The axe is falling on UBC

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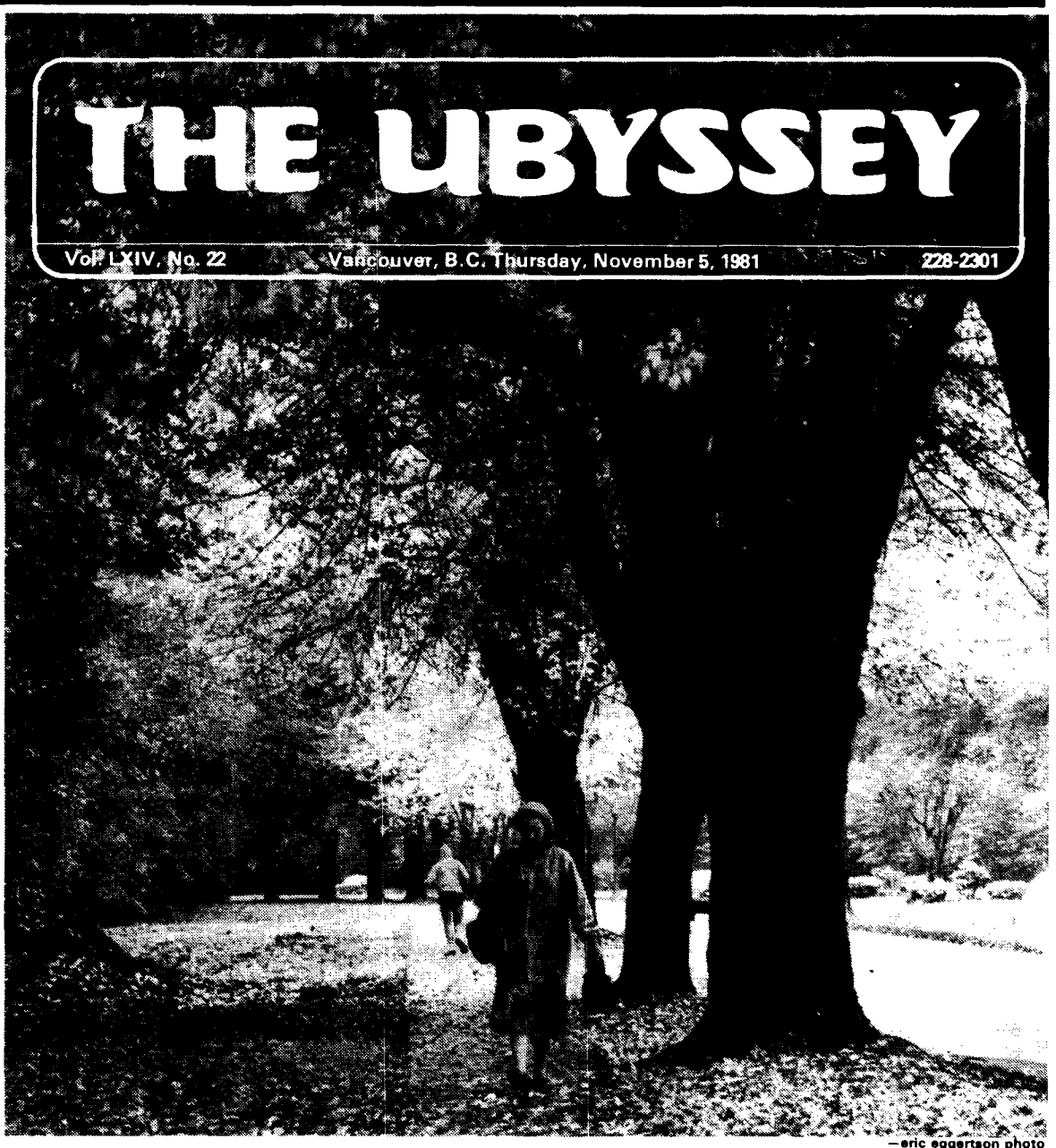

—eric eggertson photo

FALL FALLS on University Boulevard as woman walks along leaf-strewn path. Makes you realize insigificance of tiny human meanderings, don't it? Catch your share of leaves before slush arrives for long winter.

Faculty charge admin 'secrecy'

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

Faculty members are charging the university administration has withheld information about its current financial situation and fear their jobs may be on the line.

The faculty association called for an emergency meeting today to "consider moves being taken by the university administration to reduce expenditure."

"It sounds like staff could be cut and if staff cuts go as far as tenured faculty, we want to know the procedure for termination," faculty association treasurer Frank Abbott said Wednesday. And the president's advisory committee on budget retrenchment, mandated to investigate financial cuts, has been secretive about its activities, said Abbott. "It's been keeping us in the dark. People are upset."

Abbott added another problem faculty face is lack of information from the president about the university's current financial situation.

"All we have is the president's word that there is this funding shortfall," he said.

In the Oct. 28 faculty association newsletter, chemistry professor Lionel Harrison charged, "We have a very secretive administration at this university."

Harrison reported on a motion passed by the chemistry department which recommended that procedures for termination of faculty be established by university wide negotiations between the administration and the faculty association.

Abbott said some faculty members are worried they will have to "pay" for their 18 per cent salary increase with faculty layoffs. "The president hasn't indicated that this is going to happen but it's at the back of people's minds."

"People also want to know what this retrenchment committee is doing. We're not certain of what their role is. They might be saying, 'do you have programs that can be cut out?' They might be saying that there is a department that could be cut out," he said.

But he adds faculty members fear that these cuts may already be proceeding without their input.

"What would be left out? Would the fine arts department be dropped? We don't know how serious this thing is."

Abbott said administration president Doug Kenny will meet with each faculty over the next eight or nine days to discuss retrenchment.

"We're not going to sit back and let this thing hit us over the head."

Sociology professor Pat Marchak agreed the administration has revealed little about its financial situation. "We would like to obtain more information from the administration about the financial crisis. We're disturbed by the board of governors and the administration's failure to provide faculty with enough information to respond intelligently," said Marchak.

"As a faculty member I feel that the information coming to me from the administration hides more than it reveals. Is the crisis real?"

Students 'in dark' on tuition increases

By GLEN SANFORD

UBC students will have to wait until January before learning the extent of tuition fee increases next year.

The board of governors decided Tuesday to postpone setting tuition fees until it has heard recommendations from the president's financial retrenchment committee.

And this likely means enormous tuition fee increases when the decision is made, fear some student politicians.

"I think it's outrageous," James Hollis, Alma Mater Society external affairs officer, said Wednesday. "The board is looking for ways of justifying inordinately high increases.

"It really looks as if they're lining up for massive tuition increases."

Hollis said the board is waiting for other universities to increase fees before "taking the plunge" itself.

"It's all part and parcel of Kenny's policy of keeping students in the dark."

Student board representative Chris Niwinski said Wednesday there were two major reasons for the board's decision to postpone setting tuition fees.

