain extention, as with other BC Transit enhancements, would go ahead despite the desire of some in the crowd to scrap the project.

Extensions to the ferry fleet are being examined between the Seabus terminal and Port Coquitlam, Bowen Island, and Gibsons.

Vander Zalm described a recent flight.

"Coming into Vancouver it looked worse than Los Angeles," he said. "One way we can improve on this is with Rapid Transit and I'd like you to help with that."

One person questioned Vander Zalm and Johnston's objectivity on the matter given that their constituents are the beneficiaries in an expanded system.

"Health receives one third of your tax dollar." said finance minister Mel Couvelier in response to another question. He said that because health care is constantly reaching for new and more expensive plateaus, there is "never enough money for such an open ended commitment (and) at some point there will have to be some tough decisions made in open public discussions."

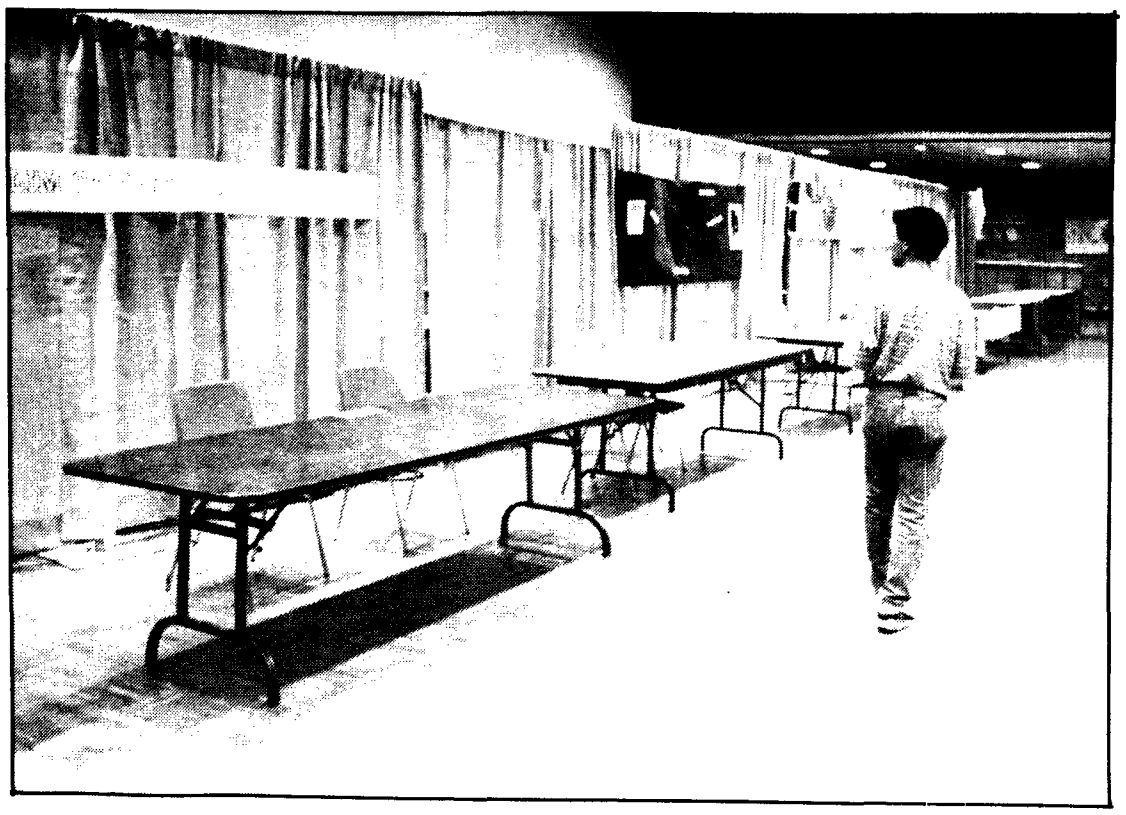
Questioned on education funding to get more students into the Vancouver community colleges, former minister of advanced education and job training, Stan Hagen, said "this government has committed 690 million dollars in new money over five years for 15,000 spaces. The incredible increased demand may be partly due to increased student loan funding, but also because of a new concept of lifelong learning."

A UBC student asked the premier, "How far are you willing to go (on constitutional decentralization)?"

Vander Zalm replied that it would depend on what would serve the people best.

"I am very much a decentralist," said Vander Zalm. "All the countries which become overly centralist eventually fail (while) decentralized countries like Switzerland have done best."

Responding to a proposal to make BC a nuclear weapons free zone like many city governments have, Vander Zalm said "I am very sympathetic to this issue, but we must not be lulled into a false sense of security by municipal declarations. We must pressure national governments to get rid of nuclear weapons."



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Instructors aprove zero tuition

by Karen Hill

TORONTO (CUP) — Ontario's student lobby group got a much-needed shot in the arm recently when the province's faculty association came out in support of free tuition.

The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) has been advocating the elimination of tuition fees since 1972. On Sept. 18 it was joined by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), which represents teaching, research and professional library staff at all Ontario universities.

OCUFA is calling for a reduction in tuition fees, and announced a timetable for their abolition.

OFS official Greg Elmer said OCUFA's announcement shows that student lobbying against tuition fees has been successful.

"It's told people that students aren't whiners, and they have responsible positions on issues in the (post-secondary education) community," Elmer said.

Elmer said that OCUFA's announcement was well-timed, coming just two weeks before Ontario's new NDP government enters the provincial legislature.

Although Premier Bob Rae didn't take a stand on post-secondary education issues during the recent election campaign, the NDP has as one of its long-term goals the elimination of university tuition fees.

OCUFA's policy statement also called for the elimination of higher fees for international students, an increase in aid for underrepresented students such as natives and people with disabilities, an increase in living expenses provided under Ontario's student loan system, and the elimination of the cap on loans and grants.

But University of Toronto professor David Stager, the author of a 1989 Council of Ontario Universities report recommending increased tuition fees, says OCUFA's ideas are out of date.

"I think it's irresponsible in the budgetary constraints of the 1990s," Stager said. "I'm disappointed in my colleagues as scholars. There isn't much hope for a decrease in fees."

OCUFA official Bob Kanduth said the proposed changes could take up to eight years to implement, at a cost of $400 million.

And, he added, Stager is the one behind the times.

"He's more concerned with the bottom line. We want to talk about people. He is looking at this from an economist's view."

One of OCUFA's main arguments is that high tuition fees serve as a deterrent to students, particularly those from disadvantaged groups.

But social and cultural factors play a much greater role in deterring non-traditional students, rather than high tuition fees, according to Stager.

