Lawyer's ruling hits Murray

By CHRIS GAINOR

The Alma Mater Society has obtained a legal opinion saying non-students are ineligible to sit as students on the board of governors, throwing into question the position of student board rep Rick Murray.

Murray was elected to the board in the spring but is no longer a student. He has taken a full time job but has refused to give up his seat.

The student representative assembly, which had planned to make a decision on Murray's future as a member of the board and the SRA, tabled a motion Wednesday endorsing the legal opinion's views after Murray protested that he was not told of the opinion before the meeting.

The opinion, written by lawyer Donald Sorochan, said: "It is therefore our opinion that to be a member of the board of governors under Section 20(e) of the Universities Act, a person must meet three requirements. He must:

- "Be a person who is presently enrolled in a university in a credit course, or who is designated by resolution of the senate as a student;
- "Be a full-time student, and
- "Be a member of the Alma Mater Society or of the Graduate Student Society of the university."

The tabled SRA motion, sponsored by Moe Sihota, holds that any board rep must meet the three qualifications, and if accepted, would force Murray off the board unless it is challenged in court.

Sorochan's opinion, which did not refer specifically to Murray's case, also said: "In our opinion, the Alma Mater Society, on behalf of the "student association" as defined by the act, would have status to seek a declaratory judgment from the Supreme Court of British Columbia declaring that a person who is not a full-time student at the University of British Columbia is not eligible to continue as a member of the board of governors under section 20(e) of the Universities Act, and could obtain an order of the court prohibiting any such person from purporting to act and declaring such office vacant."

When Sihota had finished reading segments of the opinion to the SRA, Murray said, "I find myself a bit surprised by what I've been told. I'm surprised by the decision."

Protesting that he had not been told an opinion had been sought, Murray said he had obtained several opinions from board associates, including some lawyers, and none had told him he should resign.

A motion to table the matter for

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CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY takes place outside SUB Wednesday as John Shaw, left, with severe glandular imbalance, mistakes Maureen Carson for Fay Wray of King Kong fame. Shaw and Carson were signing up new members for UBC ski club, and will be doing same today as clubs day hits SUB.

Deans hit by budget cuts

By HEATHER WALKER

Deans of the faculties of arts and commerce said Wednesday their budgets for the current year are barely large enough to maintain present standards of services to students.

Both faculties face increased class sizes, and have been unable to include new courses in their programs.

Stanley Hamilton, acting dean of commerce, said the money the faculty received represented "an absolute decrease" over last year's budget in spite of an apparent eight per cent increase.

Commerce's budget for 1976-77 is $3,077,795.

Hamilton said salaries for faculty and support staff in commerce and the rest of the university increased by more than eight per cent, and consequently the actual amount of the budget used for operating expenses has decreased.

"We've had to increase section sizes," said Hamilton.

"And we have four or five courses which the senate has approved which are not offered this year. We could offer new courses only if we cut back in old courses," he said.

Hamilton said students would suffer more from the increased section sizes than the lack of the planned new courses.

"Increased class size has a material effect on the quality of what we're offering."

Arts dean Robert Will said he did not think the faculty would suffer seriously from this year's small budget "but we can't go on in this way without the effect being felt. We're not doing more this year, we're doing less."

Will said his faculty's budget increase of approximately eight per cent was "less than the wage increase."

"I think this is true for the university as a whole," he said. "We have less money to work with this year than we had last year."

He said classes were larger this year than last, but that the faculty had not been forced to drop any programs.

"There are a few courses which maybe would have been given if there was no (financial) problem," Will said.

But he said it was impossible to tell what the total effect of budget restrictions was on arts programs.

"Some courses were approved on the understanding that they couldn't go through without funding," Will said.

"And there was restraint at the department level, and in people's minds," he said, adding that faculty members may have decided not to submit proposals for new courses because they felt the courses could not be funded.

"Sometimes new things can be done at the expense of old

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Campus strike looms ahead

By LAWRIE McMAHEN

The possibility that UBC's largest union will strike Oct. 7 grew Wednesday with the disclosure that the university administration's final contract offer was met by universal disfavor at a union general membership meeting Tuesday.

Ken Andrews, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees local 116 Wednesday released details of the UBC offer and said all of the 150 CUPE workers who came to Tuesday's union meeting reacted negatively to the administration's proposal.

"The people didn't like it, and I can't say I blame them," Andrews said.

UBC administration offered the 1,500 members of local 116 a one-year contract with a 7.5 per cent wage boost retroactive to March 31, when the last contract expired, he said. CUPE represents workers in food services, residences, physical plant and UBC patrol.

The offer is 4.5 per cent less than the 12 per cent the union was asking for during negotiations, and half a percentage point less than the eight per cent which was reported as the university's offer during bargaining talks last week.

"It's not a generous offer," Andrews said, reaffirming his own negative reaction to the university's wage proposal.

The administration made its offer to CUPE Sunday in the form of a written final offer, which has the effect of forcing a showdown with the union.

CUPE members will vote on the contract proposal at a special meeting Oct. 3.

A vote by the union in favor of accepting the offer will mean an immediate settlement in the contract dispute, but a vote against acceptance will mean immediate issuance of 72-hour strike notice.

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No pinkos at Birch Society U

By STEVE HOWARD

The right-wing John Birch Society is planning to build a new university to lead the fight against collectivism and other "un-American" activities.

The society, which warns of an international communist conspiracy against the United States, is looking for a site in California where it can build a liberal arts university.

The society decided to fulfill a long-time dream of setting up its own university because it believes post-secondary education in the U.S. is inadequate, C.O. Mann, administrative assistant to the society's president, said Wednesday in an interview from John Birch Society headquarters in Belmont, Mass.

The university will model itself after the highly-regarded University of Vienna, Mann said.

Foreign applicants and members of all races are welcome to apply for admission. "Blacks are human beings too," Mann said.

Socialists are free to attend "but they'd better understand that we won't be teaching any socialism," he said.

"We don't see it as a collectivist university. We are opposed to all forms of collectivism as un-American."

There will be entrance exams. "High school graduates these days can't even read," said Mann.

The university will be built with individual donations, Mann said. There will be no government funding and as little government interference as possible, said Mann. He refused to speculate about the total cost of the univers[illegible]

The John Birch Society motto is: "less government, more responsibility, and with God's help a better world."

The university will start on a small scale, but a library, student residences and food services are planned. There will be no intercollegiate sports, Mann said.

"We believe students should make their own financial arrangements. We are considering possibilities of some form of financial help."

The actual curriculum is still in the planning stages, but the proposed courses include liberal arts, law, engineering and mechanics. The projected opening date is September 1979.

Mann said he does not know yet whether the university will offer accredited degrees.

Inflation to blame

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One source told The Ubyssey that union executives and members who are especially displeased with the university's offer will be attempting to convince the CUPE members between now and Oct. 3 to vote for a strike.

Local 116 voted by an 80 per cent majority Sept. 12 to strike if necessary to back up contract demands.

And union president Andrews said Wednesday that the continuing rise in the cost of living justified the wage hike CUPE was asking for.

Other details of the university's contract offer show that the administration has proposed to clear up some disparities among various CUPE campus workers.

For instance, Andrews said, UBC has offered to make changes in the relative pay for some clerical, gardening, traffic, and patrol workers. In some cases the changes consists of allowing employees in these categories the same night shift bonus already given to other workers, Andrews said.

On other issues in the contract dispute, the administration has offered a "watered down version" of CUPE demands for job security.

Andrews also said the final contract offer allows campus maintenance workers 90 per cent of the "paid" wages of off-campus trade workers.

The union president said students would support the aims of any eventual CUPE strike as much by coming onto campus and dirtying up buildings as by boycotting classes.

"I believe bring them in and let them dirty up the buildings," Andrews said.

