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Protests drown out talk

By JANET NICOL

Chanting "fascists have no right to speak," a group of demonstrators drowned out South African MP Harry Schwarz's final speech at UBC Saturday.

It was the third time in a week the protesters attempted to prevent Schwarz from speaking.

But the audience was able to read Schwarz's speech on an overhead projector as Schwarz talked, barely audible above the protesters' shouts.

Earlier in the speech, a member of the audience told the group to "shut up" and another added "let him speak." And a black man stepped up to the podium and said "I'm a South African and I'd like to say that Schwarz has a right to speak." But the demonstrators continued their chants.

The demonstrators call themselves the Ad Hoc Committee to Support the Just Struggle of the Azanian People.

Group spokesman David Fuller said the purpose of the protest was to prevent Schwarz from gathering international support to preserve the interests of whites in South Africa. Fuller estimates that about half of the 60 members are UBC students.

UBC students on the committee said the administration threatened to expel them if their names were revealed. Some of the members harrassed a Ubyssey photographer, believing him to be taking photographs for the administration.

The photographer denied their allegations but said that Malcolm McGregor, director of ceremonies, did approach him during the speech and asked for photographs of the demonstrators. Stewart refused, however.

Campus RCMP were situated throughout the lecture hall but refused to make any comments about the demonstrators.

UBC president Doug Kenny attended and said that Canadians should "train people to respect freedom of speech."

Kenny had endorsed a motion at the UBC senate last week which deplores the "denial of the right of free speech."

He also says he "would be greatly disappointed if the individuals who took part in this offensive demonstration were UBC people."

Schwarz is a member of the Progressive Reform Party and claims peaceful political and racial reform is possible in South Africa.

The topic of Schwarz's speech was the role of multi-national corporations as an instrument of change. He said the corporations have encouraged improved employment conditions and education but have done nothing to create black entrepreneurs or capitalists.

Schwarz said unless the free enterprise system is made attractive to blacks, they would find socialism irresistible.

Schwarz suggested that multinationals be encouraged to implement equal employment practises and profit-sharing among the blacks.

Summarizing his party's stand he said they wish to abolish discrimination and create a constitutional system where minorities are safeguarded.

Asked whether institutional segregation should be ended, in an interview with Schwarz after his speech, he replied, "What is wrong with the right of a club to choose its own membership?"

He also said that the state should not fund any private institution that discriminates but would not prevent privately owned institutions from discriminating.

As for the discriminatory views of his political colleagues, Schwarz said, "I'm not prepared to defend any discriminatory practices by members of our party."

A Thursday lecture was also disrupted by the committee. They used similar tactics and at one point grabbed Schwarz's microphone and tried to run off with it. But the security guards were able to retrieve the microphone.

— jon stewart photos

TEMPERS FLARE over freedom of speech in photo at left, as Schwarz supporter argues with one of protestors who prevented South African politician from delivering speech in Buchanan Thursday. Right, Schwarz speaks at IRC Saturday night.

Bookstore rakes in big bucks again

UBC's bookstore made a $108,000 profit last year.

But don't hold your breath waiting for textbook prices to go down — that profit won't be plowed back into the bookstore for quite a while, if ever.

Last year was the third consecutive year the bookstore made a profit of more than $100,000. The money has been channelled into a fund for future bookstore development and expansion, administration officials have said.

UBC senate Wednesday endorsed a proposal that bookstore profits should be used to expand and improve the bookstore before the money be used to lower textbook prices for students.

Administration president Doug Kenny told senate the profit came from stationery and calculators, not from textbook sales.

He said the bookstore lost $6,700 on textbooks, $11,000 on "other" books, and $17,000 on its November book sale.

But, he said, the store made a profit of $119,600 on stationery and $14,430 on calculators, making its total profit $108,000.

Kenny said the profit was only three per cent of the store's total revenue and put the bookstore "pretty well on the knife edge of fiscal viability."

Kenny gave the review of the bookstore's profit after a request to do so was made at last month's senate meeting by three student senators.

The proposal endorsed by senate questions the bookstore's status and its position as a profit-making organization.

Senate passed a motion to establish a committee to examine the proposal.

The proposal, put forward by anthropology professor Cyril Belshaw, asks that senate "adopt the principle that the bookstore is an academic service to the university analogous to the library and the computing centre, contributing resources of a broad educational character."

The proposal says the store should be financed in the same manner as the library and computing centre, have a specialized staff similar to the library staff, make every effort to reduce the price of books by adopting a non-profit objective and emphasize the academic nature and enfironment of the bookstore by physically separating the non-academic and commercial supplies and increasing the stock of academic books in the store.

Belshaw said Monday his proposal was intended to make the bookstore more of an academic service than it currently is.

"It isn't what I would regard as an educational resource right now," he said.

"It is a supplier of a limited variety of textbooks. It's not a place where faculty members and students can browse."

Belshaw said he thought the bookstore should include books related to fields of study at the university as well as simply required texts on the subjects.

"It should hold as near as possible to every serious book published in Canada," he said.

Belshaw said the store could manage this by "getting rid of the

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UBC protest support underwhelming

CAPTAIN VAN
. . . shows way

By DEB van der GRACHT

Less than 20 per cent of unionized workers at UBC supported the Oct. 14 day of protest, according to university services supervisors.

And most professors and students ignored labor's protest against the federal government's wage and price control program.

UBC physical plant workers showed the greatest support for the protest by more than a million workers across Canada. About 31 per cent of physical plant workers belonging to the Canadian Union of Public Employees, local 116, stayed off work Thursday, university spokesman Al Hunter said.

About 15 per cent of food services workers, also CUPE members, supported the day of protest, food services head Robert Bailey said.

Of a total 225 daily staff, about 35 stayed home from work Oct. 14, Bailey said, so most food services outlets were operating as usual. "Not a lot of people were out. Everything was open except Ponderosa cafeteria and that's a very small part of our operation."

Most housing employees, including residence attendants, maids and janitorial staff, came to work as usual.

Acting housing director Michael Davis said that of 86 housing staff, 13 stayed home. Housing staff belong to CUPE and the Association of University and College Employees.

CUPE president Ken Andrews had predicted wide support for the protest by CUPE members because the union recently voted to accept a pay increase of 7.5 per cent, much less than it had asked.

He said the membership did not want to begin a lengthy strike against the university because the Anti-Inflation Board is at fault for holding the pay increase down.

But he said the union membership would turn out in force Oct. 14 to protest the wage and price controls. Andrews was not available for comment Monday.

Support for the protest among UBC library and clerical workers was also less than union leaders had predicted. The workers are represented by AUCE, local one.

Fifteen per cent of library workers supported the day of protest. Sixty-seven of 418 employees struck Oct. 14.

AUCE executive members had said they thought the library would be their strongest area of support.

Erik De Bruijn, administrative services librarian, said all library services operated as usual.

Health services employees turned out for work in full force with only one member absent Thursday.

