# Rally set to fight increases

By STEVE HOWARD

The Alma Mater Society is planning a 1960s-like extravaganza for its March 1 rally against tuition fee increases.

Students will gather on Main Mall above Sedgewick library to listen to a rock band and watch guerrilla theatre, then move behind a brass band to the faculty club.

Sixty people turned up at the first organizing meeting Monday for the rally.

The organizers hired four full-time staff to promote the rally and set up committees to arrange publicity, finances and speakers.

The student representative assembly voted Thursday to spend as much as $10,000 to promote the rally. It will precede a board of governors meeting the same day to decide the level of next year's tuition fees.

Administration president Doug Kenny has said tuition fees at UBC will increase 25 per cent next year for most students and as much as 40 per cent for students in professional faculties.

The four full-time staff to organize the rally are Randy Trinkle, Barbara Jackson, Edith MacKay and student senator Pam Willis. They will be paid $650 each.

Students at Monday's organizing meeting decided the purpose of the rally must be to fight tuition fee increases and education cutbacks. They also decided to demand the government increase funding for post-secondary education.

"I don't see this as a problem of just higher tuition fees," Dave Chapman, grad student and teaching assistant, said. "This is a problem of education financing."

"It's impossible to deal with tuition fees increases out of context," said Lake Sagaris, B.C. Students' Federation spokeswoman. "Tuition fee increases are a problem because they will limit access to education," she said.

"We're going to bust our asses and make sure this rally really works," student senator Pam Willis said.

The organizers will distribute posters and pamphlets on campus, she said. Campus unions and faculty will be contacted and informed about the rally, she added, and newspapers, and radio and television stations will be asked to cover the protest.

The rally organizers will print lapel buttons and supply materials for students to paint placards for the rally, Willis said.

"Maybe we'll have an evening of placard-making," she said.

"We want to bus people in from Langara and Simon Fraser University," Willis said. "The rally doesn't just concern UBC students. Many students are now going to colleges because fees are low."

She said if tuition fees increase at UBC, even more people will be unable to attend UBC.

Willis added the rally will also focus on other financial problems of students. She said students living in residence must pay large rent increases and that less

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# BCSF to lead March 10 rally

The B.C. Students' Federation will lead a secondary and post-secondary student class boycott March 10 to protest education cutbacks and tuition fee increases.

The federation is also proposing a rally the same day at Queen Elizabeth plaza to protest what it says is an inadequate increase in the provincial government's post-secondary education budget this year.

"Accessibility to post-secondary education is already limited and increased tuition fees will only worsen the situation," BCSF treasurer Pam Willis said Monday.

"Increased tuition fees are part of a larger problem, which is education cutbacks," she said.

Willis said representatives from UBC, Simon Fraser University, Langara, Capilano and Douglas colleges, Vancouver Vocational Institute and the BCSF will speak to high school and post-secondary students and teachers to organize the boycott.

High school students who want to get higher education will be affected by cutbacks, Willis said. "We're aiming at the Grade 10, 11 and 12 group," she said.

"Some people say, 'Increase financial

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— matt king photo

**COUPLE SHARE VALENTINES** basking in the sun outside SUB Monday, oblivious to pressures of student life and impending midterms. Spring-like scene was repeated all over campus as students followed Germaine Greer's advice.

# Board ignores dean's pleas, passes report

By CHRIS GAINOR

The UBC board of governors has endorsed a senate report on building priorities which came under fire from the education faculty because of the low priority given to that faculty's expansion.

Student board member Moe Sihota said Monday the board voted to endorse the report and pass it to the universities council despite a plea from education dean John Andrews to raise his faculty's priority.

"It was not changed at all," Sihota said of the report. Andrews opposed the report when it was presented to senate because education, which had been top priority in a previous report, was now ranked eighth. The faculty spent a great deal of time and money planning expansion of the faculty's building space.

Universities Council chairman William Armstrong said last week the council had received the board's recommendation and was beginning work on a five-year building plan for B.C.'s three universities.

According to new financial arrangements legislated last year by the Socred government, the council must make recommendations to the education minister and the provincial treasury board before universities can borrow money to finance university construction.

Armstrong said the five-year plan would take several months of work by the council before it can be passed on to the education ministry.

At the Jan. 19 senate meeting at which the building report was introduced, Andrews

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# *Ontario literacy test 'too tough'*

OTTAWA (CUP) — After taking an English literacy test similar to one given to first-year university students, 30 University of Western Ontario professors concluded it was too difficult.

Forty-six per cent of the 6,000 first-year students who took a similar test last fall under the auspices of the Council of Ontario Universities failed the test.

But many of the professors, who along with high school English teachers, local school trustees, Toronto Globe and Mail reporters and editors, volunteered to take the test recently, argued that it was no measure of literacy.

According to one professor, "when I saw the results of the test given to the freshmen students, I was shocked that literacy standards have declined so much. But when I saw the type of questions that are supposed to measure literacy, I changed my mind. I don't think this type of multiple-choice test really tells you anything."

Ross Traub, an education professor who helped decide what questions would be on the test, said it was not meant to establish the extent of student literacy.

"It tells you very little directly but if a student did well, he is likely to be a better reader and a better speller," he said.

The high school teachers averaged 76.1 per cent in their scores, the newspaper people 78.3 per cent, the trustees 61.4 per cent and the professors 71.6 per cent.

Many complained the instructions were too complicated and said they did not have enough time to finish the 30-minute test.

Collin Isaacs, a COU research assistant analyzing the students' test results, said he thought there should be more time for the test.

But he said the test was still in the experimental stages, and that "we are moving into this type of testing in Ontario in a big way and it is necessary to proceed with caution."