"Empty buildings stay clean a lot longer," he said.

But other union sources have suggested that student support in the form of observance of picket lines and co-ordination of campus support would be most helpful to CUPE's cause.

One campus group has set a meeting for Friday in order to prepare for student and faculty support of any CUPE strike.

The Committee for a Democratic University, a coalition of students, faculty, and campus labor formed last year to combat the conservative attitudes displayed during the Association of University and College Employees strike, will meet at noon to begin co-ordinating support for any upcoming strike.

The 1,476-member AUCE has voted to observe CUPE picket lines if the strike occurs.

Cutbacks go on

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programs. That is not necessarily bad, as the old programs may have had their run. We can have new programs if we cut back on another area of endeavor.

"But this is not a time when we can think of innovative new programs. It's not that we've stopped in our tracks, but it's not a time to implement new programs."

Neither Hamilton nor Will said how much money they asked for to operate their faculties this year.

But Hamilton said the amount commerce received was "smaller by a considerable margin" than the amount they wanted.

"Traditionally, faculties ask for more than they receive, but this was definitely less than we expected," he said.

Hamilton said the faculty had asked for increases in every category of their budget, including increases to allow for more faculty and support staff.

"But our net increase over the previous year was more than accounted for in salary increases," he said.

And the faculty is faced with another problem, Hamilton said.

"We've had a substantial increase in the number of students enrolled in the faculty," he said.

Meeting stalls decision on Murray case

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one week then was quickly passed after a short debate. Murray refused to say after the meeting what action he would take, although he said in the debate he did not want to go to the expense of hiring his own lawyer.

SRA president Dave Van Blarcom said he had just been given the opinion Wednesday morning. He said the opinion was obtained on the suggestion of AMS general manager Bern Grady after the Murray question was placed on the agenda.

A new board member could only sit for one meeting before facing another election campaign, said Murray, because the soonest an election could be held if he resigned now would be late October or early November. His term runs out at the end of the year.

But Van Blarcom said the AMS has a legal opinion challenging the right of the registrar to hold elections for student board reps, as he has until now.

Sihota said he had assumed Murray had been informed of the opinion and its findings.

The opinion notes that education minister Pat McGeer, while in opposition, had the following objection to the Universities Act:

"What I'm afraid of," said McGeer, "is that putting two students on the board of governors, we're likely to have just two more students who aren't students at all, but are merely attending university for the purpose of sitting on the board of governors."

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Council and BoG mull cutbacks

By HEATHER WALKER

UBC's board of governors met the provincial Universities Council Sept. 13 but, as usual, information on the meeting is incredibly hard to get.

The meeting was billed as "a way for the board and the council to get to know each other better," but it was more than that. It had to be — after all, board and council members have more important things to do than socialize over tea.

After the members eyes each other up and down for a few minutes, they got down to more serious business, such as the university's budget for 1977-78.

The important thing about next year's budget is that it's going to be small — probably much smaller than the amount the university administration will ask for.

And board members, while not saying the council is specifically asking them to cut back in any area of university spending, say there was a tendency at the meeting to discuss ways of keeping expenses down.

"It's the overall philosophy of the new government, and it's obvious they'll try to cut back wherever they can," student board member Basil Peters said in an interview Monday.

"I think the last thing they need to do is cut back (on university spending), and it's ridiculous to even talk about it," he added.

"They asked where we could cut corners, and we said we couldn't," said board member George Hermanson, who described the meeting as a "fishing expedition."

Another member, Pat Chubb, described the tendency to reduce costs as "a general trend".

"It's not just the Universities Council," she said. "I think everyone is conscious of the anti-inflation board."

Board secretary William White said the meeting was called "at the request of the council to hear the university's requests for coming fiscal requirements."

White indicated the possibility of cutbacks was discussed at the meeting.

"The Universities Council and the university are interested in efficient operation. They're interested in finding ways of making the best use of funds," White said.

But he said that either the council or the board had indicated cutbacks might come in any specific areas.

But education minister Pat McGeer feels differently. He told a Socred constituency meeting Wednesday that his department intends to give emphasis to education aimed at jobs. And he plans to de-emphasize arts and science programs.

This means cutbacks in the arts and sciences departments. And it may mean funds from these programs could be redirected to other, more "practical" areas.

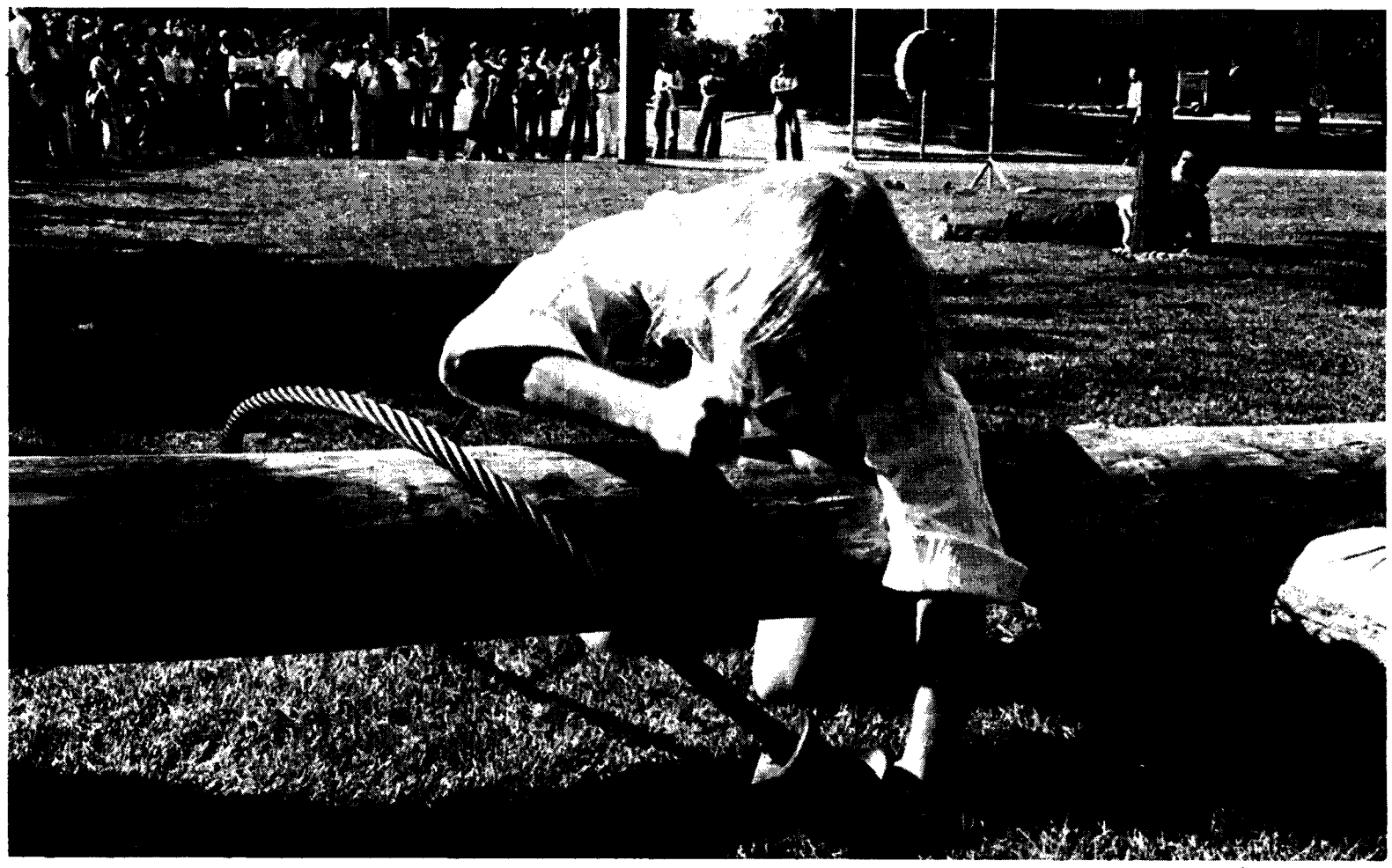
Cutbacks in any form are bad. Cutbacks which apply more to one section of the university than another are worse. Should the education department be able to choose what areas of study deserve most funds?

