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Student input sought on hiring

by Sharon Lindores

The groundwork has been set for student participation in appointment decisions concerning professors, following a Senate vote last Wednesday.

An ad hoc committee was set up last year to review Senate guidelines which barred student participation in department decision making on professorial appointments, promotion and tenure. Its proposal modified Principle 3, which had been adopted by Senate in 1973.

One motion read "We further move that students, in particular graduate or senior majors/honours students, be permitted to participate alongside faculty members on Search Committees, and wherever relevant, in appointment decisions as well."

Committee chair Dr. Philip Resnick said, "Honestly I feel quite pleased about the recommendations. When the motion was put forward a year ago at Senate there was debate and a division of opinion, there was strong opposition to opening the question."

"It has taken 18 years to get this relatively modest change through. A number of senators spoke on why other matters were not addressed, such as budget, salaries and the mark appeal committee. There might, in the future, be motions to remove restrictions.

"Promotion and tenure are very questionable. This is a significant change, probably as much as is possible now," Resnick said.

In the current Faculty Agreement, only faculty of equivalent status may participate in these matters. The committee's report said "If the Faculty Agreement eventually were to be changed to provide for participation by faculty, regardless of rank, in re-appointment, promotion and tenure decisions, then members of our committee who support more extensive student participation would recommend to a future Senate that it look into these areas anew."

Professor Bill Cullen, Faculty Association Executive, said "There is some role where students might be involved in the process, for example if students in the department attended a lecture, it might be useful.

"As for a major role, beyond that you would have to wait and see. We are concerned with confidentiality and the number of students who would be involved in such a process," Cullen said.

Student senator and committee member Orvin Lau said, "Just because you are a faculty member does not make you any better at keeping secrets.

"Realistically speaking, we went as far as we could on the committee. I pushed for an open process entirely to students, there was a great deal of resistance, especially with the Faculty Association.

"Students are in a position of weakness in Senate, it is dominated by faculty members. In the end it is really a losing battle," Lau said.

Lau is pleased with the progress, although he would like to see more done in the future. "Ideally I'd like to see reappointment, appointment, promotion and tenure opened up to students," he said.

Jason Brett, AMS president, said, "Generally I think it's a start. They went as far as they could, given Faculty Handbook regulations. Perhaps in the future we will see even more willingness to accept student involvement in promotion and tenure decisions.

Most Canadian universities have policies similar to UBC's. According to the committee's report, student representatives are involved in decision-making with appointments, promotion and tenure at some universities, such as Western Ontario and Carleton.

Ubyssey photographer discovers that some drivers have absolutely no respect for pedestrians. MA CHIA-NIEN PHOTO

Referendum results

by Johanna Wickie

The unofficial results of the 1991 AMS referendum are in. The referendum, which was held the first week of November, has proved to be a partial success.

The first of two questions on the ballot, which proposed a $15 fee levy to fund the Ombudsoffice, AMS Programs, AMS Bursaries and Emergency Loans and the WUSC Refugee Fund failed by 32 votes.

The second question, to alter the mandate of the Capital Project Acquisition Fee, has been approved with a comfortable margin. The AMS will now be able to go ahead with the Pit expansion, SUB renovations, Whistler Cabin renovations and a replacement for the Armories which is due to be torn down.

Quorum was calculated by the SAC Elections Commissioner at 2874 students voting either for or against a proposed referendum question.

The breakdown of the numbers is as follows:

Question 1 yes 2842
no 2144

Question 2 yes 3371
no 1599

The referendum committee, which was responsible for advertising and promoting the campaign, spent approximately $4,500 on pens, t-shirts, posters, pamphlets and ads.

When asked if he was satisfied with the results, Jason Brett, AMS president and committee chair replied, "Yeah."

Video gives UBC passing grade

by Rick Hiebert

A new Canadian video guide to universities says the best feature of UBC is Vancouver's weather.

Despite several negative comments, "Linda Frum's Video Guide To Canadian Universities" appears to argue that UBC is one of Canada's better ones.

The video, produced by an Ontario film company, profiles ten Canadian universities, including UBC. It is going into general release this month.

Interviews with students and faculty reveal positive and negative things about UBC. Narrated by Toronto writer Linda Frum, the video profile says UBC:

- is bigger in size than most universities, which leads to students having to rush from class to class;
- is so big that it can be alienating to students faced with huge classes and impersonal bureaucracy;
- has students who are into "pre-professional disciplines" and work hard;
- has students who are apathetic about student politics and things unrelated to their studies;
- due to the age of some facilities, is "like other Canadian universities, a little scruffy around the edges"; and
- takes advantage of Vancouver's climate to offer a "pleasant" place to go to school.

Frum wrote a book guide to Canadian universities in 1987. In an interview, she said she tried hard to listen to UBC students and get across in the video what they had to say.

"What I was trying to look for was 'What makes UBC better for a student? Not just the same as the universities of Winnipeg or Toronto? What makes it unique, special, what distinguishes it?'"

One thing that strikes Frum is Vancouver's climate.

"That is so incredibly unavoidable for someone coming from Eastern Canada," she said. "Transplanted students kept mentioning it. It is really an advantage, because students tend to adapt their personalities from their environment and the climate there makes UBC a sunnier place than it would be otherwise."

Frum cites in the video the increased amount of research at UBC, though she sees it as not the best academically.

"UBC is a very good school and students can get a good education there. Yet, there is no point bragging about the academic quality of UBC. This is not because UBC is a bad school academically, rather it is because, for whatever reason, UBC may lack the intellectual rigour that you would find at say, at King's College [at Dalhousie]. It appears to be an atmosphere thing. It is there, or it isn't."

UBC students appear to think the comments in the video are reasonable.

"I agree totally that classes are too big," said second-year biochemistry student Joe Kim. "When you are in a smaller class, teachers know you. It's easier to work with them and you aren't tempted to skip."

"I wouldn't say that UBC students would be grinds, but I would say that they are disciplined. They know what matters," Kim said. "The students who are good know when to study and when to get out and socialize."

First-year arts student Sini Erme said Frum's comments on the alienation that can face students are valid.

"It can be scary when you first come out. Unless people from your high school come too, you are kind of alone a lot the first couple of months. You spend a lot of time in the library studying your notes.

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... but irks students

by Rick Hiebert

At the University of Toronto, "nobody cares if you live or die."

UBC is "considered one of Canada's leading institutes of higher learning" because it snows infrequently here.

Comments like these, featured in the recently-released video, "Linda Frum's Video Guide to Canadian Universities," are making some apprehensive.

The film, which entered limited release in March to buyers from Canadian school boards, is being pitched to video store chains, co-producer Tim O'Brien said.

"Most videos on schools are produced by schools themselves and are very biased. For prospective university students and their parents this fills a definite need," O'Brien said.

The film profiles UBC, Simon Fraser University, the University of Alberta, the University of Western Ontario, the University of Toronto, Queen's, McGill, Acadia, Dalhousie and Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Student politicians are a little worried—although apparently none have seen the video yet—due to the Toronto writer's 1987 book on universities.

Linda Frum's Guide to Canadian Universities only appraised anglophone schools, but it was condemned for some of its negative assessments.

Kelly Lamrock, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said he does not have high expectations.

"If it's anything like her book, the video is just another piece of vacuous journalism on colleges and universities that we don't need," he said.

"I'd hope that the video's comments are placed in one context—how good is Canada's educational system and how many have a chance to use it? If she answers those questions, great. If not, it's a waste," Lamrock said.

The 90-minute video was funded primarily by grants of $15,000 from the Ontario Film Development Corporation and $30,000 from the Secretary of State's Department of Communications.

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Tale of the white coat: UBC med student speaks out

by Jonathan Wong

In an abandoned cathedral, four first-year medical school students hover about a makeshift surgery table to "flatline" a classmate. When his heart stops, they theorize that he will encounter life after death; that there is life beyond the flatline.

