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Rooms scarce regardless of Expo

Canadian University Press
By JAMES YOUNG

Vancouver landlords are choosing students over Expo guests, say housing administrators at the two local universities.

But that's small compensation to students facing the tightest housing market in five years.

Bob Frampton, residence administrator at UBC said an increase in applications to on-campus housing this summer indicated local landlords were changing student accommodation into more profitable bed-and-breakfast for Expo.

"Now, a lot of people who had decided to piggy-back on the fair's appeal are deciding they would rather convert back and rent to students risk having an empty bed," said Frampton.

There are an estimated 2500 such bed and breakfasts in the Vancouver area, charging guests \$45-\$65 per person per night. But Frampton said profits from such accommodation must already be dropping as the number of out-of-town Expo visitors declines.

At Simon Fraser University, housing manager Geoff Ward said Expo had not affected listings with regular landlords, even during the exhibition's peak summer months.

But with metropolitan Vancouver's apartment vacancy rate of 0.9 per cent, the lowest since October 1981, students say housing is often substandard or overpriced.

"I have rented places close to the university in the past, and have not had a problem finding something in my price range of \$200-\$300," said

UBC student Martin de Jonge, arts 2.

"But this year, there have been occasions when I've arrived at a place at the same time as four or five other students, and just as quickly the place has been rented," he said.

Anna Metaxas, a UBC grad student in oceanography said apartment-hunting in Vancouver was dismal compared to Montreal. "For \$275, you can get an apartment in Montreal, downtown, in a high-rise, with everything included," she said. "Here you can't get anything for \$275 — you'll be lucky if you share."

An April study by the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation indicated Expo was a major factor in the decline in rental housing vacancies, with Vancouver ex-

periencing the largest decrease of market, said Helmut Pastrick, economist for CPMC's B.C. and Yukon division.

The study also estimated employees of international and corporate pavilions would occupy 1000-1500 rental units, and students now speculate a large number of vacancies will appear after Oct. 13, when the fair closes.

Among those benefitting from Expo's close are the 782 students finally moving into Fairview Crescent new residences which UBC rented to Expo Corporation for more than three times student rents.

"The one year tenancy of Expo has allowed us to retire a large part of our debt and also pay for our furnishings," said residence administrator Frampton. However, Expo is really only a short term factor, in Vancouver's rental housing

"The vacancy rate will go up after Expo, but not by all that much, and then resume to the level it was at before," he said. Pastrick said the vacancies will decline and rents will increase in the long run, because of the lack of rental housing. Construction is currently not profitable without government assistance.

A moderating factor will be the migration of people away from B.C. and its weak economy, to other parts of Canada, he said.

Pastrick was not enthusiastic about prospects for student housing.

"Students are always in a difficult position for housing," he said. "But it is not going to be any easier over the next few years."

AMS gets funds

By EVELYN JACOB

The AMS will receive government funding of up to \$28,500 for its bursary program from the Fund for Excellence in Education.

The provincial government announced in August an emergency student aid fund designed to help students suffering financial hardship who would otherwise have to postpone their studies in post-secondary institutions.

\$100,000 has been set aside for B.C. colleges and universities — which will be allocated on the condition individual student societies raise matching funds for the specific purpose of assisting needy students.

UBC has been allotted the largest portion of the fund, with Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria receiving \$12,000 each.

"We're hoping to raise as much money as possible," said AMS president Simon Seshardi, "\$28,500 is the least we will raise."

The provincial student aid program was severely criticized when it was first announced last July for being almost exclusively achievement oriented and not what was needed to ease the financial burden of students in B.C.

The Canadian Federation of Students slammed the needs-based portion of the fund, complaining student societies were doing what governments weren't.

Robert Clift, Simon Fraser student society president, said Thursday the university may refuse their portion of the fund because accepting the money "legitimizes something that was a fraud to begin with."

"The money was taken out of student aid in the past and has now been given back to us... that's a scummy way of providing funding

to post-secondary education," said Clift.

SFU student society was the only university to ask for a return to the grant system in its student aid proposal to the excellence fund this summer which was later rejected by the post-secondary minister's office.

UBC student board representative Don Holubitsky said he does not agree with the criteria of the excellence fund, which rewards only the best students in the province, but said that refusing to participate in the program and letting additional sources of money disappear is "ridiculous."

"Of course we (UBC) could always do with more money, but we were pragmatic. Our proposal conformed to the guidelines of excellence and at least we got some money," said Holubitsky.

Five \$250 AMS bursaries were allocated to students last year who demonstrated need and who helped the community in some way.

There will be a minimum of nine bursaries available this year.

Holubitsky said 100 bursaries will be created for students in the next 10 years if government funding continues.

The AMS bursary fund was created two years ago in response to the student aid crisis, when the Bennett government slashed funding to financial assistance programs.

The AMS makes a yearly mandatory contribution of \$11,000 to the bursary fund which is raised through the student lottery, the Vancity Exchange, TCU SUB lease revenue (now Hi-tech video machines), and through donations from council and individuals. The total value of the AMS bursary fund is currently estimated at \$41,000.



— rory allen photo

THREE WEIRD SISTERS concoct deadly potion to seduce unsuspecting young virgin males. Wicked smiles tell tale of woe and plunder as the ghosts of young men linger in front of Mary's screen door driving burned out Chevrolets.

Former student senator murdered

By ROBERT BEYNON

Friends cannot understand why anyone would kill UBC student Barry Mah.

The fourth year commerce student was found in the Mount Pleasant Community Centre parking lot last Tuesday night with serious head injuries. He was brain dead Wednesday. His heart stopped at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Mah has six credits left in a commerce degree which he hoped to complete after Christmas this year. He was an active Maranatha ministries member, a student senator in 1984-85 and unsuccessfully ran for AMS director of finance in 1985.

His photo and a testimonial were published on a poster distributed nation-wide by Maranatha ministries, a controversial Christian organization.

Mah was beaten with a club or long, blunt instrument. Police have no suspects of motives.

His friends are shocked said Keith Coleman, Maranatha ministries' pastor and close friend. "He was a real outward going guy — a nice guy — who made friends easily," he said.

Coleman said Mah would do anything to help his friends. "Sometime in the future he was hoping to be a federal politician," added Coleman.

Mah, 26, was an active Progressive Conservative member and had been a delegate to the last PC leadership conference. Coleman said some federal cabinet members knew him.

Camille Dionne, former UBC student and friend who attended the leadership conference with him, said she was so upset when she heard of his death that she forgot to write the funeral's date down.

"I've been half-shattered since," she said, adding Mah was a very friendly man with no enemies.

AMS president Simon Sheshadri knew Mah when he was a student senator. He said Mah was a cons-

cious guy who got involved in politics because he wanted to make a difference to Canada.

He lived at 1976 Napier Street with his parents. He worked for Census Canada this summer and had started looking for new work in a managerial position.

Services will be held at the Glenhaven Memorial Chapel Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.



Barry Mah

Bad news for new bills

You will have to wait until the middle of October before you can turn your new \$2 bill into quarters at SUB.

That's when the Alma Mater Society will modify the bill-changing machines in the student union building to accept Canada's new currency.

AMS business manager Charles Redden said the AMS had decided to wait until the new \$2 bills were in wider circulation before modifying the machines. At present the machines do not accept the new \$5 bill which was first issued in

July and has since entered into general circulation.

The machines use a microprocessor chip to scan various designs of the old currency before issuing the appropriate number of quarters.

"We'll be putting in new chips that will recognize both currency designs," said Redden. "They'll all be done at the same time, so that there'll be no loss of service."

Redden said the total cost of modifying the machines would be \$250.

He added the AMS was undecided about what to do when the \$1 coin is issued next year.

Shhhhhhhhhh

A crackdown on eating and drinking, and disruptive behavior has begun in Sedgewick and Main libraries, UBC's head librarian said Monday. Douglas McInnes said the libraries are making a special effort this year to control noise and eating. The libraries have hired five monitors to police Sedgewick and Main for consumers of food and drink, and for rowdy students in the study areas.

Students who persist in breaking the rules may face a loss of library privileges. "Suspension is a definite possibility," McInnes said.

The monitors will first issue warnings and copies of library regulations to the violators. Repeat offenders will be asked for identification and asked to leave.

The crackdown is designed to put a halt to non-study use of the libraries, and is receiving, some positive response, according to McInnes.

"Sedgewick is a library and not a social centre," said McInnes. Although he said there had been no demand from students for the new rules, the policy has not met with much opposition.