Universities Council chairman William Armstrong said the council was not trying to identify possible cutback areas.

"Some board members may have got that impression from some of the questions we asked," he said.

"We have to justify our requests (to the provincial government). And we have to cut pretty close to the bone to justify them.

"I'm sure we sometimes ask questions I'm sure they wish we wouldn't ask, but we must back up our requests to the government," he said.



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PRACTICING UP for when he'll be going after clients reluctant to pay his exorbitant bill, law student Doug Nuyts sets choker Wednesday during forestry demonstration outside SUB. Nuyts managed to wrap 80-pound steel cable around log in 14 seconds.

Paltry TA raise to be discussed at meet today

A UBC teaching assistant has organized a meeting to discuss an eight per cent raise many TAs failed to get this year.

Dave Chapman, a second year physics TA, said the meeting will be held at noon today in the graduate student centre's committee room.

"Unionizing UBC TAs could prove to be a waste of time considering assistantships are not a full-time occupation, but organization is important," Chapman said.

The UBC board of governors voted last June to increase TA's salaries by eight per cent, but most TAs say they received only a four to six per cent increase. Many were not even aware of the size of the raise they were to get.

Board secretary William White said Wednesday he did not know if the right per cent increase was on an "across the board" basis to all faculties.

And board member William Webber said he could not remember the board's June 1 resolution, but, he said, "if voting was involved, I was present."

UBC administration president Doug Kenny could not be reached for comment. Kenny is also a board member.

Geography department head Robert Smith said decisions concerning TA raises are made by faculty deans.

He declined to comment about the raise for geography TAs because he said he knew little about it.

Smith said his responsibility to TAs as a department head was to ensure an equilibrium between them.

"I handle TA situations on a one-to-one basis and make every effort to provide a uniform work load for each TA," he said.

Some deans were attending a conference in eastern Canada and could not be reached for comment.

Democracy prevails — election set

The student representative assembly reversed itself Wednesday and decided to hold elections for two vacant student spots on the UBC senate, two weeks after deciding the positions would be filled by appointment.

The election will be held in conjunction with a referendum on an Alma Mater Society fee increase, slated for Nov. 8 to 10. The terms expire in April.

Most SRA members agreed the plan to appoint the senators would go against democratic principles, and most of the discussion centered on the timing of the election. The person who most strongly favored appointing the senators was Gary Moore, himself an appointed senator representing commerce students.

The two vacancies in the senator-at-large positions were created after the resignations of Brian Higgins and David MacKinnon. Several SRA members had said last week they would appoint retired science senator Ron Walls. Walls, who is now a medicine student, was apparently not prepared to campaign for the position.

In other business, the SRA voted to endorse National Student Day Nov. 9, which is being sponsored by the National Union of Students and the B.C. Students' Federation. The SRA also voted to spend $500 on activities planned for the day.

Before the vote NUS fieldworker Eddy Abel told the SRA that NUS will focus an information campaign on student issues for the day, and individual campuses across Canada will be able concentrate on issues of importance to them.

NUS is representing students in Ottawa, ABel said, where decisions are made about funding of post-secondary education, student loans and grants, and housing. "It's important that students scream with all the other interest groups there or students will end up on the short end of the stick."

The SRA voted to give the Pacific Life Community, which has been leading protests against the Trident nuclear submarine base in Bangor, Wash., $200 to send a delegate to a fast in Washington, D.C. to protest Trident.

The motion was passed after a debate over the merits of supporting protests against Trident. Science rep Aksel Hallin said Trident is necessary to maintain world peace because a balance of arms ensures peace.

But several other SRA members, spoke against Hallin's position, including SRA president Dave Van Blarcom, who said the AMS supported the Trident protests of last year, and said Trident poses an especially great danger to the Vancouver area.

Bill Broddy, an arts senator, was selected as SRA secretary-treasurer after defeating arts undergraduate society president Bev Crowe 14-10 for the position.

Broddy has held the position in a temporary capacity since the resignation last summer of Ellen Paul.

Bailey grabs vending bucks

Undergraduate societies will lose an important source of revenue because food services head Robert Bailey has decided to enforce a long forgotten regulation.

Bailey has reinstated an old regulation set down by the UBC board of governors, stating all revenue from vending machines not located in common rooms should go to food servicves.

The board made the regulation because of fear the halls of university buildings would become cluttered with vending machines.

But undergraduate societies have been collecting the revenue for the machines for years and at least two of the societies affected are angry about losing the money.

The commerce undergraduate society is being forced to give up $6,000 in revenue from machines in the Henry Angus building, and it intends to fight the food services takeover.

CUS rep Dave Johnstone said Wednesday food services is taking over some of the machines in the building's new addition because a tiled area where they are operating is not a lounge area.

Johnstone said CUS was receiving about $6,000 a year in commissions from the machines. He said CUS could move the machines to the Henry Angus common room but new wiring would be needed.

Most campus vending machines are owned by Vancouver Enterprises Ltd. which gives a commission to the groups that lend it the space for the machines. The commission is seven per cent of total revenue for candy machines and 15 per cent for hot drink machines.

Eva Villeneuve, president of the home economics undergraduate society, said Wednesday moving the vending machine in the home economics building to the building's lounge would cost the HEUS more than the revenue they would receive from the machine.

Villeneuve said she received letters during the summer stating that unless the HEUS moved the machine to the lounge by September, food services would start collecting the machine's revenues.

But the HEUS could not afford the new wiring that would have been necessary for the move, so food services started collecting the money in September, she said.

And the arts undergraduate society doesn't know yet whether food services will expropriate the commission from the machines on the lower floor of the Buchanan building, AUS rep Dave Jiles said Wednesday.

Jiles said the AUS is in a particularly difficult position because food services already runs an outlet in Buchanan lounge, so the AUS can't move the machines there.

Jiles said the AUS gets about $3,000 a year in commission from the machines.

Organize!

UBC's teaching assistants have an opportunity to meet at noon today in the Graduate Student Centre.

A number of TAs interviewed recently by The Ubyssey have said they're getting a raw deal from the university.

They've said they haven't received an eight per cent salary increase approved in June by the board of governors.

They've said their work loads are far heavier than the 12-hour week they're paid for. And they've said they're bitter about the way they're treated by the people they work under.

What The Ubyssey would like to say to them is — if all of what they say is true, those TAs had better be at that meeting today.

The only way the conditions they gripe about are going to improve is for them to get organized.

There are 600 full TAs at UBC. If the majority of those people organize themselves into a union or join an existing union, they'll be well on their way to changing the conditions they complain about. They will not be — as one TA put it — "powerless to buck the faculties."

So it's cheers to physics TA Dave Chapman, who's set up today's meeting.

Now for the boos.

While we're on the subject of TAs, we'd like to say a few angry words to those shifty, irresponsible administrative types who didn't want, or couldn't be bothered to explain the situation to a Ubyssey reporter Wednesday.

We don't expect board of governors members to have all kinds of information about specific items on the tips of their tongues.

But we don't think it's too outrageous to ask them to look up facts that are near their fingertips.