And, he said, it is inefficient to eliminate tuition fees. Instead, he suggested increasing fees for all students, while boosting aid for underrepresented groups. The possible deterrent of increased fees could be offset by the creation of new categories of student loans, Stager said.

Kanduth disagreed, saying Canada had committed itself to accessible and free post-secondary education by signing a United Nations agreement in 1976.

Implementing a minimum corporate tax could make up the loss in tuition fees, Kanduth said.

Insurers blame college over dental plan

by Mark Nielsen

The insurance company that underwrote the failed dental program for graduate students at UBC said its plans were frustrated by the regulatory body for dentists in B.C.

Herb Botkin, a director for Blue Cross of Canada in Toronto, said in a telephone interview on Thursday that the College of Dental Surgeons of B.C. "brought a lot of pressure to bear on the dentists who were participating in our program."

As a consequence, Botkin said that Blue Cross felt it necessary to give up on the program in order to keep the dentists in question out of jeopardy.

"The dental college basically said dentists can't participate in return for them to keep their licences," Botkin said.

The plan was cancelled earlier this week after Blue Cross informed the Graduate Student Society that it would not underwrite the scheme.

If the plan had gone ahead, at least 3,000 graduate students would have had up to 80 per cent of their dental care costs covered by the plan for an annual premium of $86.

The problems arose over attempts to establish a list of "preferred dentists" who would reduce their fees to correspond with the amount of coverage the plan provides.

Botkin said it is common for dentists to set their fee levels lower than the rates recommended by the dental college.

"Thousands in B.C. must be getting dentist care for lesser fees than what are set out by the dental college, so why are they excluding these people from the same sort of access?" Botkin said.

As well, Botkin said that Blue Cross was trying to expand the list from two dentists through a mail-out program that would cover every dentist within ten kilometres of Vancouver.

However, the college's director of member services, Dr. Don Lauriente, said the plan would remain unacceptable because some patients would still be excluded from similar fee levels.

"You have to try to predicate the fee on the service and not on the financial reasons," he said. "As long as you treat everybody who comes into the office the same, then that's okay, but that's not what's happening."

Nonetheless, Lauriente said he's not surprised that Blue Cross is blaming the college for the failure.

"I think you should expect that," Lauriente said. "No one is going to blame themselves and if they want to blame me, well, I've got broad shoulders and I don't mind if it makes them feel better.

"The point is to get a better program."

Lauriente added that the college recognizes that students are one group that needs a dental plan, but said better ones than the one offered through the GSS are available.

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Turn on, tune in, and zone out

By Andrew Epstein

As another year of school comes lurching out of the starting gate I am struck by how aligned things are. Reality is in eternal lock-step with itself.

A wise old man once told me that the way to grasp the true nature of a subject is to examine both its positive and negative aspects. Until very recently I thought this only applied to matters of global importance and philosophical exams, and then I saw the light. The light was softly glowing salt and pepper snow, throbbing gently out of my television set at four in the morning.

Laying it on the line, television is the requisite other half to university. More than a diversion, it is the antidote to school's dote, the yin to coursework's yang. Sure the one can exist divorced from its soulmate, but neither is complete.

Surely I am not the first to note the similarities between the two, both university and television get started in the fall, full of the vim and vigour of youth, go through a period of doldrums in the late winter months and then build up to a fever pitch in time for the end of the season/term. Summer rolls around and it's time for a much needed vacation until next fall.

Many people have tried to discredit the wisdom found in our cathode ray teacher, but like the guy in tomato sauce commercial says, "It's in there."

Sociology? Take a look at social contract and community psyche found in the seven castaways on Gilligan's Island. History? Everything I ever really needed to know I learned from Fred and Wilma Flintstone. Philosophy? Many is the night I have stayed up pondering whether the Jetsons are modernist or post-modernist. Physics? How many of you have been stopped in your tracks by the daunting task of hooking up a VCR to your TV with a cable converter and a pay-TV decoder box attached? Pharmacology? What do you think they're doing on Miami Vice anyways? Medicine? Law? Come on students look alive the examples are thick and furious - anyone who can't name three examples for each has no business being in an institution of higher learning.

One of the few things that makes going back to school even the least bit palatable is the promise that soon, oh so very soon, the new season will begin. You come home from the library, weary, your mind clouded by too many hours doing too much work and your cable enhanced buddy is waiting - just for you! Thwak on that dial, curl into fetal position and a delicious mix of old and new friends wash over you like a warm bath - or something very much like that.

What do our friends in the programming offices have in store for us this year? As always, a heady collage of something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue. But mostly something borrowed.

Burning a hole in my TV Guide is Gabriel's Fire (ABC) starring James Earl Jones, quite simply one of the finest living actors anywhere in the world. He speaks in that rumbling basso profundo and I just melt. Jones plays a former police officer who killed his partner in the 60's amid some pretty complicated skullduggery. After spending twenty years in prison, a young hot-shot defence attorney reopens his case without asking him, and he gets freed on a technicality.

Gabriel, a defrocked cop, has trouble coping with life on the outside. Heller, the beautiful, blonde, and fantastically successful defense attorney, feels guilty for springing a con who admits he's guilty and only wants to be left alone takes him on as an investigator. Presto, a series is born.

Gabriel's Fire runs on ABC Thursday nights at 9:00 so tune in and learn something. Criminology 101 is open for business. Go on, it's good for you.

Speaking of Thursday night, and who doesn't, there's all manner of network nuggets up for grabs. The Cosby Show is still hanging in there representing the course in Life on Other Worlds CHEM 247; however, this year its running up against Flash: The Fastest Man Alive (Phys Ed?), and of course, The Simpsons which is a required course for a degree in Marxist political theory.

In just a few short months Bart Simpson has been completely co-opted by the ruling class to the point that every street hustler in New York is selling home silk-screened T-shirts of AIR SIMPSON and supermarket tabloids boast headlines along the lines of "I had Homer Simpson's love child!"

What happened here? Last year the Simpsons were a cool, underground cult-ish hit which mirrored our growing disillusionment with the saccharine-sweet taste of TV families that haven't changed one wit since Marcia and Greg Brady were in diapers. Suddenly the great arbiters of taste decided the Simpsons were "The Next Big Thing" and the next thing you know any self-respecting hepcat wouldn't be caught dead in an a "Bartman" T-shirt.

FREESTYLE

Babes is the latest entrant in the Fox network's quest to come up with the most tasteless show in the history of the medium. Three overweight sisters move in together and put up with week after week of fat jokes while trying to maintain their strong feelings of self worth. Oh yeah it's a comedy too. You wonder why nobody thought of this premise for a sit-com ages ago. And then again, they probably did.

