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SRA hits housing head

Davis eviction requested

By MIKE BOCKING

The student representative assembly voted unanimously Wednesday night to demand the resignation of housing director Mike Davis.

Assembly members blasted Davis for his handling of a Dec. 5 incident during which many Gage Towers residents hurled water bombs, computer cards and toilet paper rolls out of windows.

Science representative Craig Brooks, also a Gage resident, termed Davis' reaction to the incident an abrogation of normal Canadian civil rights.

Davis has said the Gage standards committee will be highly effective in deciding exactly which students participated in the event.

"You have to prove that you weren't one of the ones throwing stuff out of the window. It's up to your testimony," Davis said.

Gage housing authorities have threatened to evict residents who participated in the incident.

In reply, Brooks said, "it disturbs me that in a country like this you are guilty until proven innocent." He also presented a letter to the assembly which he said has been sent to many Gage residents, demanding that they appear before the Gage standards committee to explain their alleged involvement in the incident.

Alma Mater Society external affairs officer Kate Andrew said the current issue is the last of a long series of complaints against the housing director.

"This is a crowning touch. It has been one incident after another," she said. "He also has the most incredible way of explaining away an outrageous housing budget and still raising housing fees," she added.

Engineering undergraduate society president Brian Short agreed with Andrew. "Although I am against some of the things which happened near the end, I think in general it was a good community event," he said.

"The actions of the housing administration and the standards committee are arrogant," Short said. "He doesn't seem to have the interests of students in mind. That's the arrogant part."

Some assembly members also criticized the participation of students in housing's "oppresible" measures.

For example, the letter sent to residents was co-signed by Mike Mooney, a student and president of the Gage community council. "What is ironic is that Mooney is a student," said Brooks.

The letter was also signed by John Mate, residence coordinator of student affairs.

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—peter menyasz photo/graphic

MONEY-HUNGRY ADMINISTRATION, always first to spoil students' fun, decided to cash in on latest campus craze and set up toll booth in main library pond. Parking of anything in pond, scene of heavy boat and polar bear traffic lately, will be strictly regulated by campus cowboys armed with Kenworth tow trucks. Installation of booth is expected to put chill on UBC fad, which rivalled toga parties in popularity for brief period. If pond parking is successful admin plans to convert new aquatic centre to pay lot also.

UBC TAs to vote on union

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

After long and bitter negotiations with the administration, UBC's teaching assistants will vote Friday on a proposal to endorse unionization.

The Association of Teaching Assistants feel that its dealings with the administration this fall have proven to be fruitless, association president Dave Fuller said Wednesday.

"For over a year we have been chasing around talking to the administration, trying to get them to honor our already existing policy," he said.

A committee for the move to certify unionization has existed at UBC for a year and Fuller said the association is seriously considering the possibility of unionization.

The association members' current lack of legal standing gives the administration no obligation to honor the association's policy or to even listen to its members, he said.

"We feel that the unionization of the association is the only thing that can protect tha TA's regulations. The administration is now refusing to talk to the ATA whatsoever."

But the association has been encouraged by a recent move at Simon Fraser University. SFU's teaching assistants, sessional instructors, language instructors, tutors and markers are now members of the Association of University and College Employees.

This is the first union of teaching assistants in B.C.

"The success at SFU will certainly buoy our spirits. We're very happy to see this come about," said Fuller.

The TA's at UBC have been

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Education report results 'disturbing'

By HEATHER CONN

The writing skills of Grade 12 students are "extremely disturbing" and only satisfactory at best, according to a summary report recently issued to the education ministry by two UBC education professors.

"We weren't expecting a really dynamite job, but it was a more discouraging picture even than what we expected," Robert Conry, chairman of the Assessment of Written Expression Contract Team, said Wednesday of the report's test results.

Conry said today's students are not as competent in written skills as students were 10 years ago.

"Teachers are making a genuine effort to teach writing skills, but there's a lack of time," he said. "The main problem is that curriculum (in high schools) is overburdened with literature."

The report outlines results of tests given to nearly 9,000 B.C. students in Grades 4, 8 and 12. Last spring, students were given three types of writing exercises: to write briefly on a specific topic, write a long narrative on a broad topic and correct passages in proofreading exercises.

Students' answers were judged as strong, very satisfactory, satisfactory, marginally satisfactory, and weak.

And the results are not encouraging.

- All three grade levels were weak in grammatical usage and summarizing the main idea of a passage;
- In 31 skill areas, none of the Grade 12 test results were judged as higher than satisfactory;
- Grades 8 and 12 were "notably weak" in narrative writing, vocabulary usage, organization and descriptive skills;
- Grade 12 students showed additional weaknesses in supporting an opinion, exposition, and some of the proofreading skills;
- Grade 8 students proved weak in writing simple instruction and organizing details;
- Grade 4 students were "notably weak" in sentence structure and knowledge of common abbreviations.

Denis Rodgers, who directed and chose the content of test items, said he was not really surprised by the results.

"I had expected that on the directed writing exercises, the Grade 12s would do less well because they usually do expository writing," he said Wednesday.

He said he agreed with Conry that in secondary schools too much emphasis is placed on literature.

"In Grade 12, there's a lack of attention given to writing time," he said. "Some English teachers

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English 100 exam a write-off

By HEATHER CONN

Almost 45 per cent of first-year UBC students failed "a very good thing" this academic year — the Christmas English 100 exam.

"We want students to write in a clear-cut, well-organized way or else they won't be able to cope with normal university life," English 100 chairman Andrew Parkin said Wednesday.

"It (the exam) is a very good thing."

Parkin said the exam is a necessary part of a student's training because a substantial number of people cannot express themselves on a satisfactory level.

"Reading and writing are the key to all future education," he said.

UBC education professor Robert Conry, who recently prepared a summary report on written expression for the B.C. ministry of education, said he agrees that a basic level of competency in written communication is required to graduate in university.

But he said he saw procedural flaws in the English 100 exam and felt the format should be studied for its adequacy, accuracy and validity.