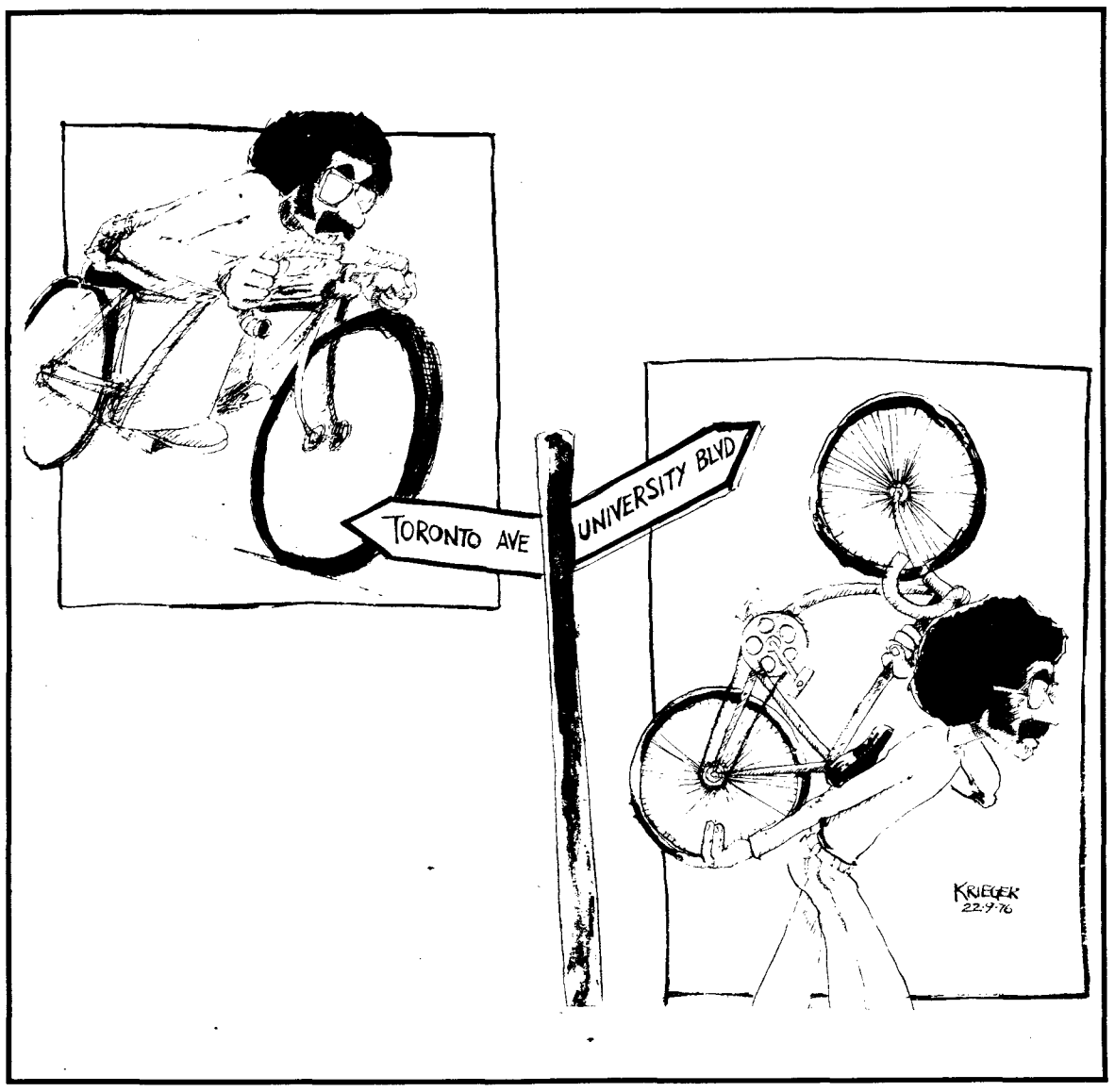
For example, we think it's downright ratty when someone like William Webber, a board member and anatomy professor, tells us he's not prepared to look up an old board resolution which he voted on. And we're tired of hearing that administration president Doug Kenny is perpetually unavailable for comment, and too busy to ever return our calls.

In other words, we don't like getting the run-around we've got on the TA salary situation.

But the apparent unconcern of these and other administrative figures may turn out for the best as far as TAs are concerned.

Because if TAs begin to realize how minor the issues important to them seem to be to the administration, perhaps they'll be more willing to organize and fight that lack of concern.

The best of luck to them.



Pity the poor biker

For shame.

Do cyclists using university roadways have to wait until one of their kind is mercilessly flattened and scraped off the road before the University Boulevard cycle path is completed?

Ever since the Chancellor cycle path was completed two years ago, there have been vague plans and promises to complete the University Boulevard path.

But nothing has happened.

No one appears to be concerned about these meek, environment-conscious souls, who quietly commune with the fresh air as they tune their bodies on their way to campus.

Implicitly, the administration encourages the use of sterile cars by creating ever-more parking spaces for the cold machines.

But does anyone feel concern for the cyclists?

And although the university detachment of the RCMP says there have not been serious accidents caused by the lack of a cycle path for the three-block stretch — it is only a matter of time before some slothful, day-dreaming driver knocks a non-violent cyclist straight into never-never land.

The Ubyssey humbly urges immediate completion of the cycle path. And we urge watchful concern for cyclists on the part of all drivers on campus.

Letters

Literary advice

Following up on your editorial advice of Sept. 14, allow me to expand on your list of dos and don'ts where the library is concerned:

- don't create sound waves. Most people like a quiet library, and complain to us when it's noisy.
- don't reshelve books in the wrong place. A book in the wrong place is a book lost, and students waste a lot of time searching for them in vain.
- don't keep books overdue. In fact, it's better for everyone if you return them early. And you avoid fines. There's a new loan policy which will allow you to borrow books which aren't in heavy demand for an extended period. Loan periods are short for heavily used books, and it's important to other students that you return these on time.

We don't like the fines (and the library doesn't get the money), but that seems to be the only way to make some people co-operate. Let's have fewer fines, because that will mean books have been coming back in time to be used by more students.

- don't mutilate or steal books. It hurts your fellow student when the book or article isn't there to be used. And we have to spend money and time which we can't afford to repair the damage. Besides, theft is a criminal offence.
- do let us know when you change your local address. There are change-of-address forms available at the circulation desk in all branches. If we don't know where you are, we can't call in books when other students want them; and if we call them in and you don't get the notice, the overdue fines begin to pile up.

All of which come down to one thing — when you use the library, remember that you're sharing it with thousands of people. Mutual respect and consideration keeps the place working better for everyone.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs
university librarian

Ski cabin

Your article about the UBC ski cabin closure in the Sept. 14 issue of the Ubyssey contained some misleading and misinformed statements that we would like to clear up.

Yes-indeed, the UBC Whistler cabin has been closed down by one building inspector, but this is only temporary. As soon as the needed improvements are made the cabin will be opened up again.

This should not take any longer than Oct. 1, or shortly thereafter. We will be using the cabin on the Thanksgiving weekend, assuming Mr. Murry (the local building inspector who is riding shotgun) does not hassle us any more.

The fact that the cabin does not have a fire alarm and smoke detection system is not something new, nor does this mean that it falls drastically below fire, or any other, safety standards.

It has never had these systems since it was built in 1964, and no other cabin up at Whistler will have as much in the way of these systems as we will have. This also applies to all other buildings, including hotels and government buildings, up at Whistler.

It may sound simple to say a fire alarm system should have been one of our first priorities when undergoing renovations, but it is also very naive.

During the renovations there was a lot of structural change that would have rendered the smoke detection system useless. It would have been like putting a roof on a house that hasn't been built yet.

Murry's sudden concern about this issue worries us. Our plans were approved by him last fall, before we started any renovations. At that time he informed us that he would like to see a fire alarm system installed sometime in the future, and we assured him that we would have one installed before 1978.

We have realized the fire hazard at the cabin for a long time; hence we have always had strict no smoking rules for the dormitories, an abundance of fire extinguishers and a fire hydrant installed this year. There are also many fire escapes.