Chuck Connaghan, vice-president of administrative services, said there would be no disciplinary measures taken against employees who supported the Oct. 14 protest. But they will all lose a day's pay, he said.

Classes were generally well attended Thursday and professors showed up. But some people couldn't get to UBC Thursday morning because buses weren't running before 9 a.m.

Profs, students tell senate

Bookstore stock limited

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garbage or putting it somewhere else" without increasing its present size.

He suggested the store should devote less space to stacking of textbooks.

Instead, he said, one copy of a text could be displayed, and the rest of the textbooks could be stored. Students wanting a text book would then ask a bookstore employee for a copy.

"You don't need to see 50 copies to decide if you want a book," Belshaw said.

Belshaw said any bookstore profits should be used first to "extend the range of the store's holdings" and later to reduce text book prices.

Belshaw's motion was passed easily, and has followed many statements from student senators that the store should not make a profit and should be more academically oriented.

UBC registrar Jack Parnall also presented the preliminary report on registration to senate.

Parnall said the figures indicated enrolment was up slightly from last year although there were 200 fewer first year students, with most of the decrease coming in education and arts.

Total day-time enrolment is 22,944.

In other business, student senator Dick Byl expressed concern that the senate teaching evaluation committee established last year had not met yet this term.

Byl said he was also concerned that there was a president's committee on teaching evaluation as well, and the committees were unaware of each other's activities.

"One doesn't know what the other is doing," Byl said. "As there is also an Alma Mater Society committee on teaching evaluation, I would like to know what the president's committee is doing."

Kenny said he would ask the president's teaching evaluation committee to report back to senate at its next meeting.

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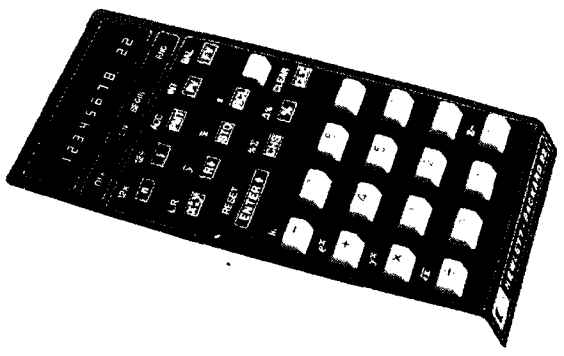

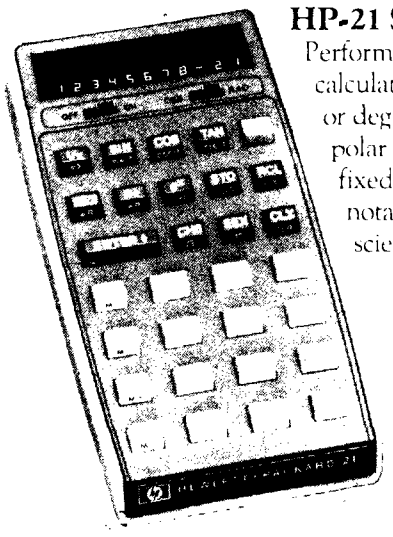

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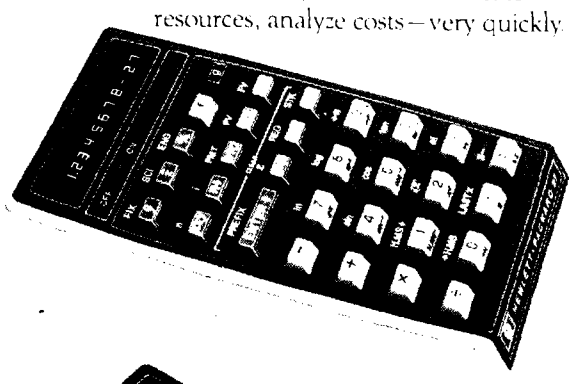

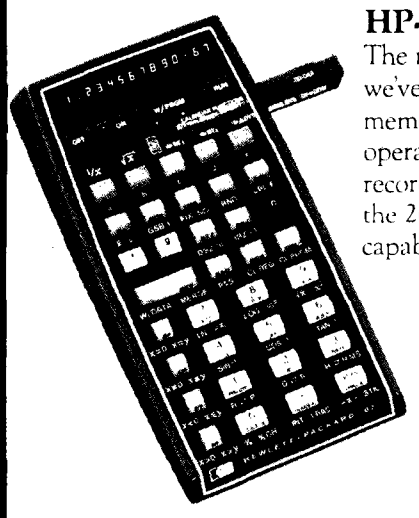

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'Law, justice rarely coincide'

Law and justice rarely coincide in today's society, Vancouver lawyer Harry Rankin said at UBC Friday.

"Law and justice should coincide, but my experience is if they do it's from accident rather than design."

Rankin told a group in the law building lawyers should become more involved in changing the law.

He was speaking about the coroner's inquest in Vanderhoof into the death of Corren Thomas, an Indian killed by a truck while she walked toward a nearby reserve. Rankin was at the inquest representing the Indian Homemakers Association.

"I think we can develop law to make it live for people," Rankin said. "A lawyer ought to make law. I think it's important that a statute is just a statute," he said.

"Let's make law and justice coincide," Rankin said. Rankin said people's conceptions of justice arise from their backgrounds, social positions and economic positions.

"You have a system of justice but it's not impartial. There's no sense in talking of it like that."

Rankin said that no judge is impartial, since no human being is impartial.

"The politicization of lawyers is happening in this country," he said. Political questions arise with each question in a coroner's inquest, he said, especially about an issue such as provocation.

Rankin said the native Indians of Vanderhoof claim the white people are aiming at them with their cars. The brother of the man whose truck hit Thomas had previously also hit a native Indian, but no charges were laid in that incident.

"It was obvious the police officer saw no reason to lay a charge. He says the reason was Coreen darted in front of the vehicle," said Rankin. He said none of the 15 or so adult witnesses said Coreen was playing chicken.

"Why should the words of (two) 14 and 16 year old girls be taken over 15 other witnesses?"

"Will due process of law take place? It makes the Indian people think that white cases go out this door and their cases go out the other door," Rankin said.

"We are honest enough (in this country) to know that we have feelings of racism," Rankin said. "I don't think Vanderhoof is a special place in B.C.

"The kinds of camouflage people have (here in Vancouver) are much more sinister, Rankin said.

MARCHING STRIKERS . . . represent UBC union in protest

— ian mackenzie photo

Forums to be held for NSD

By STEVE HOWARD

The first of a series of open forums on issues concerning students will be held at noon Friday in the SUB conversation pit.

Topics to be discussed will include unemployment, tuition fee hikes, transportation, housing, student aid and student governments.

Friday's forum is to be the first in a series of seven forums that will lead up to National Student Day on Nov. 9.

National Student Day will call attention to the burden of expenses students bear. It is being organized by the National Union of Students and will take place on virtually every campus across Canada.

Each open forum will have a different theme. The forums will start with resource people making statements and outlining the situation. Question and answer periods will follow.