"My main apprehension is its outward appearance. It should be systematically looked at. Technology for

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Report examines writing skill deficiencies

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perceive their job as teaching students to understand literature."

Both Rodgers and Conry said they were hopeful the report and its test results would have long-term, positive results. Rodgers said he would like to see a copy of the report, its text exercises and rating scales in every B.C. school and school board.

Not all the test results were negative.

At every level, students rated satisfactory in spelling, handwriting, and choosing between commonly confused words.

Grade 8s proved very satisfactory in proofreading for errors and focusing on a single topic.

Grade 4 students rated very satisfactory or strong in 11 of the 27 skills tested, including punctuation, originality, organization of ideas and support of opinions or judgments.

The report recommends that all teachers receive in-service training for writing skills, devote more time to instruction and practice in written expression and assume more responsibility for reinforcing written skills.

"The report on its own should have a fair impact," he said. "The university and districts will be aware of it. Hopefully, they'll make some shifts there (at university)."

The report was prepared for the B.C. ministry of education's learning assessment branch. More than 80 experienced language arts and English teachers marked the tests, while panels of educators, school trustees and members of the public interpreted the results.

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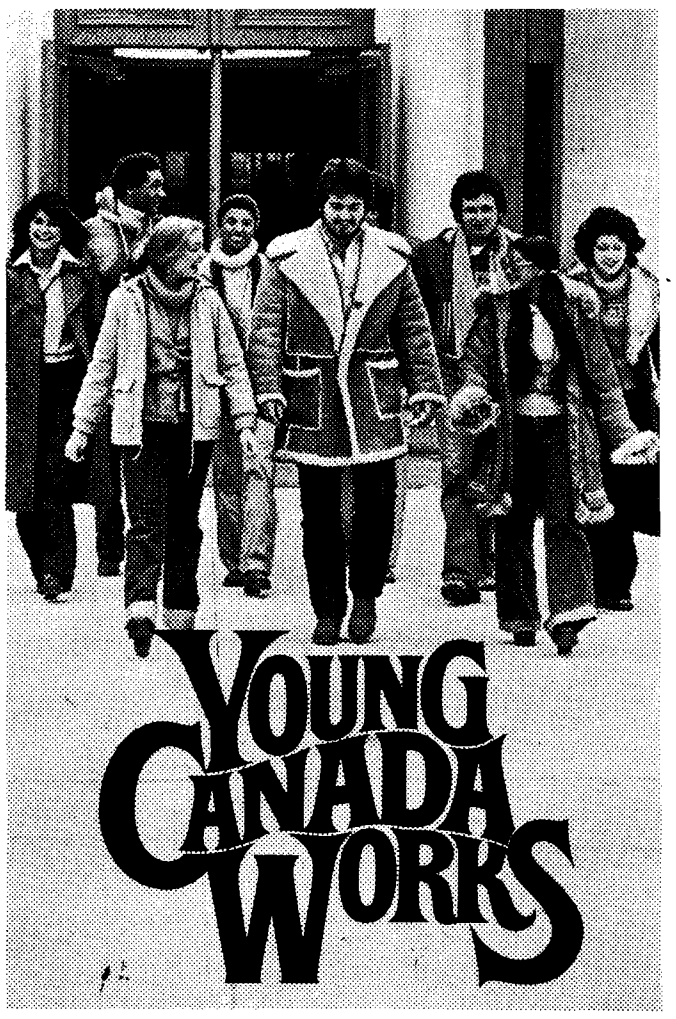

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

Students support college staff

OTTAWA (CUP) — As support staff at Ontario's 22 community colleges prepare to take a strike vote, student leaders at four of the colleges have asked the Ontario government to accept the staff's bargaining position.

Representatives from five colleges agreed Jan. 7 to send letters to Ontario colleges and universities minister Bette Stephenson urging her to accept the bargaining position of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

The support staff are expected to vote today on their negotiators' unanimous recommendation of strike action. In dispute are wage increases, with the union asking for a 10 per cent increase after Jan. 1, while the government is offering a six per cent hike.

Union officials say they expect the vote to be in favor of strike action and they add that the strike could start as early as Jan. 23.

According to Bob Reid, student president at Georgian College in Barrie, the letters were sent because, "we feel what they're asking for is not outlandish."

The strike could shut down all of the colleges, because college teachers' contracts specify they will not be penalized for refusing to cross picket lines, Reid said.

"If they refuse, they're legally protected, so they could close all the colleges down."

Other colleges will be asked to form a position on the possible strike at an Ontario Colleges Conference Jan. 20-21, Reid said.

Four of the five college representatives have sent the letters to Stephenson, while one is waiting for response from students on his campus.

"I've looked at both sides. From what I can see, the union has offered compromises, but the government has refused to budge," he said.

"The union offered arbitration. The government refused. If it did that, it must feel its offer is not very sound."

Don Francis, the student president at Humber College in Toronto, said the strike seems inevitable because of the "paltry increase" in operating grants for colleges.

"Five per cent does not come close to covering the increased cost of living in the past year."

The Ontario government announced Jan. 5 it would only increase grants to colleges by 5.2 per cent, despite an annual inflation rate of 8.8 per cent.

Scotland to make national decision

By ROBERT CAMERON

The question of nationalism to most Scots is a choice between being "rich Scots or poor British," a visiting University of Edinburgh professor said Wednesday.

Henry Drucker said that the friction between Scottish nationalists and the British government will not disappear in the near future.

"In fact, 90 per cent of all Scots consider themselves patriotically Scottish, rather than British."

Although Scotland is "over-represented" in the British parliament, Scottish nationalists want a completely sovereign and separate state from Britain, Drucker told a lunch time audience in Buch. 318. The Scottish people have always been fiercely nationalistic and this has emerged as a real political force in parliament, he added.

Drucker said the Scottish National Party is out to harness this force, demanding major constitutional changes and political reshuffling.

"All people want from government is prosperity," Drucker said. The British government has not succeeded in giving this prosperity to the Scots, he added.

"The discovery of oil in what would have been territorial waters has raised the economic expectations of many Scots. One would have to be daft to vote for a nationalist party that could not promise better economic conditions."