"The reasons given were the changing (tuition hike) situation across the country and that the board's decisions on how to cope with the $7.2 million shortfall have not yet been received," Niwinski said.

The board normally sets tuition fees at its November meeting, but Niwinski said the unusual financial crisis faced by UBC affected the decision.

He said the board wants to hear from the retrenchment committee and assess UBC's financial position before deciding how much to increase fees.

He said he and Anthony Dickinson, the other student board representative, are fighting for limited tuition increases of 10 to 15 per cent.

"Anything beyond 10 or 15 per cent is unworkable (for students)," he said.

"There is one silver lining in this," Niwinski added. "If tuition is decided in January it's likely to draw a lot of attention to the elections (for student board representatives)."

TA cuts sign of things to come

By ERIC EGGERTSON

Cuts in teaching assistant positions are only the first indication of service reductions which will affect the whole university, teaching assistants union president Jonathan Katz said Wednesday.

"This looks like the first in what will probably prove to be a long line of retrenchment moves in the university," he said. "We're just the first to get the axe."

"Updated figures now show that our bargaining unit will be reduced by 88. That's roughly the amount of blood that's going to be shed — 10 per cent," he said.

Most faculties and departments are faced with insufficient funding in the face of increased operating cuts.

Some, like the physics department, which hired 42 fewer TAs this year, are cutting back on the number of teaching assistants and markers.

Other departments, like chemistry, are making cuts elsewhere but maintaining TAs. "It's very difficult to imagine cutting the TA budget, because that affects the graduate program," acting chemistry head James Trotter said Wednesday.

"We don't propose to cut any numbers (of TAs)," he said.

Katz said 88 fewer TAs were hired as of Oct. 27 than had been hired in 1980-81. Ten additional markers were hired, bringing the number of students cut from marking and TA positions to 78.

The TAU used figures obtained from the registrar's office to determine the extent of TA cuts.

TAU spokespersons estimated Oct. 20 that 206 TA positions were axed. Katz said the difference in TA estimates was caused by the late TA hiring this year compared to the 1980-81 year.

Teaching assistants help faculty with course preparation and classroom work, while the lower paid markers only mark papers and exams.

Katz also expressed concern that students will suffer because fewer TAs come into contact with classes.

Science suffers

By BRIAN JONES

The cutbacks axe is swinging on the science faculty, and it could mean unemployment for science professors.

According to a recent faculty association newsletter, science faculty dean Cyril Finnegan requested department heads to suggest procedures for firing professors if budget restrictions require it.

And Finnegan has warned the heads the problem may actually arise, Hugh Greenwood, geological sciences head and faculty board of governors representative, said Wednesday.

"The dean has been instructed that he has to come up with some money," said Greenwood. "He is asking department heads how he should proceed if the administration president tells him to save money by laying off faculty.

"As a professor and department head, I think it's disgraceful that the university would do this."

The faculty association newsletter said a special meeting "to consider moves being taken by the university administration to reduce expenditure" will be held at 1 p.m. today in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre room 6.

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UBC groups dig in for the crunch

Doors close. There is the scamper of scurrying feet. Lights are dimmed. Silence descends. There is a hush on the land.

In the dark, quiet corners of campus, at undisclosed locations, the advisory committee on budget retrenchment has been working, cutting, slicing and tearing.

And now, what faculty and students have seen on the horizon looming grey and ominous, has happened.

Analysis

Tomorrow the faculty association is holding an emergency meeting to discuss "financial cutbacks and rumors of terminations."

From the little evidence offered by the administration one thing is clear: serious cutbacks such as course offerings and dismissal of tenured faculty are here.

The first sign cutbacks were imminent came with deputy education minister Walter Stewart's letter to the Universities Council of B.C. The letter suggested that funds be channelled into the professional faculties away from liberal arts programs.

Administration president Doug Kenny said little. The retrenchment committee said little. The deputy education minister had said enough.

The Teaching Assistants Union realized this year that 88 fewer TAs were hired while the number of markers, who earn less, increased since last academic year.

The UCBC, to ensure their plan to maintain the professional faculties succeeds, recently gave applied sciences nearly $1 million in the form of a grant.

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If all this appeals to you, make an appointment to see us while we're on campus.

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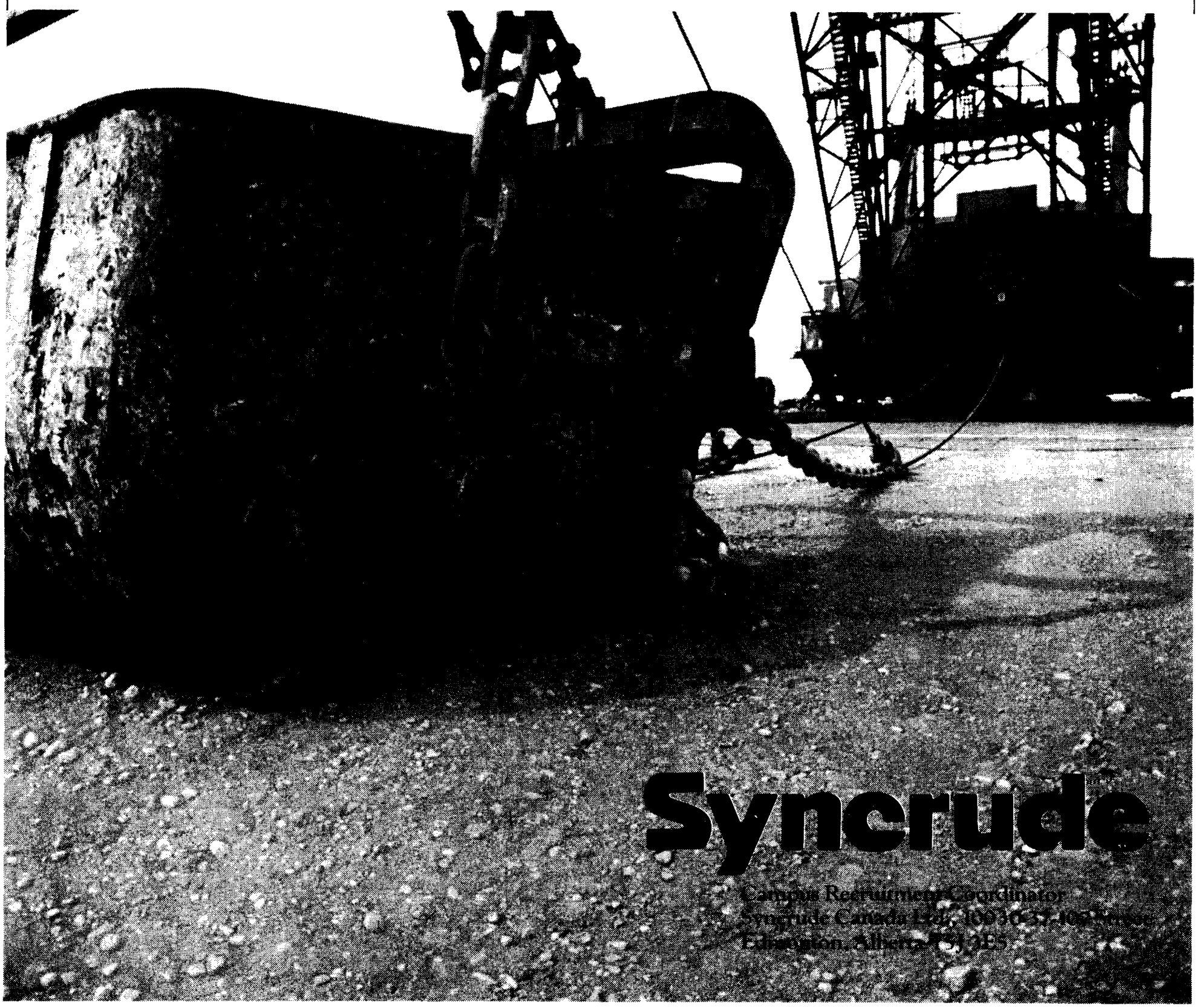