"The whole point is building student awareness," Paul Sandhu, NSD coordinator for UBC, said Monday.

On Nov. 9 there will be three workshops on tuition fees, student aid and quality of education. The workshops will last all day, but the focus that day will be on the forum in the SUB conversation pit, which Bill Clarke, Conservative MP for Vancouver South, has agreed to attend.

There will also be speakers from the Alma Mater Society, the National Union of Students and the B.C. Students Federation.

The seven open forums will be held at noon in the conversation pit Oct. 22, 26, 27, 28, and Nov. 2, 3, and 4.

"Students across the country are facing rising costs for their education," said Sandhu. "Soon many may find these costs beyond reach."

Sandhu said UBC students are hit particularly hard by the high costs of housing, transportation and consumer goods. "With next year's proposed tuition fee hikes and student aid cutbacks the problem could become critical," he said.

He said fees are being raised to allot a greater share of university expenses to students.

"The federal government's Fiscal Arrangements Act, a cost sharing act, splits certain provincial costs 50-50, including educational costs," said Sandhu. "But the federal government plans to stop this in 1977 and the province has passed the financial buck down to the university, telling it to find the money it needs to operate."

"Right now our fees cover about 15 per cent of the university operating budget, but the school will increase this to 25 per cent unless something is done," Sandhu said.

1 million protest AIB across Canada

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More than 189,000 B.C. workers stayed off the job Thursday on the national day of protest organized by the Canadian Labor Congress to protest federal wage controls.

They were among more than one million workers across the country who refused to work Thursday and shut down key sectors of the economy from coast to coast.

The protest action, the largest demonstration of public opposition to government policies ever seen in Canada, varied in success between regions of the country and different sectors of the economy — but few communities were unaffected.

In Vancouver, downtown stores and most offices were empty, buses weren't running before 9 a.m. and neither The Province nor The Sun were able to publish.

Elsewhere in the province, workers in the forest and paper industry and in the mines stopped working — and some of them joined a march downtown on the regional anti-inflation board office on West Georgia.

In Vancouver, as in Ontario and other provinces, the strength of the support came from members of industrial unions and workers in the service and provincial sectors played a less active role.

Only 25 per cent of B.C.'s provincial employees stayed away from work, despite support for the protest from union leaders.

In Ontario, about 440,000 workers joined the one-day work stoppage despite a ruling Wednesday by the Ontario Labor Relations Board that such action could lead to employer reprisals.

Ontario's basic steel industry in Hamilton, the auto industry in Oshawa, Windsor, Oakville and London, most manufacturing and virtually all construction works were closed.

About 10,000 people marched on the provincial legislature in Toronto, 15,000 joined marches in Hamilton and major demonstrations took place in Oshawa, Sudbury and Ottawa. Smaller demonstrations were held in other communities.

In Quebec, 230,000 workers gave up a day's wages to protest government controls and large demonstrations were held in Montreal, Quebec and other cities.

The three Quebec labor centrals — the Quebec Federation of Labor, the National Confederation of Trade Unions and the Quebec Teachers' Union — joined forces to organize and participate in the protest and participation among industrial and public sector unions was high.

In Alberta, members of the Alberta Public Employees Union were among the chief supporters of the action, and were joined by workers in the building trades and resource extraction industries. About 34,000 Alberta workers stayed off the job, and protest rallies were held in Edmonton, Calgary and other centres.

About 30,000 Manitoba workers stayed away from work and 10,000 workers took part in a march on the legislature in Winnipeg.

The town of Thomson — where miners struck the AIB successfully after a wage settlement rollback by the board, was completely shut down by the protest.

In Saskatchewan, more than 24,000 construction, transportation and retail workers joined the work stoppage, and about 1,2000 people braved the cold rainy weather to rally in the Regina legislative building. Farmers, Metis and students joined the rally.

In the Maritimes, members of the Fishermen's Union tied up the fishing industry in each province, with major shutdowns occurring in Labrador City, Grand Falls, Nfld. and demonstrations in St. John's, Nfld., Sydney, N.S. and Moncton and St. John in N.B. — all areas that have been hit with rollbacks during the last year.

In Nova Scotia, about 30,000 workers stayed-off the job, about half of those workers in the Sydney steel mills.

Protest organizers in Newfoundland said 18,500 workers stayed away from work Thursday, and protests in that province centred on unemployment as well as wage controls.

About 27,000 workers were off work in New Brunswick, many of them in the forest industry, and 1,900 workers didn't go to work in Prince Edward Island.

Some Maritimes workers joined a rally in Charlottetown, where workers pinned a workers' proclamation to the doors of the legislature.

Women's c'tee finds home

By KATHY FORD

The UBC women's committee has finally found a home — but it's only temporary.

Pam Willis, a committee member, said Monday the arts undergraduate society has agreed to let the committee use the old AUS office in Brock Hall. The room is also the psychology students' association office.

The committee has been without an office since its formation in September. The student representative assembly has refused to give the committee office space in SUB.

Some SRA members said the committee should not be allowed to use space in SUB because it is not a club. Willis said the committee is not prepared to compromise by constituting the committee as a club.

"The women's movement is not a club," she said. "If we constitute ourselves as a club, we will have to hand our minutes to the SRA for approval instead of just getting them received.

"We would like to be accepted as a committee of the SRA."

The committee faces a lack of funding, Willis said. The committee is asking the federal and provincial governments and the Alumni Association for money, she said.

She said the committee will use the temporary office as a centre to organize. Information will be compiled there about courses, health and other issues concerning needs of UBC women.

The committee, which currently has about 20 members, will put out 2,000 copies of a questionnaire asking women what they would like the committee to do.

Willis said the committee does not plan to approach the SRA again in the near future. She said "We first want to establish ourselves as something that is doing something concrete."

Students are welcome to drop by the office in Brock 163, she said.

Schwarz does have right to speak

"FASCISTS HAVE NO RIGHT TO SPEAK."

Yes they do.

And so does Harry Schwarz, the South African member of parliament who tried three times during the past week to deliver speeches at UBC.

For Harry, old chap, is not a fascist, even though he knowingly and willingly participates in the fascist and racist regime that rules South Africa.

The people who shouted down Schwarz's speeches, the ad hoc committee to support the just struggle of the Azanian people, which is simply a creation of supporters of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), were acting on principle.

They believe Schwarz is a fascist and as such he has no right to speak.

They simply wanted to drown out Schwarz, to prevent his views from being presented.

And they were pretty successful, too.

But they were wrong on at least one very important point.

Because when you kiss goodbye to free speech, you can be sure that freedom is packing its bags, and fascism, real fascism, has its foot in the door.

It's easy to shout someone down. But it would have been almost as easy, through careful and open and rational questioning, to expose Schwarz for what he is — a racist, slimy liberal whose purpose it was to promote the capitalism that will make almost any concessions in South Africa provided it is permitted to preserve the greed-driven economic system that has all but been rejected by most of the world's nations (in favor, we might add, of various forms of fascism and Communism).

