THE UBYSSEY

Scarlett and the 'Birds grab playoff spot
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College faculty occupy administration building

By Ross McLaren and Tim McGrady

Douglas College faculty members occupied the campus' administration building yesterday in a "one day silent vigil" to protest the college administration's bargaining methods.

Over 100 faculty members were involved in the protest, 10 professors taking one hour stints in the office holding signs according to Len Millis, president of the Douglas College Faculty Association.

"The college is bargaining with the faculty on an individual basis rather than at the bargaining table," said Len Millis, president of the Douglas College Faculty Association. "The college is bargaining in bad faith."

But Ross Cameron, chief negotiator for Douglas College, said faculty members were approaching management on a one-to-one basis asking questions about negotiations.

"The negotiating team is not under instruction from myself or management to negotiate with faculty," said Cameron. "The faculty (association) is indulging in misinformation to members."

"The faculty is frustrated by the lack of negotiations and they expressed it in their demonstration," he added.

The faculty's collective agreement with the college expired 10 months ago. The main stumbling block in the talks is the contract hiring clause according to Cameron.

Presently faculty have the right to select new teachers, a right recently accorded faculty by an Industrial Relations Council's arbitration decision.

But the administration believes the college should have the responsibility for hiring.

"The faculty have the right to spend money not contained in our budget," Cameron said. "We could have a $100,000 budget but the faculty could spend $180,000. We have no recourse."

But according to a lawyer representing the faculty, the college administration wants the power to hire faculty so they can hire inexpensive teachers, teachers with no experience.

"The college wants to hire people with less experience at the lowest salary," said David Reynolds, College Educators Association lawyer. "But the department should set the criteria of who is hired."

Reynolds said cost savings should not be made up by hiring less experienced teachers but by reducing a top-heavy administration at Douglas College.

"They should fire Ross Cameron. He doesn't do much for the place," Reynolds said.

Anena Johnston, president of Douglas College's student council, said the students support the faculty.

"Instructors should be hired on the basis of quality not cost. We do not want the management to decide who gets hired,' Johnston said.

"It is a question of priorities: the deans just got a raise," she added.

Last week, 500 Douglas College students rallied in support of faculty.

Universities solicit private sector

By Laura Busheikin with CUP files

A recent trend at B.C. universities to solicit funding from the community coincides with a study by a Carleton student saying private sector money is the answer to government underfunding.

Ben Farmer, an Ontario Progressive Conservative campus association member, said, "Three options remain for post-secondary institutions: more government funds, raising tuition and increasing private and corporate donations."

"Raising tuition is not a viable alternative," he said, because many students pay with money loaned from government assistance programs.

And transfer payments from the federal government are being misused, said Farmer. Provincial governments use federal contributions as an excuse to lower their own funding, he said.

According to Farmer's study, British Columbia's 25 per cent decrease in its share of funding post secondary education is the largest drop in Canada.

B.C. universities are beginning to actively solicit private sector funding. SFU's Bridge to The Future Campaign, a five year plan aimed at raising 32 million dollars of private-sector funding, started six months ago.

A similar campaign at UBC is in its final stages of development. The university has conducted a market survey and "consulted with deans and department heads about needs," said president David Strangway.

"We've seen strong support from the community," he said. "There is an interest in sharing a vision of the future".

But critics worry the interest of the private sector is somewhat less visionary.

"I'd be leery of any plan where a public institutiion comes under undue influence by any special interest group," said Stephen Scott, research officer of the Canadian Federation of Students.

"The companies who can afford funding will be the large privately controlled corporations, not small businesses, not community groups, not labour unions," said Scott.

But Strangway dismisses the threat of undue influence. "We're pressing to keep operating funding (coming) from tuition and government grants," he said. The money from the private sector will fund "margins of excellence" rather than the basic running of the university, said Strangway.

Scott maintains that private sector funding is "a bad way to raise money" for post-secondary education, and compares it to enrollment limitations as an unacceptable way to deal with the root problem of government underfunding.

"We need a provincial government that puts a priority on education, one that takes responsiblity for educating the people of BC, and one that doesn't shirk that responsibility onto private interest groups," he said.

University participation among 18-24 year olds in B.C. is the lowest in Canada, said Scott.

Six dimensional actors perform at UBC dan andrews photo

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Campus political analysts awash with excitement over resignation

Fahy resignation surprises

In a move that startled campus political analysts, new director of finance Mike Fahy quietly handed in his resignation last Tuesday.

Fahy was informed last week of his acceptance into the commerce department's Portfolio Management Society, a two year program which includes four months of work in Toronto.

Fahy said he applied to the program several months ago but didn't expect to get in.

"AMS council people understand, and I hope the general student population will understand," said Fahy, who describes the program as "the opportunity of a lifetime".

New AMS president Tim Bird agreed, saying Fahy's acceptance into the program is "the key to a very bright future".