Unemployment is on the rise in Scotland due to the decline of the heavy iron, coal and shipbuilding industries, and the foreign-ownership of the light industries has raised the fears of a dramatic flight of business from the country, Drucker said.

"I think business will make an economic decision, rather than a political one."

The British Labor party's policy towards Scotland is one of "devolution," a handing-down of power to a Scottish assembly which would control domestic affairs, but would have no powers of taxation, nor voice in economic or external matters, Drucker said.

DRUCKER . . . Scots specialist

He also said he questions whether the assembly would be a stepping stone to a more independent and sovereign Scotland. The devolution to a Scottish assembly will be voted for on March 1, but Drucker says it will not be supported by the nationalists, who feel the measures are not strong enough.

The proposed system does not have overwhelming support in Scotland, but is tolerably popular, he added.

"The Scottish people really don't care. They want devolution in the same way they'd like an extra pint of beer."

The Scots realize that the assembly will try for greater independence, but parliament "has great incentive not to let this happen," he added.

Gov't action could bring UBC protest

If striking clerical workers at Simon Fraser University are legislated back to work, UBC will be faced with work slowdowns, according to a UBC union coordinator.

Michelle McCaughron, of local 1 of the Association of University and College Employees, said Wednesday that UBC unions would work to rule as a protest move if the provincial government forced striking members of AUCE local 2 at SFU to work.

The UBC union believes the Social Credit government would implement legislation against the workers, she said.

"There is a strong possibility that this could happen."

McCaughron said she feels the Socreds are trying to gain popularity because of the possibility of a provincial election. The government is pitting non-organized workers against unionized workers through the Essential Services Act to weaken the labor movement in B.C., she added.

The UBC local is prepared to fight the government if it continues to legislate striking workers back to work, McCaughron said.

The 1,400 AUCE members at UBC voted unanimously in December to pass a resolution opposing the use of Bill 46, the West Kootenay School Collective Bargaining Assistance Act which contains the Essential Services amendments.

—peter menyasz photo

APPARENT APPEARANCE of God as burning bush next to SUB Wednesday startled student into considering thoughts on the meaning of life and other questions of philosophic import. However, lack of response prompted further investigation and revelation that steam ducts are not adequate founts of knowledge to base religion on. And so it goes at UBC.

UBC TAs try to follow SFU

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watching this development for some time and they feel that the positive results at SFU will have an effect on Friday's meeting, ATA executive member Dave Smith said Wednesday.

"Because of the events at SFU we will have to go back to our certification committee and see what's going on," he said.

SFU's teaching assistants have been undergoing the unionization process for the past two years, local 6 president Mary Mabin said Wednesday.

"The reason we decided to form a union is because as an association you don't have any legal backing and the administration doesn't have to listen to you," she said.

The benefits of unionization can be counted largely in economic terms, Mabin added. SFU depends on tutorials and relies on TAs more than on lectures, but when economic cutbacks occur, TAs are the first ones to suffer, she said.

The two major areas of negotiation at SFU will be cutbacks in course tutorials and the increasing size of tutorial groups. Mabin also said that one of the union's main functions will be to draw up a charter covering a wide area of negotiation.

"The immediate effects of the union are that we can negotiate for conditions that can't be changed without further discussion of union members.

"The union is also something that has potential benefit for undergraduates. It's a benefit to have TAs who feel good about their jobs," she said.

Union organizers did not decide to hold the certification vote until November 1978, because they felt they needed time to convince people of the benefits of the union.

"It requires talking to a lot of people to inform them about the union and it takes a long time to talk to 500 people," Mabin said.

Absent Basil Peters wins Crumb Bowl

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Student senator Arnold Hedstrom said he will raise the matter at the next meeting of the president's student services advisory committee. Davis is a member of that committee.

Hedstrom said he was surprised by SRA's reaction to the Gage affair.

"I didn't realize there was that much discontent. I myself have many complaints about the way housing is being run, but I didn't realize the discontent was so widespread."

In other business, student board of governors member Basil Peters was named the first recipient of the student representative assembly's Crumb Bowl.

The bowl was instituted at the SRA's Wednesday night meeting "to recognize excellence in the field of amateur oppression and is to be awarded annually to the member of the administration who best exemplifies the anti-democratic tradition of UBC."

Peters won handily over other notable nominees such as arts dean Robert Will, administration president Doug Kenny and administration vice-president for student and faculty affairs Erich Vogt.

Peters' nomination was greeted with deafening table pounding and cries of "hear, hear".

The award consists of a plaque mounted on a toilet plunger and a crossed sword. The plaque reads: "no students allowed in this area."

Peters won his award for his conspicuous absence from assembly meetings which he is required to attend as a student board member. He has not attended an SRA meeting since May.

Peters has also been the centre of controversy recently for comments he made in connection with the eviction of fellow student board member Paul Sandhu from the December board meeting.

Cross fingers

Next week's student elections for board of governors members are quite similar to a multiple choice exam. Vote for either a) Vian Andrews, b) Bruce Armstrong, c) Carlos Brito, or d) Glenn Wong.

It's tempting to recommend e) none of the above.

That would be a bit too unfair to the candidates but veteran student politics observers recognize that this year's slate is probably the weakest in some time.

Even the two "experienced" politicos running, Bruce Armstrong and Glenn Wong, have relatively little background in the UBC Alma Mater Society. And the rookies, Carlos Brito and Vian Andrews, have none at all.

The winners in the election are going to have to deal with a backroom brawler who earned the nickname Doug the Thug Kenny and some of the toughest businessmen in the province.

Students, especially after the disgraceful expulsion of student board member Paul Sandhu at the last meeting, are expecting their representatives to fight back attempts by Doug Kenny and the board to silence student members and end any effectiveness they have. It won't be an easy task.

And the lack of experience of this year's candidates will make it that much harder.

When corporate big-shots like chancellor J.V. Clyne and board chairman Ian Greenwood say jump, most people ask how high. But that can't be allowed to happen if students are going to be fairly represented on the board. Undemocratic attempts to stifle student members must be fought, in the board room, by those student members.