Made for TV movies have been receiving quite a lot of publicity lately, what with Twin Peaks et al. But let's face it, there are only two different kinds. The first is the disease of the week wherein a beautiful, successful career woman gets stricken with some polysyllabic tongue-twister of an illness and gamely struggles on for ninety minutes more.

The second kind of made for TV movie is the tabloid sleaze expose, and a fine example is up for viewing this week with Leona Helmsley: The Queen of Mean. Suzanne Pleshette cops top billing as the Witch of Rich (or something like that). With a title like this who can resist? And what's more it offers a great cross-over study aid for Economics and Commerce students.

One important rule to keep in mind is that there is no such thing as bad television, only poorly apportioned viewing time. There's so much time and so little to be seen. Don't be discouraged by bad grades in your courses, the networks never flunk you. Just keep a fresh bowl of popcorn at your elbow and the remote control close at hand and the narcoleptic stupor of a TV junkie is only an "on" switch away.

You are students, if you don't waste time now, when will you have the chance? Like the great man said, tune in, turn on and zone out. Yabba Dabba Doo.

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Fastfolk tears into music

By Winston Yeung

Tired of commuting all the way downtown to get live entertainment at the clubs? Looking for some good music right here on campus? Have faith, because every Friday from 8pm to midnight, Eugene Ripper's Fast Folk Underground returns to the Fireside Lounge to impress you all with its unique menu of folk rock.

The Graduate Students' Society has been managing the entertainment at the Fireside Lounge for some time, and has this year decided for a slight shift in focus.

GSS program director Jeff Matthews said "We used to have jazz and occasionally some classical, but that didn't seem to draw in people." Now, with the Fast Folk series, "we hope to fill the place every night," Matthews said.

If last Friday was any indication, Fast Folk will certainly draw large crowds. Roots Round Up played to a full house with their acoustic combo of accordion, bass, violin, and guitar, leading one happy patron to claim, "It was like coming home for a beer." Apparently the queue to get in was the longest ever in the Fireside's history.

Eugene Ripper

Formed by Eugene Ripper four years ago in Toronto, Fast Folk Underground organized local talent in an informal atmosphere that was lighter than the club scene and provided the musicians with some exposure. The Underground has been described as a "laid back roots hootenanny rockin', drinkin', acoustic ethno', rhythm and song thing." Ripper called it "redefining folk," as the styles encompass rock-a-billy, blues, and beatnik folk in a light, enjoyable atmosphere.

This Friday's features Bruce Jay Paskow from the Washington Squares, a group from Seattle that is "the hippest band in the world," according to Matthews. Next week's show will be Ripper's own band, Dead Head Cool, who will present "scandalous songs about love, death, treachery and trains." They have been playing together for the past six months, and have opened for Dread Zeppelin and the Hard Rock Miners.

Accompanied by the recent change in management, Fast Folk Underground is bringing about some positive changes to the Fireside. So, if you're looking for some "foot-stomping down home, funkin' fun" on a Friday night, grab a friend and check it out. Like Matthews says, "Now we've got some good live music right here in our back door."

Filmsoc ushers in a new sound

By Matthew Johnson

After a year of planning, discussion, and deliberation, the SUB auditorium, at last, has a new sound system.

The final successful sound test for the new equipment was on Wednesday.

Film Society chairperson Michael Gazetas said "the old system, it was just awful. If you sat in the back you couldn't hear anything."

The new $20,000 dollar sound system— paid for exclusively with Film Society funds— includes two high quality speakers, power amps, a mixing board, and other miscellaneous audio equipment.

"It's a top of the line system," said Gazetas.

The system's main feature is that the speakers have power driven amps designed to be played at loud volume for continuous use. They have specific requirements so that each and every seat in the house gets an average sound of 95 decibels, with 110 decibel peaks. This means every seat in the house gets pretty much equal sound, Gazetas said.

Getting the system has been a lengthy process. After making a commitment to improve the sound system last year, the Film Society paid $5,000 to have Western Sound Ltd. do an autosound computer drawing of the auditorium's acoustics and prepare a report based on the drawings and other acoustical tests. The AMS agreed to listen to the report's recommendations and then decide on what action to take.

The report said sound absorption materials needed to be installed in the roof, back, and side walls of the auditorium. An agreement was made that if the Film Society paid for the sound system, the AMS would install the sound panels. According to Gazetas, the AMS has so far paid to fix the sides of the building and install sound absorption panels.

Last year's president, Frank Barrieau, did the legwork. He got the reports made, wrote up all of the proposals, and ensured that the speakers were bought.

"One attractive feature of the speakers is that they have a 5 yr. service warranty, and a 24 hour emergency hotline so that if the speakers blew and we had a show that night, they would install new replacement speakers to get the show up and rolling that night," said Gazetas.

The sound system and auditorium are available for booking by any club. For the privilege of extensive booking, the Film Society pays an annual fee of $5,500 dollars.

The Film Society is working on proposals to fix the theatre even more, primarily by getting a new screen and projectors, said Gazetas. This would be funded by part of the $2.50 admission the Film Society charges for its films.

The Film Society shows cult, classic, alternative, and second-run films in the SUB auditorium on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday nights. In order to see the Wednesday night Cinema 16 shows, a $2 annual membership is required by B.C. Federation of Film Societies regulations.

The Film Soc has 100 returning members, and all of the projectionists, ushers, and ticket salespersons are volunteers. The members of the society are dedicated to reinvesting ticket sales back to the theatre, UBC students, and Film Society members.

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Power of the press

In response to your editorial on Sept. 7th in The Ubyssey, I believe, that we all want the same thing, a healthy, sexually equal society, but we differ as to the means. Laying aside Kurt's article, I wish to address the underlying attitudes and principles that are in operation here. Moral frenzy can be a dangerous vehicle by which to create social change.

The press has considerable power to move public opinion and therefore, with this power, there needs to be a genuine attempt to temper one's own prejudices and motives, with the concern for the highest good. I feel that the true extent of the power of the press has been felt on campus. The editorial in the Sept 7th issue of The Ubyssey, has aborted the natural process of dialogue, that could have culminated in a better understanding as to the concerns some people had, (that the article was sexist in nature), and rationally clarified the situation. Imagine, active unbiased discussions going back and forth in The Ubyssey. Or, how about an article written that modeled a non-sexist way to meet people, for those who really are having a hard time, through lack of social skills or shyness.