Fahy will stay for six weeks, giving the AMS time to elect a new director of finance.

Bird praised Fahy for his prompt resignation, calling it "a respectable gesture to make sure he won't put us out more than necessary".

"The only way this affects the AMS is it requires a by-election which will be a fair amount of work for the elections commissioner," said Bird.

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ALSO: Bridge. Beginners welcome. 6 p.m., Fireside Lounge.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. 6:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Hall, 6040 Iona Drive.

Cinema-16
Film: "Woman in the Dunes." 7 & 9:30 p.m., SUB Theatre.

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Public speaking workshop; guests invited. 7:30-9:30 p.m., SUB 213.

THURSDAY

Chinese Christian Fellowship
Speaker: Pastor Paul Wang. Topic: "Intelligent Faith." Noon, Scarfe 209.

Association for Baha'i Studies
Discussion with Dr. S. Hutchinson about "Marxism and the Baha'i Faith." All public welcome. Noon, Scarfe 208.

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David Suzuki: speaker and slideshow - "Sacred Trust." Noon, SUB Auditorium.

International Ascended Masters Class
Video Presentation: "General Major Jan Sejna, Former Member of the Czechoslovakian Communist Party, on the Soviet Strategic War Plan." Noon, Wood 6 - Instructional Resource Centre.

Travel Cuts
Travel talk - Southeast Asia. Noon, SUB 205.

Pre-Medical Society
Special events: Medical Ethics. 12:30-2:20, Wood #2.

Pre-Dental Society
Dr. Jinks discusses Pedodontics (Children's Dental Care). Noon, Wood 5.

University Christian Ministries
Everyone is welcome to come and see Tony Campalo as he addresses the need for discipleship. Noon, SUB 111.

Campus Crusade for Christ
Bi-weekly meeting - bring a friend who has questions about Christianity (or come yourself if you do). 6:30 p.m., SUB 215.

Graduate Student Society
Masterpieces of Film: "Wrestlemania," with discussion and commentary. 8 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Grad Centre.

CITR and the Pit Pub
Dance contest - prizes for all who dance. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Pit Pub.

FRIDAY

Psychology Students' Association
Garden Bash. 12-7:30 p.m., Student Union Building (patio).

Department of Political Science
Lecture: "Gorbachev's Foreign Policy." Noon, Buch B214.

Institute of Asian Research
Lecture by Maria Hsia Chang: "The Struggle for Democracy in China - The Student Movement of 1986-87." Co-sponsored by the Chinese Alliance for Democracy. 12:30-2 p.m., Asian Centre Auditorium, 1871 West Mall (Gate 4), UBC.

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Minister won't stop layoffs

By Justine Hunter

Victoria (CUP) Health Care Minister Peter Dueck said Monday he will not interfere with layoffs at Vancouver General Hospital because it would oppose the government's decentralization plans.

About two hundred health care workers picketed the legislature yesterday to protest VGH's recent layoffs of 117 licensed practical nurses (LPNs), orderlies, and others.

The hospital has an $800,000 deficit and could layoff up to 260 health care workers to try to balance the budget according to Jack Gerow, secretary/business manager of the HEU.

Gerow said he tried to arrange meetings with Dueck several times, but the demonstration was the only way to get the health minister's attention.

"He controls the purse strings of every hospital, and he can get on the phone to VGH right now and be very persuasive with them,"said Gerow.

Dueck said he doesn't have the authority to tell hospitals how to operate.

"As far as the hospitals are concerned they are an autonomous body - they of course work within a global budget," he said.

"If we tell them how to run their business, then we would have to take over the operations of the hospital, and that certainly isn't our desire."

Gerow, who was given a fifteen minute meeting with the health minister after the pickets went up, presented a brief which Dueck said he "would seriously consider".

The brief recommends that B.C stop replacing LPNs with registered nurses, and that college training for LPNs be shifted to a college apprenticeship program run by the union and ministry of labour. It also asks for a study of nursing staff requirements in the province.

VGH plans to replace the laid off workers with RNs, it calls the union plans "questionnable" because of a shortage of RNs in B.C and the fact that RNs are paid more than LPNs.

"It's all a scam, what the government wants to do is see to it that more hospital beds are closed,"said Gerow.

"This government does not have a health care plan, it does not have a health care strategy, it's approach is knee-jerk, they apply a band-aid here and a band-aid there."

Local revellers celebrate Gung-Hay-Fat-Choy

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Students support tellers' strike

Antigonish, N.S. (CUP)

About fifty St. Francis Xavier University students crowded past a teller's picket line to open accounts with eighteen cents or one dollar bills at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Then all fifty lined up again to close their accounts.

The student council-sponsored harrassment tactic was a show of support for the eleven strikers, who walked off the job November 23.

The council has also vowed to close its $50,000 account if a settlement isn't reached by May 15.