Libyans welcome at university

By JOHN KNOWLES

Vancouver Community College refused last week to enrol Libyan students, but at UBC almost 30 Libyans began classes Monday.

English program director Don Mosedale said the 29 Libyans' enrolled in a program to learn English as a second language, came with a group of 200 Libyans the Ottawa-based Canadian Bureau for International Education brought to study here.

Mosedale said an organization representative first approached him Oct. 2, saying the CBIE had a contract with the Libyan government for training students.

VCC board chair Bill Brown said the college board refused to admit 15 Libyans into an English language program because Moammor Khadafy's government encourages student militance in universities outside Libya. VCC does not normally accept foreign students, he added.

"If the Libyan government is on record as advocating student unrest, and they send students here, we have to ask: are they (the students) not advocating that government policy?," he said.

"We shouldn't do anything to assist Khadafy," a board member said in a recent interview. "The students' very presence here lends legitimacy to the regime."

UBC associate registrar J. O. Piercy said it is unlikely UBC would consider similar measures against Libyan students. "It would be against the traditions of this school," he said.

"We look strictly at academic record, and if the student is admissible by the standards for foreign students, they are admitted," he said.

Mosedale said the English program would remain open to the Libyan students. "The attitude of UBC is we provide an English program for foreign students, no matter where they come from," he said.

Brown said impending VCC budget cuts also influenced the board's decision. "There was some concern people would not understand us bringing in foreign students from anywhere and talking about budget cutbacks," he said.

But Brown said the VCC program funding would have paid for itself by an $80,000 contract with CBIE. "Actually, we would have made a few bucks," he said.

Mosedale said UBC is not making special funding arrangements with CBIE because the Libyan students are enrolled in a regular program and will be assessed normal tuition rates of $600 for each six-week program.

—mick wood photo

WILY WELDER torches way through steel tank to imagined pot of gold below Empire pool Wednesday. Gold was nowhere to be found, but lots of cold, wet stuff came pouring out to confirm theory that trades are all washed up.

Cutback input request delayed

By CRAIG BROOKS

The Alma Mater Society president's delay in seeking student representation on a UBC cutbacks committee is just one more example of her overiding allegiance to the university administration a student council member charged Wednesday.

Council learned Wednesday AMS president Marlea Haugen took two weeks to send a letter to administration vice president Michael Shaw requesting students sit on the committee. Council passed the motion Oct. 22 "strongly recommending" the representation and directed Haugen to write the letter to Shaw.

"The (two week) delay of action speaks louder than words," said arts representative Mike McKinley. "Marlea is saying what the administration wants to hear."

Arts representative Peter Goddard said, "it's shoddy handling of a very important issue. It's no wonder that the (university) administration does not take council seriously."

The president's advisory committee on budget retrenchment is meeting daily to discuss ways of overcoming an anticipated budget deficit of more than $8 million predicted for this fiscal year.

"The delay is certainly lackadaisical," said external affairs coordinator James Hollis. "It does not reflect the urgency of the situation."

Because the letter was only mailed Wednesday morning, council tabled a motion demanding the university explain why no students sit on the committee.

Shaw said Friday students were not welcome on the committee because of the "sensitive" nature of the work involved.

Violent mistake

Due to a typographical error which the vigilant proofreaders at The Ubyssey failed to catch, a statement made by Susan Wendell in a Nov. 3 article, "Pornography threatens some with violence," was misconstrued.

Wendell said in her speech, "The sale and distribution of all forms of pornography should *not* be restricted."

The article incorrectly stated that Wendell advocated that the sale and distribution of all forms of pornography should be restricted.

The people responsible have had their thumbs shot off.

BCIT faces deficit

Canadian University Press — Administrators at the B.C. Institute of Technology say they don't know how they will pay the bill for a higher than expected salary increase for teaching staff.

While the BCIT budget allowed a 12 per cent increase for instructors, an arbitration board awarded the staff society a retroactive 14.5 per cent.

The difference, says BCIT president Gordon Thom, will leave a $750,000 hole in the budget.

"We obviously do not have the money to meet this situation," Thom said.

The BCIT board of governors budgeted only a 12 per cent increase for faculty Thom said, because a higher settlement would have required course cutbacks.

Now, he said, "we can only go back and ask the ministry of education for more money. If they say 'yes,' that's fine. If they say 'no' we have a serious problem."

'No layoffs until joint talks'

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"Our view is that it is wrong for departments and faculties to discuss procedures of termination. Procedures should be negotiated between the faculty association and the university administration, and cover the university as a whole," said Andrew Brockett, faculty association press officer.

"We've called upon the administration to enter negotiations with the faculty association to determine procedure concerning laying off professors if it becomes necessary. Until that happens no one should be laid off."

But S. E. Calvert, oceanography department head, said there is no immediate cause for alarm.

"The dean of science is asking for opinions and advice — there is no policy proposal. He is considering what one would do in the event that the budget is cut," Calvert said. "The department is actively discussing the matter."

T.K. Menon, geophysics and astronomy department head, also denies there is cause for alarm. He said the dean's letter "doesn't involve anything like that. It doesn't involve any laying off of faculty. It hasn't come to that stage yet."

But the chemistry department staff thinks otherwise.

In the faculty association newsletter, chemistry professor Lionel Harrison wrote the chemistry department "would make no recommendation to the dean on procedures for selecting individuals for termination . . ."

At an Oct. 22 staff meeting the chemistry department approved a resolution which "recommends that procedures for termination of members of faculty for financial exigency or redundancy should not be set up on a departmental or faculty basis, but should be set up on a university-wide basis by negotiation between the university and faculty association."

James Trotter, chemistry department acting head, said "we passed a motion saying this was something for university-wide discussion with the faculty association."

UBC is vulnerable

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The dean of science recently sent a letter to all department heads requesting them to consider what procedure they might use in terminating faculty members. The chemistry department members balked at the request and voted that the termination procedures should be established on a university-wide basis with negotiations between the faculty association and the administration.