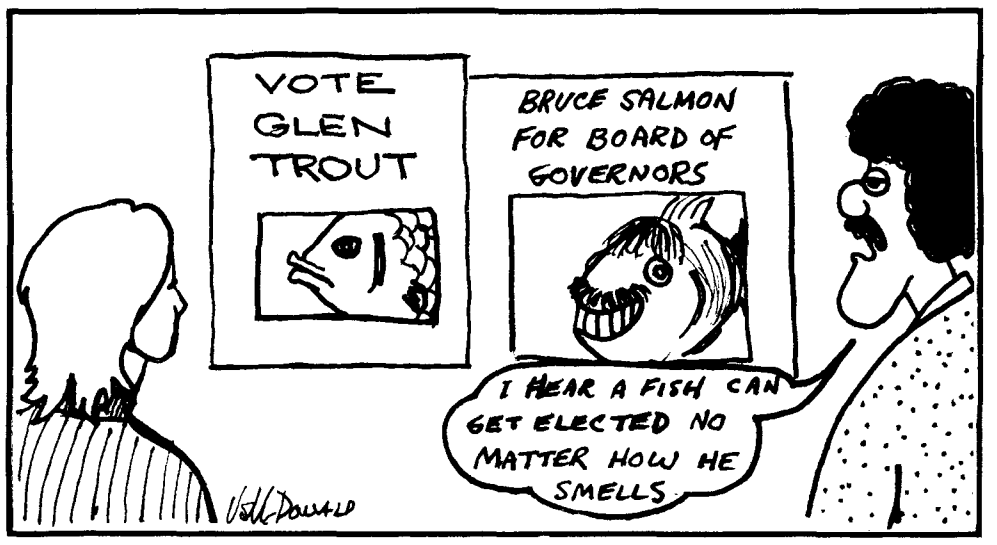
All things considered, The Ubyssey staff recommends that students elect Bruce Armstrong and Glenn Wong to the board. Both have some valuable experience in the AMS and would be effective in dealing with student concerns.

Armstrong and Wong are the only candidates to take strong stands opposing the Sandhu expulsion. They are also both against tuition fee increases, which will be a major issue facing the board in 1979.

Carlos Brito simply has no experience and has a very unclear or poor stand on the major issues.

Vian Andrews, a former Liberal party organizer, is simply too slick. And his stand on the expulsion and tuition fee increases puts him slightly to the right of the three-piece suit bloc currently on the board.

Vote for Armstrong and Wong. And cross your fingers.



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"The struggle between classes is what kind of struggle?" asked the host of the $100 Name That Goon Show. "It is a political struggle," answered Peter Menzies. "Good for 1½ points," said the host. "The next question is: name a president of the United States." "Uh, uh, I think I've got it. Rutherford B. Leckie." "That is absolutely correct for ¾ of a point for Robert Stanfield Cameron. The next question is: who is the crown prince of Great Britain? Yes, you may answer the question, Tommy Hawthorn." "The crown prince of Great Britain is Prince Philip Grehan." "Absolutely correct, Tommy, you're well on your way to winning a lovely lounge suite. Now, the next question is: name Canada's best prime minister. The first to buzz in with an answer was Judy LaMarsh Guertler." "The best prime minister was William Lyon Tieleman." "Sorry, Judy, but the correct answer was either Verne A. McDonald or Mike Mackenzie Bocking. The next question is: name two British political leaders. Yes, the answer to this question is yours, ex-governor Heather Connally." "Well, there's Julie Thatcher Wheelwright, and uh, uh, uh, Geof Callaghan Wheelwright." "Absolutely correct, Heather. And now it's time to announce our winner for this evening. And the winner is, with 2½ points, the greatest political expert ears ahead of our time, Kevin McGeer."

Punk is leather, lust and liquid

There is certainly nothing average about punk night at the Windmill.

Imagine yourself there. The scenery is like any other sleazy bar you've ever been in. The waitress comes after a while to take your order. She looks as bored and disinterested as you'd expect.

The drinks are a little expensive, especially considering the ridiculous $2.25 cover charge that you paid at the door.

But look around you. Perhaps you haven't wasted the money. Although the colored lights are focused on the stage, the floor show is all around you.

By PETER MENYASZ

What a show! The guy behind you is wearing safety-pin earrings that go beautifully with his standing-on-end punk hairdo. He's already getting worked up, drumming on the table to the beat of the recorded punk music that is deafening you.

Look around some more. The table to your right is surrounded by overweight men with gigantic beer bellies encased in black leather. One spits on the floor while another bores a hole in the wall with a key.

There are women, too. Certainly not the kind that you'd want to take home to mom, though.

Most of them look to be about 15 or 16 years old.

Remember the old sentimental gush about a face that makes time stand still? Well, these are certainly enough to stop any clock.

The outfits remind you of a bizarre Hallowe'en party, right? Outrageous make-up and clothes that are straight out of the ugliest of 1950s fashion. Hair either brush-cut short or standing up all over. Any color is fine.

The band arrives and every eye is riveted on the stage.

The Subhumans are playing tonight, and the name fits like a glove.

You thought the recorded music was loud? There'll be ringing in your ears in the morning, and it won't be your alarm clock.

Look closely at the band. You might as well look, there's nothing worth listening to.

The guitarist plays all five chords that he's learned while the bass player pounds his instrument. The drummer beats wildly, his eyes occasionally rolling up into his head.

The singer is in a frenzy. He grabs the microphone and shouts a few hoarse words, then backs away from it and bounces spastically until the next words must come.

Look around you now. The crowd is getting involved in the music. The guy behind you is yelling "Fuck off!" One frenzied punk is throwing beer at the singer while the rest dance.

Dance? Are you sure they're dancing? All they're doing is jumping up and down, arms rigidly held at their sides. Heads shake from side to side, and blank stares are the order of the day.