When the cabin opens again in early October we will be able to boast about the fantastic improvements; adequate electric heat, hot water, showers, washrooms, enlarged kitchen, refinished lounges, partitioned sleeping areas, septic system, new water main, improved wiring, a ski repair shop, and much more.

Charles Lightowler
president
Ken Goodwin
membership chairman,
UBC ski club

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Sitting around the printers one night in a drunken stupor The Ubyssey staff decided to pull up its collective stakes and move away to the new John Birch University in sunny California. Deb van der Gracht, Steve Howard, Doug Rushton and Marcus Gee decided to enrol in red baiting 105. Chris Gainor, Ralph Maurer, Sue Vohanka and Heather Walker decided to take Communism and Water Fluoridation 315 and Geoff Wheelwright, Lindsey Corbett, Charlie Micallef and Ian Currie thought they'd major in racism, with a minor in rugged individualism. The pinkos of the group, Doug McMullin, Matt King, Deryl Mogg, Mike Miller, Doug Field and Bob Krieger decided to sneak in as fascism students and blow the place up. And Bill Tielman, Mike Bocking, Doug RushtonLawrie McMahen, Wade Nott, Rod Chant, Jackie Landry and Ted Davis all took anti-semitism 220.

Trident protest grim, tense

Ubyssey staffer Ted Davis covered the Pacific Life Community protest Sunday in Washington at the site of the Trident nuclear submarine base.

In the following article, Davis details how his attitudes toward the protestors changed.

By TED DAVIS

BANGOR, Wash. — It took the sight of protestors being hauled through the fence and dragged across the dirt road of the Trident nuclear submarine base here to make me finally realize the seriousness of Sunday's anti-Trident demonstration.

The protest, at which 21 people were arrested, was staged by Pacific Life Community members from the Vancouver and Seattle areas.

To cover the protest I spent the weekend with the community, but I viewed its fence-cutting action with amused skepticism until it was actually under way.

Driving to Seattle with members of the community Saturday afternoon, we had been anxious about being turned back at the border, which some thought quite possible. But when customs waved us through I began to view the community members as slightly melodramatic, taking themselves too seriously.

The feeling increased at the house in Seattle which was the headquarters for Sunday's action.

Located in the 'red line' area of Seattle's Capitol Hill district, it is a Catholic worker house as well as the local PLC centre.

Several families live there, with a number of small children, and the resulting confusion and disorder of the house didn't fit the image of a dedicated band taking on the U.S. navy.

But Sunday's preparations for the protest lulled me into being unprepared for the grim tension of the action that afternoon.

We all met in Kitsap Memorial State Park for a 'non-violence training session' and 'role plays' of the fence-cutting.

The atmosphere combined elements of a Sunday school picnic complete with sing-along, and a last huddle of early Christians about to go on stage at the Roman Colosseum.

Hearing more than 70 people, most of whom didn't intend to perform acts of civil disobedience, singing "You can lock us in your prisons, You can lock us in your jails," struck me as ludicrous.

At the time, no one had any idea that 21 of them would spend that night in the Tacoma city jail.

The role-playing was a major part of the morning's preparations and although its worth was later demonstrated, it initially appeared to be a naive mass self-delusion.

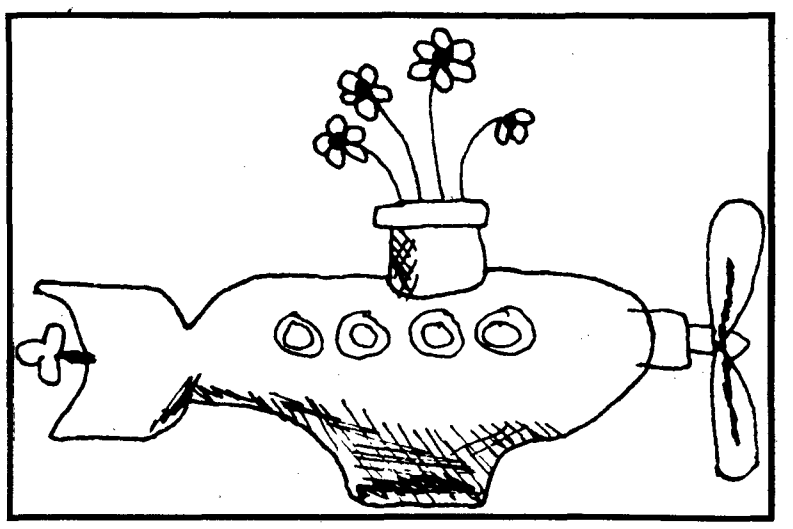
The soon-to-be demonstrators split into such groups pretending to be guards, fence-cutters, support groups, and media people. They planned different strategies and acted out their idea of the afternoon's protest.

After the first role-play they reformed into different groups for a 'debriefing' at which they discussed improvements for their plan.

After a general discussion the role-play was repeated with the plan's revisions acted upon.

I saw little value in enacting a situation which few of the role players knew anything about. Watching and participating in them only increased my skepticism.

Even on the trip from the park to the Bangor base that afternoon, it was hard to get serious about the situation. In the second car of the convoy which made the trip no one knew quite where the first car was going so we just followed blindly. At one point the lead car took a wrong turn which took us at least a mile out of our way.



Although the PLC had earlier alerted the base to the protest, the time and location were supposed to be a surprise. But as luck would have it, the base guards saw the cars as we were driving around the base.

As a result, the place which was going to be struck already had guards at it when we arrived.

We kept on driving, exhilarated and mirthful at the sight of the guards driving past us on the other side of the fence,and at the thought of what we would soon be doing.

Finally we stopped near a corner of the base and the 80 protestors, after a few minutes of silence and contemplation, formed three lines in front of the fence.

Ten feet away, on the other side, stood more than 20 guards, photographers and naval investigating officers, carrying guns and truncheons. They didn't say a word, and when the fence-cutters began to snip through the fence the guards handled them with grim efficiency.

That was when I began to take the protest seriously. The first woman arrested had cut only the top three strands of the fence when a guard grabbed her and pulled her over the rest of the strands.

Other protestors were dragged across the dirt road of the base to be handcuffed, although they made no move to resist.

As each cutter was arrested two more demonstrators climbed through the hole in the fence as a gesture of support — and they too were arrested.

Within 10 minutes the action was over. A grey security bus came to take the prisoners away. One protestor was dropped on his head as the guards carried him.

Under the gaze of the guards the rest of us dispersed, to meet outside the main gate of the base where the arrested protestors were taken. There we learned that they would not be released, as they had been during earlier protests at the base, but would all spend the night in jail.

The 10-minute protest left me shaken. The grimness and roughness of the guards was something I had not expected.

The preparations of the demonstrators — which to me had seemed amusing — had accounted for the order and calmness of the protestors when faced with the cold hostility of the guards.

I cannot say that such demonstrations will affect the construction of the Trident submarines, which are backed by the vast riches and great paranoia of the U.S. military establishment.

But they may help preserve a sense of humanity in the face of the U.S. military system. The hostility and callous roughness of its members whom we encountered Sunday is only a small indication of the way that system works.

Letters

Wishing

I wish you guys would send a reporter to the student representative assembly meetings. Had you send one to last week's meeting you could have avoided all these "second-hand information" stories that showed up in last week's papers.

I'm sure that one of the senior editors still remembers where they are held. But just in case, it's in room 206 at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Bill Broddy
student representative assembly

Apology

This is to notify any students on campus who were confused by the statements made about the Chinese Student Association on page 62 of Insight 76.

To clarify the matter, let me state that the club welcomes membership to all UBC students of any ethnic and cultural background.

The club engages in numerous cultural activities such as the choir, the Chinese muscial instrumental group, the Chinese folk dance group, as well as the publication of the Overseers — an English and Chinese magazine.

I apologize for any and all confusion.