He also said he is wary of coming to a conclusion on the basis of just a multiple-choice test.

When the rests of the test were released last fall several educational experts were decrying what they called falling student literacy.

Literacy tests have been administered in various forms in many provinces in the last few years, with results similar to the Ontario test, at a time when financial cutbacks are made to post-secondary education budgets while enrolment is increasing.

Many student groups have expressed suspicions about such tests which they say could be used to screen applicants and limit enrolment.

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aid,' but I see it (by itself) as an oppressive band-aid solution," Willis said.

"Money is a deterrent. If a person is forced into borrowing a lot of money to put himself through a post-secondary education, it could well be a deterrent," she said.

UBC president Doug Kenny has said tution fees will increase next year by from 25 to 40 per cent. And the provincial government allocation to the universities this year is $10 million short of the amount requested by the Universities Council.

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teaching assistants may be hired next year.

Willis said staff on campus next year may get low wage settlements because of the low operating budget of the university.

The provincial government's budget allocation to the universities fell $10 million short of the allocation recommended by the Universities Council.

Chapman said he is trying to organize teaching assistants for the rally in order to oppose education cutbacks.

"A lot of teaching is done by TAs at the university," he said. "If a lot of TAs are cut back in total number there will be a decrease in teaching effectiveness," he said.

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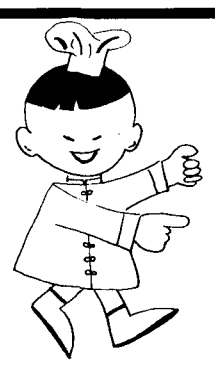
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# University research 'in trouble'

By HEATHER WALKER

Research at B.C.'s three universities is in trouble because of lack of funds, according to a report presented this month to the provincial government.

The report says research funding has dropped below acceptable levels and recommends the provincial government put $3.27 million into university research in 1977-78.

The report was prepared for education minister Pat McGeer and economic developminister Don Phillips by Montreal professor Roger Gaudry. Gaudry is president of the International Association of Universities and a founder of the Science Council of Canada.

The report specifically recommends that research money should not come from the general operating grants of the universities.

But education minister Pat McGeer said recently research money will have to come out of the operating budgets because the government does not have any extra money.

McGeer said the Universities Council must decide whether or not to put aside money for research from the universities' operating grants.

The Universities Council serves as an intermediary between the universities and the government. It receives proposed budgets from the universities, and makes a recommendation to the provincial government of how much money it thinks they will need in the next year.

The council then divides the provincial grant between the universities.

This year, the provincial grant fell short of the council's $10 million recommendation.

Council chairman William Armstrong says the universities will barely be able to maintain their present standards next year because the universities grant was too small.

"It's obvious the council has the power to hold back money for research if we wanted to do so," Armstrong said. "But since the grant to the universities was small, I doubt we'll hold back anything at all."

These two statements mean that university research will not receive any increase in funds this year, at least not on a provincial level.

The report says university research funding which comes primarily from federal government bodies, has decreased in actual dollar value over the last five years. Funding reached its optimum amount in 1969-70, the report says.

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# Faculty yawns at McGeer letter

Education minister Pat McGeer's statement that UBC should hold its professors to salary increases well below Anti-Inflation Board guidelines has met with little concern from UBC's faculty association.

"This is not news to the faculty association," president Leslie Crouch said Monday. "No matter what the AIB approves that doesn't mean the funding agency has to supply that amount. The funding agency in this case is the government."

In a letter to Universities Council chairman William Armstrong, McGeer said the council had assumed in a budget proposal the government could provide funds for average salary increases of eight per cent.

"This is considerably beyond the means of the province," he said. "It should be made clear that funds cannot necessarily be found for achieving maximum increases allowable under AIB guidelines."

Crouch said the faculty association is waiting for the council to divide the universities budget among the three B.C. universities.

"Political statements have been made by both sides," he said. "We (the association) are not commenting until we see the figures."

The Universities Council has not yet decided how much of the $184.5 million allotted to universities will go to UBC.

Faculty association vice-president Richard Roydhouse said Monday the faculty association has not started discussing 1977-78 salaries with the University.

"We are still involved with the preliminaries," he said. "It's hard to comment, because we don't know how much the university has been allocated."

— matt king photo

**NEW DRINK,** to be introduced to barflies at AMS' mercifully unpopular drinking establishment, The Lethe, is unveiled Monday at secret bartenders' school on UBC campus. Bartender apprentices, however, insist they are researchers investigating cryogenic bioinorganic oxygen binding. We know better.

# Shrinks stereotype female roles

Most psychiatrists are sexist because they expect their women patients to fit into female role stereotypes, a Vancouver psychiatric nurse said Monday.

Fran Phillips told 30 people in SUB psychiatrists have forced some women into mental institutions because the women did not conform to the traditional female role.

"To become normal, a patient is expected to conform by wearing a blue dress with a pink rose, then suddenly she's OK," said Phillips.

Phillips is one of the organizers of the Mental Patients' Association, a program that provides an alternative to professional psychiatric treatment.

The association is made up of ex-mental patients who live in seven halfway houses in Vancouver. Members are allowed to decide on their lifestyle, and decisions in the houses are made democratically.

Phillips said most psychiatrists dispense drugs too freely. "Psychiatrists tend to tranquillize women and automatically write out prescriptions," she said.

An enormous number of women pop valium pills for no medical reason, and psychiatrists prescribe the pill not just for mental patients but for anyone who gets upset, she said.

"Valium is great for the drug companies. However, there's no research presently being done to look into the addictive qualities of the drug."