"Food has in the past created problems by encouraging silverfish and other paper-eating vermin, and computer terminals have been damaged by drink spills.

"People who want to use the libraries to study will find it better in the future," said McInnes.

Students views were generally in favour of the crackdown. Bruce Foster, arts 3: "I'm highly supportive of the new rules. I didn't like Sedgewick before when the silent part was quiet and the quiet part was really noisy."

But Paul Dhaliwal, applied science 2, objected to the changes: "you can't think if you can't eat," he said.

"In this chapter we have to ask ourselves whether, in any sense at all, there is such a thing as matter. Is there a table which has a certain intrinsic nature, and continues to exist when I am not looking, or is the table merely a product of my imagination, a dream-table in a very prolonged dream? This question is of the greatest importance."

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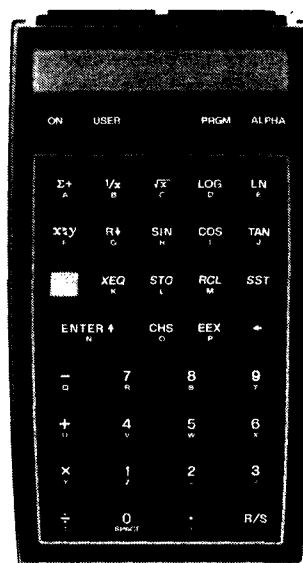
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Make BC nuclear weapons free

By CASSANDRA FREEMAN

Forty-six B.C. districts and municipalities have declared themselves nuclear free zones, a Vancouver City Hall alderman announced Saturday during the second annual B.C. Peace Conference held at U.B.C.

Libby Davies joined over 100 delegates from 41 different B.C. locations to discuss the problems and possible strategies involved in making Canada a nuclear weapons free nation.

Peter Brown, a member of

Operation Dismantle, an Ottawa based national disarmament group, and Mike Wallace, U.B.C. professor of political science, discussed the federal government's contradictory nuclear weapon's policies.

According to Wallace, while Canada has a long history of supporting a comprehensive nuclear test ban, "it is not prepared to speak out publicly against the United States" on the issue. He said although the Canadian delegation to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva is presently working for a moratorium on nuclear weapons

testing, Canada abstained in the last U.N. vote so as "to avoid conflict with the U.S."

Wallace said "the Canadian Department of Defense regards their chain of command as coming from Washington not Ottawa."

Speaking to a half full SUB auditorium, Brown said while prime minister Brian Mulroney insists Canada is a nuclear weapons-free country, Canada allows warships to dock in Canadian harbours which "almost certainly" carry nuclear weapons.

According to Brown, in the first

half of 1986, there was a 150 per cent increase over 1985 in the number of U.S. warships and submarines entering Canadian ports. Eighty-three per cent of the ships enter West Coast ports.

At a press conference at city hall Friday, alderman Libby Davies said members of City Council are gathering support to pressure the provincial government into declaring B.C. a nuclear weapons-free zone.

"This would have enormous significance nationally, said Davies. "It would say to the federal government we've had enough of your hypocrisy," she added.

At the close of the Peace Conference delegates agreed to mount a local campaign to convince the provincial government into declaring B.C. a nuclear weapons free zone.

Local peace groups will solicit petitions from city council to submit to the provincial legislature.

Delegates to the peace conference also called on the Federal Government to work for international acceptance in establishing a demilitarized zone in the high Arctic. "The Americans have never formally accepted our sovereignty to the high Arctic, and this is a sore point in Ottawa," said Wallace. He said an Arctic treaty with the Soviets and Scandinavians would allow Canada to establish its sovereignty over the area.

The B.C. Peace Conference was organized by "End The Arms Race," a Vancouver-based coalition of 230 peace groups and peace supporting organizations in the province.



ROOKIE U.B.C. CHEMIST discovers Love Potion #9 by accident while trying to invent a cure for apethitis, a disease striking two out of three UBC students during the third week of classes. This disease increases in in-

tensity during the month of November and takes over the individual's personality as the month of December approaches.

Pub boycotts beer

By EVELYN JACOB

Carling O'Keefe products will soon disappear from the shelves of the Pub at Simon Fraser University.

The student-run pub's board of directors on the urging of SFU student society, voted unanimously on Sept. 2 to halt the sale of South-African linked Carling O'Keefe products on campus.

Sales of Miller beer, Black Label, Extra Old Stock, Carlsberg, Cincinnati Cream Ale, and Fosters will cease as soon as the pub's current stock is eliminated.

The board's action came after SFU campus union CUPE 236 learned that dividends from Carling sales could find their way back to South Africa.

"The purpose of the boycott is not to destroy Carling but to force the breaking of the South-African connection," CUPE member Nick Witherford said in an interview Friday. Witherford, speaking on behalf of the union said the Pub intends no "hostility" toward Carling. He said he hopes the present boycott will pressure South-African owners to sell Carling to Canadians.

Carling O'Keefe is owned by Rothman's International, a subsidiary of the South-African parent Rembrandt Corporation which owns the third largest non-union mining corporation in South Africa.

The Pub voted last year to stop the sale of Rothman cigarettes but did not boycott Carling O'Keefe because they believed erroneously they were legally obliged to sell the products.

The union has since established with the B.C. liquor control board

that the pub will not lose its license if it refuses to sell Carling beer.

The Pub joins student-run bars in the University of Victoria, Alberta, and Ottawa in recent boycotts of South-African linked products.

"This is a clear indication that the sale of South-African connected products is repugnant to students," said Witherford.

SFU student society president Robert Clift said however, he did not receive a petition from students to stop the sale of Carling products, and has no idea how students feel about the boycott. Despite numerous attempts to reach the Pub, the Ubyssy was told members were too busy to comment on the recent action.

SFU student society resource coordinator Stephen Howard said Pub members are hesitant to talk to the press: "they're trying to maintain good relations with the breweries," he said.

According to Howard, Carling O'Keefe products amount to 20 per cent of the Pub's overall sales.

In a prepared statement to the Pub's board of directors, Carling O'Keefe regional sales manager Barry Bock said Carling hopes the Pub will withdraw its boycott because Carling is 50 per cent Canadian-owned.

"How we were treated at SFU was unfair," said Bock. "We're not bad people. "Although Rothmans is Carling's major shareholder, over 80 per cent of remaining shareholders are based in Canada," he said.

Bock said Carling employed over 1400 Canadian students in 1983, with total wage bills of \$8.9 million.

AMS finance director Jamie Collins said Carling sales to the Pit Pub and Gallery Lounge are approximately \$270,000 a year, which amounts to 30 per cent of both bars' total sales. Carling also provides a "service" to undergraduate society activities, fraternities, and clubs on campus.

Asked to explain the service, Bock refused to comment. "We (Carling) have been involved in a lot of functions on campus for years, but I cannot disclose how or who we contribute to for competitive sales reasons."

The AMS has stated repeatedly it will not boycott the sale of South-African tied products in SUB because it cannot make moral decisions for students.

"We make decisions on issues that affect students as students," said AMS president Simon Seshadri.

"The Apartheid question affects students as people," he said. But Clift said student societies have a responsibility to take the lead on all issues of student concern.

Groups say Ontario gov't subtle about cuts

By MICHELLE LALONDE

TORONTO (CUP) — Funding for colleges and universities is dwindling across the country, but the Ontario government is the most subtle about funding cuts, say educational and student groups.

Tony Macerollo, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said the Ontario government is "dismantling post-secondary education piece by piece—it is just not as blatant as the B.C. government." The Social Credit government dropped all student aid grants two years ago, and has frozen or cut provincial contributions for three years.

In Ontario, cuts are coming through the back door, Macerollo said. Several schools have introduced new administrative fees that sidestep the government's ban on incidental fees. Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, for example, recently introduced a \$30 penalty for students who

choose to pay their fees in installments.

A 35 per cent increase in the controversial computer fee at the University of Waterloo prompted the Liberal government to this summer ban incidental fees, but allow universities to annually raise the cost of tuition by five per cent.

"The administrations will keep coming up with these neat little ways to get around the tuition ceiling," said Barry Hayward, president of the Ryerson student council, "until the government begins to provide adequate funding."

While Ontario has a problem with incidental fees, Macerollo says students in other provinces face stiff problems. Newfoundland students weathered a 30 per cent-plus unemployment rate this summer, restricting access to post-secondary education. In Nova Scotia, students pay the highest fees in the country with a base charge of \$1500. Tuition fees in Quebec may

triple next year as the government reconsiders the fee freeze students have enjoyed for 17 years.