The reality is that it is difficult to get students involved, good marks rank higher in value than discussions on social reform. Therefore, creating a frenzied reaction, through somewhat misguided or malicious means, gets students participating. But, the energy is now projected at ousting Kurt, as if that would really solve the problems of sexual inequality. It gratifies our desire for blood, but in the long run it only serves as an example of the miscommunication and misunderstanding that exists between the sexes and the disrespect of another person's point of view. These are some of the foundations of our problems.

The question I feel which needs to be addressed is, whether the means can justify the ends. We live in an highly polarized province. The attack mode of behaviour seems the norm here, but I feel that because it is norm does not make it right. We do have the choice to operate from either the lowest common denominator mode, or work to create another way. The alternative could possibly be a more embracing mode, whereby, we accept diversity, tolerance and let good will motivate our thinking, and in turn our behaviour. We need more than ever to communicate with each other, to clarify and understand our differences, and celebrate our common humanity.

I am saddened that the editors of The Ubyssey chose the easiest way out, and in the process made a healthy, objective dialogue with regards to Kurt's article in The Province nearly impossible.

Albert Einstein so eloquently put it:

"The world we have made as a result of the level of thinking we have done thus far creates problems that cannot be solved at the same level at which we created them."

We all have within us the power to destroy or create. I think we need to get away from the destructive, hateful modes of thinking that emulates the violation of personage, which is the foundation of sexism. Unfortunately, this way of thinking and behaving comes so easily to us. We need instead, to really start to grapple with creating a new mode of thinking, and address the challenge to build a model of a new human landscape, together.

Makiko Suzuki-Plimley
Langara student

[Some of these ideas came from "How the Public Learns the Public's Business" by Daniel Yankelovich—Kettering Review and "Thinking as a Hobby" by William Golding]

Valuable space

First of all I must apologize for taking up valuable space that could be spent on some topic of more significant interest to the students of UBC. However, major air needs to be cleared over what the purpose of a letters column is. It is not for student executives to voice exactly how hard they have been working. Frankly nobody cares and, in theory, actions speak louder than words.

Enough said.

Johanna Wickie
AMS Vice President

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Cable. My quad is paying for cable, and yet we have none. I don't mind the news programs, but The Facts of Life reruns are really getting to me.

And parking. I, personally, don't own a car, but I know many Gage residents who have to park their cars in B Lot, because there are no more parking spaces left at Gage. How would you like to park about three blocks from your house?

What is happening here? Did someone put a curse on Gage? It appears as though the only thing that Gage's increased rent has brought us is increased problems.

Sophia Harris
Arts 2

Promote anti-discrimination

I was not surprised when I heard about the racist, homophobic parodies of different fraternity ads. I had been previously warned that UBC might be plagued with a number of "redneck racist" incidents this year. If certain individuals wish to continue with their infantile, destructive acts, those who warned me are right, no one can stop them. What we can do is use their antics to create even more awareness of discrimination.

I hope the Inter-Fraternity Council, which has been victimized by this incident, will recognize the necessity of actively promoting anti-discrimination. When the "Keeping Discrimination Out of Your Organization" campaign begins, I hope every club, faculty society, and service organization will give it priority.

To the "rowdy redneck and proud of it" types, thank you for giving me a great opportunity to promote my campaigns and to make anti-discrimination an important issue on campus.

Carol Hui
AMS Anti-Discrimination Coordinator

Right of expression

Kurt Preinsperg has for many years shared his thoughts publicly through various campus and off-campus newspapers. No one should have thought he would change his behaviour simply because he was elected AMS President. His submission to the Province newspaper was not a part of any duty as AMS President. As he has stated, the piece was signed "Kurt Preinsperg - Philosophy Grad Student"; he was, however, correctly identified as the AMS President. Now, a prudent public relations consultant might have advised Kurt not to submit this piece for the reason that it does not jibe with a slick marketing package where the lack of real opinion is the salient feature, but this is not Kurt's style. He wants people to see him for what he is. While many may disagree with his views, his opinions are carefully thought through and not frivolous.

The bulk of criticism (and pernicious abuse) directed towards Kurt appears to be more concerned with his right to expression rather than the content of his views. His crime in these people's minds is that he has shared his ideas with the public. The Ubyssey even griped that he has taken full advantage of their policy on printing letters (did someone make writing too many letters a punishable offense?). In personal discussions it has also become apparent that some of Kurt's detractors on this issue have not even read the piece in question; this is abhorrent.

Whether or not you voted in the last AMS election you participated in the political process, and if you did not care enough to vote perhaps you should not care how your are represented. After all, no one is going to assume your ideas are exactly congruent with Kurt's simply because he is president of the student society.

For those of your who did vote in January, you will recall that Kurt was democratically elected by the student body. One of the complaints heard is that Kurt's ideas are not representative of the student body. This demonstrates a complete misunderstanding of the political process. Candidates for political representative hold certain views and opinions and it is the duty of the electorate to find out just what those are. After getting elected those views and opinions do not change miraculously to exactly reflect the aggregate views of the whole student body; they remain the same. There are always people who will totally disagree with a representative's views and most people will disagree at least on a few points. Kurt certainly did not misrepresent himself. As the two-page spread of letters in the recent The Ubyssey shows, Kurt's views on the subject of relationships was well-known, not to mention his positions on tuition, access to education, freedom of expression and many other important issues.

As for the piece entitled "31 Hints to Get You Off To A Better Start With The Woman Of Your Choice" we have each read the Province version and the original and find it to be completely innocuous. While some of the advice may appear corny or contrived, there are no devious methods detailed here. Deception is spurned in favour of honesty. Most of the pieces of advice could be just as easily given to a woman looking for a man or for that matter to anybody looking for companionship or friendship. What seems to raise the most ire in Kurt's detractors is that he admits sex is a part of a loving relationship. He never states that sex is the sole object or the driving force behind a relationship, he simply confronts the subject.

Kurt's views may have genuinely upset some people. This should not be trivialized. However, those who are genuinely concerned should not allow themselves to be whipped into a frenzied mob by those who are politically motivated. Perhaps a referendum on Kurt's leadership is necessary to quell those who will not be quiet until someone else is AMS President. When these detractors are unsuccessful, Kurt and the rest of the AMS Executive can move on to more pressing issues.