Moe Sihota
editor, Insight 76

Spectacle

Step right up folks, to the stupidest spectacle on earth.

Yep, only on the UBC campus, year after year, can you see the perverse spectacle of the student newspaper grasping at any straw to discredit its publisher as a bunch of scheming hacks.

Latest example: The matter of by-elections to appoint interim student senators.

Now, the Ubyssey didn't send a reporter to the student representative assembly meeting where the matter was discussed freely and openly — nope, they decided to go around afterward to ferret out a story.

Know what? Go around to the "backrooms" looking for a story, and you come up with a story about backrooming. It works every time, because you don't have to get everyone's opinions, just the ones you need. And all of this has to be done in the context of substantiating a shady motive — that's "investigative reporting."

Result: Students who have worked long and hard at senate in the students' interest lose credibility; the student position, already weak, is weakened still further.

Now, criticism of any level of government is the message which keeps it healthy, aware. However, the student newspaper has the additional role of promoting the student interest, which happens to coincide with the role of student politicians.

So, Ubyssey staffers, if you should find a scheming rat in student politics, then step on him; not because it makes a good story, but because that kind of "politico" eventually discredits the students anyway — then you're protecting the student interest.

But, please, make damn sure that you've got a rat — nine times out of 10 it will just be some politico tripping over his mouth.

Finally, a riddle: If the student paper spends most of its time discrediting the student union, and the student union spends most of its time in internal squabbles, who has the last laugh? (Hint: it isn't the students).

Let's pull together.

David Van Blarcom
president,
student representative assembly

The Ubyssey is not interested in weakening the credibility of student senators or the position of students by hunting for "scheming rats" to discredit.

And we don't continually try to discredit the student union.

But we think it's in the best interests of students to elect their own student reps to senate. And we don't think it's in the best interests of students to let their student society set a precedent of appointing students to positions which they should be elected to. — Staff.

No padding

In reply to Ken Dodd's letter concerning the shrinking number of padded chairs in Brock Hall, the study area in Brock Hall has never been and is not now the responsibility of the library to supervise or maintain. It is simply not part of the library system.

Furthermore, the library has not removed padded chairs in the study area and replaced them with wooden ones. Although some of the chairs might have been removed by other university departments, the library is not one of them.

When the area was first set up in the 1960s, before the construction of the Sedgewick Library, in order to deal with a severe shortage of study space, it was fully equipped with padded chairs.

The great majority of them have been stolen, outright. It's unfortunate, but because the area is not supervised and is open over a long schedule. I believe that if the university went to the expense of purchasing more padded chairs, they too would disappear.

Dodd is correct in saying that the same students study there day after day. In many instances, that is because students take over carrels and made personal territories out of them by leaving books in them, effectively denying their use to other students, who have complained to me about the practice.

In the beginning, the Brock Hall study area was a pleasant, comfortable location.

It isn't now, with a carpet scarred by cigarette burns, soft drink stains, and with a random collection of old and tired chairs. It could be that students themselves bear some responsibility for the situation.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs
university librarian

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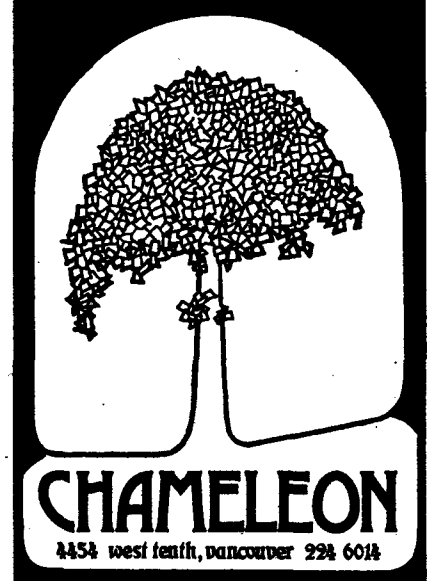

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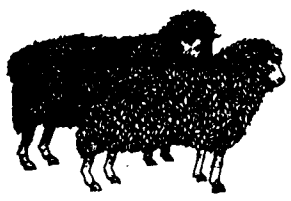

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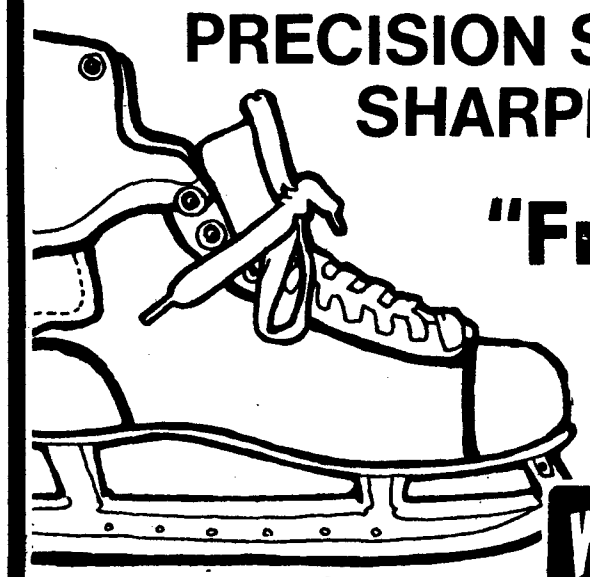

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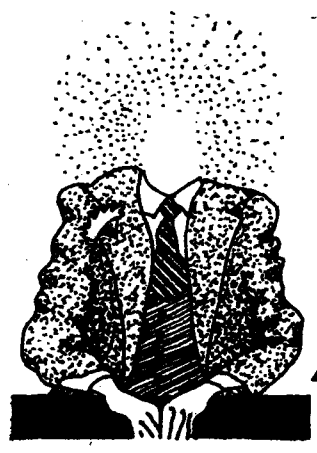

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U of T council dumps on Oct. 14 labor protest

Canadian University Press

The first Canadian student council to make a decision on whether to support the Canadian Labor Congress's Oct. 14 day of protest has refused to support it.

The University of Toronto student council made the decision at an early September council meeting.

But two student federations, the National Union of Students, and the B.C. Students' Federation, have decided to support the anti-wage and price controls protest. NUS executive members voted to support the protest in an August executive meeting and BCSF delegates voted to support the protest at a Sept. 17-19 conference in Victoria.

UBC student council will not make a decision until Oct. 7, just a week before the protest is to take place.

U of T vice-president Doug Gerhart called the protest "large scale organized civil disobedience aimed more at undermining democratic rule in this country than as a legitimate protest method with the intention of gaining economic goals."

Another executive member said council called for support of the day pointing out the common goals of labor and students.

"We are part of the work force," she said. "We have worked with labor in the past and will probably look to them in the future for support."

CLC spokesperson Lou Melchier denied that the day of protest would be a breakdown of collective bargaining. He said the federal government broke down the collective bargaining system by imposing wage controls.

Despite the council's refusal to support the day of protest by 20-9 margin, it voted 16-12 in favor of a motion opposing the present federal anti-inflation program.

In a joint meeting in August, the CLC and the National Union of Students agreed that students and labor shared common areas of concern over the federal government's anti-inflation program.

While there are no plans for a nationally co-ordinated campaign, the organization suggests in its new newspaper, The Student Advocate, that member councils will likely "include anti-controls material in their regular work."

U of T is a member of NUS.

'Yes' — CUPE

One hundred and fifty members of the UBC local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees — the largest union on campus — voted unanimously Tuesday to support the Oct. 14 day of protest, being organized by the Canadian Labor Congress.

Local 116 president Ken Andrews said Wednesday support for the protest against the federal government's wage and price controls program was given by all union members attending Tuesday's general membership meeting to discuss the university's "final" contract offer (see separate story, page 1).

CUPE represents 1,500 employees in physical plant, food services, residences, campus patrol and other ancillary services.