"All in the name of budget cuts. We have to start looking at post-secondary education as an investment, not a cost," said Macerollo, who served last year as student council president at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Ontario ranks next to Nova Scotia as the province with the lowest proportion of its annual budget spent on post-secondary education. Alberta ranks highest.

In a news brief, the Council of Ontario Universities says costs at Ontario universities have increased by 94 per cent since 1977, while the government has in the same period increased grants by only 68 per cent.

The cost of replacing depreciating equipment in Ontario has been estimated at \$89 million per year, while in 1984-85, only \$53 million could be found for new

equipment.

"The longer the delay in addressing this issue, the greater the problems will be, and the larger the cost of replacing them," says the Council brief.

Many of the Liberal government's education problems may be inherited from the Conservative government that ruled Ontario for more than four decades. Since 1977, enrolment in Ontario's colleges and universities has jumped by 20 per cent.

"This has adversely affected instruction. Faculty-student ratios have deteriorated. There is less faculty and student contact, more large classes, (and) fewer written assignments."

Although no significant enrollment change is anticipated for the rest of the decade, the brief warns the system is not prepared to handle a possible enrolment bulge should the province drop Grade 13.

Freedumb

Yesterday Brian Mulroney gave a powerful speech on freedom of the press. Perhaps the Prime Minister believes it is better to give than to receive, because he refused to listen to what anyone else had to say.

Mulroney made two speeches while in Vancouver and attended a Conservative gathering in town without saying a single word to the press.

At first the irony of his actions when related to his speech seemed humorous. Yet this is not a laughing matter. The most powerful person in Canadian public office hasn't held a formal press conference in almost half a year.

People need to know what the prime minister thinks. It is interesting to compare Mulroney to Pierre Trudeau. When Trudeau gave the West the finger, everyone knew exactly what despicable things he thought. Mr. Mulroney is another matter. Not only do we not know what goes on in his pinstriped mind, we no longer know if anything goes on up there.

Please Mr. Camp, more Brian Mulroney.



Letters

Council seeks criticism from those who know

As a member of the AMS Student's Council, I would like to respond to Dermot Travis's letter appearing in the Tuesday, September 9th, UBYSSY entitled "AMS spends lots for little". Reading this letter I realized how little he actually knows about council's activities.

For instance, with regards to the food bank, the AMS undertook to initiate a food bank and involve an on-campus volunteer organization to operate the project on a full time basis. The AMS never had any intention of running the food bank, nor is it to be AMS funded other

than the initial administrative and organizational costs.

The AMS simply initiated the project to fill a need on campus. Contrary to Travis' incorrect allegations, the AMS Food Bank is in fact working with the Vancouver Food Bank, and has been doing so since May. I am also interested to note that a food bank has been established at Simon Fraser University for two years with considerable success.

Regarding the B.C. Transit issue, I wonder if Travis recalls last summer when AMS External Affairs

Coordinator Duncan Stewart valiantly battled B.C. Transit and the government on bus fare hikes and post-secondary student concession fares to no avail.

Had we paid someone for another summer to fight in vain Travis would likely have criticized us for that. As it was, SFU Student Society President Rob Cliff was unsuccessful in his bid.

Last February, the AMS Hiring Committee requested ideas for sum-

mer projects for the AMS to undertake. As the member of that committee who reviewed the proposals, I did not see any proposals originating from Travis in any area despite requests for student input.

Student's Council is not afraid of criticism, as an input it can be quite constructive. Coming from one who does not know the facts, nor expends any effort to help, however, it is valueless.

Doug Martin
president, engineering
undergraduate society

Busy student blithers

I'm getting sick and tired of reading Dermot Travis' insulting letters in The Ubyssy. After all the actual work has been done by others, Mr. Travis seems to be able to find plenty of time to write lengthy letters to The Ubyssy telling council what should have been done instead.

Yet when I asked him to join the External Affairs Committee, he replied, "I don't have time." When Simon Seshadri invited him to get involved in any way he could, he said "I have no interest in student politics."

If Mr. Travis feels that the AMS does not do enough, it's up to him and to anyone else who feels the same way to step in and help get things done. Or if you can't find time for that, at least come to us and give us your constructive suggestions while there's still time to

do something about them, rather than waiting until it's too late for them to do anybody any good.

If you have some venom to get rid of, Dermot, use it against a government that considers Sunday drinking a more important issue than education. Don't waste your valuable time uselessly attacking and insulting Students' Council.

We are the sub-zero percentage of the UBC population that actually gets involved in trying to make life better and easier for all of us. In addition to trying to work with an uncaring and unresponsive government, we have to fight the massive, sluggish, omnipresent apathy of people like you who would rather blither on endlessly about the incompetence of others than try to do anything concrete themselves.

Carol Pedlar
coordinator of external affairs

Breathtaking fun at CLUBSPO '86

Attention new students, returning students, young and old! This is just a reminder of the exciting and long awaited for event at UBC — CLUBSPO '86.

Currently the AMS has 160 affiliated clubs, encompassing a wide spectrum of topics ranging from sports to politics, religion to concern groups. There is a club on campus for everyone. Remove your

head from the books and broaden your experiences at UBC by joining a club. It is a good chance to meet people, develop new interests, learn something new and have fun, all the same time.

The opportunity to see what clubs UBC offers will occur this Thursday and Friday, September 18 and 19 in the Student Union Pavilion from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All clubs will have display

booths on either the upper or lower floors of SUB. Come and take this opportunity to see what terrific clubs UBC offers.

If you have any questions regarding joining or establishing a new club please contact Laura Chanin or Brent Watkins in the SAC office - SUB Room 246.

Get involved and make the most of your university years!

Laura Chanin
clubs commissioner

Get involved

I have read Dermot Travis' letter to AMS President Simon Seshadri in The Ubyssy (September 9th). What the hell is your problem?

If you do not like the way the current AMS government is running things, why don't you do something other than writing 500 words of garbage? Get involved! The only way to change things is to become active, whether it be with council, SAC, etc. Your views on various Council committees, and indeed Council itself, will really carry some weight. If you can't be bothered to become actively involved, your views carry no weight.

You came to Council with some good suggestions in May, yet you were unwilling to become involved politically. Neither do you come to see the executive to discuss your concerns now. The AMS executive makes itself available to all students, and in fact, we encourage students to voice their concerns to us.

We don't hide behind our office doors; I suggest you stop hiding behind the press.

Martin Cocking
Director of Administration

Students of UBC — Unite and Write! If you have something to gripe about, or a message for the UBC community, or an opinion — let us know. The Ubyssy welcomes all letters but please remember that they must be typed on a 70 character line and triple spaced. Bring your words of wisdom along with some identification to room 241K, SUB. Long standing Ubyssy policy allows venerated editors to chop out any racist, sexist or homophobic remarks and of course we reserve the right to edit letters for brevity.

Don't let anger stew inside you and rot out your innards. We need a letter more than your grandmother does so sit down now — quick, while the spirit moves you, write like you've never written before. Practice makes perfect and old wives tales always hold a grain of truth.

If you aren't writing for the betterment of the human race, then write because it will improve your essay style. Write to make a long story short or write to make a short story well known. Write because you mother told you to, although she meant write home. This is not only directed to right-handed conservatives. We also take letters from ambidextrous socialists. Write left! But write.

Taste for adventure is tasteless

You allocate three-quarters of page 12 of your issue of 28 February 1986 to a colour advertisement for Export "A" cigarettes. There can be no doubt that this ad, headlined "A taste for adventure," promotes smoking. Its appearance in The Ubyssy is clearly targeted to promote smoking among the under-26 age bracket characterizing the bulk

of your readership.

Cigarette smoking is established as an addictive syndrome causing reduced physical efficiency and leading to crippling diseases. In the face of mounting evidence of endemic smoking among persons age 25 and under, your publishing this advertisement is irresponsible.

Richard Seaton
Vancouver, B.C.

