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Okanagan cuts transfer courses

If Okanagan College receives an expected five per cent provincial funding cut next year it will end university transfer programs at its Penticton and Salmon Arm campuses, a new proposal says.

The proposal is included in a discussion document the Okanagan College board recently released. Allan Donaldson, Okanagan College board chair, said closing these campuses means laying off 48 full-time faculty and staff and other part-time staff.

He said related services such as the library system would also be cut back if the university transfer programs ended.

Donaldson added proposals in the discussion paper range from emptying the garbage once every two weeks to reducing counselling staff by 50 per cent.

If the two campuses' transfer programs end 273 students would be affected and 33 per cent of these students are enrolled in full-time transfer programs, Donaldson said.

The question of accessibility is "serious, there's no question," Donaldson said. "It's not optimal, but what can you do?"

Okanagan College principal Peter Williams said students in Salmon Arm or Penticton would have to attend campuses in Kelowna or Vernon. But Williams added these two campuses can only accommodate half the transfer students.

Williams said the college must take such drastic action because it faces an unusual problem. "We are not getting any recognition for the added cost of operating a multi-campus college," he said.

He said centralized colleges can reduce overhead where multi-campus ones cannot because they must duplicate services.

Williams added a five per cent cut in 1985-86 for the college makes the real cut 20 per cent over two years including inflation.

He said proposed cuts will be the result of an expected $2.1 million shortfall created by an increase in the college's 1985-86 expenses and a decrease in the 1985-86 budget. Williams said the expected five per cent decrease in the provincial government's funding is realistic although it is the worst case scenario.

"Cost increases every year and we're not even at a constant level of funding, that would be bad enough," Williams said, "but an actual reduction of funding . . . the (provincial) priorities are wrong."

But Dick Melville, education ministry information director, said the college is deciding to cut programs and the province cannot be blamed.

"They are given a certain amount of dollars as is every other college. They do with that money what they wish," Melville said.

Porn endangers women — lawyer

By SARAH MILLIN

Pornography makes it dangerous to be a woman, a U.S. lawyer said Saturday night.

"When people consume pornography, they are sexually enjoying discrimination against women," Catherine MacKinnon told 500 people in Woodward Instruction Resource centre.

"Pornography is the graphic and sexually explicit subordination of women in pictures and words," she said.

Pornography is thrust on people in our society, MacKinnon said. "Pornography is forced on women in marriages. When it is forced on children, they develop the same symptoms as victims of incest," she said.

"It is forced on patients by their psychotherapists," MacKinnon said. Some women have been told to act out the Story of O by their doctors. This book describes the submission of a women and how she enjoyed it.

When men are exposed to pornography over a one week period, they emerge more willing to be aggressive to women, she said. "They are more willing to think women would like to be raped and more likely to blame the woman for the rape," MacKinnon said.

And there is a systematic use of children in pornography.

"Children are presented tied up in every possible way, penetrated in every way, urinated and defecated on, as women are in pornography," she said.

One of the most abusive uses of child pornography is that which pedophiles use to obtain cooperation from children.

Children are also dressed as adults and adult women are dressed as children, she said.

When society is saturated with pornography, sex crimes will become simply sexy, she said. "Child sex and incest simply become infantile sexuality." She added in such a society the victims don't see themselves as harmed.

MacKinnon said there are four types of pornography. The Playboy and Penthouse type is available in paperback books, magazines and increasingly in video tapes.

This kind of pornography portrays women with legs splayed, seeming to ask for penetration, MacKinnon said. "Buying that magazine is buying the possession and use of those women."

There is also an explicit genre with pictorials of oral and coital sex, and the bondage genre which MacKinnon calls the genre of torture.

"The Penthouse pictures are only a small example of a whole range of Asian women bondage," MacKinnon said.

MacKinnon was referring to the December issue of Penthouse, pulled from the racks by two major Vancouver distributors last week. Police are considering charges under the obscenity section of the Criminal Code.

And MacKinnon said torture films are on the rise.

"The splatter, slasher films contain the sexualization of torture of all kinds," she said, adding these are films in which women are cut, mutilated, disfigured and finally murdered.

MacKinnon gave a graphic description of Snuff, a film where a live woman was said to be slain. Murder was sexualized in the film.

"Real 'snuff' films exist."

The speech was part of a series of Vancouver Institute lectures.

Delegation says leave

Simon Fraser University delegates to a recent Canadian Federation of Students conference will recommend the SFU student society withdraw from CFS at the national level.

SFU delegate Charles Menzies said the services section of CFS, which oversees CUTS travel services and other CFS ventures, is becoming so large it is hurting CFS.

"If you look at the services side it looks like they are establishing a small corporate empire," Menzies said. "It (CFS) is just a service wing with a weak excuse for a political wing."

He said SFU's four delegates will recommend SFU stay within the provincial portion of CFS but withdraw from the federal part due to the problems they perceive. He added there is now no precedent for this in B.C., although the Ontario Federaton of Students allows its members to join OFS and not CFS.

A strong grass-roots movement is needed before students can have a strong national movement, Menzies said, adding the delegates think they will benefit CFS and Canadian students by limiting CFS participation.

Within the present CFS structure the bureaucracy has too much power, he said.

He added he is telling his friends not to vote yes in next week's CFS referendum at UBC. UBC students will vote Nov. 21, 22 and 23 on whether to join CFS or not.

But a UBC delegate to the recent CFS conference said he still supports joining CFS. Duncan Stewart said the SFU delegates want to pull out because CFS is not radical enough, adding he did not think SFU is generally that radical.

"This proposition to the SFU student society (to leave CFS) will fail miserably," Stewart said.

CFS representatives could not be reached for comment.

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DRENCHED THUNDERBIRDS CLAIM national soccer title this weekend in Ottawa by beating Carleton Ravens 2-1.

'Birds win national crown

By MONTE STEWART

OTTAWA — The men's soccer team walked away with a national banner here Saturday.

The 'Birds edged the Carleton Ravens 2-1 in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletics Union championship match. They walked away from their first-ever national victory because, after nearly three hours of playing in relentless rain, they could not do much else.

The title was ultimately decided by penalty kicks — a bastardized manner of determining national champions. After 30 minutes of overtime, UBC outscored Carleton 4-2 in the showdown segment.

Sean McLaughlin gave the 'Birds a 1-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of the contest, stroking Jim Armstrong's centring cross behind Ravens' goalkeeper Mark Stokes.

The Ravens' Mike Lanos evened the score five minutes later. The Carleton soccer team's first ever All-Canadian capitalized on a miscue by 'Birds' goalkeeper Brian Kennedy.