There is often little interaction between psychiatrists and patients once a person is committed to a mental institution, Phillips said. Often patients only see their psychiatrist for a few minutes a week.

"There is very little communication between patients and the people who have the power to keep them there," she said.

The Mental Patients' Association offers a form of treatment which is especially valuable for women, Phillips said.

"MPA creates a vehicle by which women can readily express themselves in a very equal way with men. They are given an opportunity to get together and discuss personal psychiatric problems."

# *Fears based on hysteria — lawyer*

Law students' concern about the lack of articling positions in B.C. is founded on hysteria, a Manitoba law professor said Saturday.

Jack London, law professor at the University of Manitoba and a representative of the Manitoba law society, told 60 students at a conference in the law building that all UofM law grads get articling positions.

This year, about 100 UBC law students will be seeking articling positions, an apprenticeship of one year with a firm before being called to the bar. It is predicted that many students will not find positions.

UBC law dean Ken Lysyk said a major reason for the lack of articling positions is poor communication between Vancouver law firms and law students.

"I have stated publicly that if the law profession was prepared to furnish information about the profession to the students beforehand, there would be no crisis now."

And one of the organizers of the conference on articling, Jim Burns, law 2, said the poor turnout to the conference will worsen relations between the law community and students. The organizers expected 730 students at the conference.

Because of the poor turnout, "members of the governing body of the law society are now convinced that the articling shortage is a short-term problem and law students in Vancouver are no worse off than any other place," Burns said.

"It looks like we're on our own again.

"The absence of students was understandable because we are all very cynical about the situation. It was still embarrassing."

Bill Wilson, bar admission head in Washington, says the state probably has a worse employment problem than B.C.

"We're graduating about 1,200 law students a year. We just can't place that many lawyers. Even established lawyers with the highest credentials are looking for work," Wilson said.

"As it is, we have a good many lawyers in Washington who shouldn't be there; they have no business being lawyers."

# BoG passes building report

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called it "irrational" and "unacceptable."

Sources on the board told The Ubyssey the board passed the report after a brief debate at its Feb. 1 meeting in closed session. Andrews spoke to the board at the meeting after administration president Doug Kenny previewed Andrews' arguments. Andrews was asked a few questions after his presentation, and the report was approved soon afterward.

In order, the top priorities in the report are new facilities for home economics, rehabilitation medicine, psychology, chemistry, food science, animal science, education and soil science.

In a Ubyssey story Friday about council recommendations for new buildings, a computer typesetting error erased two lines from a sentence which quoted Armstrong as saying that $1 million was recommended for the new covered pool behind SUB, about $2.5 million was recommended for the proposed library processing centre in C-lot.

The story erroneously said the council recommended $1 million for the processing centre to the education department.

Sihota said the funding, if approved, means the UBC pool is completely funded. "They got it. The pool's finished," Sihota said, adding that pool fund raiser Doug Aldridge should be "happy and out of a job."

Aldridge, who was hired by the administration to raise funds for the pool, was unavailable for comment Monday.

The council rejected a UBC request that funds be allocated to the Asian Centre, on which construction ceased in 1975 with the building only half completed.

Head librarian Basil Stuart-Stubbs said Monday the construction of the processing centre, if approved, will free space in the main library to allow two years' worth of expansion.

# Scoop

Scoop the fearless newshound has surfaced again because he needs your help.

Scoop will award a year's free subscription to The Ubyssey and a case of beer to the person who submits the best anti-tuition increase song to The Ubyssey.

The rules are simple. The reason the song must be written, and then sung by all of us, are not.

First the rules. Deadline for entries is Feb. 22. Just pick any old, favorite, familiar tune, dream up your own words, and bring or send a copy to The Ubyssey, SUB 241K (that's the northeast corner of SUB's second floor).

Now the reasons.

On March 10, the same day the board of governors will meet to decide the fate of tuition fee increases at UBC, the Alma Mater Society and the B.C. Students Federation will rally to oppose any kind of increase in tuition fees.

The AMS and the BCSF have taken the stand that any increase in tuition fees is too much. The principle behind that stand is that post-secondary education should be accessible to everyone who wants to take advantage of it.

All the barriers in the way of accessibility — and tuition fees are one of the barriers — should be opposed so that all the people who want to can attend universities, colleges or technical schools.

The issue at hand is tuition fees. On March 10, if administration president Doug Kenny and education minister Pat McGeer have their way, UBC's board of governors will increase tuition fees 25 per cent.

That affects each and every one of us. Both because it will cost us more money if it happens, and because it will prevent many good people from even thinking seriously about attending UBC — people we should meet and talk to, people who can benefit the university.

If students are to convince the board and the government that they're serious about opposing tuition fees, we've got to oppose the increases, the idea of increases, before they are actually announced. Because once they're announced, it's too late.

A rally is the best and most visible way of showin g that opposition. And a good rousing song is a sure fire way of ensuring that people have something to do at that rally.

So show up. First to The Ubyssey office with your entry, and even more importantly, on March 10.


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Anne Cormack stumbled into the office one day to find the staff gathered anxiously around the door of the burro. "What's going on?" she enquired with prurient interest. "Heather Walker's barricaded herself in the burro and won't come out," replied Marcus Gee, who was wondering how he would pry Walker's research from her. "Well, how the fuck are we going to get her out?" demanded Sue Vohanka and Kathy Ford. Dave Hancock and Ralph Maurer looked anxiously at the door. "What's the matter?" asked Paul Wilson. "They don't want to get caught in the act, Paul Wilson," answered Chris Gainor with a twinkle in his eye. Charlie Micallef looked up with a sudden smile. "What act?" he asked. "Can I join in?" Matt King and Rob Little snickered. "No," they said. "Only Scoop the Fearless Newshound knows what's going on." The pup reporter jumped on the table, wagging his tail. "Woof," he explained. "She's reading Socred reports and she's come down with an acute case of political jargonitis."