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It was another late night at the printers when the phone rang over the clatter of Jeffrey Schwartz's typewriter. "You're holding us hostage?" questioned Jeffrey. His mouth hung low. "We must write a conservative paper from now on?" "That's right" crackled the voice on the other end, sounding eerily like Robert Beynon. "If you fail on this assignment you will be forced to do all your shopping at the Vanderwack Mall". Peter Berlin squealed and Jennifer Lyall glared in disbelief. No more rampage against provincial funding she thought. Her world now crushed, she fainted. Dan Andrews, being the only one to catch her sudden fall. Betsy Goldberg, James Young and Evelyn Jacob stared off into the distance, their eyes fixed with a permanent glaze. "What shall we do?" cried Michael Groberman. Svetozar Kontic, Steve Chan, Laura Oakley and the rest of the gang took a quick consensus deciding to risk their entire future social lives by buying clothes from this back woods mall. "Oh well" sighed Pradeep Jethi. "it will be in the name of free press". "And unbiased journalism" added Corinne Bjorge. Meanwhile George of no last name, Cassandra Freeman and David Ferman were scrambling for the phone to find a late night propane conversion shop.

U. of M. quality jeopardized

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The government of Manitoba is jeopardizing the quality of education at the University of Manitoba with "unfair" funding policies, according to university administrators.

Vice-president academic Fred Stambrook said the government's University Grants Committee has increased operating grants by a level "which does not do justice to the U of M or the needs of the Manitoba public."

The UGC in May granted 2.97 per cent increases in the operating budgets of the U of M, the University of Winnipeg, Brandon University and St. Boniface College.

Mark Rogers, president of the U of M student union, said the across the board increases do not cover the costs of more specialized and expensive programs offered at the university.

"In Manitoba, post-secondary education is given a low priority,"

Rogers said. "All universities have the same position, but we are most severely hit, especially as a result of our diversity."

The University of Manitoba — the largest in the province with 22,437 full and part time students — is employing a number of strategies to deal with an expected shortfall of \$3.7 million this year.

The university has already reallocated funds. A university senate report says the fuel and utilities budget for the year has been transferred to academic expenditures, leaving the campus vulnerable in the case of an unexpectedly severe winter.

The most controversial cuts are to academic programs.

Dean of Arts John Finlay said, "We were obliged to cancel 85 (undergraduate) courses and six graduate courses we intended to offer." Enrolment in the faculty of arts dropped four per cent this year

after years of steady increases.

Enrolment in the science faculty jumped by seven per cent this year, straining laboratory and research facilities shared with engineering and medical students.

"Over the last two or three years, our ability to offer adequate laboratory instruction has become seriously impaired," Stambrook said. "The long term, cumulative effect on the university is in fact alarming."

He said the U of M graduate program "lacks an adequate system of graduate support." He pointed out that \$3.2 million is set aside for graduate student support in Saskatchewan's universities, while the larger and more diverse graduate faculty at the U of M has a gross expenditure of \$1.3 million.

Tuition fee hikes of eight per cent will not make a dent in the expected budgetary shortfall. Academic fees for students will total almost \$22


million this year, representing only 13 per cent of the university's total income.

Student union president Rogers does not expect a tuition fee increase of more than three or four per cent next year. Tuition fee increases are tied directly to the UGC grant for next year.

"I don't see a danger of the operating grant going below two per cent," said Rogers. "The provincial government is responsible enough to give at least that."

He added the federal government should assume more responsibility in financing Canada's post-secondary schools.

The U of M administration will not only have to cut spending, but be more accountable for fiscal planning.



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Women question; men interrupt

By Maggie DeVries
and Melinda Wittstock
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A researcher, pen and paper in hand, is sitting in on an informal meeting between students planning a benefit concert to raise money to send school supplies to Nicaraguan students, hit badly by the U.S. trade embargo against the Sandinista government.

She is listening carefully to the discussion, noting words and pronunciations, documenting the number of hesitations and interruptions, and timing the length of the students' utterances.

Jeremy: "I think the benefit should take place a week Saturday . . . I've made arrangements for three bands to play . . . at this point, we only need to delegate duties — Tara, how would you like to take care of the information tables at the benefit?"

Tara: "Um, well sure, I guess I wouldn't mind too much, but, well (pause), I'm sorry to say this, but I don't know if we should have the benefit so late though because the ship for Nicaragua is leaving two

days before and . . ."

Jeremy (interrupting): "Well, we've already established that the date of the benefit is Saturday." (seven second pause.)

Tara: "Don't you . . . I (stammer), well it seems to me you . . . you . . . you . . . probably (pause) well, maybe it is too late, but I feel —"

Jeremy (interrupting): "You're right Tara. It is too late to change the date . . ."

Studies such as this are part of a growing field of language research — the role of gender in speech. The emphasis rests primarily on how, under what conditions, and why the sexes talk differently.

Recent studies, like the one by University of California sociologists Candace West and Don Zimmerman, have found that, in average conversation, women ask 70 per cent of the questions while 96 per

cent of all interruptions are made by men.

Not only do men do the lion's share of the interrupting, but men speak with more conviction and often appropriate women's ideas as their own. Women are more likely to turn statements into questions, preface their statements with apologies and seek male validation for their ideas.

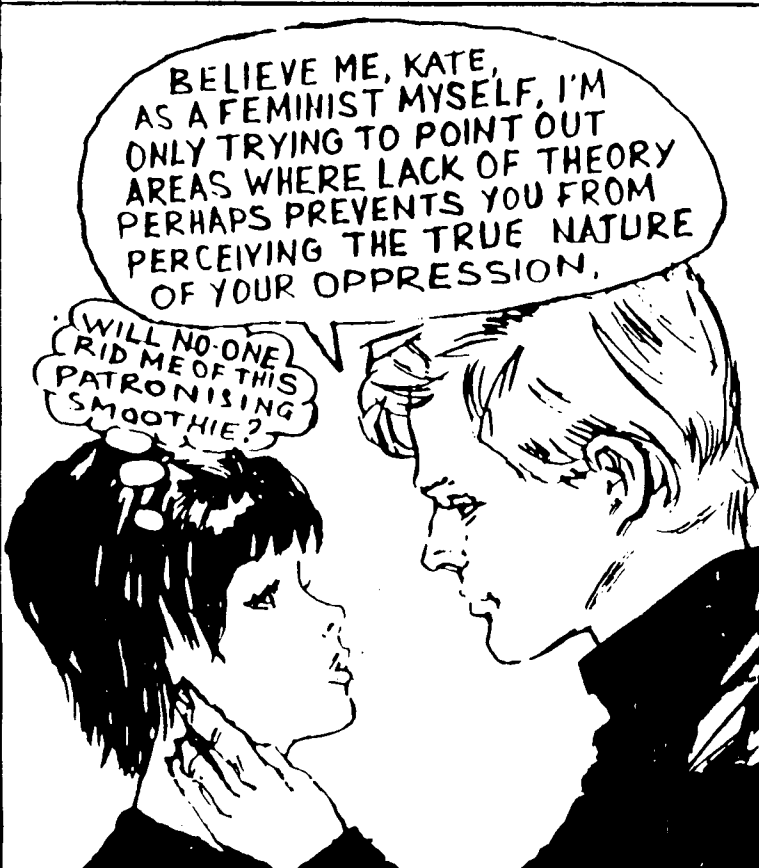
From board of trade meetings to

local peace groups to student councils to classrooms, this pattern is typical.

More and more researchers are trying to discover how and why these differences in the use of language between women and men came about. And feminists have connected these differences to discrimination against women. "Inspired by the women's movement,"

See page 9: Men

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UBC is in no hurry to find a new vice-president of academic and student services, AMS president said Thursday.

"It's more important to get the best candidate for the position and not make a snap decision," said Simon Seshadri Wednesday.

The newly-created position will replace the two associate vice-president and posts of academic and student services.

The positions are currently held by Cyril Finnegan and Neil Riseborough.

Seshadri said a seven-member committee has interviewed only three candidates, who are currently under consideration.

"There is a possibility we will interview more people, but we haven't got anyone formally scheduled for interviews right now," said Seshadri. He said no new candidates have been interviewed since July. Seshadri would not say if the applicants were from UBC or from outside the university, and would not disclose if Riseborough or Finnegan are being considered for the position.

Riseborough said he will make no comment until the position is filled.