AIB protest growing, CLC president claims

OTTAWA (CUP) — Support for the Oct. 14 national day of protest is gaining momentum, and all indications are that it will successfully demonstrate public opposition to federal wage controls, Joe Morris, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, told a press conference here Sept. 15.

Morris said it is "too early in our campaign to make any definite predictions" but that "after a cross country tour during which officers of the congress met with many groups in all provinces, it is evident that the campaign is gathering momentum and that on Oct. 14 Canada will witness a manifestation of popular dissent seldom seen in this country."

The president of the 2.3 million-member labor central spoke to reporters following a two-day meeting of the CLC executive, the first such meeting since the executive named Oct. 14 as the day of protest.

He said that reports received by the council "show every indication that the protest will be an effective one all across Canada."

The cross-country tour of congress officials over the last three weeks saw group after group, in province after province, pledge their determination to join the protest, he said.

These included "public employees, steelworkers, machinists, auto workers, marine and dock workers, bus drivers, postal workers, letter carriers, teachers, students, telephone workers, policemen, taxi drivers, woodworkers and people in many other walks of life."

The only CLC-affiliated union so far to publicly oppose the protest action is the Public Service Alliance of Canada, representing federal government employees.

Morris said support has also been forthcoming from non-CLC unions, such as the Ontario-Public Service Employees Union and the CNTU and CEQ labour centrals in Quebec.

He lashed out at the federal government's $1.1 million campaign launched in early September to convince the public to support the wage controls program, which recent polls show does not have the support of a majority of Canadians, Morris said.

He said the CLC's organizing campaign for the day of protest will cost less than $100,000, and that the "million dollars of taxpayers' money the federal government is currently spending on its advertising campaign in a futile attempt to convince these same taxpayers that wage controls are good for them, will only add to their indignation."

Aussie offers self as pet

SYDNEY, Australia (ENS/CUP) — A 46 year-old man here is offering himself as a household pet.

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Laval prof strike continues

MONTREAL (CUP) — Talks have resumed between striking faculty and the Laval University administration as a dispute affecting 20,500 students enters its third week.

The 802 professors walked off the job Sept. 7 after voting 83 per cent to reject the Quebec City university's latest contract offer. The strike stopped registration and classes for the students.

Negotiations broke off after the professors went on strike.

The faculty have been negotiating their first contract for almost a year. Issues still in contention are salaries, job security, implementation of a faculty salary structure, participation in establishing teaching criteria and creation of a grievance procedure.

The university refused last year to renew the contract of nine professors serving their probationary period. The professors' union is demanding more input into the establishment of tenure and hiring guidelines.

The campus itself, located in the Quebec City suburb of Ste. Foy, is virtually deserted. The professors have set up picket lines blocking access to the campus. All classrooms, libraries and student service facilities are closed. But the university is in the process of setting up an interim loan and bursaries office to certify students applying for government aid.

Generally, the attitude of students has been to sit and wait it out. Most of the out-of-town students have returned home leaving only about 250 students still in residences.

MP demands grants

OTTAWA (CUP) — A federal MP has called on the government to finance post-secondary education for low-income students with the money saved by the elimination of summer job programs.

John Rodriguez, NDP member for Nickel Belt (Ontario), said in a press release Sept. 14 that the $36 million saved when the government cut the Opportunities for Youth (OFY) program this year should be awarded as grants to poor students who could not find work this summer.

Without some form of government aid, many students are unable to return to classes this term, the MP said.

Rodriguez also echoed the demands of student organizations in calling for the elimination of tuition fees as a "long term" solution, thus making post-secondary education accessible to students from low-income backgrounds.

He said his demands are a response to the federal government's "uncaring attitude towards student unemployment and its inability in creating student summer jobs."

Student unemployment ran 15 to 20 per cent this summer, he said, repeating figures from his summer study used as background for an opposition document on summer unemployment.

(The exact number of unemployed students is impossible to calculate this year because the department of manpower and immigration refused to fund a special Statistics Canada survey to determine that figure.)

Rodriguez said a soon-to-be-published secretary of state study shows that students from $15,000 per year income families are three times as likely to attend a post-secondary institution as those from families earning $6,000 yearly.

A government study last year showed students from the latter income bracket had only a 25 per cent chance of attending university if they were unable to find summer work, and a 47 per cent chance of attending other post-secondary institutions at all, according to Rodriguez.

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HOCKEY TEAM
Meeting for returning varsity and junior varsity players, noon, Winter Sports Centre dressing room.

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Regent College professor Clark Pinhock speaks, noon, Chem. 250.

SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
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Organizational meeting, noon, SUB 216E.

PRE-VET
General meeting and elections, noon, McMl 160.

FRIDAY

UBC INTRAMURALS
Joggers' two mile run, noon, War Memorial Gym.

SORORITIES
Introduction to sororities, noon, Cecil Green Park main lounge.

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AMS to hold new fee referenda

By MIKE BOCKING

The Alma Mater Society will again try to have student fees increased in a three-day referendum Nov. 8-10.

The proposed increases would include a $3 to $6 increase for the AMS, as well as levies of $1 for membership in the B.C. Students' Federation and the National Union of Students, AMS external affairs officer Moe Sihota said Wednesday.

Students turned down a referendum for a $3.50 increase in AMS fees last November.

Sihota said an AMS committee has been formed to determine the exact amount of the proposed fee increase, but he said it will probably be $3 to $6.

Students currently pay $34 in AMS fees, but only $9 of this ever reaches AMS coffers. Fifteen dollars goes to pay for SUB, which will not be paid off for approximately 30 years.

Five dollars is an athletic fee which goes toward UBC's extramural athletic teams, and another $5 goes towards the hole in the ground which may one day become a covered pool.

UBC pays the lowest student fees in Canada, said Sihota, and AMS activity fees have not been raised since 1949.

The November referendum failed to get a quorum of students to vote, and those that did were only 54 per cent in favor of a $3.50 fee increase. Fee increases must pass by a two-thirds majority.

The proposed referenda on the fee increases for BCSF and NUS, would be the same as the referenda which were narrowly defeated by UBC students in March.

In order for the fee increases to be approved, the referendum requires a 15 per cent voter turnout.

The purpose of the fee increases, said Sihota, is to provide sufficient funds for the BCSF and NUS to mount effective student lobbies in Victoria and Ottawa.

The BCSF was instrumental last summer in pressuring the provincial government to open up 600 extra positions for students in the government's work in government program, said Sihota.

BCSF and NUS lobbying in other areas of student concern, such as Canada student loan policy, student housing, and educational policy in general, have earned the students' support for the fee increases, Sihota said.

In the March referenda, 57 per cent of the students who voted were in favor of the BCSF fee increase, and slightly over 50 per cent favored the NUS levy, also of $1. The referenda required 66 per cent to pass.

Bus passes sought

The Alma Mater Society and the B.C. Students' Federation have formed a committee to push for bus passes for Vancouver-area university students.

The committee will meet with B.C. Hydro representatives Sept. 30 to discuss terms, Herb Dhaliwal, finance director for the student administrative council, said Wednesday.

"It looks really promising," he said. "They (B.C. Hydro) are looking into either a token system or a straight pass system. I'm going for the pass system — it's more convenient."

Students would purchase passes for about $30 a term and would be able to use them seven days a week, he said. "The program would run on an experimental basis to see if people used the bus service more," Dhaliwal said.

He said passes would reduce transportation costs to students, help solve UBC's parking problem and ease traffic snarls in general.

"With the high cost of car insurance and increasing gas prices, these bus passes should be a really good thing."

University of Victoria students now can get passes for $30 a term. The administration subsidizes the passes at $7.50 a student, Dhaliwal said.

"We need student support on this one," he said. "We probably will be conducting a short campus survey to see how many people would use such a service."