# Letters

## Greer lecture praised, criticized

A few comments on the Germaine Greer presentation, Women and Fertility.

Firstly, congratulations to the women's centre for organizing the appearance of a speaker who attracted so many people of both sexes to come together and consider where women's liberation is at.

Greer did have points worth making. We westerners are ethnocentric and narrow in our attitudes toward sexuality.

Most of us need to hear that heterosexual intercourse acts out impregnation, while at the same time its participants feel that pregnancy would be a distrous outcome of love-making.

Women are encouraged to (and have been willing to) take high risks with their health in order to avoid this disaster. For those in the audience who have been trusting that their intra-uterine devices and pills are safe methods of birth control, Greer's speech was probably an eye opener.

Greer's idealization of a more generalized and less genitally focused sexuality was worthwhile. Her point that cheap, non-punitive abortions must be provided in clinics for all women who want them, and her point that both sexes should be able to control their fertility are well taken.

Now for some criticisms. I understand Greer's central theme to be "we should all expect and demand nothing less than ecstacy" — that sounds right on.

However, achievement of ecstacy in my life will involve a lot more than using a disposable diaphragm with non-smelling jelly and seeing sexual fulfillment in less rigid terms.

Yet, these are the only specific ways that Greer pointed out that my life and those of numerous other diaphragm users could come closer to ecstacy.

Her whole focus was on things physical and private. She didn't talk much about the politics of changing health treatment, education, the family and the economic system which creates an unhealthy world and anxious individuals.

For example, how do we get those abortion clinics? Why are third world citizens victims of experimentations with fertility? How can people who worry about the availability of jobs, and of an education, be "ecstatic" in any relationship?

Greer used the sadomasochistic paradigm to explain present heterosexual relations. She could have expanded the illustration of this paradigm to wider social concerns such as rape, and the unquestioned dominance relations operating in the family, the schools and in work situations.

I don't doubt that Greer has the knowledge to begin an analysis of who "we" (the people who are fed up) are, who we must demand ecstasy from, and how we are to demand it. I realize she wasn't attempting to talk about a total revolution when she chose the topic of fertility.

She could, though, have at least alluded to the fact that she was talking about details in the very large picture of needed social changes.

In dealing with more general topics, Greer couldn't have as easily applied her attitude that social change is a matter of organic growth. She would have had to state that distasteful people must unite and define their demands and their strategy.

I feel that she doesn't want to identify herself politically, and she knows that most audience members today aren't eager to commit themselves to politics either.

Right now, Greer can sell her speaking ability (which is considerable) by remaining simply a women's liberationist. I hope that soon audiences will demand more analysis from "leaders" as celebrated as Greer.

**Christine McLeod**
**home economics 3**

## 'Greer advice distressing'

I am greatly distressed that Germaine Greer should be giving so many female students such impractical advice.

Greer advocates coitus interruptus and relative abstinence as a method of birth control. A woman who doesn't want to get pregnant should not rely on coitus interruptus (withdrawal, or "being careful") as a birth control method.

It has a failure rate of 20 to 30 pregnancies per 100 women, each year. In other words, if you happen to like making love and use this method, in one year you have a 30 per cent chance of getting pregnant.

The risks of the birth control pill should be kept in perspective. The complications of pregnancy and childbirth cause the death of about 23 out of 100,000 pregnant women.

The pill causes the death of about 1.5 women out of 100,000 pill users. Thus the use of the pill for one year, involves about one-fifteenth the risk of one pregnancy.

The risks of other widely used drugs should be compared with the pill.

Penicillin is often a life-saving antibiotic, but it is also a deadly poison for people who are allergic to it. Cancer-producing pesticides and food additives contaminate our food. What about the millions who smoke cigarettes?

Just driving in a car is five times more dangerous than taking the pill. In one year, two million North Americans are injured in automobile accidents — 60,000 were killed. There are a multitude of risks we take everyday which are considerably more dangerous than the pill.

I agree that a perfect method of birth control does not exist, but the pill and the intra-uterine device are infinitely more desirable than an unwanted pregnancy and the use of abortion as a birth control method. I sincerely hope that no one takes Greer's comments totally seriously.

**Maureen Peters**
**nursing 3**

## Backward act

Germaine Greer's speech last Wednesday only demonstrates how far this woman has detached herself from the realities of our society.

Supporting abstinence and coitus interruptus as "feminist approved" methods of birth control is both a backward and irresponsible act.

Withdrawal is the least effective of all birth control methods, resulting in an average of 25 pregnancies for 100 women in a one-year period.

While abstinence may be effective, it is a denial of human nature and love. Both methods are totally unacceptable to the majority of adults who wish to plan their families responsibly.

Perhaps Greer could validly criticize our society's emphasis on the woman's responsibility for preventing pregnancy, but her alternative suggestions are both impractical and devoid of emotion.

**Bill Holder**
**arts 3**

# Cyclist urges bike path action

By HUGH TAYLER

It's me again, the cyclist who came into your office the other week whining about my bent rims.

I warped them by piling into a four-inch curb in the dark after Bob Murdoch, University Endowment Lands manager, made his first modifications to the University Boulevard cycle path.

First — I hate to say it — shape up you turkey bike riders. Murdoch is hardly blameless in this bike path bizarreness, but we have to remember that he started on this because of complaints about ill-mannered and illegal turkey bikers threatening the welfare of school children and other pedestrians.