Lanos fired a free kick that appeared to be heading over the net but it suddenly hit the far post and bounced into the net behind Kennedy, who had let up on the shot.

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Arbiter turns down commerce wage request

By PATTI FLATHER

A commerce faculty request for a wage increase was justified but turned down because the university lacks the ability to pay, the case's arbiter said Tuesday.

"The (commerce) faculty said they were in a special position as a world-ranking faculty competing for faculty. The university said a) they didn't have enough money to pay and b) the amount requested was not appropriate," said Vancouver lawyer Bruce McColl.

McColl said the provincial government is underfunding universities and that he agrees with the commerce demand.

"I didn't turn down the request because they were not entitled to it. The employer didn't have enough money."

The commerce faculty sought a subsidy agreement to the zero per cent wage increase ratified by the faculty association for the past two years. But the faculty and the university could not agree on an increase and the case went to arbitration in October. McColl said he announced the award Oct. 27.

Mark Thompson, a member of the commerce faculty steering committee, said commerce needs the wage increase to combat severe problems recruiting and retaining faculty.

"We're going to lose some people and we can't replace them," he said, adding the only options now are restricting enrolment or reducing quality.

"The university has real financial problems but they also have a budget of $200 million. We're only a small part of the pie."

Thompson said commerce professors are in high demand now because there is a huge surge in business school enrolments all over North America.

In 1981 the commerce faculty won the right to bargain for a larger settlement than allotted in the general faculty association agreements, Thompson said. Commerce was mainly contesting the 1983-84 wage freeze but also questioned the 1984-85 freeze, he said.

Neither Thompson nor Charles Bourne, advisor to UBC's adminstration president, would release details of the commerce demands and the university counter offer.

But associate commerce dean Larry Jones said commerce received less than what it could have by rejecting the university offer. "As a result of arbitration we got less," he said.

Jones said seven commerce professors have left recently and more will likely join them. He said they can get other jobs, especially in the U.S., at much higher salaries.

Students hit streets in protest

TORONTO (CUP) — Thousands of Ontario and Quebec students plan to take to the streets Nov. 15 in protest of government education policies and university and college underfunding.

The two provincial days of action are being organized by the Ontario Federation of Students and Quebec's largest student association, l'Association national des etudiante(e)s du Quebec.

While Quebec's protest will focus on the provincial government's loan and bursary policy and its plan to thaw tuition fees, frozen since 1975, Ontario's actions will be aimed at the impending report of a commission set up to plan the reshaping of Ontario's universities.

OFS chair Monika Turner said Nov. 15 has been specially designated as a day of action because the Bovey commission — named after entrepreneur Edmund Bovey — is expected to hand over its report that day to Ontario's education minister Bette Stephenson.

University and college students in both provinces will converge on provincial legislatures. OFS and ANEQ hope student councils will encourage students to protest at Queen's Park and in Quebec City respectively.

And students in Ottawa, who plan to contact federal political party leaders for their position on the underfunding issue, will rally Parliament Hill.

OFS wants to hold a press conference following the legislature protest and will circulate petitions across the province demanding that the Ontario government make education a priority. So far, 10,000 people have signed the petition.

ANEQ is urging universities and CEGEPs to stage occupations and student strikes on the two days preceding and on the day of action. The decision to recommend student strikes was approved by the ANEQ national congress in a September vote.

In a separate move, several universities in Quebec signed an agreement Nov. 1 expressing opposition to any tuition fee increases at their institutions and demanding Quebec education minister Yves Berube immediately renounce this policy as a means of university funding. Concordia University, l'Universite du Quebec a Montreal, l'Universite du Quebec a Chicoutimi, l'Universite de Montreal and l'Universite de Sherbrooke all gave their support.

The schools planned to send telegrams and press releases to provincial media Nov. 5, outlining their positions on a thaw in tuition fees.

UBC tuitions increased 33 per cent last year and another hike is likely this January, but how much has yet to be decided. The B.C. government cut education funding five per cent last year.

Alberta texts racist

CALGARY (CUP) — Although nearly 10 per cent of Alberta's public school books have been singled out for their sexist or racist content, a provincial government official said they won't be removed from circulation immediately.

"It will take some time for the natural replacement cycle to eliminate the resources," said Linda Youell, an Alberta education department official.

An Alberta education audit found almost 10 per cent of books and resources do not have "an acceptable level of tolerance and understanding."

Several elementary grade history and social sciences texts discriminate against native people, the report said. Both the student and teacher editions of the grade five music text Exploring Music are sexist and have an American bias, and other books have a strong male orientation, according to the report.

Provincial education minister Dave King said he is encouraged by the study's results.

"I am satisfied that Alberta education procedures for developing new curricula and selecting support materials have proven successful," he said.

The government is notifying teachers about the books' drawbacks and they are expected to correct them while teaching.

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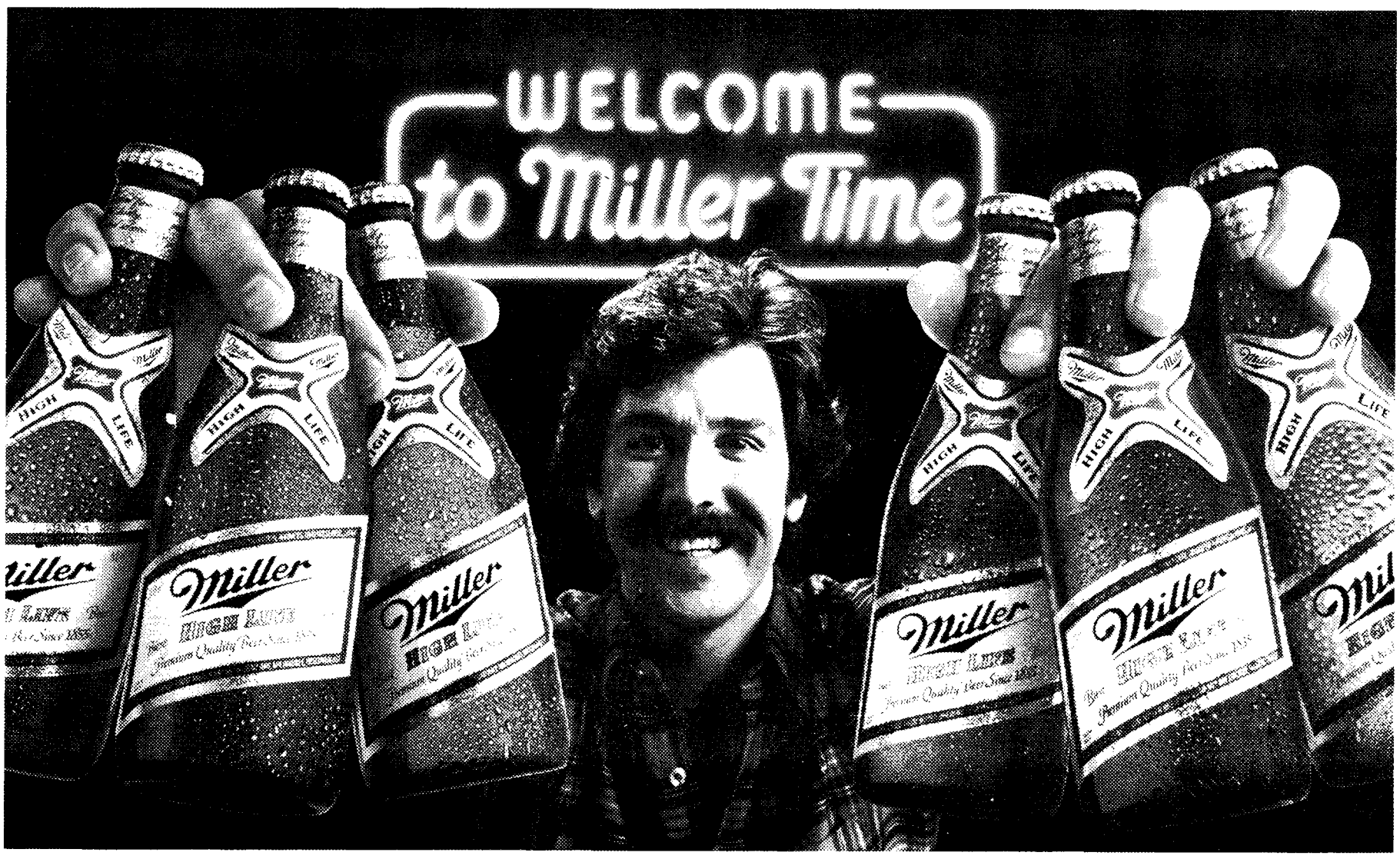