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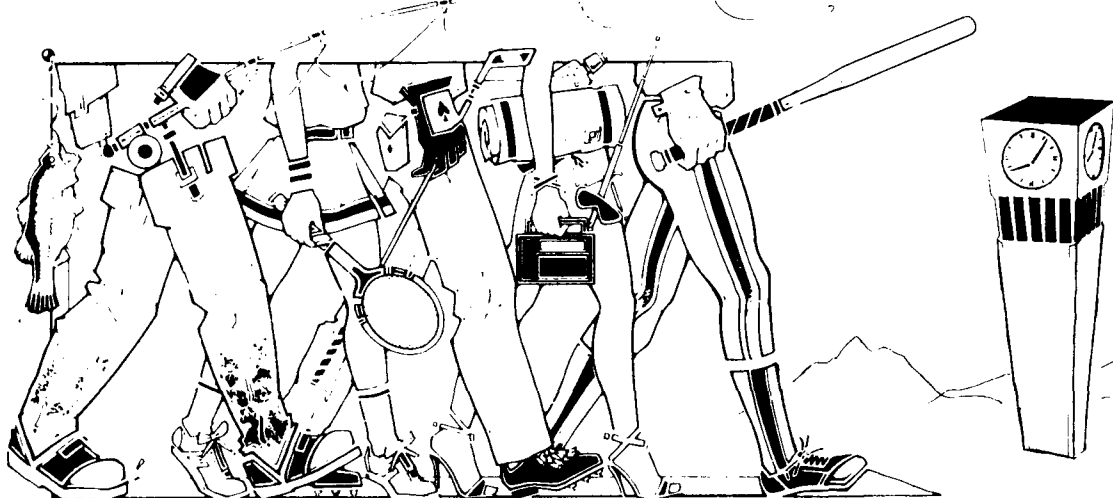
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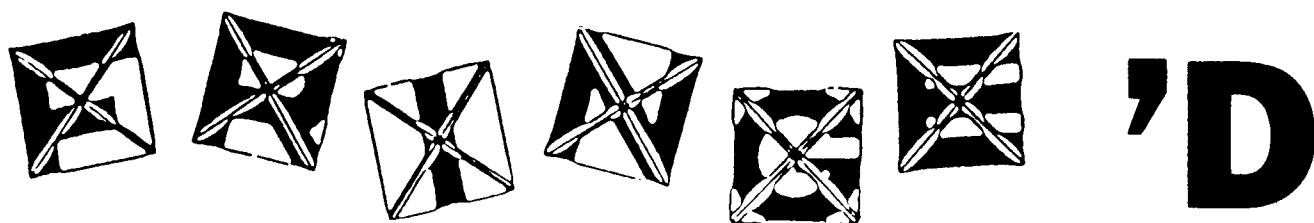
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Sit-com disappoints

By PRADEEP JETHI

If you like theatre as sit-com, Shared Accomodations is for you. The play operates as a sort of Three's Company set in Kitsilano.

about one's-self, but the inability of the actors to make their characters believable subverts the dialogue so it is just preaching and screaming.

Shared Accomodations
By Leslie Taylor
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
535 East Broadway
September 19, 20, 21: 11:30 p.m.

On the eve of his thirteenth birthday, Tom, a yuppie depressed at not having accomplished anything in his life, discovers that his brother, Kevin, is having a homosexual affair with Richard, another member of the co-op house they share.

Throw in Nichole, television anchor person who hates having doors slammed, Harriet, a born-again Christian, and Mike, a political activist and neat freak, add some formulaic plot twists, and you have a pretty blasé comedy.

It appears the audience is meant to gain an understanding of relationships and the need to feel good

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Local Dark Horse stumbles

By JEFFREY SWARTZ

Craig Duffy directed Stefan Schutz's Mayakovsky at UBC a few years back. At this year's Fringe Festival he and Dark Horse Theatre have chosen the Russian poet's self-titled Vladimir Mayakovsky: a tragedy as one their projects (the other is The Serpents Tooth).

in early Russian films such as Eisenstein's Strike!

Still, there is little dramatic conflict here apart from a battle of visions, though eventually the suffering of humanity and the inevitability of revolutionary upheaval find

their articulation. The performance I saw was rushed and hard to follow, with only Jason Metz as The Conventional Young Man attaining sufficient tension to move the play beyond affected stylization.

Subway moves

By JEFFREY SWARTZ

Alexina Dalgetty's three Subway Plays together constitute a whole, each piece supporting the others.

The Subway Plays
By Alexina Dalgetty
Vancouver Little Theatre
3102 Main Street
(enter via Watson Street)
September 16: 3 p.m.
September 17, 18: 12 noon

The action revolves around grandmother Hetty (portrayed in a fine performance by Valerie Laub) who has made her home in the subway in which she believes her husband met his death.

In Listening to the Angels her

companion is Sam (Tom Laxell), a subterranean musician who has trouble getting his clarinet to make music; and Meg (Robin Rohatyn), a spinster (or is she?) whose strongest feelings are reserved for her unopened cans of food until the gentle Sam draws out deeper secrets.

Dalgetty's plays show strong writing promise, especially in her ability to derive humour from the trivial. Although her use of playwrighting convention is too often transparent, with a too casual willingness to turn the plot with a profound twist, The Subway Plays are clear, thoughtful, and entertaining.

Vladimir Mayakovsky: a tragedy
By Vladimir Mayakovsky
Directed by Craig Duffy
Heritage Hall
3102 Main Street
September 16, 18, 2 p.m.

Through poetic monologues spoken in demi-prophetic voice, the play is a dialectic towards consciousness, with The Poet (played by Brent Fidler), the central figure. He is alternately mocked and revered by The People and The Oldster, whom Mayakovsky has conceived as representative types rather than conventional characters.

Duffy has caught the spirit of Russian revolutionary stylization; the vaudevillian delivery can be seen

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Peace groups protest warships

By JAMES YOUNG

In a series of protests on Sept. 11, 12 and 13, students from five local campuses demonstrated against nine U.S. warships visiting Vancouver.

Students from Langara, Capilano and Emily Carr colleges, along with UBC and Simon Fraser University, participated in the Vancouver Peace Flotilla Coalition which protested against the warships and the nuclear weapons they are believed to be carrying.

"Our plan was to meet the warships and slow them down," said Dave Roscoe, a member of Langara's Students for Peace and Disarmament who was in an inflatable Zodiac raft operated by the environmental group Greenpeace.

Roscoe said he called to the U.S. sailors and told them to jump ship if they had any concern for the world. "We told them they were welcome as civilians and the ships were welcome without nuclear weapons aboard," he said.

Roscoe said he was worried about the possibility of a nuclear accident and the identification of the port as a military target.

In the Sept. 11 protest, about 30 of the Flotilla's small pleasure craft, sailboats and kayaks formed a floating picket line against the warships, including an aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Constellation.

The ship stands 10 storeys high, is the length of two football fields and has a crew of 5,000.

Seeing the Constellation emerge from the fog, Roscoe said he felt a mixture of fear and awe.

"I felt a chill come through me," said Roscoe. "I was thinking that these boats have millions of dollars of hardware on board that could be used to annihilate the citizens of the world."

While the U.S. Navy will not state whether particular warships are actually carrying nuclear weapons, activists say this is a safe assumption to make.

They cite former U.S. Navy officials, including admiral Eugene Carroll who said, "all U.S. warships that are capable of carrying nuclear weapons do carry nuclear weapons."

According to the Washington based Center for Defense Information, the Constellation can carry 147 nuclear weapons on its aircraft alone, with potential destructive power varying between 47 and 12,000 times that of the Hiroshima bomb.

Johanne Paradis, a graduate student in linguistics at UBC, called the aircraft carrier a "death machine," and said the protestors' actions were not anti-American.

"We have nothing against the sailors enjoying our city — we just don't want nuclear weapons in our harbour," she said.

"If the warships were from anywhere in the world we would protest against them," she added.

As a result of the demonstration,



Peace demonstrators die en masse.

— steve chan photo

police arrested three people: two from Greenpeace, and charged them with the dangerous operation of a motor vessel in the inner harbour.

Roscoe and Paradis said the police, representing four different forces, acted aggressively towards the protestors who had been ordered to stay outside a 100 meter zone around the ships.

"The Zodiacs were not even within the 100 meter limit and the police came and tried to swamp them," said Roscoe.

At a city hall press conference, Peter Brown, executive officer for the Ottawa-based peace group Operation Dismantle, said the U.S.

Navy experienced 60 accidents with nuclear weapons in the 20 year period from 1965-85.

"Every time one of these ships comes in we are risking an accident on the scale of Chernobyl," said Brown.

He said a ship fire could ignite a conventional explosive surrounding the plutonium in the core of the nuclear weapons.

"Bear in mind we are dealing with the most toxic chemical that we are aware of — one millionth of a gram if inhaled, can almost guarantee lung cancer," he said.