Arts dean Robert Will asked arts faculty department heads to outline the effects of a possible 10 per cent reduction of course offerings in their departments, to start in 1982-83 and continue for several years.

The combined effect of all these moves can only mean that the administration feels forced to hack at the very foundations of the university.

Will does not like the term cutbacks, "because people scream about cutbacks. I say do with less." And do with less in this case means in Kenny's words, "we would have to reduce the size and scope of our activities."

Never has the university been placed in such a vulnerable position. The faculty members, to whom these cuts are critical, have been "kept in the dark" by the administrators and the retrenchment committee.

"What would be left out? Would the fine arts department be dropped? We don't know how serious this thing is" questions faculty association treasurer Frank Abbott.

Says sociology professor Patricia Marchak: "As a faculty member, I feel that the information coming to me from the administration hides more than it reveals. Is the crisis real?"

The crisis is real. It is an information crisis which leaves the staff, faculty and students on campus afraid of what is to come because they don't know the whole story.

Today the faculty association will ask Kenny what is going on. If he responds with empty platitudes he could alienate himself even further from a faculty that is fed up with secrecy.

Damn the lies

All too quickly we have the answer to the mysterious activities of the secretive retrenchment committee: the axe is not going to fall, it has landed with a resounding thud.

For the faculty, the unthinkable has happened. They are now being asked to help breach tenure agreements and thus fire themselves. For the teaching assistants, the impossible has happened. Already 10 per cent of their number are jobless — with no warning, no explanation, and no hope of avoiding further cuts. For the staff, the intolerable has happened. There are no more hirings, increased job loads, and the grim knowledge that they will be swept away with the rest of the program cuts as they occur.

For the students, it should come as no surprise. Since the first rumblings last year of the federal government's intention to cut at least $1.5 billion from education funding, they have had more than enough time and opportunity to organize, publicize and fight the cuts.

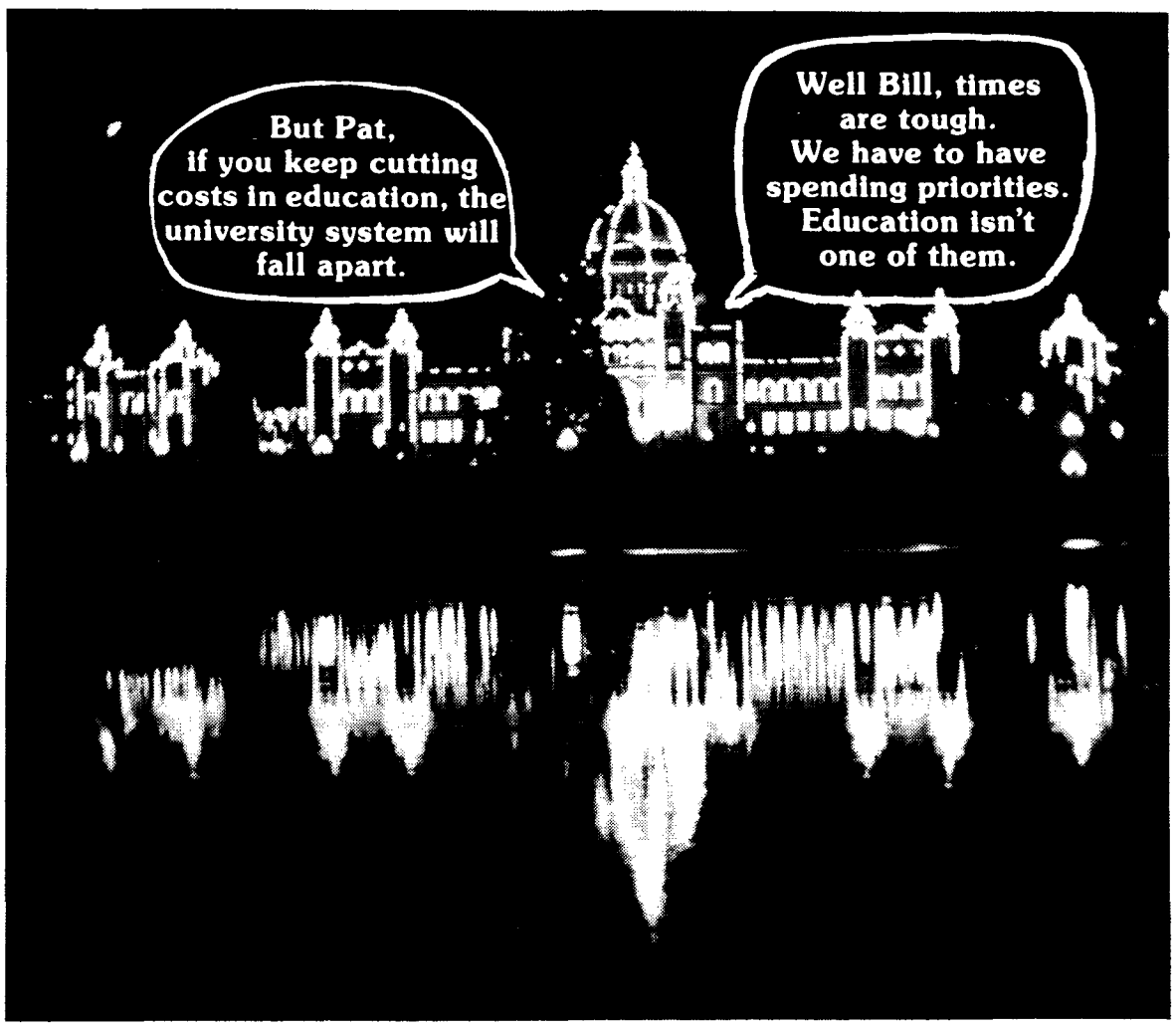
But in their characteristic manner, student council and its representatives chose to ignore the writing on the wall, vivid and fresh as it was, and instead concentrated on discrediting and discouraging any attempts to rally support against impending doom.

Now we know how wrong they were.

If present trends continue, however, council will continue to work against students, staff and faculty. They'll probably suggest, in that oh-so-helpful way they have of doing it, that in addition to re-examining tenure agreements (recommended at the October board meeting) the administration should consider asking the faculty to take a 20 per cent cut in pay. Maybe they'll suggest farming all support staff work off campus, instead of just some of it. Maybe they'll suggest only a 25 per cent tuition hike, instead of tying it to the Vancouver price index.

In short, there is no point on relying on anybody except yourself to get UBC out of this mess. Faculty and staff are finally reacting to the indiscriminate slashing — they are valuable allies, and unified opposition is our only hope. It is time to start talking and organizing against the euthanasia of quality education at UBC, to drag all of the administration's dark little secrets out into the open and the scrutiny of those most affected.

Talk about it in class, the cafeterias, the bus. Join the Students for an Accessible Education, or work with departments to organize effective protest. Stop the secrets, damn the lies. It's time to fight back.