Despite its plausible consequences and ethic-probing plot, Flatliners, an often talked about film in medical schools, paints faulty portraits of first-year med students, says William Siu.

"I don't think you'll know enough about the body in your first year to want to flatline yourself," says the second-year UBC medical school student. "You wouldn't know enough about the physiology of the brain."

The picture Siu paints of medical school carries no Hollywood illusion.

Through the emergency corridor of Vancouver General Hospital a line of about two dozen empty stretchers are parked along a white wall.

Around the bend, an elevator leads to the third floor where UBC medical students take in off-campus lectures.

Siu, an avid reader of medical journals, lounges in a pool room after a long 8am to 4:30pm day which has included a half-hour dart from UBC to VGH. He has overparked in a two-hour parking slot, but many medical students like Siu condition themselves early on to deal with high levels of stress.

"I've always been interested in things of medicine ever since I was a little kid," says Siu, whose father, a high school principal, passed away when Siu was four-years-old. "There's something noble to helping someone."

Prior to medical school, Siu—who attained his BSc from UBC in 1990—spent six years in Vancouver delivering newspapers, three summers working for a Vancouver fishery and three summers researching in a UBC chemistry lab.

His widowed mother had shouldered Siu and his four sisters financially by working at a Vancouver fishery.

"I can't say what I'll do eventually in medicine, a lot of people eventually get burned out," Siu says. "It can take about 17 years (of medical work and education) to become a surgeon."

And it begins quickly with an eye-opener to the body.

In his first year, Siu worked weekly in the traditional group of four studying cadavers.

"We spent eight hours a week cutting up a person just learning parts of the body," he says.

"We would start by peeling off the skin, lifting muscles and observing blood vessels and nerves, doing a different part of the body each month."

His class of 120 rotated periodically on thirty cadavers.

"It's a special privilege to work with cadavers, some other universities use pictures," Siu says.

"There's a lot of sacred things in medicine and this is one of them."

He says only first-year medical students and staff are allowed to witness the dissection of cadavers.

But jokingly, he adds, cadaver work is what distinguishes first-year medical students from others.

"Everyday you go around smelling like formaldehyde (a chemical injected into cadavers for preservation). It's easy to tell who's a first-year student in Woodward library because you can smell them."

Siu prefers his work now.

"This year we get to work with live people," he says with smile.

But there can be pitfalls. Siu's most "nervous" experiences occurred last summer when he tended burn patients.

"It's a bit nerve-wracking because you don't want to hit any nerves or blood vessels when you're chopping up the skin."

Malpractice is "quite realistic" in the field of medicine and "we're told about it," he says.

"In the US, gynecologists will pay about $200,000 U.S. for medical insurance."

"There are patients who will sue doctors even though they did the best they could. It just comes with the job."

The political tightrope is always there for doctors to walk on, he says.

In ethics classes, professors advise medical students to refrain from close relationships with their patients, but Siu says it is also important to interact with them.

"If you don't interact, you're not going to become a good doctor."

Despite all the pressures involved with medical school, Siu says managing a clean schedule is the key to survival.

After a nine-hour day of classes, Siu studies for four hours and plays either ice hockey, basketball or soccer for a 10pm wind-down.

"You don't have to be smart to be in medical school, that's a myth. But you can't be stupid. The thing that you need to have is persistence, concentration and hard work. And that's something that starts in undergrad."

Bank of Montreal funds anti-choice organization

VICTORIA (CUP) — Victoria feminists are urging a boycott of the Bank of Montreal for providing a credit card which funds an anti-choice group.

The bank offers an affinity card, a special MasterCard which any association can apply for. Whenever a card holder makes a purchase using the card, the bank gives a percentage of the total sale to the organization. Affinity card users also benefit through a reduced MasterCard interest rate.

The fundraising card was previously available only to universities, but is now used by 200 organizations, including the anti-choice group, Alliance for Life, and the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC).

The Victoria Status of Women Action Group (SWAG) is urging women to cut up their MasterCards and mail them back to the Bank of Montreal, with a letter of explanation.

"It's basically a boycott. We're saying take your business elsewhere, and let them know you find it morally and personally offensive," said SWAG volunteer Morag Martin.

"We're not preventing them from doing business, just trying to underline the point to them that public opinion matters. Would they have a KKK or an Aryan Nations card? I don't think so."

But according to John Quinn, manager of affinity cards for the Bank of Montreal, the KKK or Aryan Nations wouldn't qualify for other reasons.

"A group must have a broad base of Canadian support and not be militant in its nature," he said.

He said he didn't know whether pro-life groups could be defined as fringe, and he said he was unfamiliar with polls indicating a majority of Canadians support a woman's right to choose an abortion.

Cards are also offered to groups based on their membership size, age of the organization and relative income of the members, he said. Granting affinity cards does not mean the group is endorsed by the bank, he added.

Martin disagreed.

"It says on the ad the Bank of Montreal will donate a percentage to Alliance for Life," she said. "If that's not an endorsement, what is? The bank is seen to be endorsing it."

"That's instant credibility right there."

NAC vice president Marianne Alto said the national women's organization is considering dropping NAC's affinity card.

"What it basically comes down to is a question of money versus principles," she said.

Susanne Klausen, a member of the University of Victoria women's centre, said the bank should have guidelines about the kinds of groups that qualify for the card.

"Other organizations like labour groups, environmental groups, or political groups (who also have affinity cards) are for something, but this group is against women's rights.

"Whether they want to or not, they are making political choices," she said. "Where will they draw the line?"

Catherine Clark, a UVic student councillor, said she closed her account at the Bank of Montreal after she learned about the affinity card.

"Approximately 80 per cent of bank employees are women. What kind of respect are they showing for their employees?" said Clark.

"It was a really bad business move to even touch the issue- the majority of the population of Canada is supposed to be pro-choice."

Spatial micropolitics at work in Montreal co-operatives

by Carla Maftechuk

Two feminist-inspired housing co-operatives located in Montreal are the sites of both conflict and security, according to Giselle Yasmeen, a UBC PhD student, who spoke on the subject last Wednesday.

The co-operatives Tournesoleil (Sunflower) and Fil d'Ariane (Threat of Ariane) were originally created by and for women.

Tournesoleil's members include students, homemakers, social service professionals and artists. The ten-year-old co-op has a constitutional mandate requiring at least two-thirds of its members to be women, "in an effort to support disadvantaged members of society." Yasmeen said, "In the future, they want to admit more men."

"Both co-ops were started by women active in the feminist movement, and the people who conceived of those projects wanted to embody some of the ideals of feminism in these housing co-ops," Yasmeen said.

"There's a discrepancy between how the co-ops were founded and how they are being experienced by people who live there now.

"Co-op housing is very important in Montreal, it's quite active and quite distinctive compared to the co-op movement in other parts of the country," she said.

The co-ops began primarily for economic reasons. Women are better able to afford to support their families with the cheaper rent available in a co-operative living space.

"The big question was economic, and is economic, in terms of women's problems in the housing market, but the people who started these two housing co-ops are very concerned with the issue of community building. They wanted some type of supportive environment for women," Yasmeen said.

Fil d'Ariane, opened in 1988, is exclusively for single parent families. Currently, the only members are women. Of 24 families, ten are Haitian immigrants and 14 consider themselves Quebecoises. Yasmeen found that some women experience covert instances of prejudice.

"There is a desire to control the activities of non-conforming members within a certain organizational and spatial context; that is, at general co-op meetings," she said.

"By far the greatest conflict has had to do with sexual orientation. Some people feel excluded because they don't have the same sexual orientation."

Other problems had to do with noise and privacy. While Fil d'Ariane has a common meeting room for business, the residents of Tournesoleil met in each other's apartments and consequently "have less ability to control interaction."

"In the co-ops I looked at, the people aren't going as far as to start sharing absolutely everything. They want to maintain something of the nuclear family, which is conservative in the eyes of many feminists.

"The number one advantage or benefit is, despite the problems, the women have a stable living environment. Many of them seem to have developed a more positive self-image, and a desire to go to school and improve themselves, to strengthen themselves.