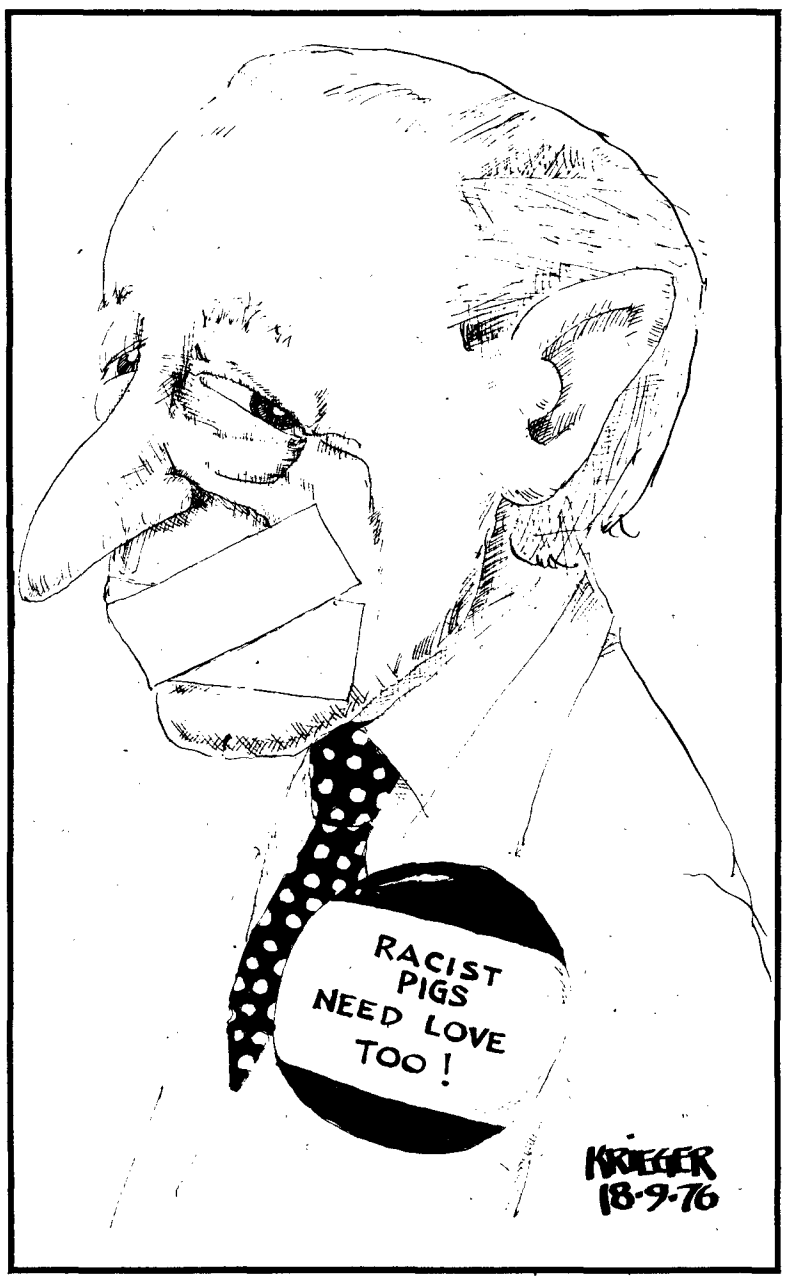
Given enough rope, Schwarz would have hung himself. It wasn't necessary to temporarily ignore the fundamental right of free speech.

It's not quite enough to say that liberals believe in peaceful change. A liberal is one who can identify a fault in society, but is fuzzy on the causes, and believes compromise, concession and conciliation can gradually bring about a better life for all concerned, without seriously disrupting the basic economic and social structure of society. In opposition, they are the world's greatest whiners and opportunists. In power, which they cherish, they are masters of compromise and bafflegab.

Harry Schwarz, as an "elected" South African politician (all of whom, of course, are white) is in the latter category.

Schwarz said, or tried to say, Saturday he wants "a constitutional system in which power is shared and minorities safeguarded." Gosh, does than mean one person, one vote? Not quite. "The vote . . . is not an instant solution providing economic and social happiness. Nor does the removal of white control always mean freedom for blacks."

Schwarz said he wants to "abolish discrimination, not merely cosmetically but in reality." That could be politely termed a distortion, but more accurately, and bluntly, a lie.



For when asked Saturday if a private institution such as a university had a right to refuse entrance to blacks, had a right to discriminate, Schwarz refused to answer unequivocally. "What is wrong with the right of a club to choose its own membership?" he asked.

In other words, an institution receiving public funds should not be allowed to discriminate, but privately owned restaurants, hotels, stores, schools, universities — anything — can discriminate against anyone they want.

Is this how you abolish discrimination, Harry Schwarz?

And then there's the real reason Schwarz spoke, or tried to speak, in the first place.

"It is important that in the process of change, existing institutions of value and means of production are not destroyed. The fabric of society, however critical one may be of its present structures, should be adopted and modified where required, but not destroyed."

Schwarz said he believes economic growth will bring about the end of apartheid in South Africa. He told questioners Saturday after his speech that we Canadians should make our multi-national companies active in South Africa clean up their act.

"There is no law preventing equal pay for equal work. There is nothing now to prevent in job training. Nothing prevents assistance for education and housing. While multi-national corporations have given encouragement to improve employment conditions and education, they have done very little if anything to create black entrepreneurs or capitalists. Profit sharing, worker participation, share acquisition schemes are not on the agenda."

Capitalists . . . they think their money can buy them anything.

We're sorry we couldn't hear you speak, Harry Schwarz. We're sorry you were denied the right of free speech.

But we'd like you to go home now, Mr. Schwarz, and when a black man sticks a gun in your face, don't have the gall, before he pulls the trigger, to ask why.

You should know.

Letters

Minds made up

On Saturday night I attended Harry Schwarz's lecture at the Instructional Resources Centre.

Also attending were a group of about 40 or so protestors who chanted incessantly throughout like a broken record.

I spoke briefly to some of them beforehand, and asked one woman what the problem was. She apparently didn't know what she was protesting. She mumbled something about getting support, and returned with another young woman who sported catch words like bourgeois, fascist, you've got to take a stand, taking action and so on.

She was also presumably parrotting somebody else, since when I questioned one of her statements about the university suppressing progressive democratic groups, she said she didn't really know of anything specific but would go find a student for me who did.

By then, I realized it was futile, so I went in and while waiting I glanced at the pamphlet I had been given. It was full of those same catch words as well as numerous distortions.

I'm sure the hecklers all considered themselves brave and noble, and that they had indeed complished nothing whatsoever except to irritate immensely a group of people who were, for the most part, sympathetic with the black people's cause.

If they had succeeded in ruining the lecture — which they in fact did not — they would only have stopped a group of Canadians from gaining more knowledge about the South African situation without which they cannot act to change it.