Letters

A modest proposal for our fertile poor

Please allow me to congratulate you and Kurt 'genocide' Preiensperger for the stimulating articles on the humane withholding of foreign food aid and enforced sterilization. It is obviously an idea whose time has come.

Much as I admire the tautness of Kurt's argument, rising as it does like a tumescent lingam washed by the insensate waters of the eddying student body, I cannot help but wonder why all this concern with third world countries. I am surprised that Kurt did not see the crying need for this type of program in our own backyard. Yes, Canada.

There are hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions of people who receive some kind of social assistance in this country every year. They are a disastrous drain on an otherwise already strained economy, and their numbers are growing all the time. It is obvious that the vast sums spent in the past have done nothing to alleviate the situation, as the poor are still with us and in fact are increasing. So why not start right here in B.C. by refusing all forms of social assistance to welfare bums?

This could be done on a vast scale, easily rivaling the attractions of TV portrayals of starvation in far countries. We could begin, for instance, with the most unproductive members of society, such as the mentally and emotionally handicapped housed in various institutions in the Lower Mainland. Large sums could be saved by cutting off food to the inmates of the Woodlands Human Resources Centre, for instance.

As Kurt points out, fertility is the direct result of poverty and, yes, sometimes even leads to sex. When the fertile poor have sex, they tend to indiscrimately produce children. Now in the third world, these children are a threat to our "islands of civilized life" only if they survive, but here in Canada where modern medicine and the welfare system have greatly reduced the infant mortality rate, these children go on to criminal careers with far greater frequency than members of middle-class groups. So what do we do? We lodge them comfortably in so-called prisons where each inmate now costs more than $30,000 a year to feed and house. The social burden on an economy in recession is clearly intolerable.

The only solution is to cut off their food, before they get a chance to finish their sentences and go back to wives (husbands) only to indulge in fertility rituals that will produce more of their kind.

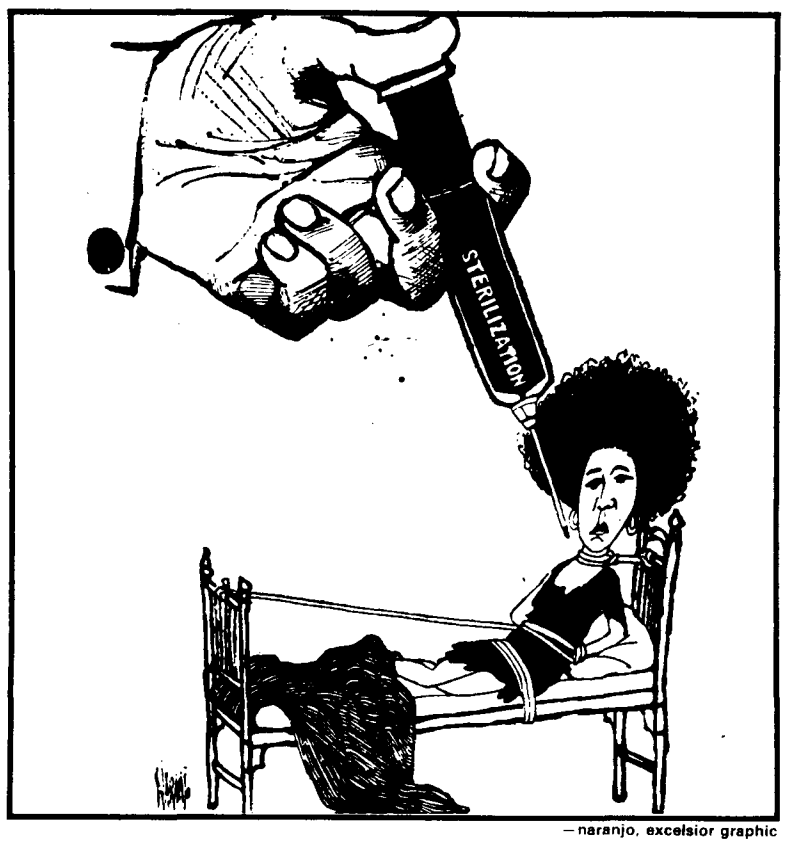
But so far we have only touched on the more visible welfare elements that drain the resources of our embattled economy. There are many thousands, nay hundreds of thousands, of the poor on welfare who lurk unseen, like a miasma in our very midst. Unwed mothers. Single parents on welfare. Old age pensioners. Chronic welfare families. Many of them were poor to begin with, then they went out and got pregnant and produced children and now expect the state to provide for them.

Though I do not have figures available to make a numerical comparison, my guess is that the money spent uselessly on these people must at least compare with our squandered foreign aid. Let's extend our food cutoff to them, after we have dealt with the institutionalized dregs of our society. It would not take too long to do away with them, once their welfare and (why not?) unemployment cheques were stopped. The weaker ones would drop off first, of course, — especially the invalids — and then we would have to deal with the tenacious little band of survivors who cling to life by ransacking the garbage bins behind restaurants.

Special squads of club-wielding goons could be hired at a small fraction of the cost of the now-dismantled welfare system to hunt down these unsanitary scavengers quickly, efficiently and mercifully before their new depths of poverty made them even more fertile than before.

This, ideally, would be the most expeditious scenario. However, in the interests of humane treatment even of the poor, it might be wise to consider Kurt's compromise solution for those still left standing. They could be offered jobs shining shoes at the Bentall Centre, provided they agreed to be sterilized, and to feed any surviving babies Nestle's formula. Induction centres for this purpose could be established, taking the place of welfare offices. A gourmet side industry could be created selling at caviar prices the severed genitalia of the poor in dining establishments frequented by connoisseurs. This would improve the cultural tenor of cities such as Vancouver, as well.

Now please understand it is a painful thing for me to propose this, as I love my fellow human beings — yes even the mentally handicapped — but as a result of searching intellectual analysis I can only conclude it would be in the best interest of society. This solution would immediately alleviate our serious economic situation, ensure a sane, healthy island of civilized life and do away with the suffering of hundreds of thousands of poor and underprivileged in this country.



— naranjo, excelsior graphic

Since I have observed first hand the folly of free mealtickets, I know from experience they don't work. Though I am now a student, I previously was so felicitously unrealistic as to work with children of broken homes, many of them poor. You are absolutely right, Kurt, in retrospect I can see that feeding those little mouths just because they asked for food was patently a stopgap measure. It did not alleviate their poverty. No, not a whit. It merely kept them alive to do such things as play house and dress up at Hallowe'en. I should have known they would eventually become fertile, just like their mommies and daddies, and go out to produce more unfortunates like themselves, a burden on the state.

Had I realized what a dreadful error was being committed, I could have pressed for compulsory sterilization of all children in the program, before they got even one mouthful of macaroni and cheese. It could have worked quite well, addicted as they were to our silly stopgap measure of food.