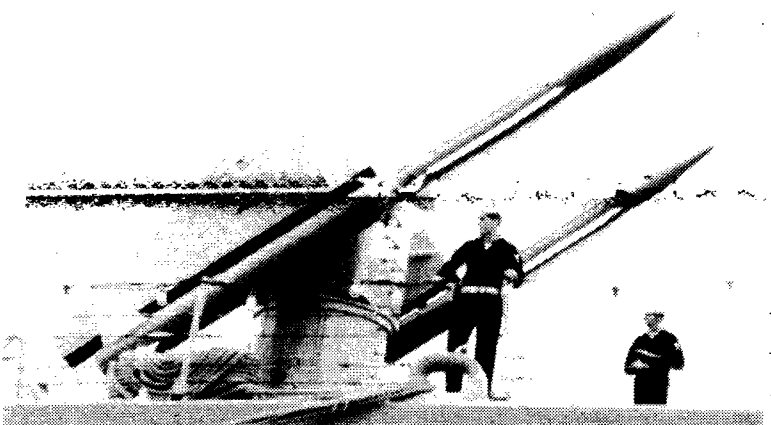
Brown also said U.S. Navy visits to Canada are increasing dramatically with warships spending

272 days in Canadian ports in 1985, an increase of 250 per cent over the average for the past ten years.

The 1986 rate has increased by half again, he said. Of the total number of Canadian visits 83 per cent came to the west coast ports of Vancouver, Esquimalt and Nanooose Bay, with the others stopping at Montreal, Quebec City, Charlotte town, Halifax and St. John's.

Both Roscoe and Paradis said students have a part to play in the Campaign.

"If we want a future, then we have to fight for it," said Paradis.



U.S. NUCLEAR WARSHIPS docked at Ballantyne Pier.

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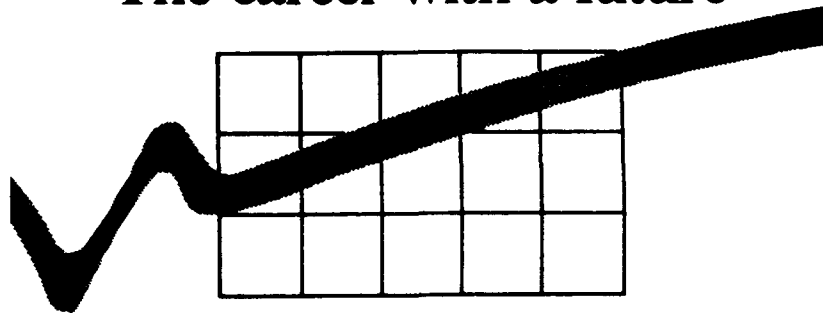
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Men dominate conversations with women

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writes John Pfeiffer in the science journal Science '85 "the boom (in this research) started little more than a decade ago."

Prior to the mid-'70s, differences in speech patterns were often explained by researchers — mostly male — as innate, biologically-determined inferiorities on the part of women. Pfeiffer uses the example of Otto Jespersen, a Danish linguist who, writes Pfeiffer, "has earned a prominent place in the feminist rogue's gallery."

In 1922, Jespersen wrote in his book Language: "Women much more often than men break off without finishing their sentences, because they start talking without having thought out what they are going to say."

This loaded statement intimates that women are somehow less 'rational' than men, rather than looking to the underlying reasons why women speak differently than men and how that is connected to their subjugation in a sexist society.

Jespersen neglects to mention that men are usually the culprits that succeeded not only in breaking off women's sentences through interruption, but also in judging what is a legitimate thought. Jespersen's statement is an attempt to justify the interruption of women by men.

"Such belittlement of female conversation may be somewhat less frequent nowadays. But it lives on in everyday contexts, hardly surprising since it involves attitudes embedded in thinking that gets passed on like bad genes from generation to generation," writes Pfeiffer.

Over the last decade, studies such as West and Zimmerman's have succeeded in telling us more about the different ways in which men and women use language as well as exposing myths concerning the differences in speech patterns between the sexes.

Nancy Henley and Barrie Thorne write in Womanspeak and Manspeak: Sex Differences and Sexism in Communication, Verbal and Non-Verbal, "the first myth is that women speak more and longer than men. This is simply not so," they write. "In study after study, men have been found to speak more often and at greater length than women, and to interrupt other speakers more than women do."

Some men even go to the extreme of interrupting entire meetings: Last February, some women were meeting in the Women's Union Office at McGill, when one man walked in and brought the entire meeting to a halt. "The man seemed completely oblivious to the fact that a meeting was in progress," says Gardner, "and by interrupting it, he intimidated to the women present that his concerns were somehow more important than theirs."

Men not only do most of the interrupting (and the talking), but they often choose what to talk about. Public relations consultant Pamela Fishman found that not only did women ask 70 per cent of the questions, but that men succeeded more often in starting conversations and keeping them going. Fishman taped 52 hours of conversation between three couples, a social worker and five graduate students, who consented to having tape recorders in their apartments.

"At times I felt that all the women did was ask questions... I attended to my own speech and discovered the same pattern," said Fishman.

Fishman discovered that women asked the question "D'ya know what?" with great frequency. Pfeiffer describes in his article how other research by other investigators found that children frequently use this phrase to communicate with their elders. "It serves as a conversation opener, calling for an answer like 'What?' or 'No, tell me,'" a go-ahead signal that they may speak up and that what they have to say will be heeded."

Fishman also discovered why women need such reassurances from men: In the 76 efforts in taped conversation to start conversations or keep them going, men tried 29 times and succeeded 28 times, while women tried 47 times, sometimes for as long as five minutes, with dead-end results 30 times. "It could have been worse," wrote Fishman. "Each of the male subjects in this experiment professed sympathy for the women's movement."

Men are also renowned in these various studies for appropriating women's ideas. Cheris Kramarae, a professor of speech communication at the University of Illinois and co-author of The Feminist Dictionary, told Science '85 what happened when, as the only woman member of an important university policy-making committee, she tried to communicate with the chair(man) before the start of the meeting. Kramarae asked for certain items to be added to the agenda, but when the chair paid no attention to her, she "gave up." Once the meeting started, he featured her ideas in a review of the agenda and, turning to a male colleague, said: "I don't remember who suggested these changes. I think it was Dick here."

Kramarae says women are often heard but not listened to, "as if you were speaking from behind a glass". She adds that women will often not be listened to in a meeting until a man professes agreement with her ideas.

Kaler agrees: "A woman will say something, a man will like it, and then it becomes valid."

As a result, said Kaler, "women end up competing for the attention of men, because their ideas have a better chance of being implemented

if men support them. It's unfortunately an easy pattern to fall into — even in non-hierarchical forms of organization, conversation seems to revolve around men."

Kaler says women should try to decentralise meetings by talking directly to other women in the room during a meeting and not men. "To stop men from dominating things all the time, women should try to bring other women into the decision-making process by nominating them for positions of responsibility, backing up their ideas, in short, providing the support network which men usually give each other."

Henley and Thorne point out that women are more likely to disclose more personal information to others than men, whereas men "manipulate others by keeping their cool and maintaining an unruffled exterior." Women have been socialized to display their emotions, their thoughts and ideas, but giving out this information about themselves, "especially in a context of inequality, is giving others power over them," write Henley and Thorne.

Kaler says that men and women both speak emotionally, but that "women are less subtle about it."

Women have traditionally been found to be more sensitive than men to non-verbal cues, "perhaps because their survival depends on it," say Henley and Thorne. Women's "socialization to docility and passivity makes them particularly likely targets for this subtle

form of social control... their close contact with men, for example as wives and secretaries, entails frequent verbal and non-verbal interaction with those in power,"

Henley and Thorne add. Body language communicates status and power, and the fact that women are more likely to avert their eyes in

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Women's speech cut short

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conversation and take up far less physical space than men — gestures of submission, they write — should be seen in the context of a sexist society and as a result of sexist socialization.

"The tendency to hesitate, to apologize, and to disperse one's own statement are examples of conversational patterns associated with females and with subordinate persons in general," continue Henley and Thorne.

Kaler offers advice to other women about how to combat this pattern: "The biggest thing to overcome is the fear of saying just one thing that can be seen as 'dumb' and to not apologize for speaking."

"You have to try to make yourself realize that if you have an idea, go for it. It's worth taking the risk to say what might be rejected," adds Kaler. It is also important, she says, to be aware of the dynamics of a meeting or a conversation, "to see if the others notice that men, for example, are doing all the talking."

Kaler also has good advice for women who find themselves being interrupted constantly: "Keep speaking and keep raising your voice until it is so embarrassing for the man to interrupt that he stops. When he stops, lower your voice to a normal level again. They'll get the hint," she says.