Wendy King and Brian Taylor
Arts 4
Senate Representatives

Enviro-coffee drinking advocated

One of the solutions to our environmental pollution problems is a change of attitude. The UBC Food Services has a great opportunity to make a contribution to reducing styrofoam waste on campus. There is a new sign at the various cafeterias stating that coffee in your own mug, any size, is 70 cents, however, coffee in the UBC mugs is less expensive, and worse still, small coffee in a styrofoam cup is the least expensive. Why not institute a pricing policy which establishes a reasonably profitable base price for 6 ounces of coffee, and, then charge an additional fee for those who wish to use a styrofoam cup. This process rewards, monetarily, those conscious of our impact on the environment. The additional fee (perhaps 10 or 20 cents) could go towards the expense of the cups themselves and the cost to recycle them (assuming they are recyclable). An incidental side effect of this system would be the elimination of the "myriad of meaningless choices" one is presented with in pursuit of a cup of coffee.

Sue Pashak
Arts 2

Intramurals: GST or fee hikes

Has everyone checked the small print in the Intramural Sports guide? That dreaded 7% GST is already threatening our wallets for next year. The Pilcher special events program sees GST on all five events for 1991. I suppose this must be the reason the organisers give for the fee hikes on the events. Take the Triathlon for example, up to $42.80 from $35 last year, sound like 7% to you? No, you are right! It's a lot more than that, but I suppose we don't realise the overheads involved in putting on an event like this. (That's probably why the non student entrants are being asked to pay $53.50!). With a limited entrant number of nearly 1000 competitors each paying between $40 to $50 a piece—that's close to $50,000 to put on a single event. It sure seems like a lot to me! I think I will give the U.B.C. Triathlon a miss the year, I'm beginning to think that Intramurals are trying to make money out of me.

Seema Gadkari
Pharmaceutical Sciences

The relevance of our photographs: stranger than our fictions

I would be interested to know what motivated you to pull out of the archives an ancient picture which you published on page 3 of Volume 73, No. 4, the issue of Friday, September 14th. As the subject of the picture, I was surprised when it was first published many years ago with an irrelevant caption. The truth is stranger than fiction. I was alerted by a strange smell emanating from the Hebb building and was concerning that it might be a rotten lecture or a decomposed experiment. In fact it was a skunk who had to be evicted from his Physics 110 tutorial for unsociable behaviour.

David F. Measday
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Editorial

The blood of a tomato is red: yum.

Campbell's tomato soup has a ruddy, red colour and when heated it is mmmm, mmmm good.

After a hard day's work or play, it's nice to just sit down with a good hot bowl and let it work its magic on your soul. A nice additive might be a few crushed crackers or some croutons to add a little texture.

Not that Campbell's tomato soup needs any additives. This manufactured treat is a complete-in-itself life restorer.

In this high stress, fast paced day and age it's nice to know that there still are some of life's simple pleasures, reminiscent of yesteryear and days gone by.

It is an artistic food - the runny, liquidy nature of the soup provides endless opportunity for self expression and creativity. And the way it feels and tastes just makes you feel good, right down to your itty, bitty, toes.

Hot Campbell's tomato soup makes a wonderful substitute for decongestants. The steam rising from the murky pool of the delectable nectar in your bowl eases into your nostrils and clears out your sinuses. And oh, what a glorious aroma accompanies this much anticipated relief.

As far as calories, what could be lighter and more wholesome than tomato soup? It is healthy, filling, nourishing, and yet oh-so-low in calories. Just breathing could burn it right off.

If for no other reason to love this wonder food, it should be worshipped as a living memorial of the late Andy Warhol.

The can, the glop that comes out, the potential joy it brings until you add the milk and heat it up, such a creation is truly noteworthy.

Its vegetarian-friendly too.

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Rebecca Bishop had daisies in her hair. A resplendent garland of blooms sat like a crown—"Don't eat the daisies!!" screamed Matthew Johnson as he dragged Paul Dayson away by the ear. "Hmmm?" said Paul. Then the Dayson boywonder jumped onto the back of Michael Booth and made his get-away. "No, no—hold on a second, this is bullshit," grumbled Michael and threw Paul against Elaine Griffith's chicken truck. The free-range chickens created a riot and started to attack Becca and eat the flowers noisily.

"I don't know if Bugaboo or Calvin Dang is your knight-in-shining-armour," Martin Chester said philosophically to Niko Fleming and David "Scar" Loh who were the court jesters. No one knew what to do about the chickens. "Let's send them across the CUP exchange as Buffalo wing—extra hot sauce," squealed Nadene Rehnby. By now the chickens were in a frenzy, despite Ernie Stelzer's efforts to beat them off with a stick. To no avail, the poultry was strangely, exponentially increasing in numbers.

In a polygon configuration, Sophia Harris, Jason Robertson and Kathryn Weiler built their castle in the blue blue sky. "For real, for real, not pretend?" queried Mike Coury. But there was no answer on Sharon Doyle and Mark Nielsen's answering machine, only a cryptic outgoing message: So sorry we cannot take your call at the moment, we are out in the fields tending sheep and making curry." Meanwhile the poultry decided to take Andrew Epstein, Lydia Cheng and Winston Yeung as hostages. Hao Li denied eating any flowers, "I only eat fish." Paul Abott gallantly galloped up on a unicorn to rescue Beck, but slipped on a rainbow trout and fell off a cliff. "Hey, fish and chips!" exclaimed Carol Forsythe and George Oliver. Finally, Merlin Levris waved his magic wand, the skies parted, children sang and the chickens got sucked into a large Kentucky Fried Chicken Barrel. Colin Maycock curled a fresh tulip around Becca's ear and Effie Pow finished the song, "...and vinegar, PEPPER PEPPER salt" and smiled sweetly.