"Women are overwhelmingly active in the co-op movement at the grassroots level, compared to men. It's probably a reflection also of women as nurturers and who traditionally care for children, and also who are increasingly alone while having to raise children, and having to find a practical way, an intelligent way to do it," Yasmeen said.

"What makes a co-op successful is the clear definition of the access to spaces."

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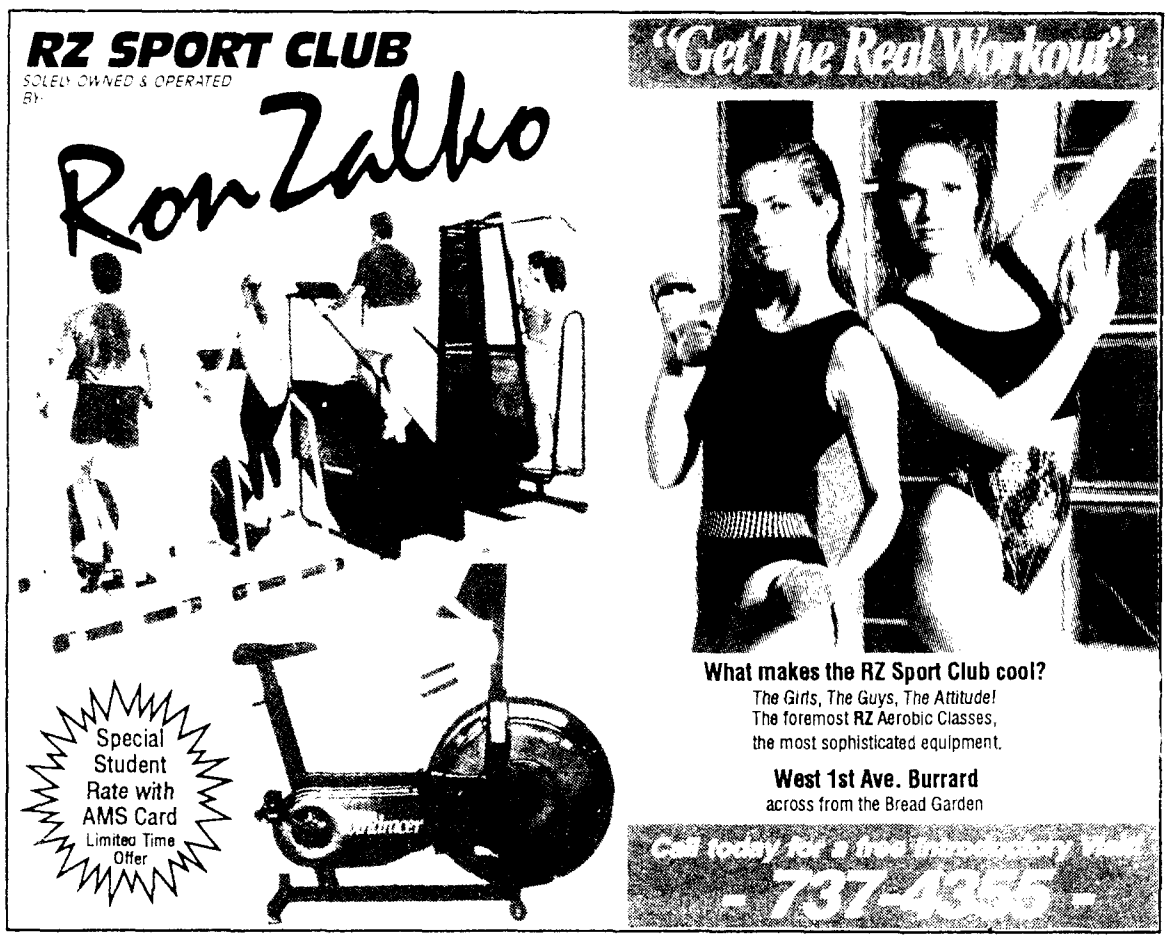

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NEWS

AIDS profiteering

by Martin Chester

VANCOUVER(CUP)—With the sports world still reeling from Magic Johnson's recent declaration he is HIV-positive, sports memorabilia traders are profiting from his misfortune.

On November 7, the star guard of the L.A. Lakers basketball team announced he had HIV, the virus thought to cause AIDS. Since then many traders have jacked up the prices for his memorabilia.

Rick Baker, co-owner of the Vancouver trading store High Five Sports Collectibles, said many traders have increased the price of Johnson's cards.

"Some people are taking advantage of the situation," Baker said. Baker did not increase the price of his merchandise, and the cards and other Johnson memorabilia sold out quickly.

The Vancouver Sun reported the prices of items such as Magic Johnson jerseys and autographed sneakers have increased dramatically. People have offered $1,000 for a sneaker valued at $650 prior to Johnson's announcement.

Baker said the fact that Johnson is HIV-positive and may develop AIDS has affected the prices. "It's the market, it's what people do with this game, and it is still a game."

"I don't like the situation in the card business. To use it just to make money isn't fair," he said.

Brian Wait of the Vancouver Persons with AIDS Society said he hopes the profiteers make donations to his organization.

He said Johnson will have an effect on children's understanding of HIV and AIDS. "All children, whether they're trading cards or not, will take more notice of HIV and AIDS and know it, not just in the head, but in the heart."

A sports personality such as Johnson has far more effect on children than doctors and other experts, Wait said. "I think kids will tend to listen to him more."

"I support Magic Johnson in his efforts and I think what he's doing is terrific. He needs all the support he can get," Wait said. "Anyone with HIV does."

Video rates campuses

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But then after you make friends, it is much better," Erme said.

"It's important that this video is making good and bad comments about UBC. You can just go to school where your friends are going, and then you can realize that you have spent all that money and you are miserable. I like UBC a lot, but I'd like people to know about UBC before they enroll, so they can decide better," she said.

AMS president Jason Brett, a fourth-year engineering student, said the video's comments sound fine.

"It sounds as if she didn't say anything particularly off the wall. I have heard people say those things before to me," he said.

Brett, a native of Dawson Creek, said Vancouver's climate is an advantage for UBC.

"One of the things that I tell students from other Canadian universities is 'why are you going to another university and freezing your butt off?'" he said.

Students concerned

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The video focuses on Frum's interviews with students and their assessment of their schools.

"I simply asked people questions and let them talk," Frum said. "The opinions come not so much from me, but from the people that I speak to. If I found somebody who said positive things, I quoted them. If not, I quoted them too."

"Students are more candid as there's no way they can be anonymous," she said. "The camera adds a certain honesty."

The comments about U of T and UBC were distillations of things students and faculty told her, she said.

"A lot of people told us at the University of Toronto that it can be a very alienating campus and that it can be hard, if you don't join groups or activities, to feel like you belong. 'Nobody cares if you live or die' is a pithy way to say that."

CFS-BC chair Brad Lavigne said Frum's focus on student opinion is a plus.

"Students are in the best position to speak about their institutions. That's definitely one way that the Frum video is laudable," he said.

But he fears the video is not thorough enough.

"There's a great difference between what some universities are trying to do educationally," he said. "If you ignore some universities, you don't get an accurate feel in your findings."

Frum, however, said she wanted to film at more campuses, but could not due to the video's small budget.

"We wound up trying to do a cross-country survey of schools that most students would travel to go to school. We were picking universities that we knew most high school students had heard about and would be interested in."

Hot Flash

AMS Unity & Equality Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 6 pm
(Student Council Chambers)

The goals of this new committee are:

- to foster a greater spirit of unity and equality on campus;
- to investigate cases where the rights of UBC students have been compromised.

Supporters of Pie R Squared present Strangway with his very own bronzed pizza. MIKE COURY PHOTO

Strangway has no appetite for pizza

by Frances Foran

AMS representatives delivered a large pizza to president Strangway last Friday, along with a 5,000-signature petition in support of an AMS-operated pizza outlet.