Also, if indeed these people are right about Schwarz and he is some kind of perfidious friend, they made it hard for the audience to realize this, since we all tended to be more sympathetic with Schwarz in light of his harrassment.

I noted that not one of the protestors had the guts to go up and talk to Schwarz afterwards. I presume their minds were made up — they didn't want to be confused with the facts.

Ken Pivnick
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"Fascists have no right to speak!" shouted Sue Vohanka at the assembled Ubyssey staffers. "And besides, I want to get to the bar before it closes." Verne McDonald shouted "Seig Heil!" and listed the names of all who opposed her. They were Ralph Maurer, Steve Howard, Ted Davis, Deb van der Gracht, Heather Walker, Vicki Booth, Paul Wilson, Matt King, Doug Field, Kathy Ford, Janet Nicol, Charlie Micallef, Brad Nelson, Tom Barnes, Jon Stewart, Geof Wheelwright, Marcus Gee, Doug Rushton, and Ian Mackenzie. In the end they compromised and went to the bar, where no one spoke for fear they would spray beer on everyone else.

No rights

I am writing this letter to express my views, most likely common to the majority of those students present, on the form of protest arranged against Harry Schwarz when he addressed UBC students on Thursday.

It is appalling to see such a protest organized and participated in by a few individuals bent on denying Schwarz the right to freedom of speech by frantically beating their desks and chanting slogans, mesmerized by their narrow understanding of discussion and argument.

It is not true that if Schwarz is the politically bigoted fascist these protestors claim he is, this would become blatantly clear to all in his speech?

If not, are not his views put to the test when the audience questions his views at the end of the speech?

Obviously these protestors think not, and maybe for good reason.

The audience, however, was denied to make such a judgment.

This was what must have been in the mind of the student who went forward and wrote on the board: "Excuse me, for interrupting, but what happened to my right as an individual to the freedom of choice to listen?"

Even her view was silenced by a protestor dashing forward to obliterate her statement before it was completed.

I wonder how many of the approximately 120 people present at the end of the speech sided with the 15 protestors present or sided with the comment on a sign outside the lecture hall that someone had changed from "Oppose the fascist Schwarz" to "Oppose the fascists opposing Schwarz."

In view of this incredibly assinine protest which made it impossible to hear Schwartz's speech, I believe The Ubyssey should publish the speech in full to enable UBC students to mull over his political intent and purpose without the deafening chants of a few extremists.

Erik Rehtlane
applied science 3

Literacy debate academic

By TOM BARNES

The last couple of years have seen the development of quite an academic debate on the questionable literacy of university students.

Last year, 37 per cent of students enrolled in English 100 failed what was described as a basic examination to test students' command of the English language.

A recently released Ontario study claimed that only four per cent of post secondary students tested in that province were literate.

Academics have pointed to the secondary school system as the culprit. Others have pointed at the university. A lot of fuss has been raised.

A couple of years ago, with a great sigh of disgust, UBC set up a remedial English program to train first year students to pass the basic grammar test.

Much was made of the fact that this was not to be considered the university's role, but if no one else was going to teach these poor unfortunates to read and write UBC would bear the burden. Stiff upper lip and all that.

However, before teachers within the primary and secondary school systems are condemned beyond all reason, let us have the self-serving and self centred members of the academic community make a few things clear.

First of all, what is this testing for?

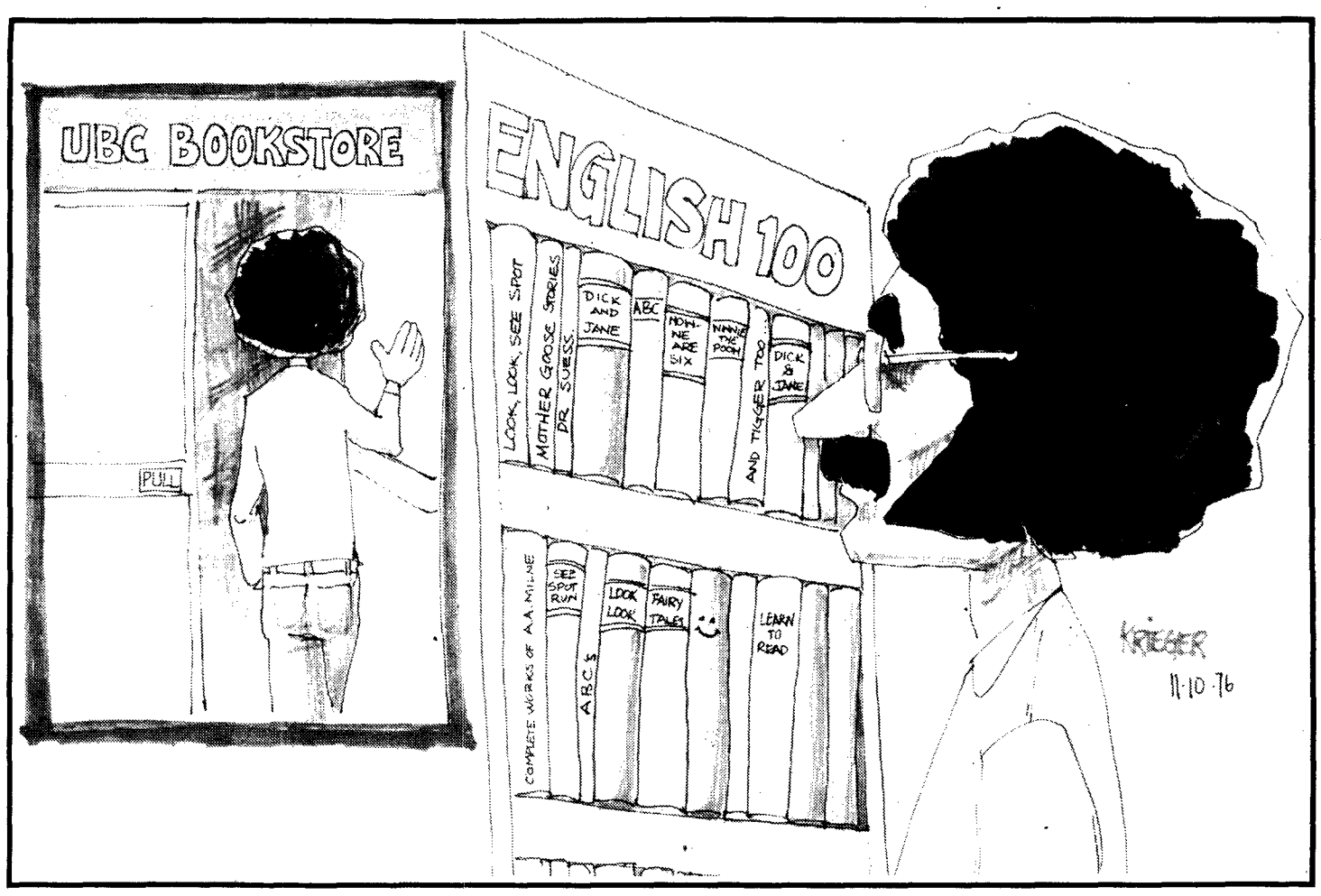
Are students being branded illiterate because they have a poor command of rules of grammar that one seldom uses in real life any more?