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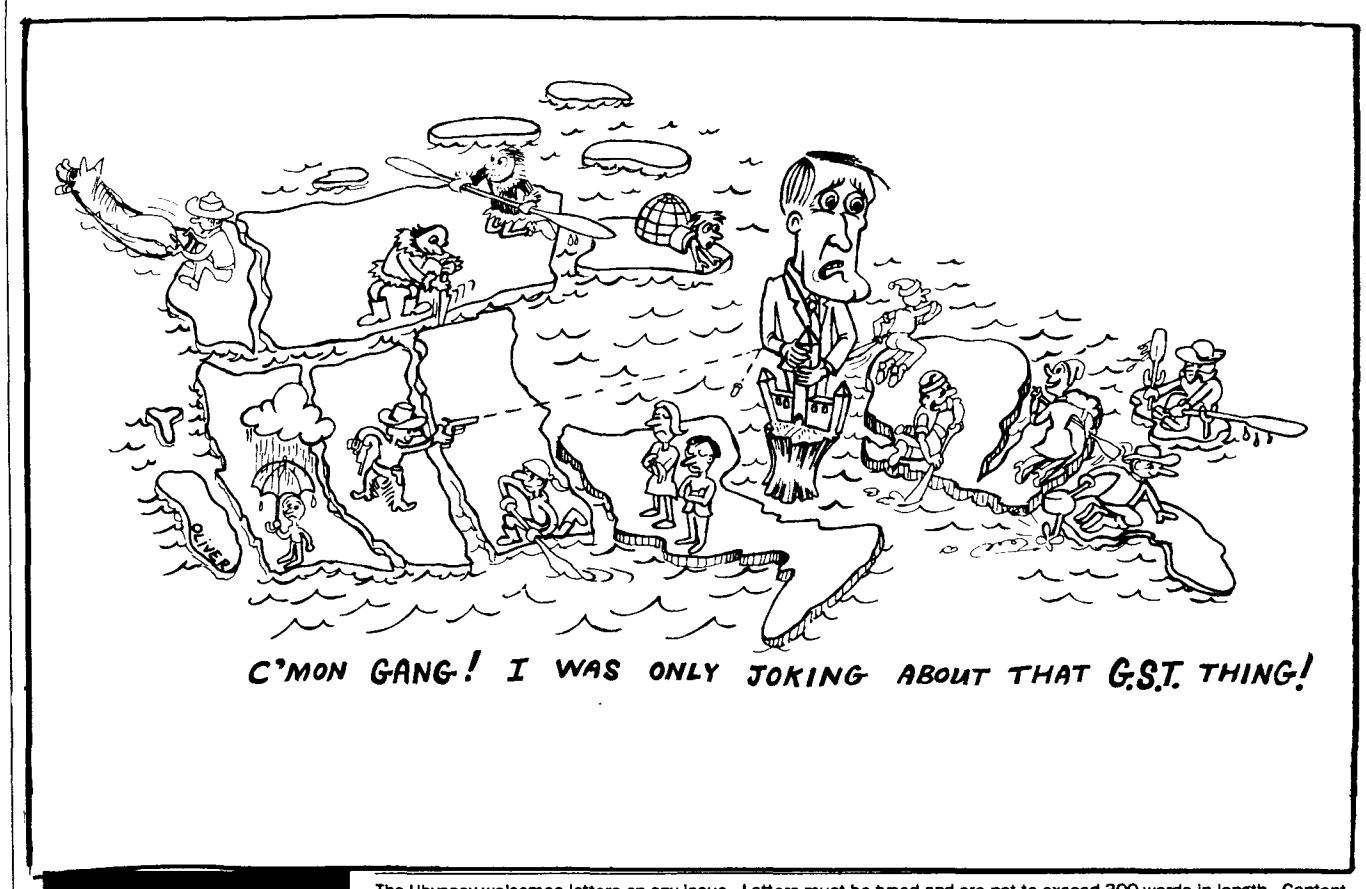

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IFC condemns posters

It is unfortunate that despite ongoing attempts to eradicate racism and homophobia these social problems still exist, and certain groups interest themselves in propagating offensive misinformation.

A recent example of this has come forth in the form of racist and homophobic mock Fraternity Rush posters. The Inter-Fraternity Council, representing over 800 student members of the UBC Greek system, is offended, concerned and appalled that certain UBC students should use the Greek system as a vehicle for promoting hatred.

UBC's fraternities are devoted to the betterment of their members and the community, and recognize the harmful effects of any form of stereotyping. We are actively pursuing the party responsible for the posters, and we ask any persons with information regarding the incident to contact the Inter-Fraternity Council, office located in Sub 218.

David Bustos
President, IFC

Should execs impeach each other?

Currently, there are two petitions circulating this campus calling for recall of one of the executive members. One of the petitions calls for the recall of the president, Kurt Preinsperg. The other calls for the recall of the Director of Finance, John Lipscomb. While both of these petitions really upset me, the latter is particularly disturbing. The problem is, it is being circulated by members of the executive. I don't feel it is the executive's position to be asking for the recall of an officer. The officer was democratically elected, and as such is a legitimate member of the executive. The students who voted for John did not care if the other executives would like him; the voters chose John because they felt he would do the best job. As a result, it is not up to the students. In addition to this, the current executive promised to cooperate. I don't believe the current climate really is one conducive to cooperation. In short, I don't believe that either of the two execs whom are trying to impeach John have any mandate or moral backing for their actions.

With regards to the attempted impeachment of our President, at least it was initiated by non-executive members. Also, it is the student's right, as outlined in J.J. Rousseau's Social Contract, to attempt to remove a leader they feel is unfit for office. Regardless of wether or not I agree with them (I don't) at least it's legitimate. This is not the case for the petition about the Director of Finance. Perhaps the execs trying to impeach Mr. Lipscomb should be the ones considering whether or not to resign.

Ken Armstrong
Political Science 4

Hello? Should I stay on?

Dear UBC students,

The political side of the AMS is so screwed up that I am thinking of quitting as your Finance Coordinator. It seems that most AMS political-insiders would like me to quit. What I want to know is are there any regular students out there who will be disappointed if I quit? You voted for me, and I don't want to let you down. (Dear friends: If it weren't for you, I would have quit long ago. However, there's got to be more than just us who give a damn in order for me to keep putting up with all this absurdity.)

John Lipscomb
AMS Finance Coordinator

Waste not

For the last year, I have been gathering newspapers from the Geological Sciences building for recycling. During that period, I have collected roughly 50 kilograms of UNREAD copies of The Ubyssey. Multiplied by perhaps 100 other such sites, we arrive at a first approximation of 5000 kilograms of UNREAD copies discarded annually. That translates into about 100 dead trees.

A bit too much, don't you think? Why don't you consider cutting back on your press runs, and keeping us informed on the matter?

Dan Walker
Geological Sciences

A personal grievance?

1990. The year of the political scandal. Federally we have had Meech, Oka, Mulroney's senate-stuffing. Provincially we see Bill Reid engaged in some creative financing and Bud Smith exposed as a philandering buffoon. Here at UBC, AMS President Kurt Preinsperg is called to task for writing a somewhat dubious article in the Vancouver Province. One would think, hell, after all this, politicians would perhaps tread a little softer.

Good luck.