Second, shape up Ubyssey reporters.

Maybe I missed a story, but I had to go around to see RCMP Corp. Dave Patterson myself to correct your apparent mistakes in an article quoting him last week and the unclarity in your map last Thursday.

Sadly, the truth is just as bad for cyclists as your story indicates.

What the map fails to portray is that University is completely closed, both sidewalk and roadway from the light at Acadia to the point at Toronto where pedestrians must cross to the north sidewalk.

I can comprehend the rationale for closing the sidewalk, however badly it was done, but the reasoning behind closing the roadway to cyclists is somewhat obscure.

This obscurity is made even murkier by the impression Patterson left me with — that UEL maintenance was responsible for the roadway closing — and the conflicting statement from Murdoch that the RCMP were responsible for the closure.

I suspect that both of them agree that bicycles are dangerous on the road at that point and both realize that cyclists will not easily be forced off a road they consider best for their travels.

Murdoch and Patterson are infrequent bike riders and are a little puzzled at the use of the road since they would personally feel unsafe there.

Experienced cyclists must make their own feelings known and offer expertise to police and maintenance staff of face unusual route patterns, non-standard signing, uneven enforcement of laws and oppressive restrictions on their freedom of movement as legally defined vehicles.

Unless cyclists speak up as individuals or in an organized pressure group, they will mistakenly be identified as "the most dangerous vehicle on the road."

The most dangerous vehicle is, of course, the automobile complete with motorist.

This is a hard truth for those of us who own and drive, but the car, not the bike, is the killer.

The UBC RCMP detachment confirms the dangerous habits of the most numerous classification of road users in their use of radar to ticket motorists on University.

Perhaps cyclists need not be forced off the road with the false argument that they are dangerous if the stretch from Acadia to Toronto were not posted at an unjustified 35 miles per hour.

Unjustified? Certainly. If motorists are limited to 35 along the straight stretch of University where there are no cross streets involving turning vehicles or pedestrian movement, why is the Toronto intersection subject to motorists moving at this same high speed?

Perhaps this is one reason pedestrians are loath to cross the roadway at this point.

A careful and unobtrusive use of handheld radar might reveal that motorists speed up as the limit changes in a residential area and make a second automatic increase when they leave that area, making things worse for those charged with enforcing safe motorist behavior.

An inspection on foot and a search through my photographs shows a distinct vertical curve which combines with the horizontal curve to contribute to motorist visibility problems.

Drivers entering University from Toronto can be observed pulling forward at this intersection in attempts to see traffic well enough to avoid being hit by relatively high speed vehicles.

Some doubt exists that this section of road meets modern standards of design for 35 m.p.h. use since the signs would have been installed quite some time ago.

Shifting sign location in an effort to cut down motorist speed at this point would make life marginally easier for apartment dwellers, might eliminate part of the hazard for motorists turning at Toronto and would undoubtedly make for safer pedestrian crossing at Toronto and at the Acadia pedestrian light.

Removal and installation of speed signs is easy enough and UEL maintenance is empowered to do so.

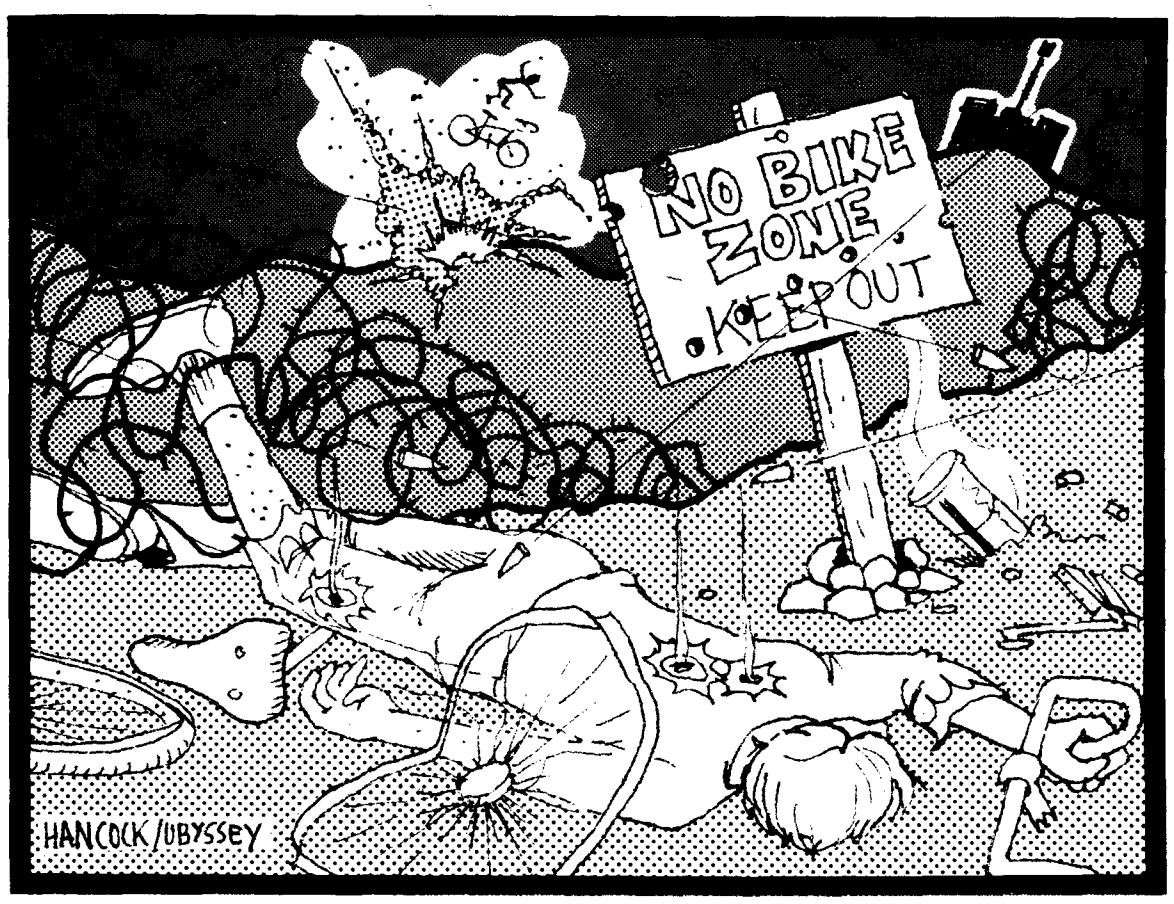
Perhaps a second sign warning motorists of changes might be installed as a matter of courtesy.