Asked if women have to start talking and acting like men to be listened to, Kaler says that it is "unfortunate," but "if you're dealing

with men and want to be part of the decision-making process, categorically yes."

"Talking like a man," she says, "Means that people take you more seriously — if you're more decisive, speak louder, don't turn statements into questions, swear and make eye contact," you will be seen "almost as androgynous". As a result, your ideas will end up having more of an impact, Kaler adds.

Henley and Thorne point out however, that there is a tendency for many people and researchers to see male speech patterns as a norm and female speech patterns as a deviation from that norm. Male speech patterns and behavior tend to be seen as correct because they are seen as the norm, they explain.

Women of so-called 'indeterminate gender' — those who challenge sexist stereotypes of women's use of language — may get listened to more by men as Kaler suggests, but they also threaten men, who are used to having the ball in their court.

The question of how women should attempt to close what Pfeiffer calls the "conversation gap" between the sexes becomes central to any discussion of differences between male and female language use. It is also a difficult question: Should women mimic male conversation patterns and body language, or should they concentrate on fighting the worst abuses of male speech patterns? Or, should they attempt to do both?

These questions and questions like them will continue to occupy the attention of many feminists until such time as total equality between the sexes is reached. Yet, fighting sexist stereotypes with regard to language use is part of the struggle against a sexist society.

What follows from this conclusion is that women must challenge men's tendency to dominate conversation and physical space, while mimicking men in the short term to force them to listen.

However, men have ways of dealing with women that challenge, and thus threaten, them. A woman may be told by a man that because she interrupts him, he has every right to continue to interrupt all women all the time. Thus, it could be said that it is a bit of a contradiction for women to utilize male language-use tactics in order to challenge male speech patterns.

Whatever path women choose to take on the road to eliminating sexist speech patterns on the part of men, men must be more receptive to criticisms of their dominance through language use and recognize that women are the only legitimate articulators of their own oppression. After all, women are the victims of sexism and therefore are more able to recognize its manifestations. Men must learn to listen to women and listen to themselves, looking for examples of sexism in their behavior.

It is not women's responsibility to change men; it is men's responsibility to change themselves.

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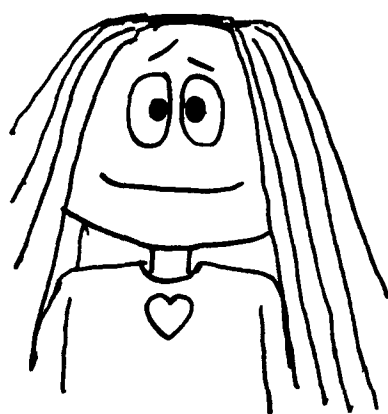
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Television warps gentle minds

By JOHN GUSHUE
Canadian University Press

When Aldous Huxley revised the foreword to *Brave New World* in 1946, 14 years after publishing the first edition, he was careful to note that the pleasure-drenched society he feared would evolve within 600 years might actually "be upon us within a single century."

That same fear appears to be the catalyst that drove Neil Postman to write *Amusing Ourselves To Death*, a shrewd and jarring critique of the influence of television on a society that has been trained to just want to have fun.

Amusing Ourselves To Death
By Neil Postman
Viking

Postman wrote this book during 1984, a year during which academics and media analysts were drawing a frenzy of connections

between George Orwell's novel of the same name and the more frightening realities of modern society. Postman gives Orwell his due, but also notes the similarities between the often-compared *Nineteen Eighty-four* and *Brave New World* are not as simple as they appear to be.

Orwell devised a world where terror was imposed through the deprivation of pleasure. Huxley, on the other hand, feared terror could be as easily created through the excessive supply of pleasure. And it is Postman's theory that Huxley, not Orwell, may turn out to be right.

Postman — a respected New York critic and educator — is a prophet's prophet; he draws simple lines between Orwell and Huxley to media seer Marshall McLuhan, introducing their warnings and predictions together before delivering an alarming message of his own.

Simply put, Postman fears the methods of learning and communication are not only changing, but are radically deteriorating.

Perhaps the subtitle of the book best illustrates his point — *Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*. Drawing on the intellectual and historical property of centuries of civilization, Postman makes elaborate and impressive attempts to show a society dependent on *Eyewitness News*, *Johnny Carson* and *Miami Vice* is a society going down the tubes.

One of the strengths of Postman's work is an extensive use of historical background. To prove that Americans of 200 years ago were of a society more passionate about learning, literacy and debate, he provides lengthy examples of the popularity of pamphlets, newspapers, journals and rousing public arguments in Ben Franklin's

New England before discussing the death of same in today's media and culture.

Unlike many media critics, Postman doesn't take shots at the type of shows that people watch; for him, to improve television is a futile activity, as long as our education system is allowed to continue falling apart at the expense of television.

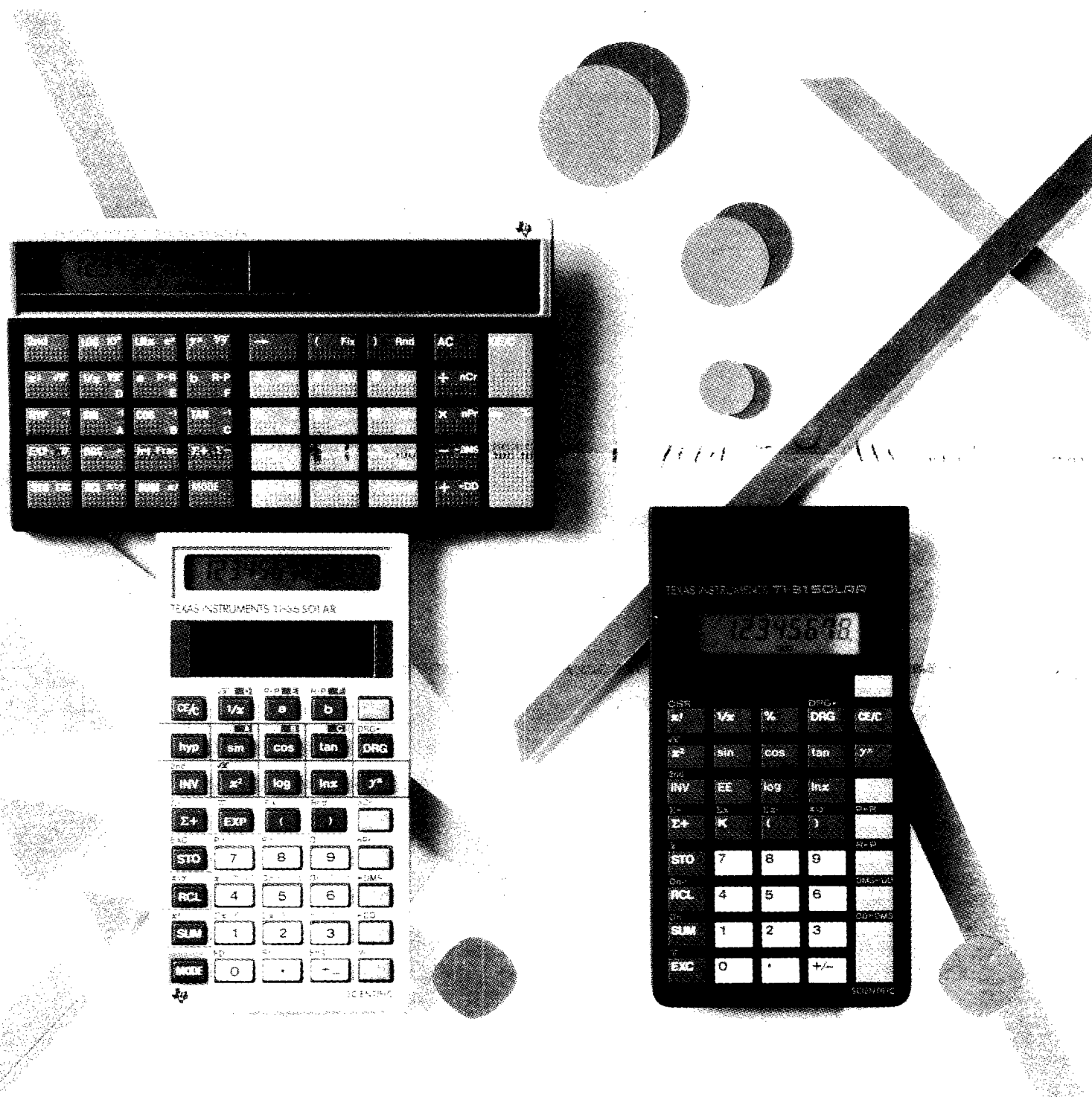
Postman is not an obsessed man, bent on wrecking television sets to cast out evil demons; rather, he offers his own writing as an example of the rhetoric and exposition that people are losing the ability (and desire) to contribute to others.