People imperil wildlife — Mowat

By DAVE STODDART

Human encroachment upon wildlife in North America is serious, an internationally renowned author and conservationist said Tuesday.

Farley Mowat told 170 people in Angus 110 of the seriousness of the human role in the biological process. "Man has reduced the (non-organic) biomass in North America by 80-90 per cent over the past four or 500 years," Mowat said.

"We've become alienated from what we are. We're part of a large biological fabric. We don't participate on a natural level anymore.

"We are concerning ourselves with the animals that have economic importance." Mowat said he fears only domesticated and recreational animals will survive.

Mowat, a Canadian who has been writing professionally since 1949, has devoted much of his work toward conservationist goals and issues. A list of the author's works includes such bestselling novels as People of the Deer, The Snow Walker, and Never Cry Wolf.

After Mowat delivered a 20 minute address a panel questioned the author's ideas.

Ray Hilborn, associate professor at the Institute of Animal Resource Ecology, said there has been a decline in the population of most animal species in North America, but added there is positive evidence the situation is improving.

"Mr. Mowat's findings are accurate but recent data show many animal populations are increasing. This is a result of a conscious attempt by interest groups and governments to restore our natural environment.

"Salmon hatcheries and wildlife sanctuaries are good examples of this. Mr. Mowat makes no mention of this in his new book."

Mowat said he knew little of the situation on the west coast, having devoted his recent work to the situation on the east coast.

Mowat added he has a distrust of scientific data obtained by government commissions, even though he himself was once a federally commissioned research scientist.

"There is an overall feeling (in the scientist) that he has to stay within the boundaries of his bureaucracy," Mowat said. "I used to send back 500 word telegrams that told the government they had their priorities fucking backwards, and they would send me a three word telegram that said 'You are fired'."

Mowat recently published a new book, Sea of Slaughter.

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FARLEY MOWAT promotes his new book, Sea of Slaughter, at UBC bookstore after Tuesday's on-campus lecture.

Two students run for school board

By ROBERT BEYNON

Two Simon Fraser University students are running for positions on Vancouver school board because they say the board needs shaking up.

Oscar Ramos and Norman Felix, both independents, say the present Non-Partisan Association-dominated board is more concerned with balancing the books than maintaining a quality education in Vancouver secondary and elementary schools.

"The board has to implement $10 million in cutbacks before 1986," Felix said, "and this only emphasizes the need for a ward system where the people doing the cutting are entirely aware of the schools they are cutting."

He said across the board cuts to elementary and secondary schools in Vancouver are not the answer. Schools where the majority of students do not speak English as a first language are already hurting more than other schools, he said, and they will hurt even more if hit by across the board cuts.

Felix said he and Ramos understand the problems involved in these because they are only recently out of school whereas most school board trustees are parents in their 30s and 40s.

"Most of these people want a total emphasis on the three R's," Ramos said. "We realize the importance of fine arts and sports activities in schools."

Ramos said even if these programs are cut from the curriculum the board should attempt to provide them for students in after school recreation. "But the board is offering no assistance," Ramos said.

He said youth gangs and a lack of space are other problems the board is not addressing. The board should address youth gangs before they get out of hand and not leave them entirely up to the police, Ramos said.

Vancouver electors will go to the polls to elect alderpeople, school board trustees, parks board trustees and a mayor this Saturday.

Pregnant evicted

HAMILTON (CUP) — A McMaster University student said he is so enraged at a Hamilton realty company's practice of evicting pregnant women from its adult apartments that he is moving out of one of its buildings.

Kevin Best, a second year student, said he and his lover decided to move after discovering the terms of their lease. The lease says female tenants must agree to provide Vanon Properties with immediate notification of their pregnancies and be prepared to leave one of their five adult apartment buildings by the seventh month of their pregnancies.

"We would never have taken the apartment (if we had known in advance)," Best said. "They are very sick individuals. How can they ask people to leave when a woman gets pregnant?"

Daniel D'Ignazio, Hamilton human rights officer, said a woman cannot be evicted if she bears a child.

While the manager of an adult apartment building can refuse to rent to people with children, the contract discriminates on the basis of sex if Vanon evicts pregnant women, D'Ignazio said.

Catherine Catlin, manager of Vanon Properties, said if the tenant did not agree to the terms of the lease, then no agreement to rent would be made.

Maggie Roberts, a local community legal services branch member, said such a contract is contrary to the Landlord/Tenants Act.

"(Any pregnant woman) would certainly not have to move," she said.

Student to blame in loan fiasco

A student who recently discovered he will not receive his expected student loan has only himself to blame, UBC's awards director said Tuesday.

Byron Henders said in Sepember Dave Ball received a pink slip with his conditional acceptance which clearly spelled out the academic conditions for receiving the loan.