These steps would reduce the hazard to cyclists who wish to use the road at this point to a level equivalent with the 30 m.p.h. section and there would be no need to attempt an unpopular restriction of cyclist's rights.

What do you think, Murdoch, Patterson and all you disorganized and silent cyclists? Organize and speak up now — before this costs you money.

*Tayler is an ardent cyclist and research worker for Project Lifecycle, a project funded federally for six months which acts as a lobby group for cyclists in the Vancouver area.*

I am Joe's opinion




# New cycle path 'barely usable'

By STEPHEN GRANT

These comments about the University Boulevard cycle path are on behalf of the Vancouver Bicycle Club.

The old route from Acadia to Wesbrook required that westbound cyclists cross University at some point and either use the sidewalks or share the narrow pavement.

The new route from Acadia to Wesbrook is less direct and more complex. Whether it is safer is questionable.

Both routes indicate inappropriate thinking by the designers.

Corp. Dave Patterson is wrong. The new route is "out of the way," the new plan did not give cyclists "every consideration" and the new path is not "the best route possible." What rubbish.

When the route was changed, warning and directional signs were absent or inadequate.

Scores of bicycles were damaged, some seriously, when cyclists encountered the new curbs on the sidewalks on the old route, usually at night.

I urge those who suffered damage to obtain compensation from those responsible, if necessary in small claims court.

The number of accidents prove that the design was negligent.

Such hazardous tinkering should not go unrewarded. If something like this had been done to motorists or pedestrians, you can bet that someone's job would be on the line.

Any fines issued for use of the old route should be challenged.

The Motor Vehicle Act says that cyclists must use bike paths if they are adjacent and useable. This rule needs to be deleted, as it is being used to discourage cycling by forcing cyclists off the roads onto dangerous and inadequate cow paths.

In this specific case, the new bike route, while barely usable, is certainly not adjacent.

Also, I will point out that there is no law against riding on the grass between Acadia and Wesbrook.

If, while cycling, you are stopped for a traffic violation, do not present your car driver's licence for identification.

This is not required by law for cyclists, and the consequences for doing so are that you will receive demerit points and possibly an annual penalty premium.

There is considerable doubt about the legality of confiscating a bicycle for a minor traffic violation. Certainly motorists are not treated that way.

An examination of the bike route from Blanca to Acadia reveals serious flaws.

The routing of westbound cyclists from side to side of the road, and the use of a sidewalk, create confusion in everyone's mind as to the proper, consistent disposition of bicycles.

The cycle path is uncomfortably bumpy, and has lumps high enough to make a bicycle leave the ground. It is not wide enough for two-way use and westbound cyclists are blinded by car lights at night.

One can compare the facilities provided for the resource wasting, pollution spewing automobile with facilities provided for the efficient, health-benefiting bicycle.

Why are things made difficult for the cyclist?

So more people use cars. How many people are afraid to use bicycles? Do you find swimmers in shark-infested waters? Does the fact that a lot of people do something justify it?

Does the fact that cyclists are presently a minority justify their treatment as second-rate citizens?

From this perspective, it seems to me that this bike route is the work of fools.

The solution is simple. Widen University by three feet in each direction to provide pavement space for cyclists.

# Letters

## Photographer biased, unfair

Re: Province photographer John Denniston's experiences at the Germaine Greer lecture last Wednesday.

I would like to say that Denniston's comments and photograph presented an unfair and biased view of the audience and of Greer.

The dean of women, in introducing Greer, asked specifically that photographers take all their pictures during the first few minutes of the talk so as to cause as little interruption as possible.

As Greer stood up to talk, Denniston and several other photographers then proceeded to take pictures for a full 15 minutes with Denniston being the most insistent, obvious and noisy (sorry John, but your camera is noisy. . .) of the lot.

Denniston certainly made it hard for the audience in the first few rows to concentrate on Greer, and his single published photo was a poor and unflattering picture of the very "alive" and striking woman we listened to Wednesday evening — a disappointing result for so much lengthy angling and posturing for innumerable shots.

If Denniston is so inept at photography and is then able to complain, publicly and pettily, of an audience's irritation, it would be appreciated that the Province hire, in future, a more competent and courteous photographer.

**Karen Uldall-Ekman**
**science 4**

## Silence stops for silliness

Since Germaine Greer's speech last week I have found myself unable to remain silent any longer about several injustices of which I have been actuely aware for years.

Of course I am referring to the blatantly male-oriented uses of the root word "son" in places where "daughter" or simply "child" could be used.

For example, the word "person" should more fairly be "perchild" hence giving rise to other equally just words and phrases such as "chairperchild," "first perchild singular" and "parchild" of a church.