Or are they really not able to read and write well enough to communicate?

"Let us have the self-serving academic community make a few things clear. What definition of literacy is being used?"

What is the definition of literacy that is being used?

If the figures being bandied about are to be believed, in 10 years Canada is going to have more illiterates than any third world country you care to name.



Most important, how does the literacy level of first year university students relate to other members of the population? What control group are the academics using? What is the literacy rate among professors at UBC? Have they been tested? Judging from some of the "keep your tenure" articles published in academic journals, many professors lack the ability to communicate effectively.

Have doctors, lawyers or other professional groups been tested? How do people who graduate from high school in 1950 stack up against those who graduated in 1960?

Presumably, the high schools taught people to read and write at some time — when did the standards begin to decline?

I should think it would be hard to condemn the schools for delivering a deteriorating product, unless you can prove that standards have gone down, at what rate they have gone down and in what areas.

There is no evidence to suggest that the average working person in the real world would do any better than students beginning first year university.

In fact, I would suggest there are grounds for believing the average worker would do worse. Few people in the real world spend as many hours writing essays and deciphering academic treatises as a student does.

"Judging from some articles in academic journals, many professors lack the ability to communicate effectively."

In the real world, people endeavor to communicate with each other as effectively as possible. This often means avoiding the obstructions posed by archaic and obsolete rules of grammar.

In any case, it is very hard to believe that the universities should not bear some of the responsibility if education is indeed suffering a decline in standards.

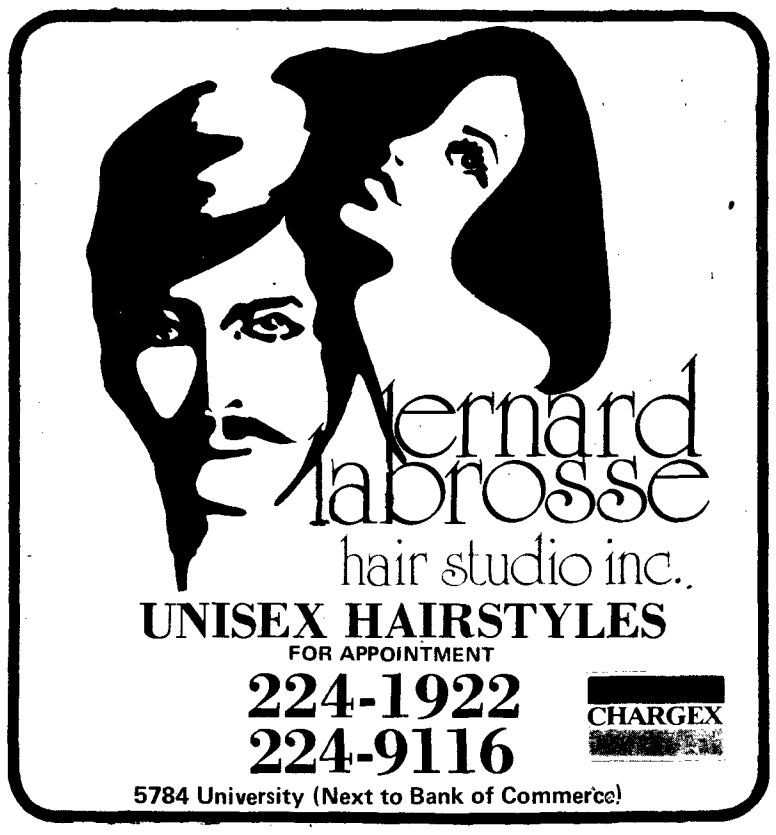
Who is it after all that trains teachers in the school systems? Where were modern teaching methods developed? And wasn't it just a few years ago that pious and smug academics chastised the school system for being backward and barren?

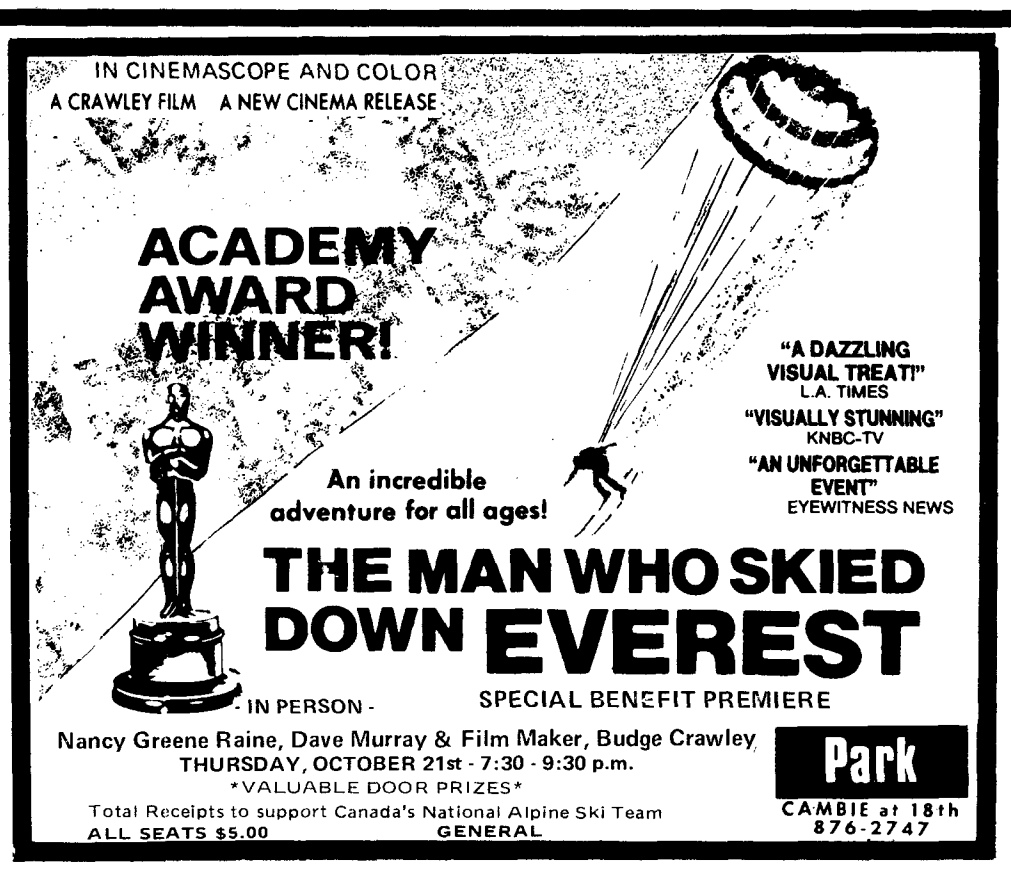
If teaching is that important a part of getting a good education, why are there so many faculty, with tenure, who haven't a clue how to teach? There is no teaching training in any of our graduate programs, from which sprout the professors of tomorrow.