Henders said, "I'll admit the loan booklet is unclear, but if he read the pink slip he should have understood the criterion."

The awards office would have contacted Ball sooner, Henders said, but the office was too busy processing application forms and sending them to students to examine each form. He said the only criterion for both federal and provincial loans the awards office does not consider initially is the academic requirements, which this student lacked.

Dave Ball, arts 2, passed 80 per cent of his courses last year. But because he did not pass 80 per cent of a full 15 unit course load, he is not eligible for the provincial portion of the B.C. student loan program.

Until Ball received a letter from the awards office last week he did not know he would not receive the $1,641 provincial loan he applied for.

Ball said if he does not receive the money he will have to drop out of school and probably fail all his courses this year. Students receive failing grades for dropping courses after the two to three week deadline. Ball will then be ineligible for a loan next year.

Henders said the awards office would still like to help Ball if they can find a way to raise money for him.

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We become what we see

Exactly what is it about pornography that arouses such strong feelings in people who get involved in discussions about it?

From those champions of free speech, who maintain that anything goes, to those who believe that a photograph of any woman for men per se is pornography, all parties must agree the issue revolves around more than simply matters of taste.

Since studies show men who watch violent sexual films are inclined to advocate violent sexual activity, that children never recover from incestual abuse, that we can't help but learn from what we see, fundamental values increasingly seem to be connected to the imagery with which we surround ourselves.

Hustler and Penthouse are glossy packages offered as entertainment that one might relax and lighten an evening with.

Presented as normal behavior in the pages of these magazines are bestiality — a woman with a snake lurking near her genitalia, masochism — women with injuries inflicted during sexual activity, and total submission — women on their knees, tied up or lying down, completely exposed and vulnerable. It is important to remember that some weird fringe of our culture isn't responsible for supporting these attitudes, but the biggest money in North America — cigarette, alcohol and automotive companies buy advertising space in Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler. As well, these magazines would perish without a large, paying readership.

Two Vancouver distributors recently withdrew Penthouse from the stands. Penthouse and Playboy are the two best selling rags in North America. Bigger than Time, and bigger than Newsweek. These and other magazines, films, and video are the purveyors of packaged sex.

And the largest market for the package of pornography is men. It is entertainment by men for men at the expense of women and children.

Children too are portrayed in films, video, magazines, and paperbacks. They are shown engaging in activities which are far beyond their scope. Most of these children are at kindergarten age, an age too young to know they are victims of acts committed by men who believe there is nothing wrong with a little early sex. These men also believe there is nothing wrong with a little healthy pornography.

However, studies show those exposed to pronography become desensitized to the people they see exploited as sexual subjects. Pornography has been linked to acts such as rape, sexual harrassment and incest.

Easily available pornography makes it clear that abusive and sexually discriminatory attitudes are the 'normal attitudes' to have in our society. And attitudes are the precursors to actions.

Some claim morals and values cannot be gleaned from magazines, video, and film. They are wrong. Our educational system is based on audio-visual methods. If reading a magazine doesn't pass on food for thought, however rottern it might be, then the whole educational system is questionable. It is presumptuous of anyone to claim reading a Penthouse of Playboy will leave them unaffected.

Pornography is sexual discrimination of the worst kind because of the subtlety in which it works in our society. Pornography is discrimination condoned by the law. Porn is a consumer product readily available in corner grocery stores. It is a product that conveys attitudes that as one U.S. lawyer said, "makes it dangerous to be a woman" and one may well add, a child.

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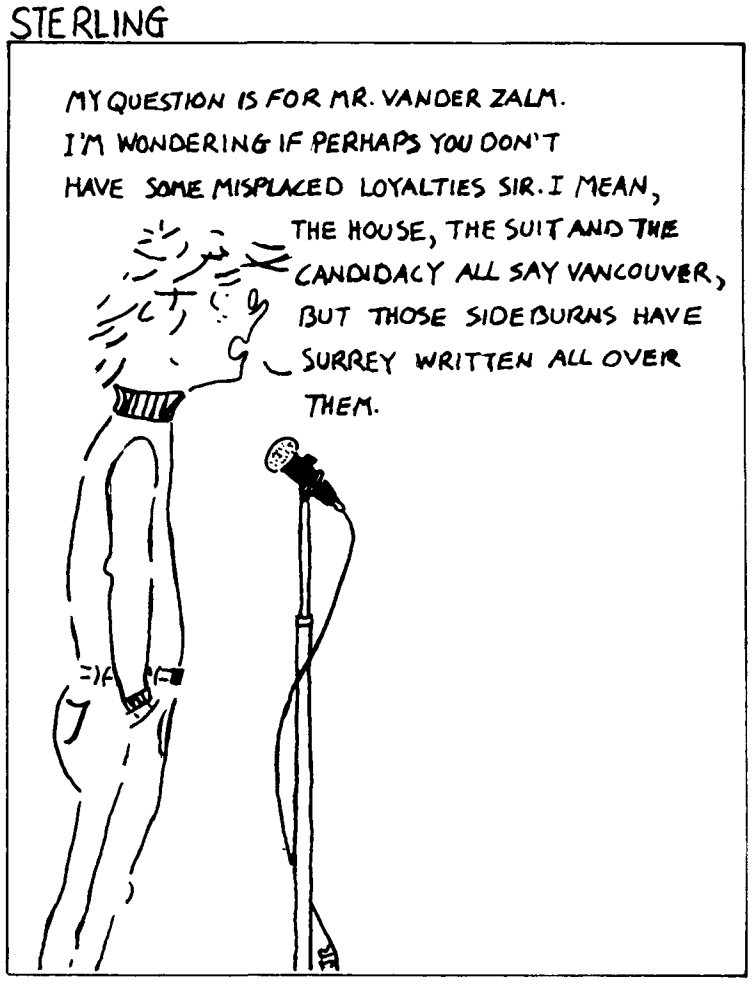

Letters

'Irrational' letter on Indian crisis shocks

In response to the letter from the Sikh Students' Association, (Media too quick to condemn Sikh emotions, Nov. 9) I was simply shocked by what I read.

India is the biggest democracy in the world, not only in name but also in practice. No other country in the world has such freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of action.

India is comprised of people that have different faiths and different cultures. India has representation of people from all different religions (even if they are a minority) in the government. There are 73 Sikhs in the parliament and the president of India is a Sikh.

When I hear statements such as that Indira Gandhi was a "Hitler" I feel saddened. It is amazing that educated young people at UBC are so irrational in their thinking!

Do you think if Gandhi was prejudiced towards the Sikhs she would allow them in the government, allow them to take over so many key positions in the army, and keep them as her own personal bodyguards?