And St. F.X. professor Father George Kehoe inserted a message in support of the strikers on the back of the team list handouts at a recent basketball game.

"The community support here - I've never seen anything like it," says labour historian and Industrial Relations associate professor Clive Gilson. "Trade unions are not very popular, they're the traditional bogeymen."

But Professor Gilson says this fight is "a whole town against the bank". Five hundred townspeople turned out for a recent demonstration, and the branch has lost half its business.

"Everybody knows them," says Gilson of the strikers.

Local 2107 of the Union of Bank Employees, affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress, is asking for an across the board fifteen per cent wage hike. And union officials say that doesn't even give them parity with their central Canadian counterparts.

Management is offering five per cent.

The Bank of Commerce scales its wages according to where an employee is stationed. Atlantic region rates are more than two dollars an hour behind the rest of the country. Even tellers in Halifax, 100 miles away, make more than Antigonish employees.

The strikers make an average of seven to eight dollars an hour.

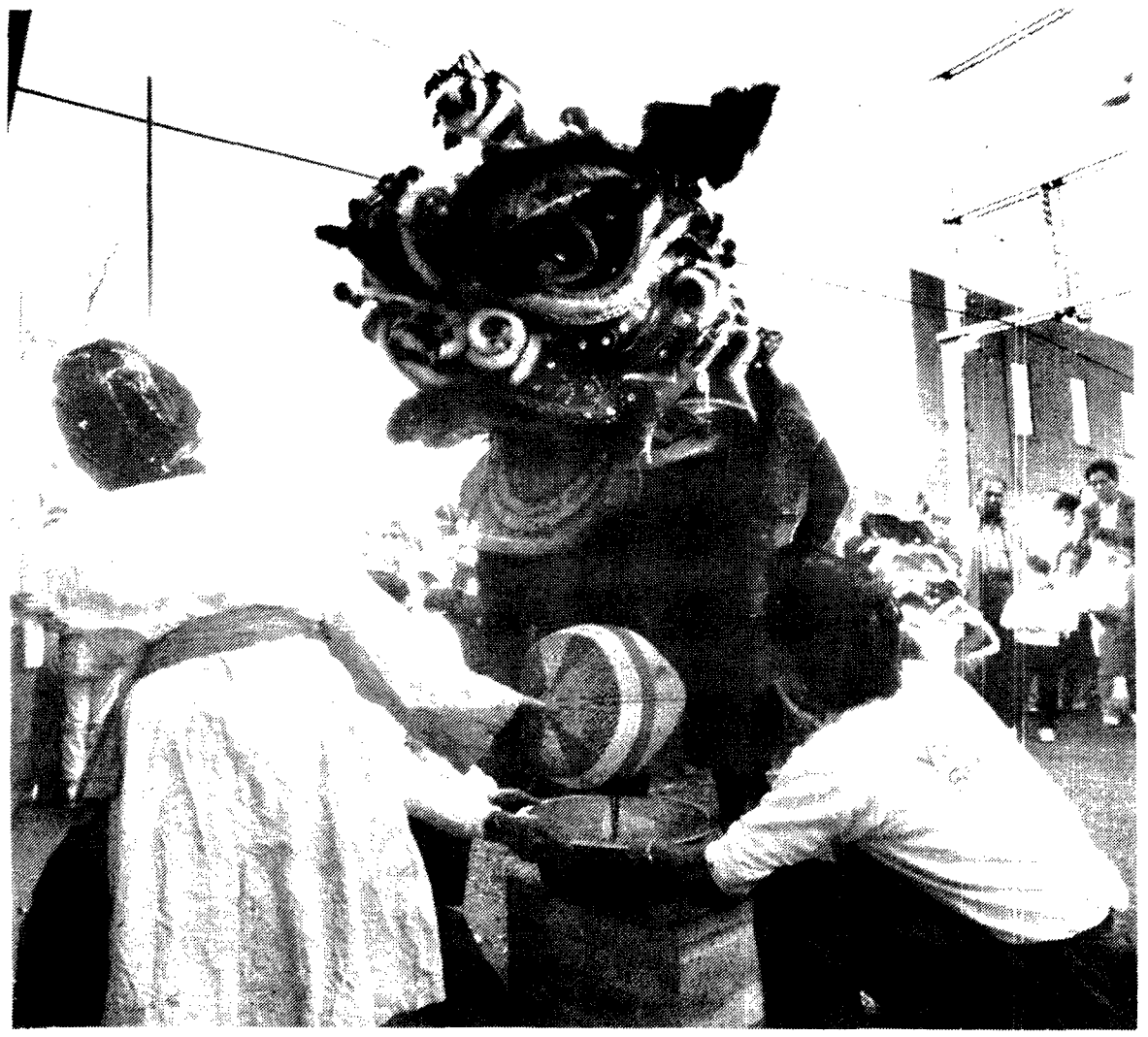
According to Statistics Canada, the poverty line for a family of four is $17,903 a year. Tellers, typists and clerks all make well under that cut-off. Supervisors in Antigonish make $19,000.