Thank you Kurt, for setting me straight on these matters. For a while there, I was beginning to think that Mahatma Gandhi, Gautama Buddha, Albert Schweizer, Jesus, St. Francis, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta were on to something. Now, compared to your towering compassion, I realize they were just taken in by a ridiculous superstition.

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John Knowles wandered into The Ubyssey office, looking for the spirit of free journalism. He looked in the press room, but found only Deb Wilson and many bottles of beer. Pat McLeod suggested he look in the sports desk, but all he found was Scott McDonald and John Boyle in a compromising position. Next stop was the darkroom, where Eric Eggertson, Mick Wood and Hardly Armstrong were comparing aperture sizes. Was journalism hidden in the corner? Mark Hyphen-Hyphen poked his head out to say, no. Glen Sanford and Julie Wheelwright offered their comments, but no one heard. Joe Wong suggested the wastepaper baskets, but no one looked. Nancy Campbell suggested drugs, but she od'd too soon. Brian Jones and Muriel Draaisma said it was in Lethbridge, but no one believed them. Colleen Hamer knew it was in erewhon, but by then John had left for greener pastures. Craig Brook burped

Agents on the cuppie trail

By MURIEL DRAAISMA and BRIAN JONES

What the hell's the point of student journalism? Glad you asked.

Now that we've sufficiently recovered from our first student journalism conference, we hope to provide a rational answer. As rookie Ubyssey staffers we ourselves had often pondered this age old question.

freestyle

Attending the Western Regional Canadian University Press conference in Lethbridge over the Thanksgiving weekend gave us a clear idea of the objectives and principles of the student press. You didn't know we had principles, did you?

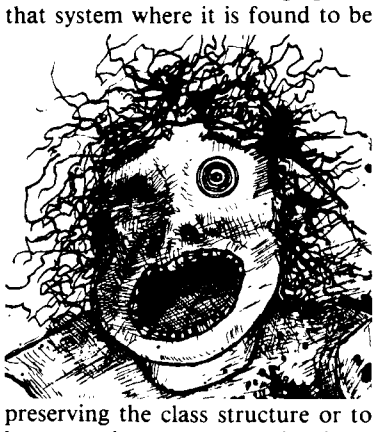
The Canadian University Press is an organization of student newspapers across the country, which aims to keep all students informed of important events and issues through a national news exchange. It also provides field workers and experienced staffers to help maintain the quality of student newspapers.

Toward these ends, conferences are held periodically at which "cuppies" can be introduced to the organization and discuss its function and purpose. The most important issue at the Lethbridge conference was discussion of the role of the student press.

CUP, in our statement of principles, believes "the major role of the student press is to act as an agent of social change." And all this time you thought we were a collection of cannabis consuming radicals running around trying to publish a half decent rag of goodies every so often.

Not so. CUP attempts to assist students "in understanding and mobilizing against exploitation and injustice wherever it may be found." As agents of social change, student newspapers must inform their readers of changes in society and initiate a movement against the status quo.

CUP members use our national news service "to provide Canadian students with information and analysis of the capitalist economic system in which we all live, and to assist students in mobilizing against that system where it is found to be



preserving the class structure or to be oppressive to women, minorities, or others within Canada."

The student press is an alternative to the commercial press. It can fulfill this role because it is free from the need to acquire profits, and hence is freer to speak out in opposition and to criticize our society. Because of this the student press is more able to attempt to change society.

A representative from the commercial press, an editor from the Lethbridge Herald, kindly agreed to tell us cuppies what he felt was the role of student newspapers. He began his spiel with the definition of a journalist. "A journalist must be objective. He must not belong to any political party or be involved in any issue he is reporting." Echoes of "smash the state!" were heard throughout the room. The editor stressed "he must be free from bias; he must not be involved."

It was pointed out that the commercial press is not free from bias and is not totally objective in its articles. The editor claimed it was. (This prompted a good laugh and a good many people to say, "Is that what your advertisers tell you?)

The mere fact that certain news items take priority over others, ruins total objectivity. Cuppies agreed that objectivity does not exist in either the student or commercial press. A member summed up the whole issue. "We have to be objectively biased," he said.

Many student papers in the western region feel the squeeze from their student societies, which are trying to take away their freedom to criticize and to speak out in opposition. To maintain their roles of "agents of social change" autonomy is the answer. Total dependence preserves the freedom of the student press.

Now for our big surprise. Guess who's hosting the next CUP conference for the western region where we can further discuss at all hours of the night the point of student journalism? That's right, The Ubyssey. (Stay tuned for our next freestyle.)

Brian Jones and Muriel Draaisma are currently two green staffers working for this rag. Freestyle is a column of humor, opinion and self-indulgence open to any Ubyssey staff member.

Pro-choice label obscures issue

Pat Savola's letter in the Oct. 22 Ubyssey as a response to a headline in an earlier edition points out a common misperception about the whole abortion debate. The contention was that some people are not "pro-abortion" but rather just "pro-choice." The semantic gymnastics in this type of statement deserve some critical analysis.

It seems there is a common notion that people who favor abortion existing as an alternative to other methods of dealing with pregnancy problems are not necessarily in favor of abortion. While this type of reasoning might seem viable at first blush it does not stand up under close scrutiny. With current beliefs creating ambiguity in this issue it is perhaps useful to point out the faulty reasoning by using an analogy.

Most people are aware of the capital punishment controversy. This particular contentious issue has not been subjected to the obscuring notion of people being "pro-choice." However, one can see what is happening regarding abortion by applying a "pro-choice" type notion to the capital punishment debate.

Suppose for a moment that people in favor of capital punishment argued instead that they were "pro-choice." The contention would be that do not insist on capital punishment in all cases of serious crime but only where the courts choose to use such a punishment. In essence the argument is a "pro-choice" capital punishment argument. One must consider what in fact is being said. Removing the "pro-choice" blanket from the argument one clearly can see a position of being in favor of capital punishment as one method of dealing with serious crime.

In any debate where there is some sort of physical action or policy goal being sought those who are in favor of the action can invoke the "pro-choice" argument. People can be "pro-choice" about nuclear weapons, racial discrimination, or not paying income tax! Those who are opposed to the idea are unable to use the argument unless there is some other act that they contemplate as an extra alternative.

Clearly, when dealing with the abortion issue the people who claim to be "pro-choice" are merely saying that they believe abortion to be a justifiable alternative when dealing with pregnancy problems and unborn life. The "pro-lifers" on the other hand merely believe that the choices available to deal with pregnancy problems should exclude abortion. One side sees abortion as a part of dealing with life, the other side does not. The "pro-choice" cover merely obscures the root issue.

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Colonel Fortier speaks on Dental Officers Training program in the Canadian Forces, noon, IRC 1. All members and first year dental students are welcome.

CITR
Cross Currents, Blue Herron and co-op housing in Vancouver, 3 p.m., cable fm 100.

THUNDERBIRDS
Thunderbird Sports Report, 5 p.m., TSR focuses on intramural and intercollegiate sports.