Now the real fun begins. Someone on the dance floor bumps the person next to them. He turns around and pushes the offender half-way across the floor, jostling more people in the process. These retaliate with more pushing, and soon the whole dance floor is a jumble of swaying and crashing punks.

Looks like it's settling down, doesn't it? Guess again.

Four or five black-leather-jacketed punks are lifting someone up on their shoulders. They throw him onto the stage. He throws himself from the stage into the mass of bodies on the dance floor.

They pick him up again and throw him back onto the stage.

Now what?

Someone in the audience has told the singer to "fuck off" once too often, and the "subhuman" jumps from the stage and starts to wrestle with him.

Some of the "fan's" friends join in, and soak the band member with beer. He crawls back onto the stage, saying, "I can't see anything, you shitheads!"

Well, you've decided that you've had enough, eh? But you're going to make a trip to the washroom before you leave. Well, I hope that you're not a lady — you may find a group of guys passing around a joint in the women's washroom.

"Am I in the wrong washroom?" you ask them.

"No, we are," they answer.

"Want a toke?" one asks you.

You flee in terror.

Back in the club, the Band has stopped playing and people are standing around, not sure what to do now. You feel vaguely sorry for them.

freestyle

There are non-punks filtering in now. A few hookers, a few drunks, a few old men.

You decide to leave. You also vow to make this a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

No, there is certainly nothing average about punk night at the Windmill.

Ugly! Ugly! Ugly!

That's what punk is all about. After all, if you're a misfit, or think that you are, what else is there?

Punk is ugly, abusive and anarchistic. It combines all of the darkest elements of grease, the Hell's Angels tradition and brainwashing.

Sure, there's always been a nihilistic movement, always a group of people that scream "Fuck everything!"

But somehow that doesn't justify the extremes that punk rockers attain.

And as with all other groups where people try to "be different" and "be individuals," they all seem to end up looking the same. The outrageous clothes, the safety-pin jewelry, the wild hairdos and make-up all become a sort of "uniform" of non-conformity.

What seems even more ridiculous is that today's punk is pretty much an imitation of several dead sub-cultures.

The jean jackets, leather and chains are straight out of a Hell's Angels movie.

The women's clothing, with outrageous color combinations, flashy outfits and bizarre make-up is reminiscent of the greasy 1950s.

The music? Well, what can be said? It's a great outlet for completely untalented but enthusiastic musicians to make noise and earn a living doing it.

If looks are any indication, the musicians are probably playing to support their drug habits. They have a wild and wasted look — with sunken eyes and contracted pupils.

Will the "punk" phenomenon last? As it exists now, probably not. But there will always be a movement that resembles it.

All human beings need to feel that they belong to some group or another — it's part of our nature.

So there will always be a place where outcasts can feel at home.

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

Peter Menyasz is a Ubyssey reporter and photographer. Freestyle is a column of opinion, analysis and humor by Ubyssey staffers.

Letters

Piranha Peters picked a peck of...

I have had a close association with the Alma Mater Society over the last two years as a senator and as secretary/treasurer of S.R.A. In that capacity I have had the opportunity to meet with students and represent their views to administration president Doug Kenny, senate and directly to the minister of education. I have enjoyed the job and while I not always agreed with people like Kenny, student board member Basil Peters, Pat McGeer and A.M.S. president Paul Sandhu, I have nevertheless respected their points of view. But the events surrounding the expulsion of Sandhu from the Dec. 6 board meeting have altered my respect for some of these individuals.

Starting at the top of the heap we have politician extraordinaire Doug Kenny. When I first arrived at U.B.C. people were screaming for Dr. Kenny to become more political. In my second year, with the university facing further government cutbacks, the president did become more political and spoke out against the government. Now, in my third year, he has attained the dubious honor of being a "politician". Doug Kenny sat at the Dec. 6 meeting and watched the board violate the Universities Act as the board asked Paul Sandhu to leave a meeting.

The act does not provide for such action nor does it bind a member to an oath of secrecy.

Later that same month at the senate meeting, Dr. Kenny gave a rather long oratory from the chair on how senate must adhere to the Universities Act in reference to a motion by a student senator. These double standards are appalling Dr. Kenny, is it not the law that students shall have two seats on the board of governors?

I am glad that Basil has once again brought up the question of jeopardizing the right of students to sit on the board. It is also timely given next week's board of governors elections. Mr. Peters last year was at the center of controversy when he was elected to the board by the use of ballots which were stuffed into a box at CEME after the voting list was circulated in at least two engineering classes and the ballots marked in favour of Peters.

This is not conjecture on my part; a senate committee concluded that there were irregularities in the election. Such illegal acts do more harm to student representation than speaking against the wishes of the Board. Basil what is the real story behind last years election? Are you the legitimate student representative?

It is quite popular at this time to hang the threat of the ministry of education removing student representation from the board. I believe the threat is unfounded when it comes to students speaking out. Students on the board, through the Universities Act are given the responsibility of representing students.

Representation is a two way process. Representation means more than just giving input to the board. It means keeping students informed of what the board is doing as well. I don't think the provincial government will remove student representation especially when students are fulfilling their responsibility. The board in the past has attempted to cover up irregularities, even raise tuition in the closed part of the meeting. The board, with respect to the current issue over the Asian Centre, refused to even listen to Sandhu's reasoning in releasing the story. Sandhu acted sincerely in the interests of some of his constituents.

The board rules for disclosure of documents from the closed section of the meetings are at best adhoc. They carry no legal weight and Sandhu and other board reps have no obligation to remain silent on any issue. All students ask is discretion and I think Sandhu should be congratulated for his good discretion and genuine representation unlike Basil Peters who has not even attended S.R.A. meetings since the early spring of 1978. As for the board, I would like to see an apology for the gross insult that the board has inflicted on students printed in the Ubyssey.