Postman is more critical of television reformers than of the people who churn out demographically-designed programming. A case in point: he agrees *Sesame Street*, the wunderkind of children's program-

ming, is educational, but argues that what the show really teaches children is not so much how to learn, but how to love television.

And, Postman argues, the television industry is adept at maintaining a child's addiction by maintaining a satisfactory level of child-like television for lifetime consumption. In other words, television hasn't grown up, and probably can't.

Postman is also a teacher's teacher; he is passionately concerned about education, and his arguments seem to carry more weight because of his commitment to the quality of learning in our schools. While calling on teachers to not use television as a teaching tool, he also advises everyone to remember the importance of reading in the learning process, and the importance of the printed medium in our culture.



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INSTRUMENTS**

UBC pounds Calgary, takes first

By PATRICIA DUNN

The UBC Thunderbird football team crushed the Calgary Dinosaurs 18-3 Saturday night in Thunderbird Stadium to remain undefeated after three games this season.

"It was a special victory because we were both tied for first place before this game," said team captain Dwayne Derban.

The match was touted as a classic confrontation between UBC and the defending Vanier Cup champions Calgary Dino's. And it was a classic — for UBC anyhow.

The extinction of the Dinosaurs was not due to a feeble Calgary team, but rather to an outstanding UBC squad.

Starting quarterback Jordan Gagner said, "When we click it's

just going to be amazing."

Head Coach Frank Smith was equally pleased, "It was a good team effort. Calgary has a very comparable team to last year. Offensively they're better; defensively not quite as strong. I think our coaches had a good defensive plan, and the players played well defensively."

T-birds Mark Norman and

rookie Mark Petros were defensive and offensive players of the game, respectively. Norman, the only T-bird named an All-Canadian last year, grabbed two interceptions, including one for 65 yards in the second quarter for a touchdown.

The exploits of veteran tight end Rob Ros included a touchdown pass, and two other catches which enabled the offence to score.

Jack Beestra, a WIFL All-Star and last year's Most Valuable Player, caught an interception in the second quarter which helped rally the defence to play a strong game.

Both Calgary and UBC boasted perfect records entering the game. Now UBC is 3-0, Calgary 2-1. Calgary failed to score a touchdown against the powerful UBC defence.

"We slowed down Calgary's offence. They could get down the field, but they couldn't get into the end zone," said Smith.

UBC compiled a total net offence of 346 yards compared to Calgary's meagre 180. The Dinosaurs floundered particularly with their passing, obtaining a mere 24 yards compared to UBC's 168.

And the 'Bird's finest is yet to come. They haven't hit their full potential yet.

"I think right now we're operating at three-quarter speed," said Dwayne Derban. "It's a matter of executing the plays, both offensively and defensively, a little more crisply."

Next week UBC travel to Spokane to take on Eastern Washington on their turf - an NCAA, Division 1, Double A team. "The game will be a real test for us. They are the best opponent UBC has ever played in football history," said Smith.

UBC is ranked number one in the nation in the latest football poll with Western Ontario and Calgary following.



— rory allen photo

UBC'S KAREN BROWN goes to the attack against opposition netminder in this weekend's action. The rookie laden squad fared well in the Early Bird tournament showing promise for the upcoming season.

Champs ready to defend title

Soccer 'Birds Smash Americans, lose locally

By SVETOZAR KONTIC

The UBC women's soccer team split a couple of games this weekend at home against a local Fraser Valley team and Pacific Lutheran University.

On Saturday the 'Birds, three time defending CIAU champions, defeated Lutheran 4-1 in an exhibition game at O.J. Todd Field. Wendy Pease led the team with two goals while Carole St. Arnaud and Kathy Bockhold, the team captain, added singles.

Head coach Brian Thompson said he was satisfied with the team's overall performance. "It was our second game and we made a lot of switches trying to search out the right combinations," he said.

UBC lost its first exhibition game last weekend 2-0 against the University of Western Washington.

UBC trailed Lutheran one to nothing at the half but exploded for three goals in the second half. "We had quite a lot of the territorial play but just couldn't put the ball in the net. Meanwhile they capitalized on the one scoring chance they had," said Thompson.

In the second game on Sunday

UBC lost four-two to Fraser Valley, of the Metro Women's League in its opening regular season game. UBC fills out its short Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union season by also competing year round in the Metro soccer league.

Captain Kathy Bockhold and Mitch Ring each added goals for the 'Birds in a losing cause.

"We lost the game because of a lack of defence. We have two new people playing fullback and its tough for them to work their way into the system," said Thompson.

The T-Birds will have five new starters on the squad this year. "It creates difficulties for us because the other Metro teams have been together for years and are always tough. Fraser Valley finished second in the province last year so I was not displeased with the outcome," said Thompson.

Last year UBC finished third in both the premier division and the province. Considering UBC's record in the CIAU as defending champions one gets a good idea of how tough the Metro league is.

Mitch Ring made the Women's

national soccer team while Zaleen Kammoh-Amed, Nancy Sutherland and Angie Norman made the B.C. selects team.

Kammoh-Amed, Ring and Norman are all mid-fielders so the T-Birds will feature a powerful

center-half game this year.

"Most people that see Women's soccer for the first time are quite surprised. They think it is just some girls playing a man's game. But these are high quality athletes," said Thompson.

'Birds finish third

By PETER BERLIN

With almost half her squad made up of rookies — Gail Wilson the UBC women's field hockey coach did not expect miracles in the Early Bird tournament this weekend, her team's first outing of the year.

The 'Birds, who were hosts, finished third equal in the eight-team tournament, better than Wilson expected, she told the Ubyssy.

UBC opened with two wins on Saturday morning when they beat Vancouver Jokers 3-1 and the Meralomas 4-0. On Saturday afternoon they clinched first in their pool with a lacklustre 0-0 tie against SFU. On Sunday morning they lost 2-1 to the University of Victoria in their semi-final before drawing the third-place playoff 1-0 with the Jokers. UVic tied Vancouver Doves in the final.

This year only one Western team instead of the traditional two will go to the Canadian Collegiate finals in Ontario. The tournament was originally scheduled for Victoria but was switched for financial reasons and no-one at the CIAU thought through the implications:

there will be three Ontario teams at the finals.

So UBC and UVic the two western powers will have to battle each other for the only place.

Wilson was pleased with the result of the first skirmish on Sunday. "I didn't expect us to be so competitive so soon," she said.

Heather Quamme, a rookie from Penticton, scored the 'Birds goal in that match. She also scored against the Jokers.

All the rest of the UBC goals came from two of their veterans. Jody Blaxland, who won a World Championship silver playing for Canada in Holland this summer scored five goals on the weekend.

The other two goals came from Melanie Slade, who also had an adventurous summer. Slade, a central defender, toured Europe with the Canadian under 21 team which drew with West Germany for the first time. UBC were doubly represented on that team. Wilson was the coach.

UBC travel to Calgary Friday for their first Western Collegiate tournament of the season.

Soccer men gearing up

With the coming of autumn, Dick Moesher and his UBC soccer team are ready for another outstanding season.

Moesher takes over the head coaching duties from the legendary Joe Johnstone who coached the 'Birds for twenty years, including their last two consecutive Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union titles in 1985 and 1986.

"Joe has done an excellent job for twenty years, especially with all the success he has had, so his shoes will definitely be hard to fill," said Moesher.

Moesher said the toughest opponents UBC will face this year are the University of Victoria, Calgary and Alberta.

"We've been gearing up — practicing for six weeks so we'll be ready for the season," said Moesher.

UBC plays its first games of the season next week on the road against Saskatoon on Friday and Alberta on Saturday. Outstanding returnees for the T-Birds are CIAU first team all-stars Gregor Young, playing mid-field and Brian Kennedy in goal.

Impressive newcomers for the 'Birds include Steve Burns, Joe Pesht, Byron Baylor, Kevin Colbow, Andrew Mardon and Mike Allina. "The team will be strong again said Moesher.

Moesher has been coaching Vancouver select teams for the past two years. There is also a new assistant coach, David Partridge, from England.

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