TOASTMASTERS
General meeting, 7:30 p.m., forestry 278.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Music with Becky Kemery, noon, Chemistry 250. Bring a friend.

INTRAMURALS
Co-rec volleyball, 7:30 p.m., War Memorial gym. Drop-in, no pre-registration.
Women's squash tournament, noon, TWSC courts.

IDERA AND CASC
Award winning documentary, El Salvador-El Pueblo Vincero, 8 p.m. Robson Square theatre. It means, The People Will Win, English.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Bernice Gerard leads a discussion on Situation Ethics, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran campus centre.

EUS, AGUS, SUS
Chariot races and other shit, noon, McInnes field (east of SUB).

STAMMTISCH
German conversation evening, 7:30 p.m., International House. Film on German wines and samples.

TROTSKYIST LEAGUE
Lecture on the Russian revolution, 7:30 p.m., SUB 215. Fourth in a series.
Marxist literature and discussion, noon, SUB plaza.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
French conversational lunch hour, noon, International House, Gate 4 lounge.

CCCM
Jewish-Christian dialogue and din-din, 4:30 p.m., Hillel House.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTRE
Discussion, noon, St. Mark's College near Gage towers. Bring your own lunch.

EAST INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 119.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE IN LAW
Speaker, Janet Sprout of the B.C. Human Rights Committee, noon, Law 180. The topic is sexual harassment.

LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT
Jewish-Christian dialogue and no-host dinner, 4:30 p.m., Hillel House.

MATH CLUB
Lecture on mathematic games and puzzles, noon, Math 232.

ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUP
General meeting, noon, Angus 223. Jay Lewis will speak on soft energy alternatives for B.C.

GAY UBC
General meeting, noon, SUB 207.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION
Prayer meeting, noon, SUB 113.

AIESEC
General meeting, noon, Angus 226. Guest speaker, Murray Neilson, speaking on how to sell to business people.

DEBATING SOCIETY
General meeting, noon, SUB 215.

FIELD HOCKEY
National championships, all day, McGregor field, south of the Osborne centre. UBC is defending champ and ranked number one.

FRIDAY

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Square dance with 1890s theme, 7:15 p.m., University Hill elementary school. $2.50 per person.

INTRAMURALS
Boulevard road run, noon, on east mall near SUB. 7.3 km, open to men and women. Drop-in. Final registration for co-rec mixed doubles racquetball tournament, 4 p.m., War Memorial gym.

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CLUB
Mac Campbell, vice president of the PC party of Canada speaks, noon, SUB 213.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
French conversation, noon, International House main lounge.

MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Muslim Juma or Friday prayer, noon, International House.

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
Movie and beer night, 5:30 p.m., SUB 205.

CITR
Dateline International, a world update, 3 p.m., fm radio, cable 100.

FIELD HOCKEY
National championships continue, all day, McGregor field south campus.

SATURDAY

SF SOCIETY AND DEBATING SOCIETY
Party for members and guests, 7 p.m., SUB party room.

INTRAMURALS
Men's tennis tournament, round two, 7:30 p.m., armories.

EAST INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Divali festival, 6:30 p.m., International House.

UBC BRIDGE CLUB
Informal duplicate tournament with prices, 6 p.m., SUB 205.

CITR
Making Waves, a look at holistic medicine, 4:30 p.m., cable fm 100.
Behind Four Walls, the use of rent controls, 3 p.m., on cable radio as above and also in SUB, and the residences if you're lucky.

BUCHANAN CLASSIC
Thunderbird basketball against Simon Fraser, 8:30 p.m., War Memorial gym.

FIELD HOCKEY
National championships continue, all day, McGregor field, south campus area.

SUNDAY

FIELD HOCKEY
Final game for the Canadian intercollegiate championship, 10 a.m., McGregor field.

MONDAY

CITR
Off Beet, a comic roundup of the week's news, 7 p.m., on cable 100 fm radio.
Making Waves looks at pay TV and The Melting Pot looks at graduate research at UBC. Show times are 4:30 and 3 p.m. respectively.

TUESDAY

PRE-MED
Lecture on sports medicine, noon, IRC 1.

LAW STUDENTS LEGAL AID PROGRAM
Free legal assistance, 12:30 to 2 p.m., SUB 211.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General meeting, noon, Angus 214.

CITR
Airstage, radio drama, Just Buying Food, 9 p.m., on cable fm 100.
Campus radio also presents Thunderbird Sports Report at 5 p.m., and Gay Issues, produced by Gay UBC, 3 p.m.

Intrasports

Football

In a damp affair Friday, Pharmacy gave the Dekes a taste of their medicine downing the frat-rats 9-2 in the division I final.

In division II play, darkness ended the Betas and Mech III contest at a tie. The game has been rescheduled to Thursday, Nov. 5 at noon on field one.

Forestry won the division III final by default.

Racquet Sports

In first round tennis action, Doug Hassen of Delta Kappa Epsilon defeated Dirk Peterson 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Second round tennis is scheduled for the week of Nov. 21.

First round badminton had Ansel Chu of Science defeating Don Anderson of Dekes. The next round is scheduled for the week of Nov. 21.

Roger Bisnar of Phi Gamma Delta won the first term racquetball tournament, defeating Phil Carhoun from Beta Theta Pi.

The irrepressible Cathy Jones of Commerce took the women's tennis final with a calculated 6-3, 6-4 win over Katy Petraroia of Phrateres. It is her second title in a row.

Other Stuff

Years of dedicated studying in the SUB games room paid off for MBA student Stan Kita as he beat Brian Hilko of Science in snooker action.

No one drowned in the women's novelty swim meet where Forestry and Rehab finished in a first place tie.

Trevor East of Science won the UBC open golf tournament over John Melnick of Forestry.

Commerce took the women's division I soccer final, defeating Engineering. Division II play is still under way.

In current soccer standings, Science and Law lead Division I. Totem Park, Engineers, Independent (staff), and Pharmacy all have three wins in division II play. VST and St. Andrews lead division III.

Upcoming

Men's and women's basketball and hockey playoffs begin in the next few weeks, and women's volleyball finals begin Nov. 17.

Other action upcoming:

Men's tennis (round II) Saturday, Nov. 7 and Sunday, Nov. 8.

Men's squash Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15.

Men's badminton (round II) Saturday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Nov. 22.