Despite annual merit pay increases, employees who have reached a wage ceiling don't get raises.

Replacement tellers have been brought in from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

"The bank is making an example of us," says Marion MacDonald, the local shop steward, "to send out a message that if you don't like your salaries you had better be prepared to go on strike for a long time."

The CIBC has a tough reputation when dealing with strikers. A walk-out by the company's VISA workers lasted six months before the government imposed a settlement. Winnipeg employees were out for five months.



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McGill to monitor arms research

MONTREAL (CUP)

Requiring professors to outline the positive and negative aspects of their research will now be part of McGill University's new policy to monitor its military research.

Amendments to the University Regulation on Research Policy were adopted following charges that McGill is restricting the publication of findings from the school's research on fuel-air explosives for the Department of National Defense (DND).

But the amended policy, adopted February 10 by the university senate, was criticized as "totally ineffective" by political science professor Sam Noumoff.

"We would be deceiving ourselves if we thought we had addressed the problem of military research through this document," said Noumoff, who was the only senate member opposed to the policy.

"There are no criteria at all laid out for monitoring research. The individual is responsible for judging the ethics of their research for themselves."

Education professor Eigel Pederson, also a senate member said the proposal would provide "some protection" aganst illegal military research which was better than "none at all".

"This is an issue on which we will never be able to get consensus," said Pederson.

The senate reviewed McGill's monitoring policy following accusations by graduate student David Schulze that publication research findings could be limited by clauses in the school's fuel air explosives contracts.

"What the DND has retained is the right to restrict publication of any idea, process or invention," Schulze said.

According to associate dean of research Bitten Stripp, the clauses only apply for a 12-month period.

"If there are open-ended restrictions on publication, we will not make the contract," she said.

The fuel-air explosives contracts, worth over $225,000, were awarded to the McGill engineering department by the Defense Research Establishment, a unit of the DND. The contracts have been the target of several student protests, including a six-day occupation of the administration offices in March 1987.

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Basketball men capture home court for semis

By Victor Chew Wong

This weekend the UBC men's basketball team clawed, scratched and tore their way to Canada West's second place pulpit by defeating the sixth ranked University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

With the 81-80 victory Friday and an 89-83 win Saturday at War Memorial Gym, UBC has secured home court advantage for the first round of the Canada West semi-finals.

Friday's physical victory could be credited to UBC's quintet of forwards who were shuttled in and out all game to defend against the Huskies' heralded front line.

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UBC's Kathleen Knight (16) helps 'Birds into post season action for the first time in over a decade

"Tonight it was the five post men, (Brent) Hendereson, (Eric) Kristiansen, (Kevin) Korol, (Mike) Clarke, (Kevin) Parkinson, who played a hell of a game," UBC head coach Bruce Enns said.

Saskatchewan's Byron Tokarchuk, arguably the best player in Canadian university basketball, suffered the scars of the physical contest — at game's end his jersey was torn in half and several scratches were engraved on his neck.

J.D. Jackson led the 'Birds scoring attack with 23 points, while Mike Clarke added 22.

Saturday's game bore the same physical resemblance to Friday's slam dance and again Enns credited the big men.

"Kevin Parkinson did a masterful job for us inside again tonight," he said.

But even Parkinson's play could not eclipse teammate Al Lalonde's game high 29 points.

"Al did such a great job at both ends of the court," said Enns. "He was the key player."

Despite Lalonde's offensive output the game must be credited to UBC's interior defence.

"Byron (Tokarchuk) struggled tonight," Saskatchewan head coach Guy Vetrie said. "The 'Birds negated his game."

The two teams will have a chance to negate each other from the play-offs this coming weekend at War Memorial Gym in Canada West semi-final action.

Games for the best-of-three series will be at 7:30 Friday and Saturday and 7:30 Sunday if required.

CIAU considers drug testing for university football players

Ottawa (CUP) Canada's top university sports authority is considering a nation-wide program of random drug tests for university football players.

Under instruction from Sport Canada, the Canadian Interuniversty Athletic Union (CIAU) set up an ad-hoc committee recently that must decide by June whether a program is necessary. The tests would look for abuse of "performance enhancing drugs", such as steroids, by football players.

The committee must first find out the extent of drug use among university athletes before deciding to go ahead with a testing program, according to Bob Pugh, CIAU executive vice-president and head of the committee.

But Keith Harris, athletic director a Carleton Universiy and a committe member, said testing up to 7,000 players at $250 per test may be prohibitive. And he added that the tests may not be reliable.

"Some days a guy may be good (negative) and other days he could be shown bad (positive) depending on when he last used a drug," he said.

The CIAU has not decided how it would punish players that tested positive if they implemented the tests.