If the university doesn't insist that its faculty members be able to teach, how can it expect to adequately train school teachers entering the school system?

The problem is not as simple as many wish to believe.

Until the problem is put in its proper perspective, until we know exactly how literacy is being defined, and most important, until all members of the educational community are prepared to shoulder their share of the burden, there really is not any point in carrying the debate much further.





Hot flashes

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Competitors may submit a long poem or a group of poems, a full-length play or group of plays, a novel or a collection of short stories. The competition is open to students from any Canadian university.

Entry forms for the competition can be obtained from the University College registrar and entries must be in by May 15, 1977.

Slander, libel

A free course on libel and slander will be held Nov. 1, 2, and 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room 210-211, King George Secondary School, 1755 Barclay.

Pre-registration is necessary. The course is sponsored by the Vancouver People's Law School and will be instructed by lawyer Peter Butler. Call 681-7532 to register and for further information.

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Guest speaker is MP Jack Horner, noon, SUB 212.

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General meeting social co-ordinator election and film, noon, Angu 110.

PRAMA YOGA CLUB
Exercise and meditation class, 3 p.m., SUB 205.

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Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 211.

PRE-MED SOCIETY
Speech about neurosurgery, noon, IRC 4.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Prayer and sharing, noon, SUB 205.

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Chinese instrumental music practice, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., International House.

CSA
Chinese folk dance lessons, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., SUB party room.

CSA
Play games and make friends, noon, SUB 216.

WEDNESDAY

UBC LIBERALS
General meeting, noon, SUB 212.

DEMOLAY CLUB
Election of officers, noon, SUB 211.

SAILING CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 200.

CUSO
General meeting, noon, SUB 215.

CAMPUS MINISTRY
Pot Luck dinner, 5:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

DEAN OF WOMEN
Free film series called Civilization, noon, SUB auditorium.

NEWMAN CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 205.

SIMS
Introductory lecture about transcendental meditation, noon, Bu. 313.

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Choir practice, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., International House

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Science general meeting, noon, Hut 0-7.

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Lecture about theory of sailing, noon, SUB 200.

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Bears drop 'Birds in fans' delight

By TOM BARNES

"When you put 38 points on the board you should win the game," said UBC football coach Frank Smith.

Unfortunately, the University of Alberta upset his theory on Saturday in Edmonton by scoring 45. Needless to say Smith was not enthralled by the play of his defence.

"A week ago they were super when we beat Saskatchewan 16-15," said Smith. "They were well prepared but just came out flat."

The 'Birds needed the win to clinch a playoff spot in the Western Intercollegiate Football League. Now they must win their remaining two games to ensure themselves of first place, and one of the two to make the playoffs.

They go to Winnipeg to meet the University of Manitoba Huskies Saturday and the following week finish the season at home as they host the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

SPORTS

Despite the bad performance of the defence, the offence enjoyed its finest game of the year. For the most part UBC relied on the arm of Dan Smith. The UBC quarterback completed 24 of 36 pass attempts for 314 yards and two touchdowns.

Fullback Gord Penn picked up most of the ground game as he ran for 147 yards. Runningback Glen Wallace chipped in 84 yards.

UBC totalled 533 yards of offence, Alberta struck back with 522.

Digby Leigh and Chris Davies caught touchdown passes for the 'Birds. Penn scored two UBC touchdowns on runs of 44 yards and five yards. Wallace picked up the final major on a five yard run. Gary Metz converted each touchdown and added a 38-yard field goal.

Wallace's score came with 3:30 remaining in the game. UBC successfully tried an onside kick, then moved the ball deep into Alberta territory but the drive sputtered when Smith had a pass intercepted on the 23 yard line. It was his second intercepted pass of the game.

UBC tried to come back again in the dying minute but Penn fumbled in the Alberta half of the field.

Not unexpectedly Frank Smith was happy with the offensive display but would like to see his team get the whole game plan together before the season ends. "If we get our offence and our defence both playing the way they've shown they can we'll blow whoever we're playing right out of the game," Smith said.

In the other WIFL game the University of Saskatchewan Huskies handed Calgary its second straight loss, 30-19.

WIFL standings:

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
UBC	4	2	0	151	135	8
Sask.	4	3	0	145	126	8
Alberta	3	3	0	122	135	6
Calgary	3	4	0	136	182	6
Manitoba	2	4	0	126	102	4

Rowing 8 win race

A record time and record numbers marked this year's Arts 20 relay race.

Twenty-seven teams of eight runners each, up from the previous high of fifteen teams, entered the race held at noon Thursday. The event is organized by UBC Intramurals and is run on a seven mile course from Vancouver General Hospital to UBC.

The record-setting victors were one of four teams entered by the UBC rowing team. A fast anchor leg by Craig Delahunt brought the winners home in 33:21, a big improvement on the previous best of 34:07.

Other members of the winning team were Peter Hall, Les White, Gary Cumiford, Rob Hartvikson, Joe Morgan, Kirk Warsick, and Rob Dory.

Back from successful trip, soccer 'Birds tie Richmond

By PAUL WILSON

The UBC Thunderbird soccer team tied Richmond Inn 1-1 in first division B.C. Senior Soccer League play Saturday.

The 'Birds, exhausted after their tour of the United States, had trouble putting the ball in the net. It wasn't until about midway through the second half that Hugh Lachlan was finally able to score.

Richmond came back with four minutes to go to tie the game.

"We held onto the ball too much in the first half," said 'Birds coach Joe Johnson. "We really were feeling the effects of the last two weeks. I always dread the game after a long tour."

The draw puts the 'Birds in a tie for third place. They have two games in hand over league-leading Columbus and one game over both second-place teams.

During their U.S. tour, UBC went undefeated in ten games.

The 'Birds won eight games and tied two despite having to squeeze them into a 13-day schedule in three states.

The first round of the Canada West University soccer championships goes Thursday when the 'Birds play the University of Victoria Vikings. Last year the Vikings edged UBC 1-0 to win the Canada West title and went on to take the National championships.

"The Vikings are always a good club but we are better this year. The Thursday game could well decide the western title," said Johnson.

The game goes at noon Thursday in Thunderbird Stadium.