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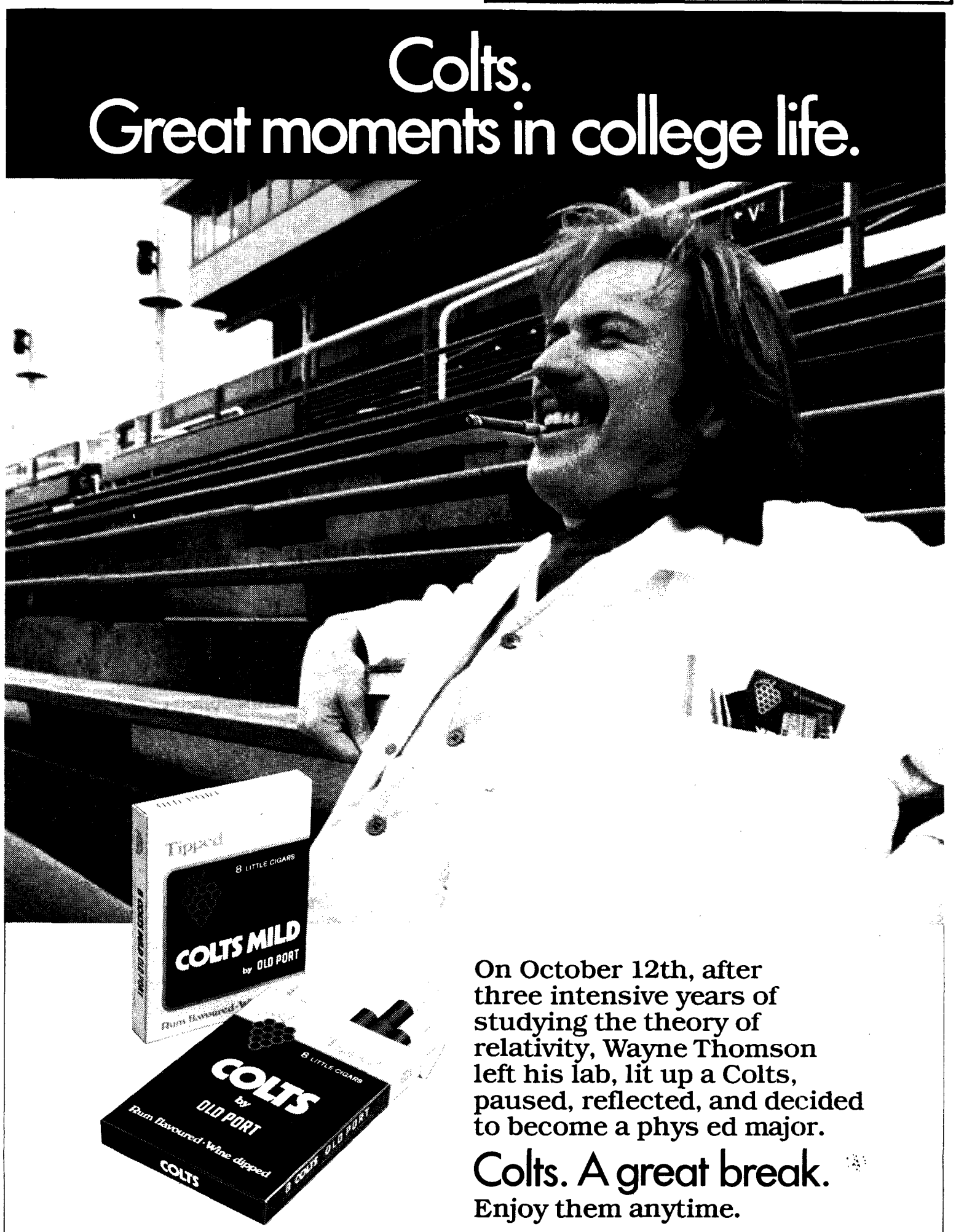

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UBC NDP CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 213.

MEDIEVAL SOCIETY
Discussion of coming events, noon, SUB 113.

UBC SAILING CLUB
Broomball game, 8:30 p.m., Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre.

STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOCIETY
Weekly meeting, noon, Angus 210.

SF CLUB
First meeting of year. Be there, noon, SUB 216.

YOUNG ALUMNI CLUB
Skating party, free for members, $1 for non-members, refreshments at Cecil Green Park, after 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thunderbird Arena.

AMNESTY UBC
Informal meeting, noon, SUB 212A.

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General meeting, films, noon, SUB 115.

UBC LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY
General meeting, noon, SUB 224.

GAY PEOPLE
General meeting, noon SUB 212.

HANG-GLIDING CLUB
Meeting and slide show, noon, SUB 111.

FRIDAY

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Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

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DEBATING SOCIETY
General meeting, noon, SUB 211.

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UBC SKYDIVING CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 212.

CHINESE VARSITY CLUB
Disco lesson registration deadline, SUB 216A.

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Meeting, movies, 7 p.m., Jan. 17, SUB 215.

CHINESE VARSITY CLUB
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MONDAY

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

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Hot flashes

Cream of wheat crop speaks

If uranium, wheat, and ghosts of Tommy Douglas interest you, then you should make a point of attending a speech by Allan Blakeney in room 101 of the Law building today at noon.

Blakeney, the NDP premier of Saskatchewan, will be speaking on uranium and the use of nationalized energy sources in Canada. And he will undoubtedly be available afterwards for questions related to his recent electoral victory and his position on federal-provincial relations.

Blakeney was in dispute with a Supreme Court ruling last year over his province's nationalization of the uranium industry.