"We must consider whether to punish just the individual ot the team too," Harris said.

He said punishing an entire team because one player tests positive might "put some teeth" into a program.

Carleton football coach Ace Powell said though drug abuse by athletes is far less common in Canada than in the U.S., testing may be necessary for football players as soon as they start university.

"Some of these students out of high school would rather use the drugs than build up naturally," he said. "I think testing is the ultimate education for the players."

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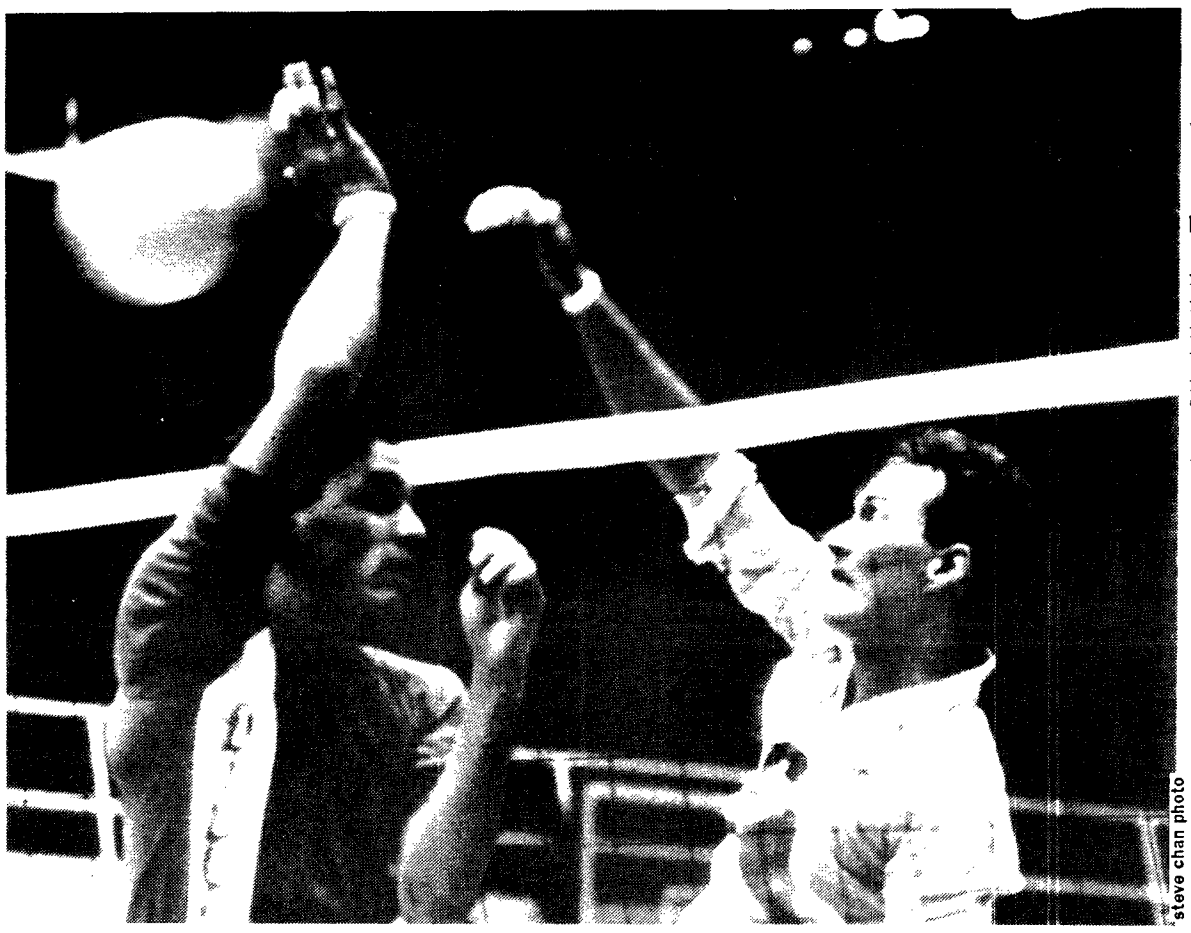

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UBC's John Schupp (light jersey) bids farewell to the ball and to UBC in final home appearance of his career

Volley-Birds spike Dinosaurs

By Jeremy Fraser

Greg Williscroft and Rick Kaufmann led the UBC men's volleyball team to a 13-15, 15-8, 15-6, 15-6 victory over the University of Calgary Dinosaurs on Sunday in their last home game of the season.

The 'Birds also won Saturday's match against the University of Lethbridge by default because Lethbridge failed to show.

The first game of the match was peppered with side-outs with Randy Gingera establishing himself as Calgary's leading hitter with six kills. The close game was ended in Calgary's favor after two consective well placed kills.

Calgary's Gingera and Kevin Boyles attempted to shut the 'Birds down with their blocking but the hitting of UBC proved too much for them.