Perchildly, I also believe that the main reachild that this practice has gone on for so long is that too many people have been ignoring its obvious sexist connotations.

There is a leschild in all of this. Consider it carried to its logical conclusion.

"Woman" should really be "woperson," hence "woperchild." So, we could speak of a committee electing a woperchild as chairperchild. We could enforce this throughout all four seachilds of the year and charge anyone who contravenes it with treachild.

In closing, I feel that such a move could perchildify the raichild d'etre of the woperchild's movement and undermine its value to each and every one of us.

**Ron Walls**
**medicine 2**

# 'Tween classes

## TODAY

**CSA**
Chinese instrumental group practice, 7:30 p.m., International House.
**FRONTIER COLLEGE**
Information session, 12 p.m., Bu 100.
**INSTITUTE OF ASIAN RESEARCH**
Lecture on America Arms Asia, noon, Bu 102.
**IAR**
Seminar on the Army and Society in South Africa, 3:30 p.m., Bu penthouse.
**NEWMAN CLUB**
General meeting, noon, SUB 205.
**PRE-MED SOCIETY**
Executive elections and drawing for surgery field trip, noon, IRC 4.
**CANOE CLUB**
Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 211.
**WOMEN'S CENTRE**
Poetry reading, noon, Brock lounge.
Helga Jacobson on Women in China, 7 p.m., SUB art gallery.
**CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
Prayer and sharing, noon, SUB 207.

## WEDNESDAY

**CSA AND CVC**
Free Cantonese class, noon, Bu 316.
**POTTERY CLUB**
General meeting and election, noon, SUB 251.
**SAILING CLUB**
Film on cold water survival, noon, SUB 205.
**NEWMAN BIBLE STUDY**
Bible study, noon, SUB 215.
**WOMEN'S CENTRE**
Tuition panel, noon, SUB 207.
**VOC**
General meeting, noon, Chem 250.
**WOMEN'S CENTRE**
Sharon Burrows on Women's sexuality, noon, Brock Lounge.
**WOMEN'S CENTRE**
Dorothy Smith on Feminism and Marxism, 7 p.m., SUB art gallery.
**PSFG KUNG FU CLUB**
Practice, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., SUB partyroom.
**WOMEN'S CENTRE**
Consciousness raising seminar, 7 p.m., Brock lounge.

## THURSDAY

**CSA**
Slide presentation on China, noon, Bu 100.
**AQUA SOC**
Party for members, 6:30 p.m., SUB 207.
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION**
Testimony meeting, noon, SUB 117.
**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**
Film about the life and death of Malcolm Lowry, noon, Bu 106.
**INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
Clark Pinok and Larry Hurtado on The Christian Concept of Hope, noon, Chem 250.
**CCF**
Fellowship meeting 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

## FRIDAY

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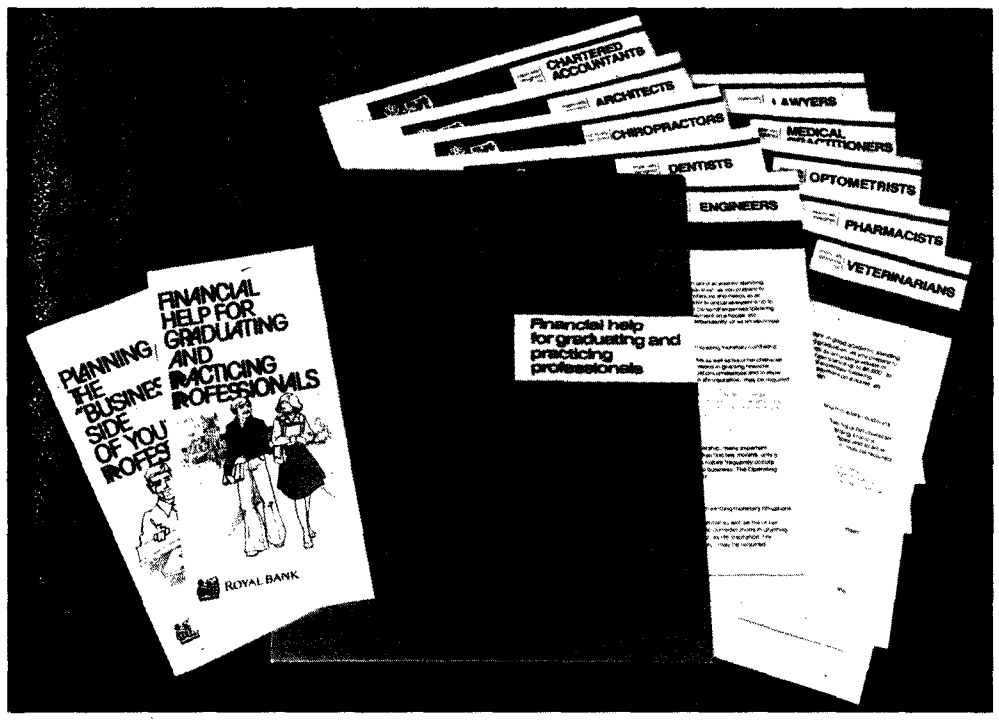


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# 'Birds split games with Alberta

The UBC Thunderbird basketball team is still tied with the University of Victoria Vikings for second place in the Canada West basketball league.

The 'Birds split their two game series with the University of Alberta Golden Bears losing Friday 83-77, then defeating the Bears Saturday 90-83.

The 'Birds led Friday night's game at half time 40-38. But in the first 10 minutes of the second half UBC could not control the Bear offense. Alberta ran up a 25-point lead in less than 10 minutes.