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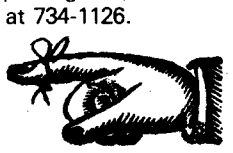

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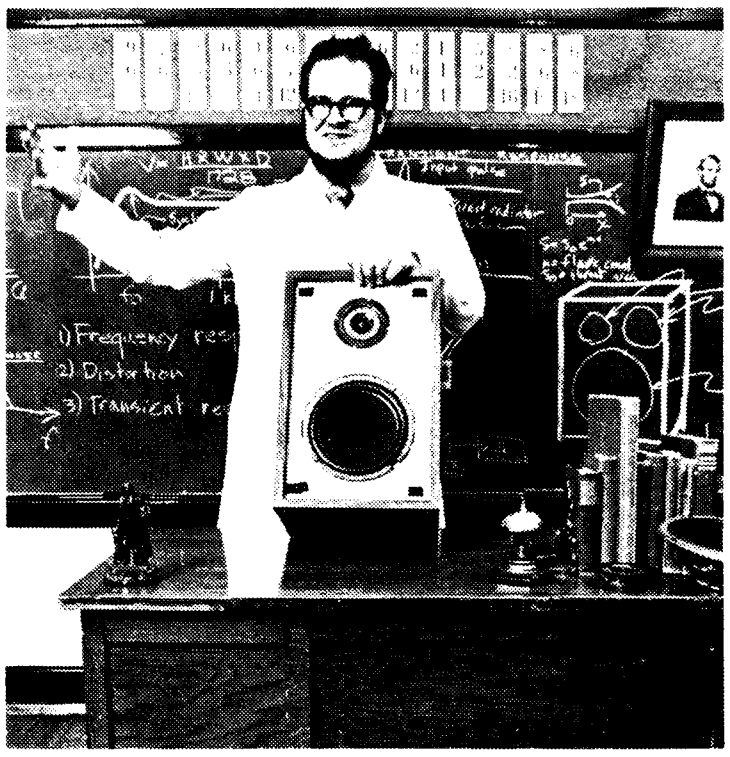

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One of the more unusual FBI memos seriously proposed a plan to spray alternative newspapers with a chemical stench. The memo, written by the FBI office in Newark, New Jersey, said: "A very small amount of this chemical disburses a most offensive odor, and its potency is such that a large amount of papers could be treated in a matter of seconds."

The memo added that the smell "could be prepared in the FBI laboratory for use in an aerosol-type dispenser." Other memos indicated that J. Edgar Hoover may have killed this plan before it was implemented.

However, many other FBI operations against the alternative press were employed. One document indicated that the FBI produced bogus editions of Liberation News Service in the laboratory by matching the LNS paper, ink and format and then creating and mailing out releases that carried misinformation.

Another document revealed that the Bureau established a bogus college newspaper called the Denver Arrow in order to be able to subscribe to College Press Service. The FBI even paid the lower "member discount" offered by College Press in 1972.

Memos pertaining to the Underground Press Syndicate indicate the Bureau conducted mail openings, physical stakeouts of the office, and obtained and copied the group's bank records, credit card records, postage meter records, phone bills and income tax reports.

The documents also revealed FBI agents in a number of U.S. cities approached private printers who were printing alternative newspapers and successfully talked them into raising their printing rates substantially or even into cancelling the printing contracts completely.

"If only we could haul it away someplace and work on it quietly. . ."

English 100 students flunk again

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that exists," he said Wednesday.

Parkin said he thought a study of the exam's procedures is not necessary.

"We get experienced people marking it. We have a committee of English professors who decide the exam's content with student representatives."

Both Parkin and Conry said they felt English teachers were placing more emphasis on composition. But Parkin said he thought the final onus lies with the student.

"You can teach people, but you can't learn for them," he said. "Many kids are not very motivated. If a student isn't concerned about his own writing, that's his business."

He said if students saw the university taking writing seriously, they would gain more respect for writing skills.

"Clear writing helps you to think clearly. Otherwise, you're losing out on the thought processes," he said.

Parkin said the exam does not contain an "extraordinary high level" of writing skills and usually does not result in many mechanical errors. But it does indicate the little amount of reading a student does if the English passage is not understood.

PANGO-PANGO (UNS)—Blorg for bored affairs Banal Bleaters, not speaking at a meeting of silly reprehensible blorgs he did not attend, did not say he favored the removal of all students capable of speech from public office in this tiny island kingdom.

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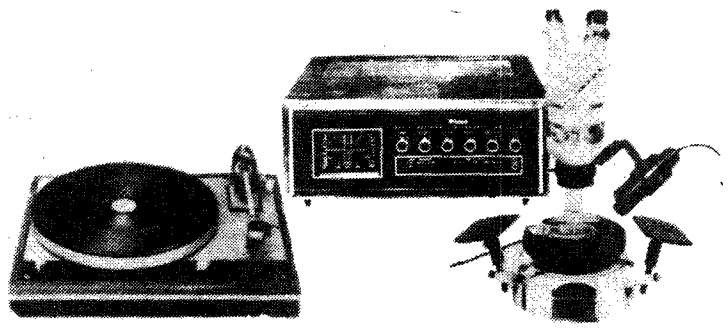

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Four battle for board seats

The race for the two student seats on the UBC board of governors looks to be a contest of lawyers versus veteran Alma Mater Society hacks, and hopefully will be settled out of court.

The campaigns of law students Vian Andrews and Carlos Brito contrast sharply with the conventional tactics of veteran UBC student politicians Glenn Wong and Bruce Armstrong.

By KEVIN MCGEE and GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

Brito is planning on campaigning by word-of-mouth, all-candidates forums, and Ubyssey articles, while fellow aspiring lawyer Vian Andrews is running a slick, high-geared publicity program.

Besides his name, picture and slogan, the only pitch Vian Andrews makes on his campaign poster are a few glib, idealistic lines about education.

"We want a better education than this University now provides. We expect more from ourselves. We expect more from our teachers," the poster reads.

Candidates Wong and Armstrong have more conventional posters listing experience and campaign promises.

Wong and Armstrong have the most experience and exposure on campus, while Britos and Andrews have the advantage of presenting themselves to the students for the first time without viewpoints prejudiced by their past record.

The elections, to be held Tuesday with advance polls on Monday, will be the first board election in several years in which an "engineering candidate" has not been fielded.

This could be an important factor, as the engineering faculty has in past years tended to vote in a block, for the past three years supporting retiring board candidate Basil Peters.

Glenn Wong, current Alma Mater Society director of finance, said the main issues in the board campaign are spending priorities, accountability to students, and treatment of student board members.

Wong said the Dec. 6 expulsion of student board member Paul Sandhu represents a mistreatment of student representatives.

"It just seems undemocratic. That seat is guaranteed by the Universities Act," he said.