Meanwhile, UBC's blocking was firmly anchored by Kelly Bukowski who erected a wall almost every time he went for the block. Bukowski left the match in the third game after injuring his left knee.

In the three games that followed, the 'Birds clearly dominated the Dinosaurs with aggressive blocking.

Calgary displayed some effective blocking and hitting, but UBC retaliated with the hitting of Greg Williscroft who banged in 25 kills against the Dinosaurs.

Supporting Williscroft in the UBC assault were Kaufmann and Kevin Hooge who scored 20 and 17 kills respectively.

The 'Birds victory over Calgary was important for an outside shot at qualifying for one of two wildcard berths for the national championships.

UBC will be considered for a wildcard berth for the national tournament in Guelph by the CIAU selections committee only if they defeat Calgary and Lethbridge next weekend in the final conference games of the season.

Rug-Birds sweep west coast tour

By Jody Woodland

It was a dark and stormy night. Actually, that's not true; it's never dark and stormy in California unless you're an American university rugby team unfortunate enough to play the UBC Thunderbirds.

The 'Birds returned Sunday from an undefeated sweep down the original Lotusland coast.

In eight days, the 'Birds rolled over the University of California at Berkeley 35-12, squashed Santa Barbara 37-0, downed the University of California at Los Angeles 35-6, and beat the National Collegiate Athletic Association champion, San Diego State University 40-15.

With a game every other day, temperatures in the seventies and eighties, billeted accommodations, and the hard-hitting of the Americans the tour took its toll on the UBC squad. By tour's end, the 'Birds had lost six starters and a few back-ups to injury.

Despite the torrid pace of the tour, the 'Birds played their best game in San Diego, according to coach Barry Legh.

Legh also defended the rugby value of the tour. "It's good for the 'Birds to play against other universities - against teams that aren't older, stronger, and more experienced (as are the 'Birds' Vancouver opponents)."

The tour's first game against Cal-Berkeley saw UBC retain its title in the original World Cup (not to be confused with last summer's South Pacific extravaganza).

This most recent World Cup featured UBC against the top California school, with UBC winning the last several years. But it is not an historical domination - UCLA defeated UBC three of the four times they met in the seventies (when coach Legh played for the 'Birds).

UCLA, Berkeley, and San Diego will travel to B.C. in mid March to play the 'Birds again.

In another game on the weekend, the UBC Frosh were impressive in downing the Ex-Brits 35-1[illegible] in a second division VRU game.