The bodyguards that she had such faith in killed her in cold blooded murder. The Sikhs should condemn this act instead of condoning it on the basis it was fate and she deserved it. If Sikhs continue to do this they will continue to live by the sword and definitely die by the sword and innocent people will die due to their fanaticism.

I am ashamed at the Sikhs who celebrated after her assassination. They have no brains and are not practicing the Sikh religion as Guru Nanak preached it. Most of the Hindus believe Guru Nanak was one of the greatest sons of India.

As for the invasion of the Golden Temple, this was not a sudden event. For two years, Gandhi had been talking rationally to the Sikh fundamentalists to no avail. Finally Gandhi had to flush out the terrorists.

You can't use any religious place in the world as a sanctuary. The Golden Temple had dangerous weapons and murderers inside. There were rapes being committed inside this so called Holy Place.

This was not a place of God, but a place of crime. The Golden temple in the true sense of the word had been converted to a place of crime by the criminals and murderers.

No democratic government, which has a duty to maintain law and order, would allow these acts to be permitted even if it was the Vatican (Roman Catholic), the mosque in Mecca (Moslem), or the Birla Temple (Hindu). In fact, just a few years back, the Holy mosque in Mecca was invaded by the Moslem government due to terrorists.

Gandhi, in my opinion, was a woman of steel. She had compassion and she wanted peace in the true meaning of the word. In the eyes of people in the world, she will always be mother India.

Sharmila Kumar
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Suicide pill scheme false

Mark Fettes of the UBC peace club insisted in his recent letter that the critics of his club's cyanide proposal don't understand the reasons for pushing the suicide option (Club wants awareness, Nov. 6). He said that the cyanide referendum will shock students out of their alleged apathy over the danger of war.

Fettes is wrong. We understand the reasons for advocating cyanide very well, and we reject these reasons. The suicide pill scheme presents two equally false and abhorrent choices: either we rely on the warmongers to disarm, or we take cyanide pills. These false choices, put forward as the only options open for people, are actually part of the war preparations.

The peace club, The Ubyssey which editorially endorsed the cyanide scheme, and the other media which promoted it are generating a psychosis of war, sowing pessimism and despair, and actually dissuading people from acting to avert the war danger.

The students are not apathetic on the question of the war danger, contrary to what the peace club spokesperson suggests. People are greatly concerned over the danger of war, and they are seeking ways of harnessing this great concern in the practical struggle against war and war preparations.

Neither the "cyanide choice" nor the choice of counting on the superpowers to disarm are choices which are acceptable. Many people are demanding that the cyanide petition be withdrawn, and that no referendum on this question be held.

What is needed is a serious conference at UBC which will practically assist people in developing protests and other mass actions to avert the danger of war, as well as examine the source of the war danger.

Allen H. Soroka
Law library

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"Save the whales!" pleaded Sara Millin, Robert Beynon, Patti Flather and Charlie Fidelman as they proceeded to blow up the Vancouver Aquarium. "What the hell for?" queried Monte Stewart, Renate Boerner and Dave Stoddart as the whale flesh fell from the sky. "Because Farley said so," snapped Ingo Breig, Rory Allen and Elio Mendonca as they observed the spectacle with insipid glee. "Chuck Farley," Jonathan Rhone and Uaku moaned in disgust. Tune in next week when the staff of the Daily Blah play rollerball for keeps.

Gandhi-Hitler comparison ignores history

This is in reply to a letter from the Sikh Students Association of UBC who complain of unfavorable media coverage for the Sikhs following the assassination of Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi. (Media too quick to condemn Sikh emotions, Nov. 9)

How can the Sikh Student Association justify the use of their sacrosanct temples by armed terrorists seeking to undermine the national government? It was the terrorists who chose the battleground, so why this self-righteous indignation?

As for the cowardly assassination of their prime minister by her trusted Sikh bodyguards and the subsequent outpourings of joy amongst some Sikhs, it only deepens the distrust felt over a criminal breach of trust.

Comparing the invasion of the terrorist-infested Golden Temple to an invasion of Mecca and the Vatican is self-serving. The latter places are not misused as inaccessible terrorist bases, and are therefore sacrosanct.

Further, to allude to the elected leader of the world's largest democracy as "Hitler" only displays a lack of intellectual honesty, an ignorance of history, and contempt for the democratic process.

The Sikh Student Association would do well to realize the damage it does itself when it tries to justify recent actions in tormented India to a not unintelligent public.

Ligand D. Talwar
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Elections officer explains CFS rules

On Nov. 21, 22 and 23 both undergraduate and graduate students must decide whether they wish to join the Canadian Federation of Students at a cost of $7.50 per fulltime student per year.

As elections commissioner I must ensure that this referendum proceed in a fair and orderly manner. To do so, I will be enforcing referendum policy (Sec. IV Alma Mater Society Code and Bylaws).

Especially pertinent to any prospective yes or no campaign is Sec. IV, Article 12: "All campaigns, either for or against a referendum question must be registered with the Election Committee before campaigning on campus."

Any party not registered with me will not be permitted to advertise during the campaign and have a scrutineer present during ballot counting. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

So much for the warnings. I have one more thing to add on a more positive note. At present, the elections committee is compiling a list of paid clerks to work in poll booths during the referendum. For those who are interested, you can use that spare time between classes to make a little extra Christmas money.

If you wish to help, or have any questions concerning the referendum contact me at 228-2361, or come and see me at Referendum Central in SUB 246.

I can't overemphasize how important this question is to every student on campus, so take a few moments to get involved in your education's future.

Donald Mustard
AMS elections commissioner

Letters

Student misconstrued arms control talks

P. Sugra's letter shows an obvious failure to grasp the purpose of Jane Sharp's talk (Soviet occupation, terrorism contradict desire for peace, Nov. 9)

Sharp was speaking of peace on a much larger scale than Sugra seems to realize. The issue, as I understood it, was not whether or not the Soviet Union was interested in stopping its interference in the affairs of other countries such as Poland and Afghanistan, rather it was: is the USSR interested in arms control.

The reason for the Soviet's "40 year occupation of Eastern Europe" and its "bloody suppression of freedom movements in Afghanistan etc. "is the age old feeling of insecurity of the Soviets, their desire for a buffer zone between East and West, and their wish to expand or at least maintain their "sphere of interest." American policies towards Nicaragua and El Salvador reflect similar desires. I don't recall Jane Sharp saying or even implying that she "admired" the consistency of Soviet policies of suppression or expansion, but perhaps I wasn't listening closely enough. Then again, maybe Sugra misunderstood or made no effort to understand what Sharp said.