However, the free delivery will not likely reverse the decision made by the administration to halt renovations for the project, dubbed Pie R Squared.

Strangway was genial with the AMS reps when they presented him with the pizza and said, "It's a complex issue and I'll have to think about it."

However, in a private discussion, Strangway was unequivocal. "It is already decided and the answer is no," he said.

Strangway said the administration stopped renovations on the former Travel Cuts space because subsidizing an AMS service which is already offered by the university would not make economic sense.

Under the AMS' 60-year lease, the university would be obligated to cover utility expenses for their operations in the SUB. Strangway stressed that the university-run Subway cafeteria pays its own utilities and also offers pizza.

"This would not be a trivial expense," Strangway said. "It would cost students tens of thousands of dollars which could be directed elsewhere."

"It is really a subsidy question. The AMS service would be heavily subsidized and would be in direct competition with the university's food services. It would not be a level playing field for competition."

Strangway also said that while the space is not slated for any other businesses, any AMS food service would constitute unfair competition with the university and be precluded from using the space.

Martin Ertl, AMS director of administration, does not think the administration has valid reason to reject the project on economic grounds.

Ertl said that since the prospective pizza place would pay proportionally higher rent, "it would be an unfair subsidy, but it would be unfair in the university's favour. Basically the administration is trying to bully the AMS.

"If the administration refused to co-operate with us because there were technical problems with the renovation plans that would be understandable," he said.

Ertl added the Subway pays a three per cent gross revenue fee to the university as rent, while under the 1968 lease agreement, the prospective pizza place would be charged nine per cent of gross revenues to cover management costs.

Ertl said the AMS is especially frustrated that renovations for the project met initial approval last month from K.D. Srivastava, vice-president of student and academic services, on behalf of Campus Planning. Construction was called off by the administration without explanation.

Ertl also pointed out that unlike the university-run cafeteria, the pizza outlet would be staffed entirely by students whose wages would be substantially higher than Subway's employees.

Strangway's pizza was devoured within a half hour but the president himself abstained.

"I understand it was very good," he said. "But I noticed that it came in a box from the university food services. Their pizza is very good."

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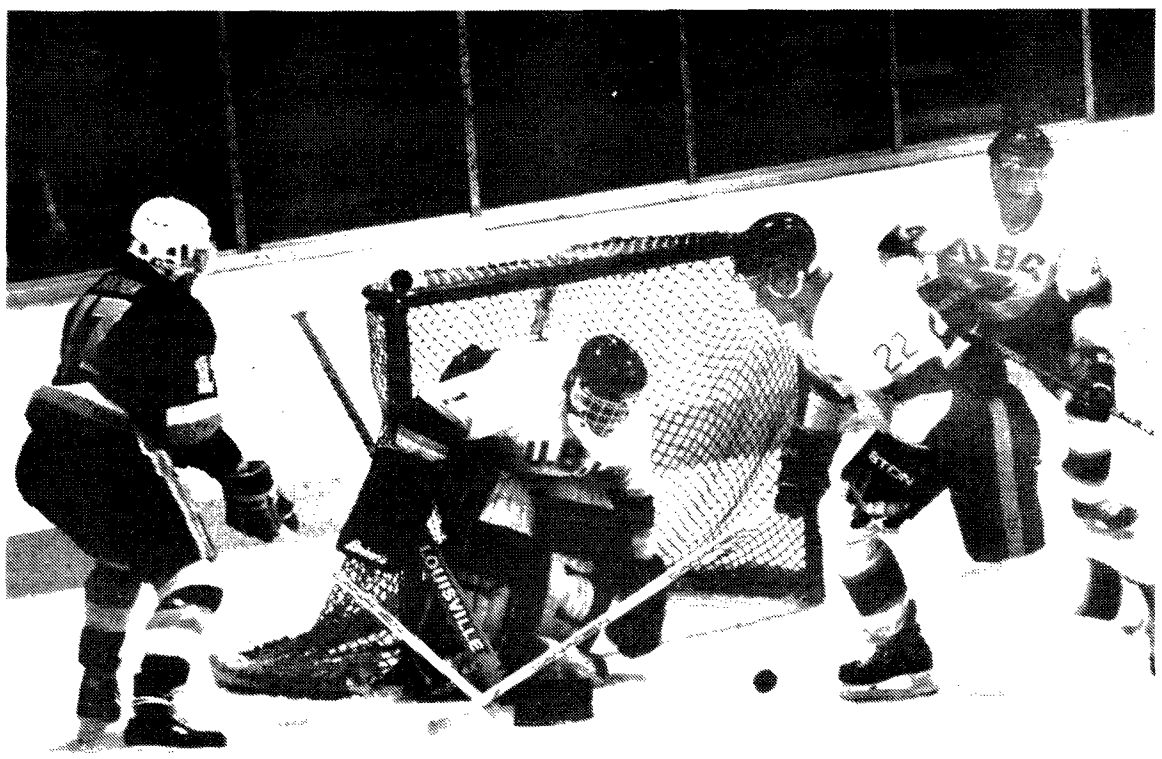

The puck bounced badly for the UBC T-Birds at the Winter Centre this weekend. They lost 3-1 and 10-3 to Alberta. SIOBAHN ROANTREE PHOTO

BIRD DROPPINGS

compiled by Mark Nielsen

Volleybirds sweep Pack

The UBC Thunderbirds opened the Canada West men's volleyball season with a two-game sweep of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies at War Memorial Gym over the weekend.

The Thunderbirds shut the Huskies out 3-0 in games (15-11, 15-11, 15-4) on Saturday night after edging their opponents 3-2 (14-16, 16-14, 7-15, 15-13, 15-13) the night before.

The women's team, meanwhile, split their series with the Huskies, losing 3-2 (15-12, 8-15, 5-15, 15-8, 7-15) on Saturday after dumping Saskatchewan 3-0 (10-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-8) on Friday night.

After sweeping the Lethbridge University Broncos last weekend, the women are 3-1 in Canada West play.

Both teams start the first of four successive road trips this weekend when they travel to the University of Calgary to take on the Dinosaurs.

The Dinos men beat the University of Hawaii Rainbows to win the Thunderball Tournament at UBC last weekend.

Waterpolo women second in Pacific West

The University of Victoria came back from a one-goal deficit heading into the final quarter to overcome UBC 7-5 and win the Pacific West women's waterpolo championship in Victoria on Sunday.

Down 4-3, UVic came back to tie the game with three minutes to go and scored the winner with 32 seconds left in regulation play. A desperation shot found the UBC net with one second remaining to cap the scoring.

Christine Rosenfeld scored twice for UBC in the effort, while Christa Cormack, Dee Bowley and Rhonda Vanderfluit added singles.

UBC dumped Seattle 8-2 to reach the finals, behind a four-goal effort from Rosenfeld and three goals from Cormack. Vanderfluit added a single.

UVic also took the league play title by winning all three games in the final of three Pacific West tournaments the day before. UBC settled for second after losing 12-7 to UVic.

Both the women's and the men's teams head to Quebec this weekend to play in the national invitational University Student Challenge tournament.

Winless weekend for Basketbirds

Both the UBC Thunderbird men's and women's basketball teams went winless in their season opening sets against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in Saskatoon this weekend.

The Huskies edged the men 102-96 on Friday despite 26 points from J.D. Jackson and 25 from Derek Christiansen.

Earlier the same night, the short-staffed women lost 60-48 and then fell 76-64 the next evening.

Heading into the weekend, guard Roj Johal, a 1988-89 Canada West all-star, had quit the team because of academic pressure and fifth-year forward Tania Gladiuk fell ill and could not make the trip to Saskatoon.

Then during the Saturday game, Elissa Beckett and Cheryl Kinton were both sent to hospital following a collision on the court, leaving only seven healthy players to finish the night.

The men, meanwhile, lost 105-101 in overtime on Saturday. Huskies Matt McCullough sunk a three-point shot with seconds to go in regulation time to tie the game 87-87 and force extra time.