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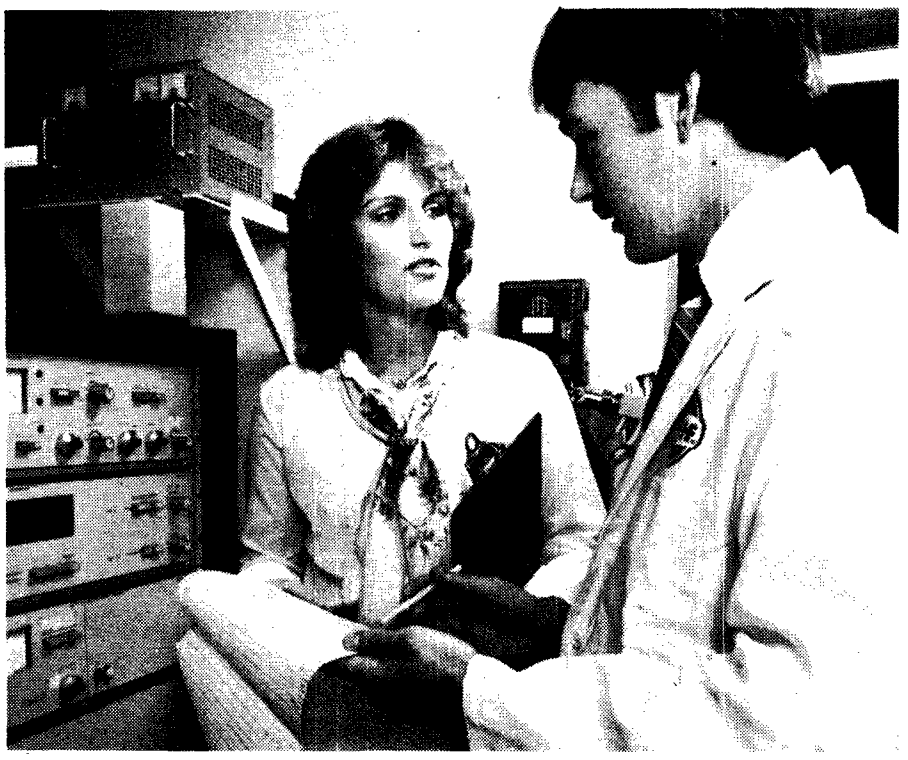

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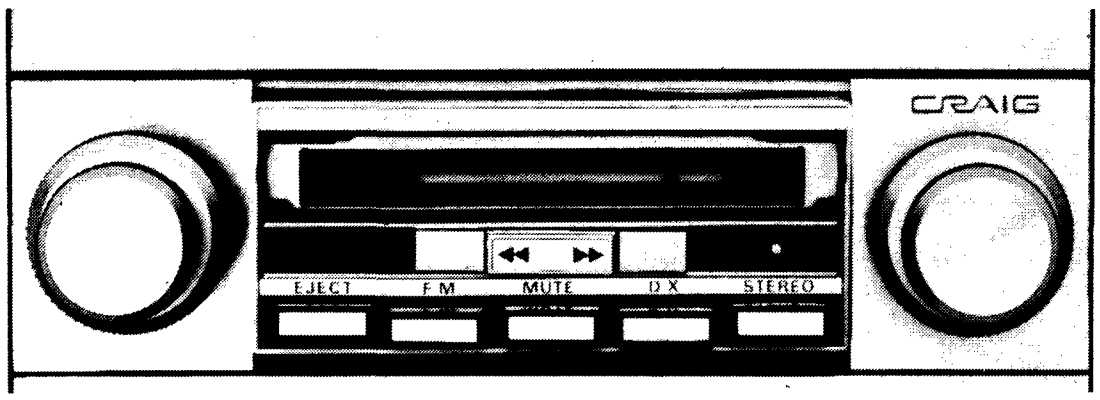

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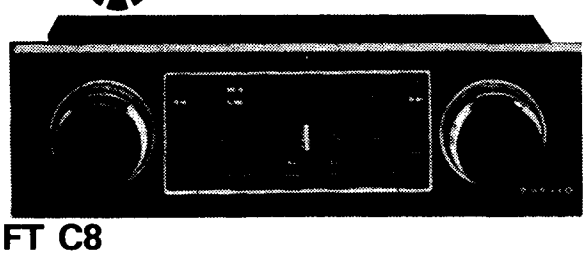

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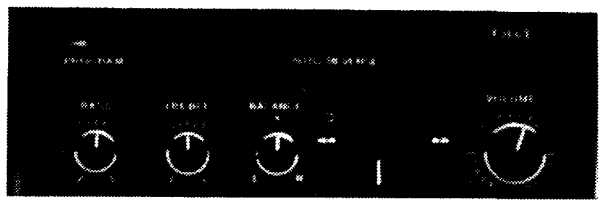

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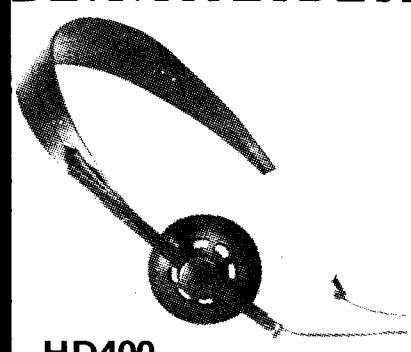

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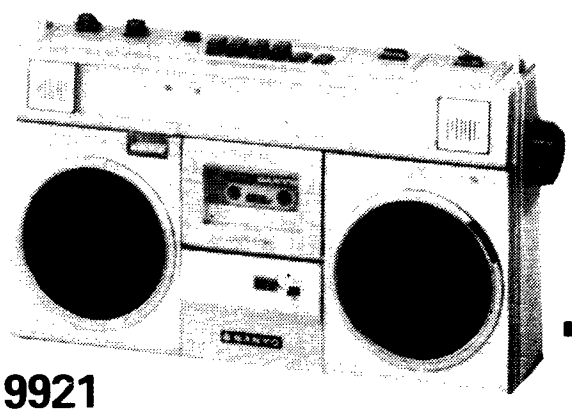

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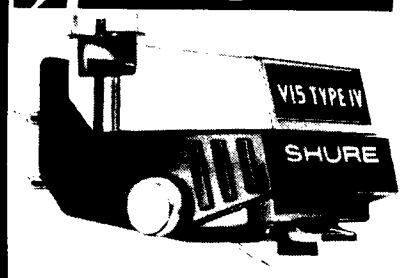

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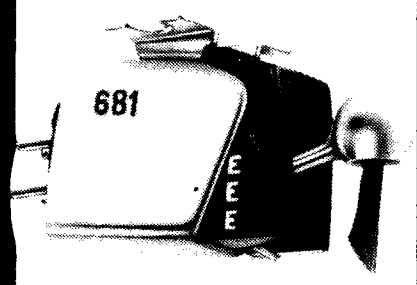

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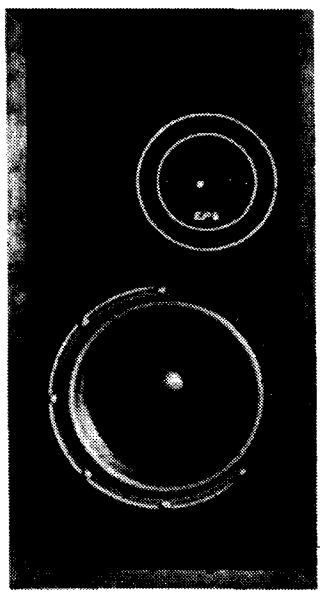

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