Without belittling the need for peace in Afghanistan or Nicaragua, the subject of Jane Sharp's talk was peace on a larger scale — East-West relations and Soviet foreign policy with regard to the United States and arms control. While the Soviet Union may not be interested in changing all its policies, it could, given the right circumstances (and here both superpowers must make concessions), show a serious interest in disarmament.

I do not endorse the Soviet actions of suppression any more than I approve of much of the American interventionist actions. But I give my wholehearted approval of any interest that the Soviets show in favor of disarmament and the cause of world peace.

Sugra should think things out before confusing the facts and doing injustice to those who know what they are talking about. Sugra has gone beyond distorting Jane Sharp's views to the point where the argument has very little relevance to the matter Sharp discussed.

Stephen Forgacs
arts 3

CRAB vigil happens today

Thank you for your Oct. 30 back cover story on CRAB, Create A Real Available Beach. Eric Eggertson has written one of the best accounts of our activities to get a central waterfront park between Main Street and Abbott Street.

However, we have moved our "CRAB Candlelight Vigil" at 200 Granville Square (near the Sears Tower) to today and Thursday, Nov. 14 and 15. There will be a rally at Granville Square at 2:00 p.m. today.

It's now a matter of the politicians coming through for the people. We await a three-block park that the Downtown Eastsiders have worked for for two and a half years at their own expense of time, energy and money. Mayor Mike Harcourt and Vancouver Centre MP Pat Carney can make sure it is a non-commercial three-block park.

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Don Larson
CRAB president,
60A Alexander St.,
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Arc thanks Boor helpers

We at Arc magazine would like to extend our thanks to all those who came out to our Boor Garden on Nov. 9 and gave us their support.

The evening was a great success; consequently, we look forward to publishing in early March. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 14, 1985, and our box is still located in the English office on the third floor of Buchanan tower.

Further, I would personally like to thank all our staff who helped make it happen, the members of the Arts Undergraduate Society who were most approachable, and as well, all the friends who stayed behind to clean up.

Denise Baker
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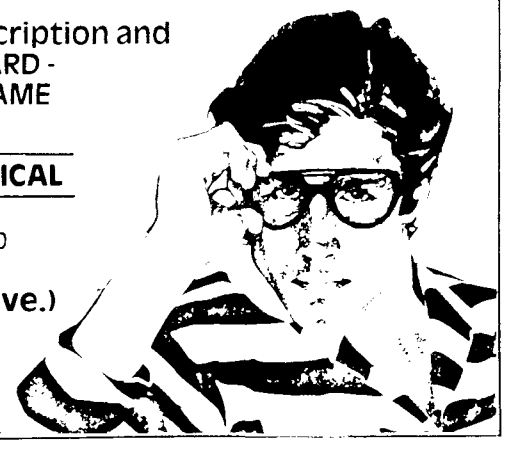

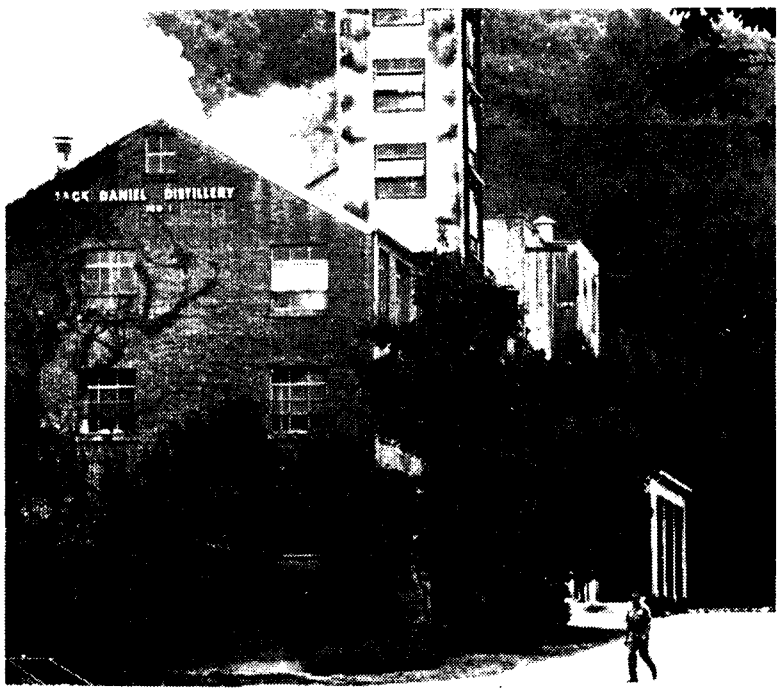

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Status policies unfair to Canada's native women

By KAREN HERLAND
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Mary Two-Axe Early, a 73-year-old grandmother who lives on Kahnawake Indian reserve in Quebec, faces expulsion from her home, her reserve and her culture because the Canadian government says she is no longer an Indian.

Two-Axe Early, a Mohawk, has lived on Kahnawake since her marriage to a white American broke up nearly 10 years ago. She is one of hundreds of native women forced each year to leave their reserves. They leave their families and friends, sell their property and give up their right to return, even to be buried on the reserve after they die.

Their crime is marrying non-native men.

"There are Indians in Nova Scotia marrying their first cousins just to keep their (Indian) status," Two-Axe Early said in a recent speech at Montreal's downtown YWCA.

Two-Axe Early and 30,000 other native women and their children are victims of Canada's Indian Act of 1869. According to section 12(1)b of the Act, any women who marries a non-native immediately loses her Indian status. Her children are also deprived of Indian status and not even divorce, widowhood or separation will return status.

In Two-Axe Early's case, she married and lived with her white husband in the U.S. for many years, returning to Kahnawake after the relationship ended. The band council there turned a blind eye to Two-Axe Early's lack of status until 1975, when she went to speak about the issue at an International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City.

"Two women were sent to report on anything that was said," says Two-Axe Early. "When I was to talk, they phoned the police, who phoned Ottawa, who phoned my chief and an eviction notice was given."

Two-Axe Early did not keep quiet and instead founded Indian Rights for Indian Women. This Secretary of State-funded lobby group fights for changes to the Indian Act. Nearly 40 women on Kahnawake have lost their status and face expulsion, but media attention given to their case has temporarily postponed their eviction. These women are very careful, do not give out their names and quietly live on the edges of the reserve.

Before 1956, the Act defined Indians as anyone married to an Indian, whose parents on either side was Indian or was adoped by an Indian. Now a woman can only have Indian status if her father was one of if she marries one. White women who marry native men are immediately considered Indians as are the children of such marriages.

But native women who marry non-natives can no longer own property or live on their reserves. They cannot vote in band elections or be buried on the reserve and lose all claim to social, educational and health benefits on the reserve.

Between 1973 and 1976, 99.32 per cent of all women who lost their status lost it through marriage. The other 0.68 per cent did so voluntarily.