Wong said he hoped the incident would not become a precedent for further student expulsions from the board.

Sandhu was expelled from the meeting for discussing funding negotiations for com-

"Involving ourselves in South Africa does not benefit the community" —ARMSTRONG

Student candidates contest fee hikes, spending and disclosure

pletion of UBC's Asian Centre with The Ubyssey. The negotiations were part of the closed section of the board meeting.

Wong said if he was confronted with information he felt students should know

A backbencher role is necessary for student board reps —BRITO

which the board felt should be kept secret, he would release the information.

"You've got to keep in touch with your constituents," said Wong.

Wong said he would keep regular office hours, attend all student government meetings, and try to keep people informed.

"I don't think some representatives of the past have been representatives," he said.

Wong said as a board member he would push for an analysis of university spending, to upgrade student services and improve student loans with the extra funds obtained from the 1977 tuition fee increase.

He said students have not received their share from the increase because student services and loans were not improved as was promised when the fees were levied.

Wong said the board should pay more attention to student concern about the direction of UBC investments. UBC has been criticized for holding $260,000 worth of shares in Noranda Mines, which has major operations in Chile.

He said he would attempt to arrange presentations to the board by concerned groups and would do his best to ensure those presentations were acted upon.

Wong said his experience as director of finance will be valuable in considering finance and budgetary matters.

Bruce Armstrong, former president of the AMS, said the main issues are interrelated and revolve around accessibility to education, student aid, student services, tuition increases, the Sandhu expulsion, and the general direction of the university.

"We've let the administration get away with a hell of a lot," said Armstrong.

He added that tuition fee increases and the expulsion are examples of the administration's abuse of its authority.

"They (the board) have no authority whatsoever to kick out an elected member. I don't think Paul should have left," said Armstrong.

Armstrong criticized Sandhu and the student representative assembly for not taking stronger action on the expulsion.

He said the SRA should consider legal steps, while Sandhu should have refused to leave the board meeting.

"If I was in Paul's shoes, I wouldn't have left."

On the issue of disclosure, Armstrong said he believes some issues are not important enough to bother disclosing to students, but added that he would be prepared to inform students about board business, regardless of board recriminations.

He said the problems of accessibility, student aid, student services, tuition increases and quality of education were all symptoms of overall financial mismanagement at UBC.

Armstrong said he would reject all suggestions of a further tuition fee increase for the coming year, if students continue to receive no improvements in student services or student aid from the 1977 increase.

"But it would be a mistake if they (the fees) became an overriding issue in the campaign."

Armstrong said he hopes to do something about university investments in companies which deal in oppressive foreign countries.

"I don't see how involving ourselves in South Africa is benefiting the community," he said.

He suggested the board restrict university investments to provincial markets and reinvest the tax dollars spent on UBC in the community that funds it.

Armstrong said the general direction of the university should remain academic oriented, and not let vocational training take precedence.

"Too many people come here for job training. A university should be a place for higher learning," he said.

Armstrong said he has been a member of every university body and has a fair understanding of how student representation functions.

Vian Andrews, law 2, says the problem with UBC is that there is a pervasive mediocrity accompanied by pervasive dissatisfaction.

"I see a position on the board as a chance to achieve higher standards in administration, teaching and academic studies," he says.

Andrews added that students would work at a higher standard if they were taught at a higher standard.

"The people of B.C. pay about 90 per cent already, so I couldn't resist moderate tuition fee increases proportional to increases in the cost of living," he says.

Andrews had particularly harsh words for the present student loan program. "The student loan program is crying out for reform. You can't refuse accessibility to students who have the proper aptitude — a special fund should be set up by the provincial government with a pay-back

"I couldn't resist moderate tuition fee increases" —ANDREWS

period of say 20 years, subject to fund replenishment and keeping the interest low."

Andrews said that he was working on a loans proposal which he would present to the board whether he was elected or not.

Outgoing student board member Paul Sandhu's expulsion from a board meeting for discussing "confidential" board business with The Ubyssey is not an important issue, Andrews said.

"He was a martyr to an idea I don't agree with. The issue wasn't significant."

Andrews added that discretion is sometimes necessary in financial matters, but said he would speak out and not be compromised if an issue conflicted with his personal ethics.

Andrews attacked several of the board's past financial decisions.

"Look at the design of the new extended care hospital. It looks like a Nazi bunker."

He said the hospital was one occasion when the board had appropriated funds for projects which should have been better planned.

Andrews said that if elected he would not represent the Alma Mater Society, but would take an independent mandate to the board. He said that he would attend student representative assembly meetings and added that he would try to instil a positive attitude to replace the present negativism.

Andrews served as the president of the Brock University student council, and has worked as a fund-raiser for many organizations, including the ill-fated Asian Centre.

Candidate Carlos Brito, law 1, says accessibility and tuition fee increases are the two major issues in the board race.

"Students should vote on the basis of the representation they will be getting. I feel that a student board representative should take student opinions to board meetings, not their individual opinions.

Sandhu's expulsion was an undemocratic mistreatment of a student rep—WONG

"Nothing obliges board representatives to bring back information on everything that goes on at meetings, but representatives should respond to issues that the students have assigned them," Brito said.

Brito said he felt Sandhu's eviction was imminent.

"I'm embarrassed by his being thrown out, that situation should be avoided at all costs. However, Basil Peters made a bad move by voting with the rest of the board. I'd never do that."

Brito says he is critical of both previous student board representatives.

"Sandhu was continually in opposition, and as a consequence he had little effect on board policy. Peters approach was to do nothing, which was just as bad. He was unable to gain any respect."

Brito says that if he is elected to the board, he will take a backbencher approach, not arguing against everything, but making amendments and hopefully earning the board's respect to the point where he could make more substantial contributions.

Brito says he is not opposed to fee increases, but adds that he would have to see the budget and weigh any sacrifices which might be made to limit any tuition fee increases.

He also said there was a lot of work which could be done to improve the student loans.

As a protest against inefficient administration spending by the administration, Brito says he has spent no money on his campaign. Brito has had no previous experience in student politics.