Adding to their troubles, second-year guard Jason Pamer is out indefinitely with mononucleosis.

And fifth-year forward Mike Clarke will undergo examination by doctors this week for what may be a season-ending knee injury, suffered in the opening game of the Golden Bear Classic Tournament earlier this month.

Both teams return home this weekend to host the University of Calgary Dinosaurs. Game time is 6pm for the women, 8pm for the men on Friday and Saturday nights at War Memorial Gym.

Bears maul Hockeybirds

The University of Alberta Golden Bears stayed in the hunt for a repeat of their 1990-91 Canada West championship season at the expense of the UBC Thunderbirds this weekend.

After edging the Thunderbirds 3-1 on Friday night at the Winter Centre, they dumped them 10-2 on Saturday night with Adam Morrison leading the way with three goals and two assists.

With the wins, the Bears improved their record to 7-1-1 for second place in the Canada West standings and have a game-in-hand on the 8-1-1 University of Regina Cougars.

The 3-6-1 Thunderbirds travel to Saskatoon this weekend to take on the 4-6-0 University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

Canada West Scoreboard

Canada West Hockey

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Regina	8	1	1	65	39	17
Alberta	7	1	1	46	28	15
Lethbridge	6	4	0	40	39	12
Calgary	5	3	1	49	39	11
Saskatchewan	4	6	0	43	44	8
Manitoba	4	6	0	34	40	8
UBC	3	6	1	42	59	7
Brandon	0	10	0	30	62	0

Home games

Basketball vs. Calgary Dinosaurs
Fri., Sat., Nov. 22, 23
Women 6 pm, men 7:45 pm

Men's Field Hockey vs. UVic Vikings
Sat., Nov. 23, 4:30 pm Eric Hamber Turf

Rugby vs. Burnaby
Sat., Nov. 23, 2:30 pm,
Thunderbird Stadium

Away games

Hockey at Saskatchewan Huskies
Fri., Sat., Nov. 22, 23, Saskatoon

Volleyball at Calgary Dinosaurs
Fri., Sat., Nov. 22, 23

Swimming Canada Cup West
Fri.–Sun., Nov. 22-24, Calgary

Vonnegut misses the mark

by Yuri Fulmer

THE first person, having seen Make Up Your Mind, who can explain it to me, will win a prize. For the majority of the play I had absolutely no idea what the purpose of the production was, where it was going, or why anyone would call it a comedy.

THEATRE
Make Up Your Mind
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until November 30

Admittedly I went to the premiere of Kurt Vonnegut's play fully anticipating an evening of clever, insightful wit, and perhaps set myself up to be disappointed. The man sitting behind me whispered loudly to his friend, Vonnegut has "one-liners down pat to knock you cold."

However, the idea is clever enough. A young man abandons his job with a telephone company to open a clinic specializing in a new form of psycho-therapy designed for people who can't make up their minds. He encourages his clients to make a decision, and then employs a contract killer to put the unfortunate client in hospital if they change their mind.

After that I failed to understand how two pornographic films, a "pitiful old Harvard fart," the wife of a millionaire, a club sandwich, an Inuit woman and the North Pole could have any possible relevance to each other, or be humourous.

I was somewhat surprised to learn that the premiere of this play would be in Vancouver, and not in the east. The reason is this: Make Up Your Mind was originally optioned by a Broadway producer, but Vonnegut refused the offer when he was asked to rewrite the play.

The result is that much needed revisions were not made, and Vancouver is left with what could only be described as a half-rate, unpolished script with shallow, unbelievable characters.

Stereotypes are exploited for their supposedly comic value, often at the expense of the status of women. These factors may explain why the actors were unable to come to terms with the characters they played. With the exception of Beatrice Zeilinger (Karen), the actors performed badly, giving crude and unpolished characterisations.

Make up your mind about Vonnegut humour.

The funny lines could be counted on one hand. The mere use of obscene language, although it amused a large part of the audience, did not make the play humourous.

I am prepared to admit, however, that I did miss something. If this is the case, I would greatly appreciate someone telling me what really went on. The play ends with the words, "Why, why?" I am asking myself the same question.

Where dreams are the truth

by Matthew Johnson and Ted Ing

MY Own Private Idaho is superb. Unlike this year's breed of Hollywood pap, it doesn't mince images or words.

Although the two main actors are amongst the current crop of the boys to drool over, this film is far from a look-at-my-tight-ass buddy flick. The characters are prostitutes; their clientele mostly bloated, greying men.

FILM
My Own Private Idaho
now playing

Not your typical Hollywood idol treatment, but this film is far from anything typical or stale.

My Own Private Idaho is a road movie about a search for home and identity. Mike (River Phoenix) must cope with his homosexuality, his love for his best friend, his narcolepsy and his feelings of guilt and longing for his family. Scott Favor (Keanu Reaves) bides his time away on the streets until his rich, powerful father dies and he can take over the empire which he has built.

Most of us are alienated from the subject matter, yet are strangely involved and attached to the characters.

The images on the screen are always slick and innovative. A hyper-realist palette is used to paint a firmly realist portrait of life for society's gutter-set.

Empathizing entirely with the marginal and excluded, director Gus Van Sant talks of these humans with a sympathetic voice, never condescending or dehumanizing them. Polite, mainstream society, on the other hand, gets an entirely different treatment.

Combining elements of Shakespeare, gay-paranoia, incest, pornography, documentary and Berlin performance art, Van Sant's second feature proves that life sucks, and we like it that way.

Nothing goes right and no one lives happily ever after. In order to survive, the characters stupidly hope against hope and sell their asses, praying something better will come along, which never really does.

By the end of the film, all of the characters are left either morally or emotionally crippled, and in the end no one gets what he wants (or needs).

For all the attempts to put ourselves above the characters, we find our lives are no better than theirs; our society no kinder.

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OPINION/LETTERS

Lest we forget

by Johanna Wickie

Remembrance Day, the day we reflect, the day we honour those who served and who lost, was a particularly solemn occasion this year. The weather was a mirror to the mood of the proceedings. The rains were torrential and the winds cut through jackets within seconds. Soon feet were being stamped regardless of this, the people of Vancouver came.

Families, the young and those old enough to actually remember the years of war arrived sporting the poppies that have become synonymous with sacrifice. They came to the memorial ceremony to thank those who had given up so much so that we may live in peace and security today. They came not for their own purposes but to spend an hour or so simply thinking about the loss of others.

Not all those in attendance were so inclined. Shortly after the ceremony began a group of young people arrived, no more that a dozen in number, carrying banners tucked under arms. They positioned themselves near the cenotaph and proceeded to unravel their signs. The message unveiled, "Let Peace Be Their Memorial", was testimony to the fact that our generation has grown completely out of touch with the reality of the world in which we live. The basic principle of respect for those who have struggled to uphold our rights of freedom and choice was lost on this group who saw themselves as having captured morality in a single, sweeping statement.

Freestyle

These people saw fit turn a day of mourning, of reflection and of remembrance into a day of protest. They were not present to pay homage to veterans, it was simply another form of grandstanding that has become so prevalent with single issue groups that see any event were numbers of people are gathered and TV cameras are likely to be present as a means to get 'their message' across. Fortunately, to their credit, there was no chanting of slogans, just a quiet presence of discontent. But people noticed their mild disruptions.

The protestors had missed the point. They failed to realize that it was the efforts of these veterans, who took up arms against for their nation, that has given us the luxury of protest. All that was asked for this day was acknowledgement of this fact without the banners of self- righteous indignation. It is a straightforward formula whose contents seem dated and worn to those who will save the world by words alone.

Finally, the songs were sung, the wreaths laid, and the veterans assembled themselves to take the march past. As the streets were crowded it was necessary for some to move back, making way for the procession. In the shuffle the protestors were forced back away from the limelight of the parade, their banners folded and out of view.