Dhaliwal said that if students took advantage of the passes the bus service to UBC would probably improve. "If more students were using the buses, B.C. Hydro would make service better."

He also said the group would be approaching different levels of government for subsidies. "The government owes students because of high transportation costs. They're already facing high living costs."

Bikers ignored—path incomplete

Despite two years of complaining by UBC cyclists a cycle path along University Boulevard has not been completed.

The cycle path along the boulevard comes to an end at Toronto road, three blocks short of the UBC campus.

Cyclists travelling to UBC are forced to cross the road at the end of the path and continue either on the boulevard itself or on the pedestrian sidewalk that runs parallel to the boulevard.

Cyclists have complained that riding on the boulevard is hazardous and that the sidewalk is in poor condition in addition to being constantly used by pedestrians.

University Endowment Lands manager Bob Murdoch, the man responsible for the cycle path, could not be reached for comment.

Loan system works

UBC's assistant librarian said Wednesday he will recommend that the new library loan policy introduced on a temporary basis in January become permanent.

Doug McInnes said the indefinite loan policy — borrowers don't have to return some books until they are requested by someone else — has been a big success.

He said since the new policy was introduced, borrowers are returning books faster, less fines are being assessed and borrowers are paying their fines faster and more consistently.

"I think it's a good system for students," he said. "I hope we will be able to retain it."

McInnes said he is confident UBC's senate will make the new policy permanent once the trial period runs out in December.

"Since they allowed us to go ahead they will probably confirm it."

McInnes said the library will submit a report about the new policy to the senate library committee before the end of the year.

With the new system, a book classified an an indefinite loan book need not be returned until someone requests it and after that the borrower has a week to return it.

Books with a definite loan period are due on the date stamped on the book but no fines are assessed until someone requests the book. But once the request comes in the borrower has to pay $1 a day starting the day the book was called in.

The library staff members also like the new system because they spend less time processing overdue notices and looking for overdue books, McInnes said.

With the old system it was hard to get books returned and fines paid, he said.

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Hitchhiking potentially dangerous ...but cheapest way to get around

The following article is reprinted from Images, the monthly publication of the Kootenay Women's Council based in Castlegar. It is compiled from a discussion among members of the Images collective.

By THE IMAGES COLLECTIVE

Well, what about hitchhiking? A bunch of us sat down one day and hashed it out, throwing out our various thoughts, opinions and ideas.

On the one extreme there were a few of us who never hitchhike ("Never will! I'm too chicken!" and "Nope, I don't hitchhike at all — I've got my own car, ha ha!").

On the other was the woman who commented that although she had gotten beaten up and raped in the "safety" of her very own living room, her experience of hitchhiking had been on the whole a good one, and she had never undergone anything other than verbal harrassment.

We all agreed that, yes, hitchhiking is a potentially dangerous situation. There is the ever present possibility of being mauled, or raped, or murdered.

Even so, many women do hitchhike in spite of the risks involved.

Some do it because of poor transportation facilities in their area, some because they find that it is the cheapest way to travel. (One woman travelled half-way across the country and back with no more than $8 in her pocket).

Still others felt it was a fun, exciting way of getting around and felt that it was interesting to get to know the people they met in their journeyings. This last group of women reported feeling a great sense of freedom in being able to take off wherever they wanted to go whenever they felt like it.

However, our hitchhikers all agreed that in order to make hitchhiking a safe and pleasant experience, a modicum of discretion and a whole lot of common sense must be used. A certain amount of intuition also helps.

Here is the advice they have for people, especially women, new to hitchhiking.

It's generally better to go hitching with a friend, preferrablly a woman friend. ("Men slow you down.")

Never tell drivers where you are going. Take the initiative amd ask them first. This will give you a chance to size them up.

If they seem suspicious in any way you can then decline the ride by saying that, sorry, they are driving nowhere near your destination.

Once you are in the car but are still unsure about the driver, mention a "friend" 10 miles down or so whom you might want to visit. If, after the 10 miles the driver checks out as an all-right person, you can "change your mind" about looking in on your friend "after all" and continue on the rest of the way — seeing that you have a ride and rides are so hard to find and all.

Another variation of this theme is to tell the driver that your mom/dad/husband/brother/sister are expecting you to arrive at a certain time and would worry unduly should you not show up on schedule.

Generally, don't get in with a group of men or sit in the middle between two men.

Talk a lot about Mom and Dad and Grandpa and Grandma even if you are an orphan and were miraculously dropped into this world by some passing stork.

"To combat advances, do something repulsive. One woman's favorite trick is to pick her nose and then rub her finger on her left pant leg. She assures us this works."

Keep the conversation as general as possible. Reader's Digest type anecdotes would fit in fine at this point, or if you are not a Reader's Digest devotee, there is always the weather to talk about. (Yawn!)

Offers to buy you food are generally innocuous but be wary of offers to buy you drinks.

There are places where you simply don't hitchhike. Places in Europe like Spain, Portugal and Italy, or in the U.S. many of the southern states and cities like Detroit or New York.

In such places you would almost inevitably get into trouble because of the cultural conditioning about loose women hitchhikers. Our seasoned hitchhikers said that on the whole they felt good about thumbing rides in Canada.

Watch out for leading questions and/or comments. Questions like:

- How old are you?
- Don't you get scared/lonely travelling all by yourself?
- Have you ever lived in a commune?
- What do you think about free love?

And be especially wary of comments like:

- My wife doesn't understand me.
- My girl friend is too old-fashioned.
- My wife's had this operation, see, so it's too painful for her to...

Then there are the self-proclaimed "photographers" who offer you "modelling" jobs.

An aside here. One woman told of a ride with an honest-to-god porno salesman. Soft porn, he said. No whips or anything like that. But he never tried anything. Seems it's the phonies you have to watch out for!

Beware of the fellow who tells you that he is celibate for whatever reason.

One man said he had to practice celibacy for a number of years for religious reasons but found himself led by his sexual desires "like a dog on a leash." "Then unhook yourself!" said our hitchhiker. "For God's sake, unhook yourself!"

"Smell" out the liquor situation before getting into the car. Is there hard liquor around? Don't get in.

One woman mentioned that she felt quite comfortable if she saw that the driver had a bottle of beer in his or her lap, but some women don't feel comfortable with any kind of liquor — soft or hard — in the car.

Look as asexual as you can. One woman used to disguise herself as a boy, although you would not likely have to go to such an extreme!

Another never goes without her indispensible steel-toed boots which are good for putting an intruding knee out of joint as well as not being the most attractive of feminine footgear.

If you think your driver is going to lead up to anything you don't want him to lead up to, do something repulsive.

One woman's favourite trick is to pick her nose and then rub her finger on her left pant leg. She has assured us that this has turned off more than one would-be "wolf". (Not too many snot fetishists, we don't think — at least we've never heard of any...)

And now some tips about good driver/hitchhiker relations.

Don't for heaven's sake hide a friend or two or three in the bushes — or worse yet, your pet great dane.

The driver may let the bunch of you in but the frosty silence and feeling of resentment on his or her part will do little to make the ride an enjoyable one.

When thumbing stand in a logical stopping off place. (The middle of a bridge is definitely out!)

Take only a minimum of luggage.

If you want to smoke ask the driver's permission first. (Some people suffer from various allergies — some simply can't abide smoke at close quarters.)

If the trip is a long one and the driver is beginning to nod off, offer to take over the driving or else keep her/him awake with conversation.

A lot of the hitchhikers in our group agreed that they found being picked up by women a rare and delightful experience— in many cases too rare — and expressed the wish that more women would pick up women on the road.

For those of us who hitchhike, it's as much an adventure as an economical way of getting around. There's not a woman on the road who doesn't know that hitching can be dangerous, but there are certainly a lot of places we never would have seen if we hadn't just stuck out our thumbs.

A lesson on how not to hitchhike