For the women who lost their status, the end of a marriage can mean the end of their livelihood. "I know a woman who can't close her doors or windows because it is so icy," sayd Two-axe Early. "Her five children are illiterate and she has no status. They can't go to the reserve school and the white school says they have their own school."

Many women who live near white cities and meet white men do not want to get married. According to the department of Indian Affairs nearly 50 per cent of all native births in 1977 were out of wedlock. That same year the national average was less than 10 per cent.

The Indian Act makes Canada's natives the only people in the Northern Hemisphere who do not determine their own membership. The Dene people of the Northwest territories do not fall under the act, nor do the Inuit, the Cree or the Naskapi. None of these groups define membership on the basis of marital status of fatherhood.

By taking a paternalistic attitude and defining status for natives, the government can constantly narrow the definition and assimilate more people into the mainstream. Changes made to the act after 1956 made Indian status more exclusive and easier to lose.

The official term for loss of native rights is enfranchisement. "In the 1950s, native men were enfranchised simply -by going to university," says Two-Axe Early.

The real issue is cultural, according to a Secretary of State Women's Committee report released last year on the status of Indian women. The paper says culture is passed on through the mother, who spends more time with her children in a traditional nuclear family. The Indian women forced to take their children off the reserve have no support system to fall back on in trying to pass on their culture to them. They cannot take their children to native celebrations or teach them their language in a white urban Canadian environment.

Children with native fathers and white mothers who live on a reserve may have a support system, but if the mothers do not understand the language or traditions, it is unlikely that they can teach them to their children.

The selectivity with which the act is applied indicates that economics are more important than culture for some bands. In the West, where bands are located on oil-rich land, women are enfranchised immediately. This ensures that any profits from the land are shared among fewer people. At least in theory.

The department of Indian Affairs reports that in 1977 more women gained status by marrying native men than lost it through wedding non-natives. In this way the act taxes reserves both financially and culturally.

Jeannette Lavell took the issue to the supreme court in 1974 and based her case on the right to equality before the law as entrenched in the then Canadian Bill of Rights. Her case lost in a split 5-4 decision. Justice Ritchie, who wrote the majority opinion for the case, explained that in the view of the court equality before the law' meant equal application of the law to men and women and had no power over laws that perpetuated inequality.

An aborted attempt to change the Indian Act was made this summer when then Indian affairs minister John Munro introduced legislation to change 12(1)b just two weeks before Parliament recessed. Munro promised money would be set aside to help bands cover the costs of women returning to their reserves to claim their status. The proposed changes would allow the children of returning women to be re-instated but not their grandchildren.

Since reserves offer so little employment (on some reserves unemployment is close to 80 per cent) and white communities have more social services and conveniences, it is probable that only those with strong cultural ties will return.

Anita Pratt, now the director for the Montreal branch of the QNWA says "It's ridiculous, these women don't want money, they want respect and a birthright."

Two-Axe Early also agrees. "It won't cost extra taxes. If an Indian girl lives in the city on welfare, she could go back to the reserve and live good."

These arguments were not heard and the Bill, which had passed through Parliament on the last day of the session, did not go through the Senate. Its passage was blocked by Senator Charlie Watt, a Quebec Inuit.

"I wept," says Two-Axe Early.

She says the Bill would have passed easily had more attention been paid to it. "Trudeau was never in favour of native Indian rights and neither was Munro," says Two-Axe Early. "Munro was too busy campaigning (for last spring's Liberal leadership race)."

Meanwhile more and more bands are using the existing act to suit their own purposes. At Kahnawake a group of women lobbied for and were given a complete moratorium on all mixed marriages. Now anyone on Kahnawake who marries a non-native loses his or her status. At least six young men have lost their status through this band ruling."

Women like Two-Axe Early realize that they have little time to act before the Canada Act entrenches the Indian Act for good. She urges all women to flood prime minister Brian Mulroney and the department of Indian Affairs with letters.

"I must cry out in the darkness of despair," she says. "The only hope is that the women of this society reared in justice will rise up to our cause."

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The team has already started off on the right foot this season. Last weekend, the Thunderbirds finished second in the Saskatchewan Huskiettes' Invitational tournament in Saskatoon.

The 'Birds lost 57-33 to Alberta in the opening game Friday. Karen Dawson and Janene Seabrook led UBC with seven and six points respectively.

The 'Birds were twice victorious Saturday, defeating Brandon and Saskatchewan. In the first game, the 'Birds trounced Brandon 57-30. Nadine Fedorak was the leading scorer with 18 points while Dawson contributed 13. In the second game of the day, the 'Birds bounced the host Huskiettes 57-30.

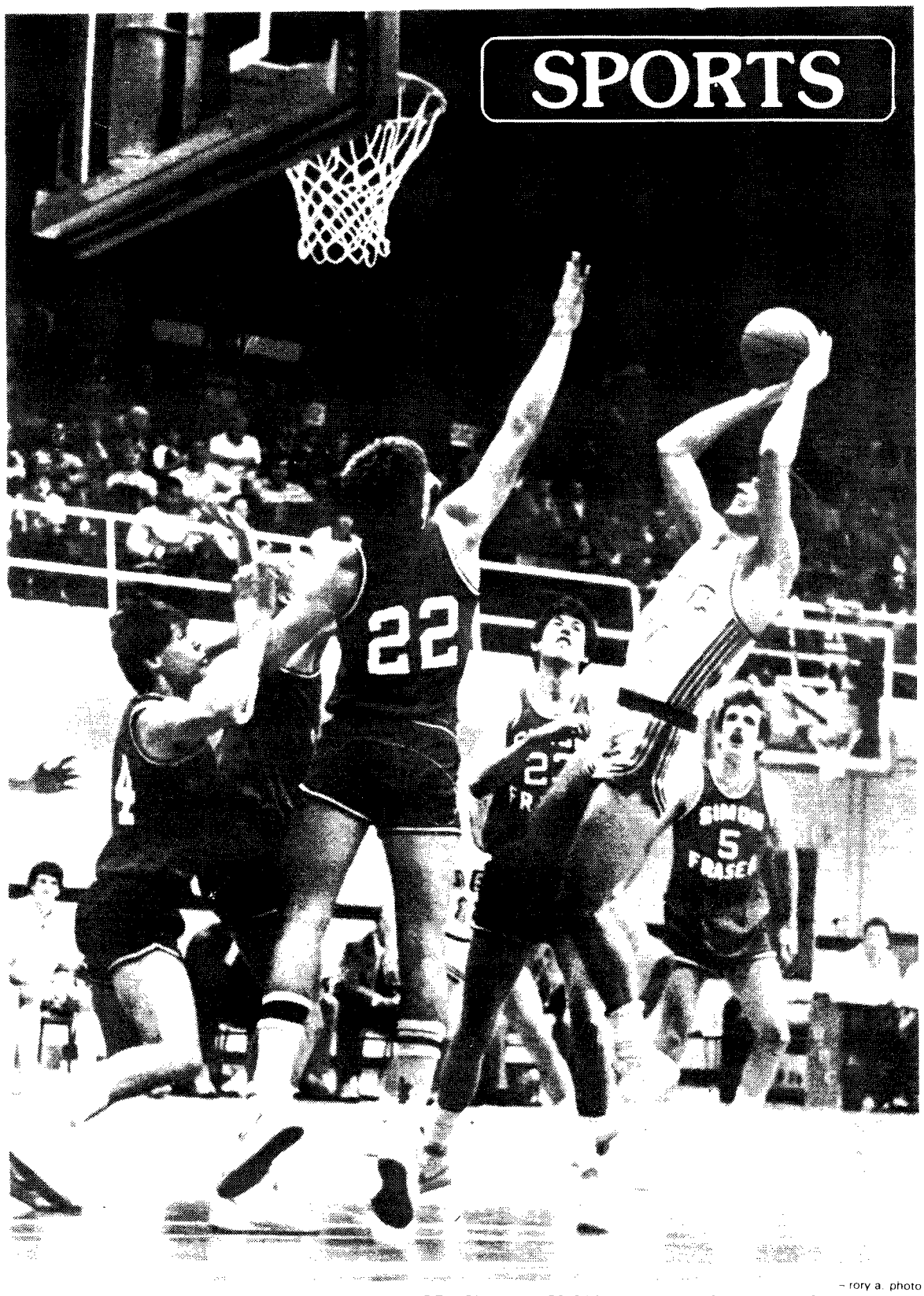
Delia Douglas paced the 'Birds against Saskatchewan. The fourth year forward netted 16 points while the consistent Fedorak scored 13 points.