The parade began and the applause from the crowd was warm and sincere despite cold hands and chilling rains. For some, at least, not only have we not forgotten, but we still continue to remember.

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Dirty ole Uncle Tom

Racists like nothing better than an uncle Tom who will do their dirty work for them. Such was the scene in the SUB auditorium on October 29 when Preston Manning of the Reform Party had an Asian woman present their position against immigrants. With no factual basis, she charged that immigrants took more welfare and were more prone to become criminals than people born here.

Bryon Jung in Ubyssey's November 13 edition should think about this statement, the Reform Party's opposition to multiculturism, the right of the Sikhs in the RCMP to wear turbans, and the Party's promotion of author William Gairdner, who was a featured speaker at the Reform Party's Saskatoon convention this year, explicitly defines "real" Canadians as white, anglo-saxon Protestants in his book The Trouble With Canada.

Preston Manning may dress up the Reform Party's sexist, racist, and anti-working class politics in polite code words, but he and his followers are cut from the same cloth as the explicit Anglo-Canadian racism of the Confederation of Regions Party.

Don Holmsten
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Prolific, no?

As the author of the "What is good for the gander..." letter I was impressed with the Ubyssey hack who dubbed it so. Obviously they caught the premise: the inconsistency of Jackie Larkin's views on the hijacking of a democratic process by single-issue zealots (SIZs).

To recount briefly, Jackie complained that SIZ's "hijacked" certain hospital boards. Yet a few breaths later she advocated voting in the provincial election on the basis of a single issue. I found that to be a rather striking contradiction, and thence invoked the old saw about what good for the goose (being good for the gander): a gentle chiding.

But sadly Frances Foran, self-appointed apologist for Ms. Larkin, was not able to perceive my lone premise (or should I spell that "percieve"?). Worse, upon stating there was "no contradiction" she proceeded with a discourse on personal rights. I have reread my letter several times and have yet to find one reference to personal rights or infringement of the same. I just wanted to talk about a LOGICAL INCONSISTENCY; now I feel like the Goodyear Tune-up Man. But thanks anyway, Frances, for your views on a (related but) new topic.

Finally I must comment on her "they're engineers, engineers have the misogynist rituals, (therefore they're...)" logic. Most of us learned in Grade 9 this is called "Guilt-By-Association." As a literary or debating technique it is almost foolproof, at least until the listener gains the power of critical thinking (usually during adolescence). Most adults are aware of the strong correlation between its use, and ownership of a shaky case by its user; as such it detracts more from the credibility of the speaker than of the object of scorn. I am amazed it is still employed. (Spot the irony?)

"Unscrupulous" Rob Swiniarski
Grad Studies (MMAT)

No daytime relief for engineers

As a staff member at UBC who has over the past 4 years witnessed some of the ongoing history if the infamous UBC Engineers I feel disgusted enough to join the ranks of many others and write this letter.

The article in November 1 issue of The Ubyssey about the Engineering Faculty member who witnessed one of the Engineering students urinating on the vehicle next to hers in broad daylight and then was narrowly missed by a water balloon after confronting this person is truly amazing.

My comment is to Steve Crombie, spokesperson for the President's office quoted as saying "There is a mechanism in place to take away their fees if they don't stop this sort of activity." The President's office reminds me of parents who always threaten and almost never take action and when they do it is always more lenient than fitting for the act. How many times must the Engineers be reminded? Why are they given any chance at all at this point? A small but consistent group within their ranks (the faces change but inevitably they are registered in Engineering) have proven themselves to be completely without rights to be at any university.

Is it because their Mommies and Daddies are paying for their education that they have no concept of how they should behave or even why they should be here? Is it because it is their first year away from home and like wild animals away from the den they are sowing their oats, at the expense of others? Ask us if we find these excuses acceptable. They are a blight on the Faculty of Engineering and on the reputation of every Engineering student who wants nothing to do with them.

If someone is caught urinating on a car in a public place outside the sanctuary of UBC they have the potential for having themselves arrested.

Why, Dr. Strangway, are so many exceptions made for so few who are disliked by so many?

Would it make a difference if it was your car?

Gayle Mavor
Staff Person
Education

And for my next magical trick ...

As an engineer, I suppose I should not raise issues best left to the medical profession. And I never did figure out how they got the Caramilk into Cadbury Caramilk Bars. But I must ask Frances Foran if she does not marvel as I at the way gobs of protoplasm turn into human life at the exact moment of delivery?

Rob Swiniarski
Grad Studies (MMAT)

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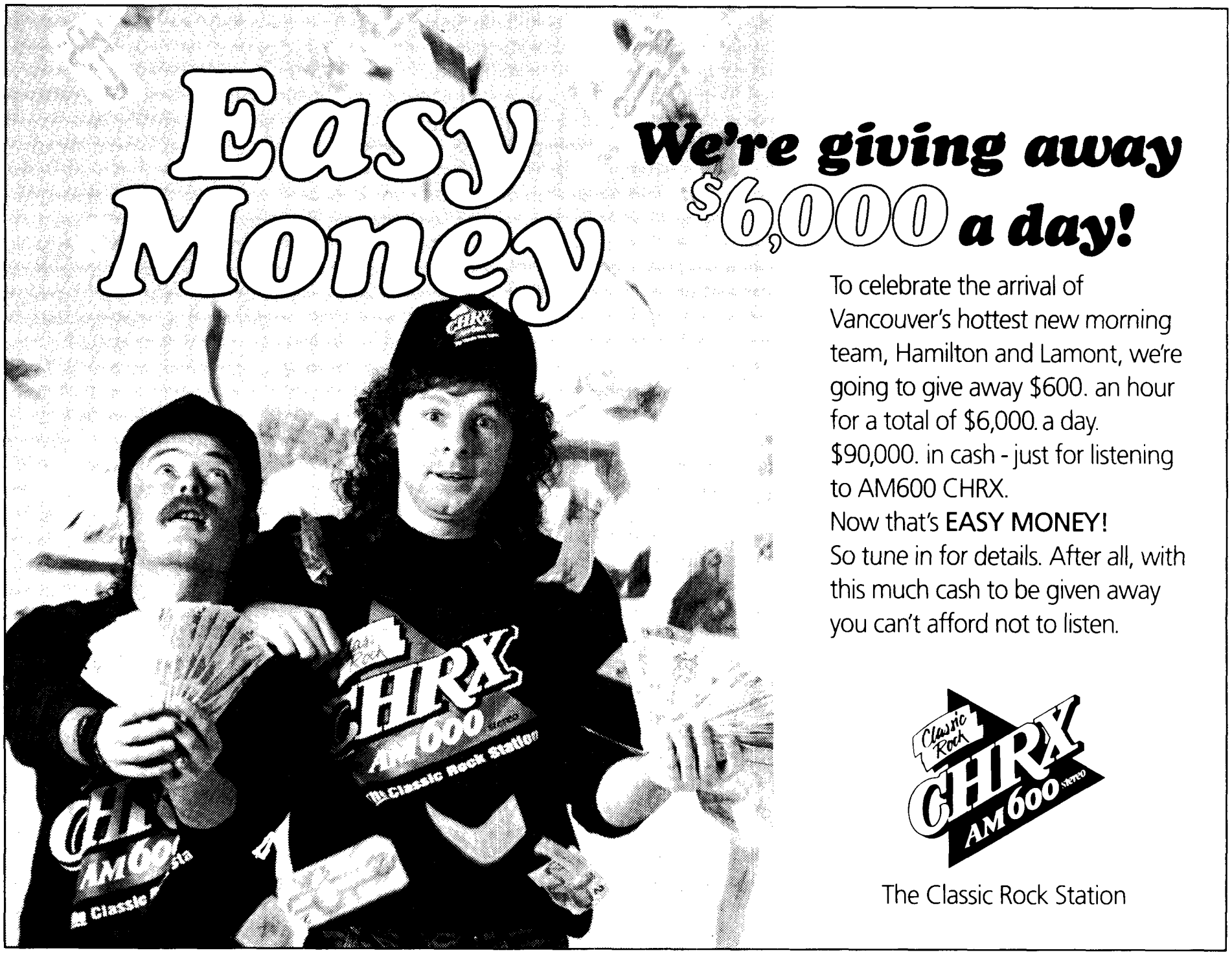

Editorial

Responsible representation?