UBC centre Mike McKay was put into the game with nine minutes remaining and sparked a comeback by sinking seven of nine field goals. But in the last minute the Bears foiled UBC's try for the win.

The victory clinched first place for Alberta and one of the two playoff spots. Still at stake in the Canada West conference is the second playoff spot, which will go to either UBC or Victoria. It will be decided next weekend when the teams meet in Victoria.

UBC overcame a 47-41 deficit at half time to take the second game of the series from Alberta. The 'Birds knew they needed the win to keep their playoff hopes alive as they had seen the University of Calgary Dinos down Victoria 75-60 in a nationally televised game, Saturday afternoon.

McKay again came off the UBC bench to lead the 'Birds with 22 points. With McKay back in the lineup the 'Birds have some of their rebounding advantage back.

UBC guard David Craig added 21 points. Craig shot consistently and helped the 'Birds move the ball against the Bear's full court press. Something they failed to do the previous night.

Bear forward Doug Baker led Alberta with 28 points. Baker is the leader of the league scoring race averaging 25 points per game. In their last meeting Jan. 7-8 Baker bombed the 'Birds both nights scoring a total of 80 points.

Forward Pat Rooney had another good game scoring 21 points.

"UBC is a totally different team on their home court. They have much more confidence and poise," said Bear coach Garry Smith. "They are very hard to beat in their own gym."

Smith did not rate UBC's chances in the playoffs against his Bears very highly.

# SPORTS

"You don't see many second-place teams going on to the national championship in this league, especially not with the home court advantage going to the first-place team," said Smith Saturday.

Last year UBC lost in two straight games to the league winners the Calgary Dinos. But two years ago they came from second place to defeat the Vikings in the playoff.

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# Hockey 'Birds second beat huskies twice

A pair of weekend victories, coupled with a pair of losses by the University of Calgary, gave the UBC Thunderbird hockey team second place in the Canada West hockey league.

The line of Bill Ennos, Jim Stuart and Marty Matthews connected for five goals Saturday, to lead the 'Birds to a 7-3 romp over the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in Saskatoon.

Grant Cumberbirch scored the other two goals playing on a makeshift line with Dan Lucas and Peter Moyls.

UBC coach Bert Halliwell was forced to juggle his lines because of the suspension of forward Tom Blaney.

In the 'Birds 4-2 win Friday, Matthews scored twice, while Rob Hesketh and John Jordan each added singles.

UBC players Doug Tottenham and Wayne Gilbert said 'Bird netminder Ron Lefebvre was the difference in Friday's contest.

"He was nearly unbeatable," said Gilbert.

The win qualifies UBC for a best-of-three playoff, March 4-6 against the Golden Bears in Edmonton.

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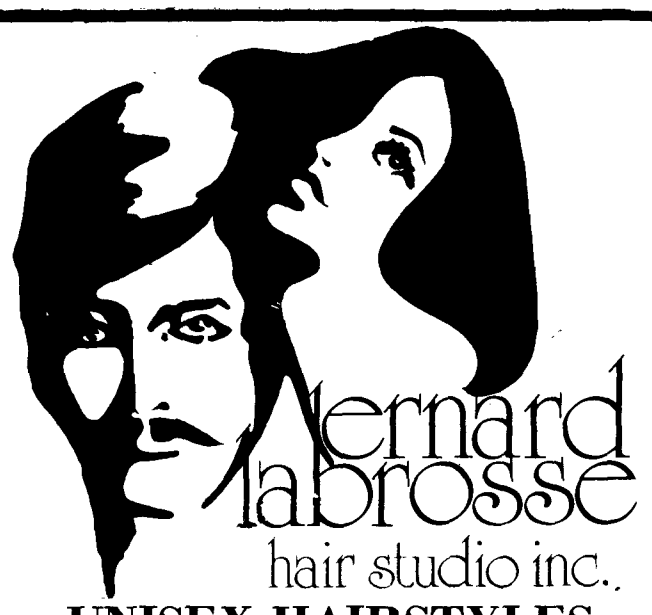

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# Lack of funds thwarts research

From page 3

Although universities now receive more funds than they did in 1970, the value of the funds is less, it says.

And the shortage of funds means research will gradually dwindle away, and it will be extremely difficult to revive research later.

"In effect, not only are ongoing projects and research teams affected deleteriously, but also potential research activities of value to this province cannot be initiated. There is a real danger of falling below a basic level of research activity in certain areas, and of a failure to provide for the future highly skilled manpower needs of the province.

"Something must be done to remedy the situation before it is too late. University research activity is not something that can be turned on and off at will."

If research teams are allowed to disintegrate, the report says, it may take years to rebuild them.

The report recommends the provincial government fund research on an interim basis until federal government research funding is improved.

Provincial support would start at $3.27 million and increase over a five-year period to $5.45 million. The report also recommends the establishment of a body to approve research projects and decide on the amount of funding they would receive.

The committee would be part of the Universities Council, and would include university and government members.

It also recommends a science advisory board and a science secretariat, which would advise the cabinet on possible research projects and provide the public with information about research.

The report says research at B.C.'s universities has suffered both tangibly and intangibly from the shortage of research funds.

Intangible effects include the loss of potential projects which never get started, and the loss of researchers and graduate students who chose not to come to B.C. because of insufficient guarantee their work can be supported.

The number of Ph.D. students enrolled at UBC has dropped from 1,025 in 1970-71 to 764 in 1975-76, Gaudry says.

Tangible effects include dropped projects. Soil science has dropped a project on land reclamation, and animal science one in the uses of animal wastes, he says.

Richard Spratley, director of research at UBC, said Monday the report should have emphasized the importance of government involvement in university research on a permanent basis rather than a temporary one.


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