Sunday, Manitoba came close to beating UBC but the revitalized 'Birds prevailed 65-63. Fedorak fired the 'Birds engines with 19 points and Natalie Johnson produced 14 while Andrea Belcyzk was the leading rebounder with four to her credit.

The Alberta Pandas won the tourney.

This weekend, the 'Birds stage their home opener against the University of Winnipeg Weswomen.

The regular season does not start until the new year but the 'Birds have a strong chance of finishing in one of the four play-off spots.



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UP AND IN: Ken Klassen sinks shot as 'Birds blast SFU Clansmen 80-64 in game two of Buchanan Classic Friday. UBC victory tied the three-game series 1-1. Last night 'Birds bounced the Clan 63-50 to win the Buchanan Cup for the second straight year.

Rowers third at Head, Frostbite coming up

By MARK TEARE and WALTER MARTINDALE

Sunday the men's and women's varsity rowing squads raced in the Head of the Lake regatta.

The course started on Lake Union, passed through the narrow Montlake Cut, and finished outside the University of Washington's Conibear Shellhouse on Lake Washington.

The women's varsity and junior varsity crews faced strong competition from 12 crews in the women's open event. The race was closely contested between the top five crews.

The University of Victoria took first place in 20:16. The UBC varsity women placed third in 20:42 and the UBC junior varsity crew finished eighth (22:29).

UBC coach Drew Harrison said "The varsity crew raced strong and hard. Washington and UVic provide the toughest competition in North America. It was a commendable performance by our crew."

In the men's lightweight eights event UBC finished third (20:15) behind first place University of Washington (20:01) and second place Vancouver Rowing Club lightweights (20:07). Oregon State University placed fourth in 20:17.

In the men's open event, UVic dominated the five kilometre race, demolishing the field of 10 crews from UBC/VRC, UW, OSU, Seattle Pacific, and UBC junior varsity.

Victoria was the overall winner. Although it is disappointing not to have the regatta trophy installed at UBC, it is a pleasure to know the trophy will spend the next year at a Canadian university.

The Frostbite (Green Lake) and Head of the Lake regattas conclude the fall series of races for UBC. Land and water training will continue over the winter, and competition will resume with a spring series of races starting at Shawnigan Lake in late February.

Soccer 'Birds national champs

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On average the 'Birds were better than the Ravens. UBC displayed a much higher skill level but failed to connect on several scoring opportunities. Ken Mulleny, El Ladha, Jonathan Pirie and Murray Millard all came close to clinching the championship in regular time.

"(The Thunderbirds) should have had us earlier," Raven's head coach Bill Thomson said.

"We felt we had a better team than Carleton," said 'Birds' coach Joe Johnson, "but we didn't underestimate them."

The T-Birds were unable to dominate the scoreboard in regulation time because of the precipitous weather conditions. The pouring rain never ceased, preventing the 'Birds from formulating their crisp one-touch passing attack.

Goalkeeper Kennedy probably had one of the best chances to score when he sent a left-footed punt way downfield. The ball bounded in front of the Ravens' keeper on the goal line and flew over his head and the crossbar.

However, Kennedy did do what he did best all season long — keeping the ball out of the net. He made up for his earlier mistake in the overtime and penalty kicks portion of the contest. The engineering student made several vital saves as Carleton opened the overtime session with two quick and dangerous scoring chances.

Ravens' Sean Holmes and UBC's Rob Shelley opened the tie-breaker segment by exchanging goals. Joe Cinani put Carleton up by one goal only to see Armstrong bring UBC back into a tie.

Kennedy proved to be the difference between a national crown and second fiddle for the 'Birds. The UBC keeper stopped John Roumelis twice (because the officials ruled that Kennedy had moved prematurely on the first shot).

After Frank Iuele scored on UBC's third shot, Kennedy shunned Ian Scott. Kent Burkholder ensured the championship by scoring on the fourth UBC attempt, thereby making it impossible for Carleton to win. The goal immediately silenced the vociferous fans who had constantly harassed the Thunderbirds.

Like the 'Birds, the Ravens were unexpected finalists. While the T-Birds were defeating McGill Redmen in one semi-final contest in Montreal the previous weekend, the Ravens posted a 2-0 home victory over the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers. That semi-final contest drew their largest crowd of the season.

Hockey gets ready

The varsity hockey club resumes action this weekend after a two week layoff from Canada West competition.

The third place T-Birds take their 4-2 record into Calgary for a weekend series against the fourth place Dinosaurs.

Bill Holowaty leads the league in scoring. The high scoring centre has notched six goals and added nine assists so far this season. The next highest 'Birds in the scoring race are Graham Kerr and Dave Brownlie. Each has recorded four goals and four assists to date.

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