Last year Senate voted to establish an Ad Hoc Committee: "To consult faculty and students on guidelines barring student participation from department decision making on appointments, promotion, and tenure, and report back to Senate on whether changes may be required to these guidelines."

The guidelines have not been discussed since they were adopted by Senate on January 17, 1973. Senate will now allow student representation concerning new appointments. Opening up this issue is significant; it suggests potential policy changes in the future.

When the committee approached the AMS, two of the executive addressed the issue. They stated policy which they felt represented approximately 20,000 undergraduate students here at UBC.

The third bylaw in the Duties of the President states "be responsible for public relations of the Society." This does not mean interpret public relations by stating policy.

Why did this issue not go to council? Council should be a forum for policy debate and discussion.

Council is responsible to their constituents, and has the potential to be slightly more democratic than two individuals.

Surely council would be interested in this issue, if only they knew about it.

Sadly, the exec didn't deem student participation in decision making important enough to go to council. Joke motions, however, are consistently important enough to make it on to the agenda.

So, while council debates motions on naming the pizza joint Dukes, renaming Jason Brett the Big Enchillada and doing the hokey pokey, the exec makes the real decisions. Occasionally the exec reports to council what they have done, not what should they do.

Is this a democracy? (Last year's council members criticized Kurt Preinsperg for not consulting council; he subsequently brought every issue before them.)

What other issues do the executive feel are not important enough to make it to council?

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Tonight I had Spiral Spicies which were indeed fantastique! Salty and Greasy. Itchy and Scratchy. Ted Ing and Yuri Fulmer. Mike Coury, telephone. Chung Wong: say hi! will ya? Tigger Johnson, butthead, o genki desu ka? Paul Dayson needs a haircut—not. Sam Green, peace, love, and macrame. Please get the ball in the picture, Don Mah. Won't u plee-ee-eez make those articles just a little bit lon-on-ger, Rick Hiebert? Have a pizza perogie darling Sharon Lindores. "The AMS' biggest issue right now is the pizza place. They don't care about tuition or about the fact that if all the money is spent on this pizza place then students won't have the cash to buy pizza," Paul "loves brawny shawny" Dayson burped matter-of-factly. Yggy King is solipsistic for he cares only for his own theoretical experiences. Groovy man, have u seen the movie Slackers? Raul's hair gets to a weird stage where it is wavy and the burns will grow forever. Paul Gordon, I'm tellin' ya, she shtupped him before she married him. Dianne Rudolf, I miss your 2-litre cheezy beer—way. Twirl like a ballerina, Carla Maftechuk, twirl. Thanks for smiling and laughing and not talking on the phone all night Effie Pow. Francis Foran, bummer about all that hate mail, man, it's just shtupid. Paula Wellings, dear, don't take it so seriously. Johanna Wickie, where were YOU Saturday?? Steve Chan, thanks for coming out, Good Effort. "I like this chair because my feet touch the floor," Tanya Paz had to explain because once again she had spoken in a stream of consciousness. Some Baptists are okay but they shouldn't write for u-know-who-else.

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Letters

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They shoot Martin, don't they?

Martin Chester, in his November 1st article "Animal Rights: Horse Racing Inhumane", shows the reader that Mr. Chester has no knowledge of the racing industry whatsoever.

To his credit, he refers to other sources. Unfortunately, his choices for those sources are just as incorrect as he is.

It is true that horses are injured occasionally during races. The public may get *the impression that the frequency* of such injuries is greater than it actually is through the highly publicized accidents like Izvestia's and that of Go for Wand, last year's Horse of the Year, both of which occurred on national TV. However, if one considers that there are many thousands of horses at thousands of tracks around the world, the number of injuries resulting in death becomes significant. Also, it is not stated that the same injuries can occur in the home pasture just as easily as on the track. When fifteen hundred pounds of animal are balanced on one foreleg, as it is when in a full gallop, accidents can happen.

The statement by the Humane Society that horses under two are immature is also in error, at least in relation to Thoroughbreds. In fact, Thoroughbreds mature somewhat faster than other breeds, so that yearlings are developed enough to begin training and are saddle-ready by 18 months of age. Generally, the Thoroughbred is a full year ahead of other breeds in maturity.

Peter Hamilton states that *horses are not a priority* to the owners. I ask: would you mistreat an animal purchased for a great amount of money and risk the loss of that investment? I think not. Neither do the owners.

The use of drugs to keep down swelling and to control bleeding can be compared to the use of liniments used by human athletes to control swelling and muscle pain. Neither enhance or detract from performance.

Although it is a valiant effort, Mr. Chester, perhaps you should adjourn to the Macmillan Library with Ms. Mally and Hamilton for a well-needed study session before your next try on this topic.

P.S. Another slight problem that could have been avoided—I quote: "He had shattered his leg." Izvestia was a mare.

Oops...

Lee Toop
Forestry 2

Honest is good (honest)

An honest person at U.B.C.!!! To whoever was good enough to turn in my gold watch to the Sedgewick staff rather than just walking away: THANK YOU! You have renewed my faith in human nature and I hope there are others like you...somewhere. Thanks again.

Robert J. Henry
Engineering 2

To all wimmin

Where I come from, we spell it W--O--M--E--N... and remain damned proud of it!

Ninette Maga
Engineering

Next time write your own letter

I disagree with the editorial on page ten of the October 22 issue of the Ubyssey. It states, "...in an act of *resistance to a misogynistic* society, women students formed a place of their own. Women can enter SUB 130 to be safe from violence, oppression and the perceptions of men...The environment is receptive to women's concerns and frustrations. We can take refuge from a misogyny-entrenched university and society, and can find support after being sexually- and verbally- abused... ...Away from [men's] discriminatory remarks and evaluations, most women find it a relaxing atmosphere..."

These statements create the impression that all women at UBC are constantly being sexually and verbally abused by all men. Men must not all be tarred with the same brush. Certainly there are men who are the things you say they are, but I, for one, am not one of them.

If a UBC men's club were formed where men could go to discuss men's issues, and be away from "violence, oppression and the perceptions" of women, imagine the furor it would cause. Men and women alike would agree that the club was sexist because it excludes women only because they are women.

Exactly the same reasoning applies to SUB 130. I believe places to discuss women's and men's issues are useful, but to suggest that SUB 130 is a place "to be safe from violence, oppression, and the perceptions of men," is also to suggest that all men are nothing more than violent oppressive misogynists.

Tabe Johnson
Applied Sciences

Blame is not the issue

Right from the start my prevention intention has been misconstrued as blame by all three respondents to my original article "assaults can't happen if you don't put yourself in a position to be assaulted." My objective was not to blame women for assaults. Blaming women or men will do absolutely nothing to eradicate your so-called "disease." Blame is a truly uninspired, ineffective and fruitless concept analogous to barking at a dead horse. A big difference exists between blaming men and helping them. A big difference also exists between blaming women who walk alone at night and encouraging them to seek support. By actively seeking support women improve their opportunity and right to self protection. Hence, once relatively safe they blame less, and they feel less blamed because they prevent personal violation to some degree. I see no fault with making this right a joint responsibility through help from others. And especially so since an immediate remedy for this "disease" is not yet available. Yes, women do have a right to walk alone after dark. However, the question of rights does not deal with the fact that women are simply unable to walk alone after dark. They have a right to but the fact is they can't. By not acting on this fact women do little to help themselves, nor do they give anyone the opportunity and satisfaction of helping them. Meanwhile back at the ranch the fact (danger) still exists. And just because women choose to deal with what exists does not mean they accept it. Women do have the capacity to simultaneously deal with it physically (actively seeking support) while they look for ways to understand, regulate, diminish, or obliterate it through time and research.