On May 9 of this year, AMS Director of Finance John Lipscomb voted in favour of a Student Council motion to designate the Global Development Centre a service organization. This motion, passed by a vote of 12 to 6 (and thus barely satisfying the requirement that 2/3 of council vote in favour), allowed the G.D.C. certain privileges not afforded to other clubs - they were allocated their own private office, given a higher profile on campus than other clubs, etc.. So what, you say. The only problem is that Mr. Lipscomb holds a very significant position in the G.D.C.. He has access to one of the three G.D.C. office keys. The letter inviting people to join the organization is headed "from John Lipscomb, financial coordinator." On that letter and on the G.D.C. information sheet he is listed as the first of three organization contacts; on both, he lists his A.M.S. Director's office as his contact point.

In essence, Mr. Lipscomb has used his position on council to cast the deciding vote in favour of benefits for an organization of which he is one of the most important members. In one swift move, he has both violated his own pre-election promises for honest and open financial leadership and

Unfortunately for the student body of UBC, however, Mr. Lipscomb does not view his actions as being all that bad - at the student council meeting on September 19, he stated that because other council members often voted in favour of committees to which they belonged, it didn't seem fair for him to take a fall for doing what everybody else did. In fact, he said that the whole issue was being laid at his doorstep merely to satisfy a personal grievance.

I guess it is sort of a personal grievance, John

I am personally offended when an elected student representative denies his wrongdoing by claiming that everybody else does it too. And I am personally offended when a council member for whom I voted is too concerned about his own pet project to bother caring about what is legal and what isn't.

There is a petition going around to have Mr. Lipscomb removed from office. Please, people, sign it.

Jason Ford
Science 2

Water is whiskey and whiskey is wine

Seen on page 5, Sept. 18, 1990 of The Ubyssey—"Drug and Alcohol Awareness Pushed". Seen on page 4 (to the left), Sept. 18, 1990 of The Ubyssey—an advertisement for "Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey". Let the awareness begin with the editor of this newspaper.

Douglas Linklater
Arts 2

Correction: *The word "game" was incorrectly attributed to Mr. Preisenberg in the Ubyssey's Sept. 7 editorial.*

Clarification: *The letter by Mr. Preinsperg entitled "Love and the AMS President" published in our Sept. 11 issue had not previously appeared in The Ubyssey, but was forwarded to us by The Graduate, to whom it was submitted and had declined to print it.*

Tuff-cup trauma prevented

This letter is in response to one that appeared in the September 14 issue of The Ubyssey, called "Kurt offends". While the letter focused on the recent controversy surrounding Kurt and his Province article, there were a few ideas expressed concerning the inadequacy of the ten-cent refunds for reusing plastic cups at the AMS barbecue that I would like to clear up.

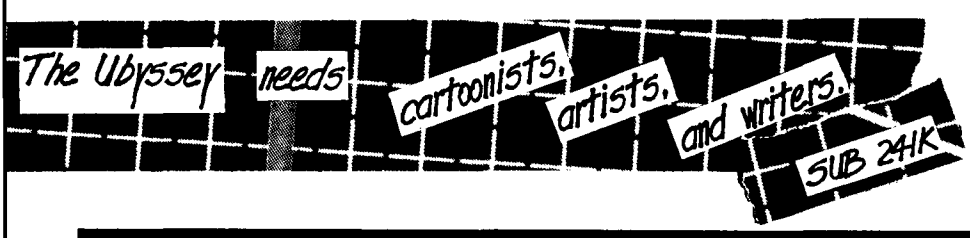
First of all, the barbecue would have been a complete environmental disaster if it weren't for some initiatives taken up by your AMS Finance Co-Ordinator, John Lipscomb. Sometime in July, John asked the rest of the student executive—Kurt, Roma, Johanna, and Jason—whether they would agree to having the Student Environment Centre consulted about making the barbecue a less environmentally destructive event. They rejected the idea, claiming there'd be too many logistical problems and confusions.

John refused to authorize funding for the barbecue disposables. So, there was a student council motion "that the AMS go ahead with the 7th Welcome Back BBQ using disposable Tuff-cups and napkins" with an attached note stating that the motion was "required to authorize the funding of the BBQ. For ethical reasons the AMS Director of Finance is unable to authorize funding for an event which uses disposables." The motion was carried by the student reps on council.

Meanwhile, in a last-ditch attempt to make the barbecue less wasteful and garbage-producing, John organized volunteers to work at the beer stalls, encourage people to reuse their Tuff-cups, and give ten cents to everyone who brought back their cup for a refill. Being an environmentalist (one of the only authentic ones I know), he realized that this wasn't much of a solution, but it was better than doing nothing at all. Many students were glad to see the AMS (actually one member of the AMS) taking at least a small step towards being more environmentally responsible.

Because of the efforts of a few conscientious people who care about the environment, 3000 Tuff-cups were saved from being used. Many students who came up to the beer stalls and were told about the ten-cent deal were pretty perplexed about reusing their cups; obviously, they'd never done it before. So while no environmentalist would call this anything close to a "solution", at least the ten-cent scheme sent out a message that got people thinking and doing a little bit—not really doing anything good for the environment, but making the effects of the AMS barbecue less bad.

Sabrina Hong
Arts 4



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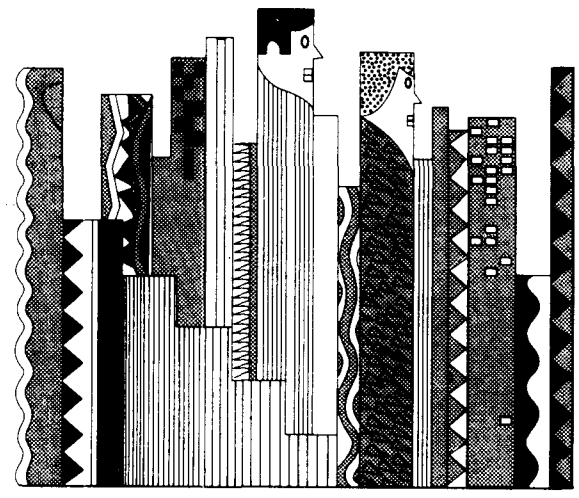

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• GSS Dental Plan Cancelled •

Due to actions by the College of Dental Surgeons of B.C., the Graduate Student Society (GSS) regrets that it is unable to offer the previously advertised Blue Cross/Canadian Federation of Students' Dental Plan.

Despite indications from the College that the plan was acceptable, dentists prepared to participate in the plan were notified that the presence of their names or clinic addresses on GSS literature would constitute advertising. Because advertising is illegal for dentists in B.C., the dentists were forced to comply or risk disciplinary proceedings. Since the plan relied on the establishment of preferred clinics, and since it was impossible for the GSS to consider keeping the information from students, the insurer of the plan, Blue Cross, was unable to continue the plan.