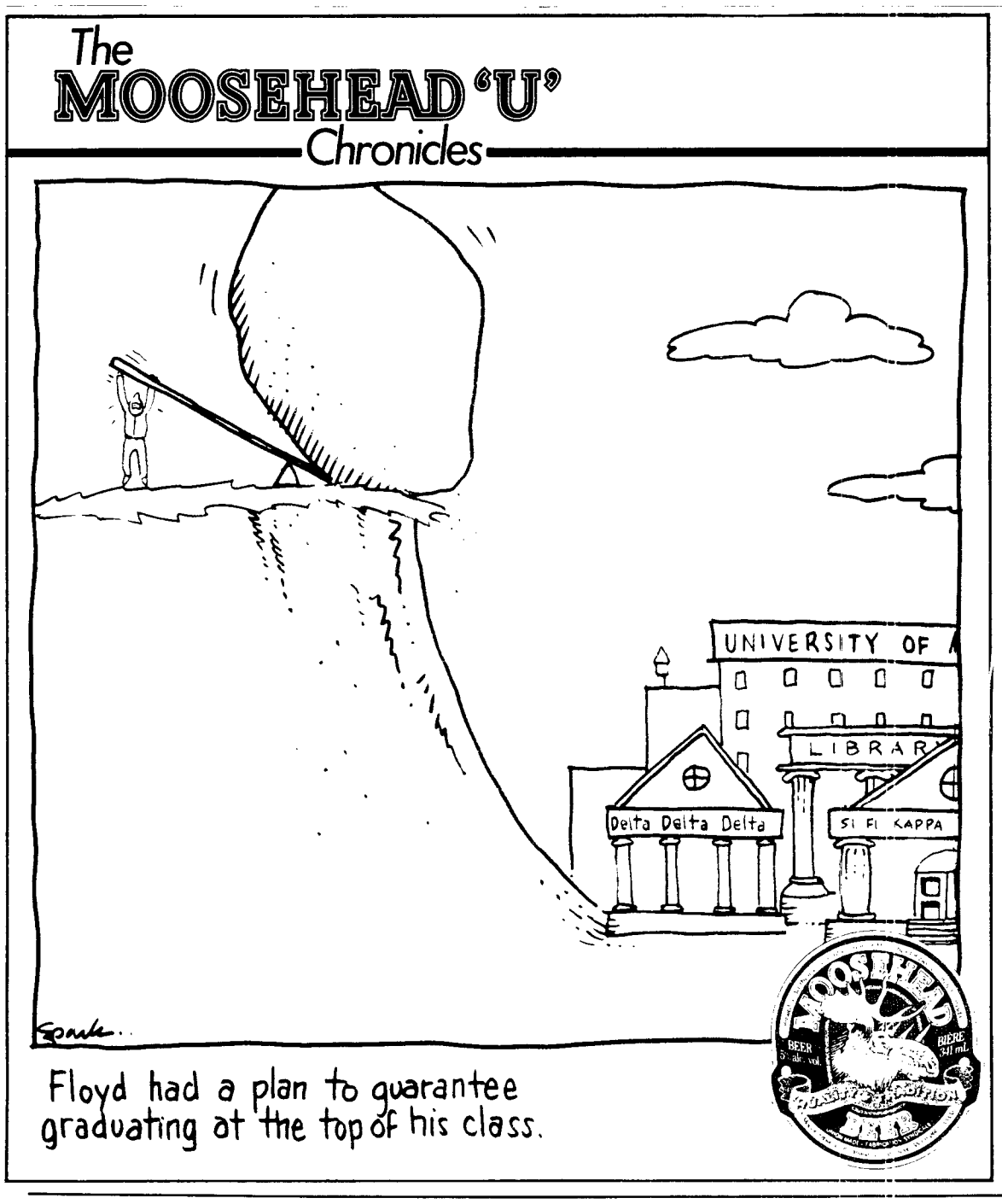
Hoop women make play-offs

For the first time in over a decade the UBC women's basketball team has qualified for the Canada West play-offs.

The 'Birds accomplished this task by twice defeating the University of Saskatchewan this weekend at War Memorial Gym; 54-40 on Friday, and 62-39 Saturday.

The 'Birds were led by Daphne Armstrong on Friday with 15 points and by Sue MacPherson Saturday with 15 points.

UBC earned the right to face first place Victoria next weekend in Victoria with a 6-14 conference record and fourth place Canada West finish.



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Ice Birds melted by Huskies

By Sean McLaughlin

The UBC ice hockey team came out on the short end of the hockey stick in both games against the host Saskatchewan Huskies on the weekend.

The 'Birds were toppled 7-2 Friday and edged 5-3 Saturday by the ice mutts.

"We weren't on our game Friday, but it could have went either way," said 'Birds head coach Terry O'Malley.

The game was close until the third period when the 'Birds ran into penalty trouble.

"The referee was ejecting players like he was handing out gum drops," said O'Malley.

Saskatchewan cashed in on their power play opportunities ending the 'Birds six game unbeaten streak.

Grant Delcourt and Toshiyaki Sakai tallied for the 'Birds.

In Saturday's tete-a-tete the 'Birds went the distance but fell short on the final scorecard.

"There was back and forth action," said O'Malley. Carl ('Birds goalie Carl Repp) was spectacular all night."

Sakai notched a pair of power play goals and Charles Cooper chipped in a single for the 'Birds.

The season is over for the 'Birds who came in fifth place in a division with a four team play-off format.

"We hope to have a stronger contender next year,"said O'Malley. "I have contacts with the interior and the prairie tier 1 and tier 2 junior leagues, but recruiting in the B.C. interior is difficult because the boys find it too expensive to go to school out here."

In the meantime the team continues to practise twice a week in preparation for several exhibition games including a scrimmage with the 1972 Team Canada club in early March.

Women's volleyball team drops final game of season

By Franka C-von Specht

About ten volleyball fans cheered on the UBC women's team in vain for the last time this season on Sunday at War Memorial Gym.

They watched the Thunderbirds volley their way into extinction (until next September) as the University of Calgary Dinosaurs trampled their way to victory in three straight games, 16-14, 15-8, 15-12.

The 'Birds got off to a strong start in the first game and led 14-9 but then fell victim to poor serving and service reception which crippled their offence.

"We didn't take the opportunities. No one was willing to end the rallies - we weren't forcing the points," said UBC head coach Donna Baydock.

The 'Birds lack of intensity lasted until the third game when they were behind 7-1. A surge of energy and winning hits narrowed the margin to 14-12 but the determined Dinos tightened their defence for the win.

"We didn't have the killer instinct," said UBC middle blocker Trina Hewlett.

"Trina played a heads up game defensively and offensively. She pushed hard all game and was supportive of her teammates," said Baydock.

Hewlett was deemed UBC's most valuable player for the match because of a 10 kill three stuff-block performance. Deborah Landon led UBC in kills with 14.

The 'Birds were scheduled to host the University of Lethbridge on Saturday but the elusive Pronghorns failed to show up because of confusion in scheduling.

The Thunderbirds finished the season in third place, behind the universities of Calgary and Victoria, in the Canada West Conference with a seven win, eight loss record.