B.C. Senior Soccer standings, first division:

	W	L	T	Pts
Italian-Columbus	4	1	1	9
Richmond	2	1	3	7
Cliff Ave.	3	1	1	7
UBC	2	0	2	6
New West.	2	1	2	6
Dover	2	2	2	5
Wesburn	2	3	0	4
Pegasus	1	4	1	3
Firefighters	1	3	1	3
Eldorado	1	5	0	2

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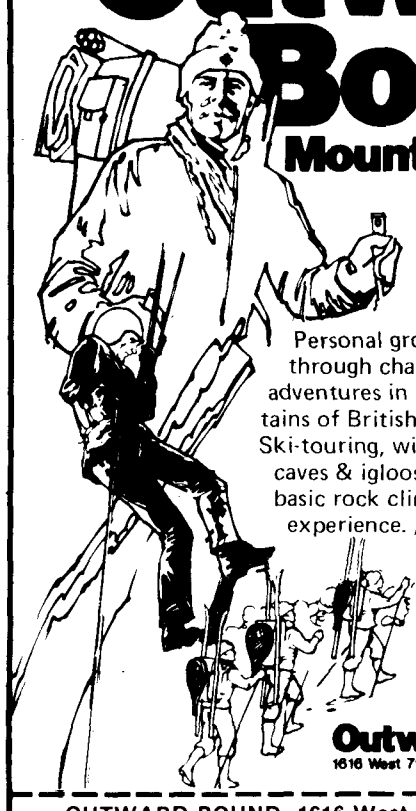

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Clinic helps smokers, eaters

By CHARLIE MICALLEF

The UBC psychology department has opened a unique off-campus clinic to battle weight problems and tobacco addiction.

Rod Borrie, a psychology grad student said Monday the concept of a reduced environmental stimulation technique (REST) clinic has been considered for about a year by members of the psychology department but the idea was only seriously developed during the summer.

Borrie, 29, together with Bruce Landon, a psychology prof and Peter Suedfeld, head of the psychology department, opened the clinic in September.

"It is unique in that there is more work done in this field in Canada than anywhere else. Manitoba is a centre too," Borrie said.

The 24-hour sensory deprivation meeting is a tailor-made program of denial for patients with either obesity or smoking problems.

The client lies on a couch in a completely blackened room. He listens to a tape recording of messages urging him to ccontrol his habit. Sometimes the patient himself will record the messages.

The 24 hours also includes a series of exercises, role playing and a diet of liquid diet food and water.

"In a 24-hour concentration the patient may only listen to one and one half hours of tape. The door is not locked, they can leave anytime and there is always someone in the next room."

Borrie said people don't seem to miss smoking or eating when they're in the room. They are away from the stimuli of the outside world which invite them to eat or smoke.

"In fact, the obese people don't usually consume an inordinate amount of the diet food that is offered them."

Borrie said he and his colleagues are not out to make money. "But I'd like to see it catch on. We would like to treat as many people as possible for their own welfare."

It's too early to draw any conclusions from the treatment of the six patients undergoing the program at present.

It's a long term thing. Even after they leave us we follow them for a year. We will keep in touch with the smokers for as long as two years in order to record their progress."

Borrie said the need for a sensory deprivation clinic was evident from research carried out by the psychology department over the last three years.

Research showed a large number of people want treatment for smoking and weight problems.

"Everyone is looking for an easy way to lose weight. There is a need for a sensible, personalized dieting method for individuals," Borrie said.

The techniques used at the clinic have been supplemented by research done at McGill University and Rutgers University in New Jersey.

REST has a staff of four and is supported by money contributed by Borrie and the others. Once the clinic gets fully underway, Borrie said, it will exist as an independent business, supported by the clients.

But fees are not covered by B.C. medical insurance and Borrie said he is worried that the clients the clinic develops might be mostly from the upper income bracket.

There are different REST programs depending on clients' problems. People with weight problems can enrol in a four month program which, Borrie said, is comparable in price to joining Weight Watchers for a year. The cost is $300 for four months.

Borrie said a heavy smoker can be treated for less than it costs for cigarettes in a year.

None of the six patients are students and the average age is about 30. The patients so far have been middle-class and all are healthy mentally. Four are female.

The clinic has not turned away any patients yet.

"A few people on welfare enquired about the therapy but we couldn't help them. Money is a problem at this point."

Borrie attributes the lack of clients to the fact the clinic has not advertised its services. But they plan to solicit doctor referrals through the B.C. Medical Association.

Thieves in Vanier

While Place Vanier residents were recovering from Thanksgiving Day binges, thieves hit three women's houses in that residence.

Place Vanier area co-ordinator Josh Gruber said Monday seven wallets were taken the night of Oct. 12 and early the next morning. The amount of money lost is not known.

He said the thefts occurred in Tweedsmuir, Dorothy Maudsley, and Aldyn Hamber houses.

"It was done by people who knew exactly what they wanted," Gruber said. "Just wallets were rifled, and then the wallets were left at the next stop."

Gruber said he does not think there will be any more such thefts and added that there has never been an incident like it before in Place Vanier.

The thief or thieves apparently walked into rooms that had been left open or unlocked. The theft victims were all in the area at the time.

The RCMP constable investigating the thefts was not available for comment.

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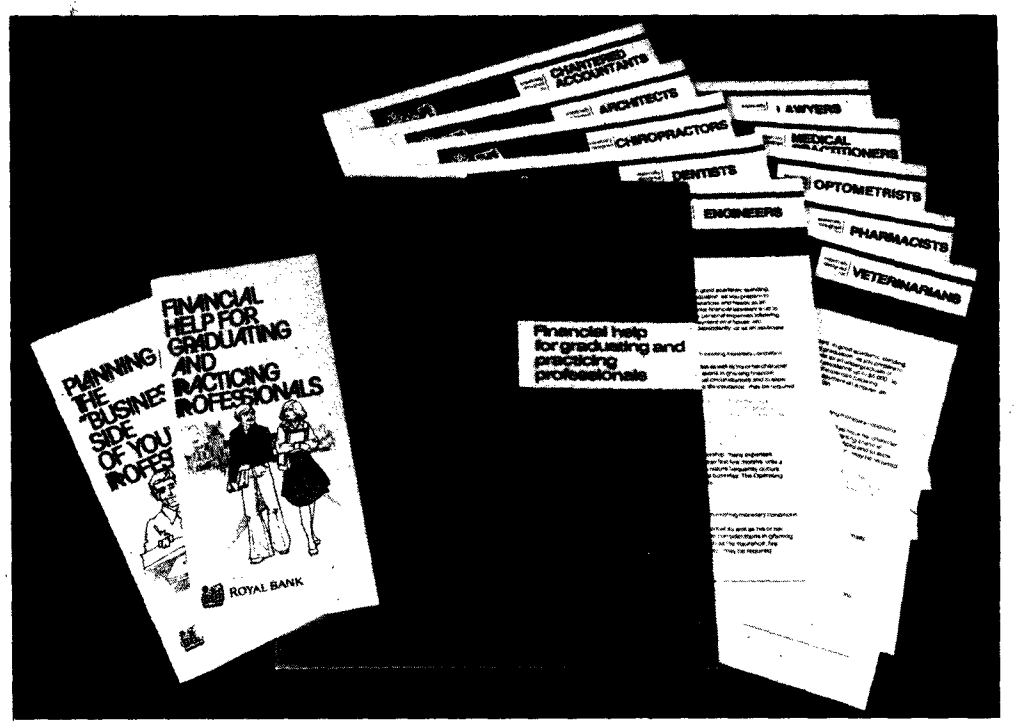

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