At any rate where the onus lies is not the issue. What is more important is how we can help one another as men and women, not exclude and isolate each other more than we already have. I personally salute and graciously commend those benevolent men who assist with the walk-home program, and I'm glad to give you the opportunity to help me. I am also grateful that many more good, kind, warm and generous men are out there, and I sincerely hope that in the future we can look forward to equally cooperative ways to co-exist on this planet. Any ideas other than those which involve unproductive blame and hate are always appreciated. Can we dance soon?

Debra Gordon
Arts 3

Save the librarians!

We strongly feel that students should be made aware of the increasing cutbacks to their library services. Over the past few years, more than 10 librarian positions have been vacated and not filled. It appears that this is only a beginning. This means that fewer and fewer librarians will be able to answer students' questions or help them find information for research, term papers and homework. This especially affects part-time and evening students as well as those who do the main body of their work on the weekends.

Effective immediately on Sundays, there is nobody in the Humanities and Social Sciences department in the Main library to help students with such basic needs as using the CD ROM computers, indexes and abstracts and to answer other reference questions. In addition, students will no longer be able to phone the Main library on Sundays for library information. As many users are already aware, there has been no librarian available in the Science Division on the weekends for quite some time.

Students who have felt frustrated trying to find information or to use some of the library's lesser known sources will appreciate or understand the need for a librarian's knowledge and skills. Students have a right to have help in finding and using materials they need during the hours the library is open. You can do something to help stop these cutbacks.

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Library and Archival Studies Student Association

Stupider than you think

I would like to address a certain anonymous faculty member who was "attacked" by an engineer at the T-Cup football game. First of all, I would like to agree that misogynist behaviour is certainly unacceptable and unforgivable. Next, I would like to ask a question: *How stupid do you think the students of this university are?*

How can you possibly think that anyone will believe that the idiotic act of one student was actually an attack on all women by the entire engineering faculty? What you are saying is stereotypical discrimination in itself. Well, hey, at least you aren't a hypocrite or anything.

Also, anyone who takes a look at what really happened can see that it wouldn't have made any difference whether or not you were female, and you should realize that.

The best I can do is offer you some advice: if you're going to use deception to try to turn the campus against the engineers, at least be intelligent about it.

Kevin Oldknow
Engineering

You've come a long way, baby

In regards to the story from the Nov. 6 issue of The Ubyssey concerning the engineer who urinated on a car and threw a water balloon at the female faculty member, I'd like to ask her where did she get the notion that the assault was directed as sexist? I have no doubt that it was aimed at intimidating her but as an act of violence against women? Think about it. Would the attack have been any different if the faculty member was male? I don't think so.

It seems that any contact the UBC engineers have with women on campus have a negative and sexist attitude attached to it. It doesn't help when women like the female faculty member turn things around to exemplify this.

Of course that engineer's actions are unacceptable, not to mention completely classless, but I see no reason to label them sexist. I agree that women have come a long way, and we have to keep going. This means that we cannot label every assault on women, committed by men, as sexist. Unless all assaults end, and that would only happen in utopia, we have to learn to differentiate the sexist attacks on women from attacks on random individuals. Otherwise, we're just wasting time.

Alexe Yeung
Engineering 2

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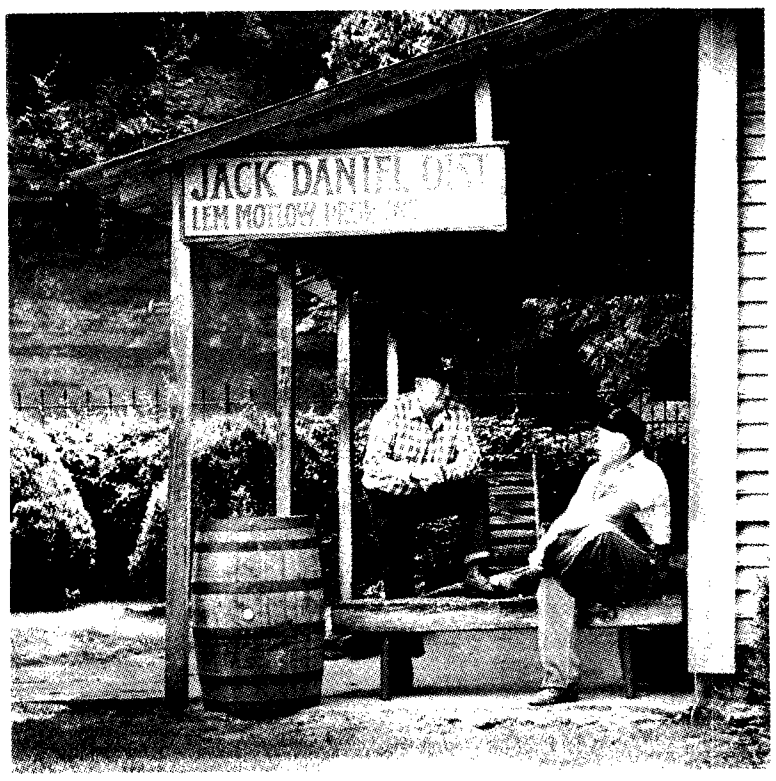

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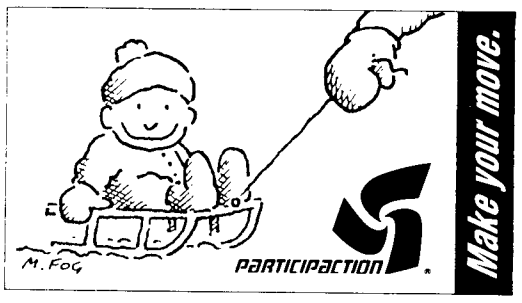

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CFS delegates backstab at conference

OTTAWA(CUP)—Student councillors bickered and backstabbed during the annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students November 3 to 9.

In a meeting more notable for its animosity and division than common interests, about 250 delegates indulged in backroom lobbying and rumour mongering, not to mention procedural wrangling.

National treasurer Lyndon Surjik successfully fought off a non-confidence vote, spurred by a $67,000 discrepancy between an auditor's report and CFS financial statements. CFS chair Kelly Lamrock was elected for another term, although 14 student councils voted against ratifying him in a highly unusual procedural move.

"It was the most divisive meeting in recent memory," said Marcella Munro, a Carleton University student councillor.

Some delegates stalked out of committee meetings, including one discussing the budget when it became clear that Surjik had no intention of resigning.

Surjik said he was targeted because he is gay, and some delegates wanted a scapegoat for the financial problems. "I got a sense on Tuesday that trouble was brewing," he said.

He said he was waiting to hear from the auditors about the difference in the figures, saying it could be a simple accounting error on the auditors' part.

At the final plenary, where the non-confidence motion came up, Surjik said people had been spreading rumours and misinformation.

"People could be sued for what they said," he said.

Sandeep Dhir, Alberta's national executive representative, spearheaded the drive against Surjik. "I think the national treasurer should have resigned immediately when he realized the discrepancy," he said in an interview.

The bitterness that pervaded the meeting came to a head during the ratification of Lamrock as chair for 1992-93—14 schools opposed the motion.

Lamrock said he was surprised. "That act was shameful," he said. "I guess those 14 schools don't believe in democracy."

But Patricia Barrera, president of the University of Ottawa, one of the schools that voted against ratification, said it was the best way to send a message to Lamrock.

"We had a problem with the way he worked on francophone issues," she said. "Maybe he'll work harder on that now."

Lamrock said he will spend the next 18 months mending fences and drawing more students into CFS activities.

Other conference business included:

- Calgary's DeVry Institute of Technology was accepted as a prospective member, marking the first time in CFS's ten-year history that a private vocational school has been granted membership. CFS membership had been limited to publicly-funded institutions.
- CFS cancelled a lobby session with MPs from all three parties when only 40 delegates showed up. The lobby session was intended to be a show of unity among Canadian students.