Refunds, Library Cards

We deeply regret the inconvenience to students who were anticipating using the plan. Students who have paid the dental plan fee will receive refunds as soon as the GSS can make arrangements with UBC Financial Services for the issue of cheques. As of Monday, September 17th, there is no further GSS restriction on issue of library cards.

Because the exact circumstances leading to the cancellation are complex, students wishing a further explanation are advised to contact John Berges, Suzanne Young or Robert Clift, the Graduate Student Society, 228-3203, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

Banner boys slapped with sanctions

by Patchen Barss
WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CUP)

Acadia University has slapped sanctions on the four men responsible for hanging a homophobic banner outside a campus residence last March.

The banner, declaring a floor of the residence to be "fag free," appeared a day after Acadia's student newspaper, The Athenaeum, published an eight-page gay and lesbian supplement.

At the time, the floor's residence assistant said "(the banner) resulted from our general anger at reading the Athenaeum last night."

The residence assistant later resigned from his job and is no longer allowed to live on campus. Both he and the three other students are on disciplinary probation. None have been identified.

The students are also required to develop and present an outline for an educational program concerning homophobia.

In a letter to the university community last week, Acadia President J.R.C. Perkin called the banner "deeply offensive to many members of the community." Perkin said he fully supports the sanctions and hopes students "have all gained new insights and sensitivities as a result of the incident."

The university's sexual harassment committee also released a statement, saying the "baggage" or prejudices many people bring to university make the elimination of sexual harassment "a tremendous challenge."

"This incident, which may have been more thoughtless (although no less culpable) than malicious, indicated that Acadia is no more immune to demonstrations of intolerance than other parts of society," the committee said.

Acadia student council president Steve Machat said he too supports the sanctions but hopes that if such incidents recur, "they'll get a little tougher."

Machat said the controversy forced both the university and the students' union to "enter new territory."

The student council is now discussing the formation of a student rights committee, which would have a mandate to act on behalf of students who are persecuted or discriminated against.

Anti-semitic namesake dropped

TORONTO (CUP)

The name of Canada's first woman lawyer has been removed from workshops sponsored by a University of Toronto law association, following charges that she was anti-Semitic.

The U of T's Women in Law Association removed the name of Clara Brett Martin after the recent discovery of a letter she wrote to the Attorney General of Ontario in 1915.

In the letter, she refers to the 40,000 Jewish people in Toronto as "those Jews" and alleges they were involved in unethical legal activities. She also refers to the work of Jewish lawyers as the "scandalous work of foreigners."

The Clara Brett Martin Workshops have been renamed the Women in Law Workshops. Martin, a former U of T student, became the first woman in the British Commonwealth to be admitted to the bar in 1897.

Some members of the student-run law association say the letter is anti-Semitic and agree with the decision to change the name.

"I don't think Martin should disappear from law books but whether we want to deify her is what we're grappling with," said Leslie Midzain, a U of T law student.

But some feel Martin's accomplishments shouldn't be overshadowed.

"The evidence of anti-Semitism is a matter for concern but it took a lot of courage and lobbying by women like Martin for women to get to this stage," said Denise Reaume, an associate law professor.

"We should still acknowledge that she made a significant contribution. It would be a shame if we can't refer to her because she was anti-Semitic."

Brindley Evans, a law student and association member, said she understands why the name was changed but hopes the same criteria will be used to judge men and their accomplishments.

"Sexism isn't taken as seriously as racism," she said.

"It's unfair that women's history should be swept under the carpet when so many sexist men continue to be glorified. If Martin's past is to be dredged up, then men should be given the same treatment. There should be a general search into racism and sexism and Women in Law is trying to take this on as a project," she said.

University official Glen Loney agreed.

He cited Sir Daniel Wilson, whose name graces a co-ed residence on campus, as an example. Wilson publicly opposed allowing women into the university.

"If people were willing to take off the names of all sexist or anti-Semitic people, you'd have a lot of naked buildings," he said.

"Howling after one person whose attitudes were improper by current standards overshadows a lot of good things they did. It's slightly out of proportion," he said.

ERIC EGGERTSON PHOTO

Over 10,000 waiting to enter education system

VANCOUVER (CUP)

Over ten thousand students have been turned away from British Columbia colleges and universities this month according to a study by the Pacific Region of the Canadian Federation of Students.

CFS Pacific Region chair Brad Lavigne said "ten thousand turn aways is a conservative estimate. These are people on waiting lists. The number doesn't even address the people who called up and were scared off when told there were no spaces available."

According to their latest figures, the CFS could document that nearly ten thousand would-be-students had been placed on waiting lists already. After final numbers are released later this month by registrars, there will be "over ten thousand" waiting would-be-students, Levigne said.

"This is the first time that the Pacific Region of CFS has attempted to document turn aways and waiting lists and the numbers that we're seeing only reinforce the students' call on the government to adequately fund post-secondary education in this province," he said.

The study, based on information from registrars, reports from students and student government surveys, is full of horror stories.

One example given was Cariboo College in Kamloops where the waiting of students trying to get any courses at all is two inches thick. Student services such as tutoring, have been forced to leave campus by classroom needs.

According to the study, fifteen per cent of the student population at Selkirk College in Castlegar is on waiting lists.

At Capilano College in North Vancouver, they are already issuing applications to enter the college in September 1991.

The University of Victoria's telephone registration system is so swamped with calls that the city's phone lines are being jammed. One Geography professor is using a raffle to limit the size of his class.

1,000 students signed a petition at the Langara campus of Vancouver Community College saying that they had been unable to get any of the courses they wanted. 2,500 students have been able to register for only one or two of the courses they needed, the report said.

"This (provincial) government will have to move post-secondary education to the top of the agenda," Lavigne said. "It will take an overhaul of the funding system for post-secondary education in B.C. to alleviate these problems."

Advanced education minister Bruce Strachan said the provincial government was doing what it could to work on the problem.

"We have committed from the year 1989 to 1995 $690 million in expenditures to provide undergraduate spaces over and above natural increases to 15,000 more students," Strachan said. "We recognize that there is a tremendous amount of pressure on our colleges and universities and we are providing that space now."

NDP opposition education critic Barry Jones said "It's traditional that there are a lot of talented young people that are unable to get into colleges and universities in B.C. and this year is no exception."

"There hasn't been an increase in institutional capacity," Jones said "Yes, there is building, but its primarily to replace and overhaul aged facilities."

He said the province's Access for All program was "half-hearted", as the planned 15,000 new spaces will only match the natural enrollment growth of B.C. based on population trends.

"They're just jamming more students into the same facilities when they should be building more," he said.