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Latin American Committee to hold presentations

The Latin American Solidarity Committee of the AMS is happy to announce two upcoming noon hour presentations.

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On Friday Febraury 26 at 12:30 in room 212 of SUB Christine Lamont from the Canadian—El Salvador University Alliance will be here with a slide presentation detailing the current situation in El Salvador. The Alliance is a national organization doing support work for the University of El Salvador and the National Unity for Salvadoran Workers (an umbrella organiazation for labour, students, university staff, and farmers)

On Friday March 4 at 12:30 in room 212 of SUB The El Salvador Information Office will be presenting a slide show of the clandestine radio stations operating inside the country—Radio Vinceremos and Radio Farabundo Marti.

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Police and media to clash on ice

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Mulroney books expose PM

By Rick Hiebert

Does Brian Mulroney have what it takes to be Prime Minister?

Two books currently on the bestsellers list, Friends in High Places by Claire Hoy and "So, What Are The Boys Saying?" by Michel Gratton, may help answer that question, as they critically examine Mulroney the man, politician and Prime Minister.

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Friends In High Places
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Each book approaches Mulroney from a different perspective. Hoy, a journalist for the Toronto Sun, is an outside observer. Gratton, a writer for Le Devoir who served as a press secretary for Mulroney from July '84 to March '87, chronicles Mulroney's fall from grace as those around the PM saw it. They complement each other well.

Hoy and Gratton portray Mulroney as a consummate pragmatist, a negotiator who sweet talked his way into the party leadership, a man who thinks that it's more important to be loved and adored than govern according to conservative principles. Zealous Mulroney partisans will probably not be too happy, but the truth is sometimes painful.

Claire Hoy's fine book has been a news item since before it came out last November. Aside from the "Did Brian *really* toss his cookies at Paul Desmarais' wedding?" furore, Hoy's reassignement by the Sun away from Ottawa is said to be a result of political pressure by the badly stung Tory government on Hoy's newspaper.

One can see why the Tories would be upset. Hoy methodically dissects both the Prime Minster and his government, concentrating on the scandals, errors and mistakes that plague them.

His book has enough facts and intelligent commentary to give it some rhetorical weight. Should Mulroney serve only one term as PM, this book will likely be considered his political epitaph.

According to press reports and a passage in Gratton's book Hoy delighted in slamming Mulroney and his government in his Ottawa reports for the Sun. This hatred carries over into his book and detracts from it.

Hoy's harping on Mulroney's failures, combined with his unconscious cribbing of press coverage, makes certain parts of his book better at inducing sleep than Sominex. It threatens to make an exciting subject boring.

Boring, however, is one thing you can't call Michel Gratton's "So What Are The Boys Saying?", Gratton's fascinating autobiographical look at his time as press secretary to "The Boss". Gratton's book is what Hoy's isn't—an insider's look at the collapse of the Mulroney mandate. Gratton, who is brutally frank about his former boss and the people around Mulroney, is also disarmingly open and candid about his own performance on the job.

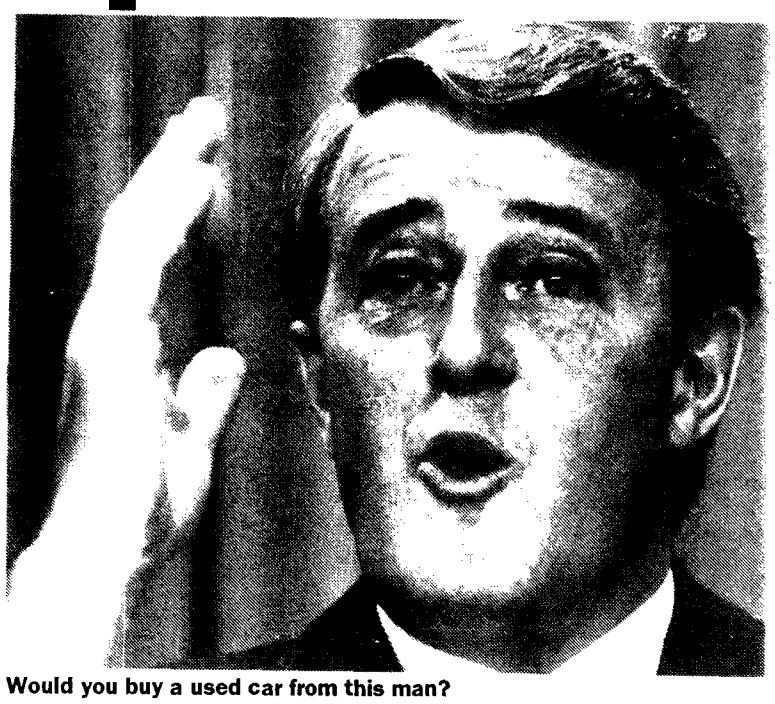
Gratton's frankness and good humour about his own experiences make for a very readable book. His reminisces of foreign junkets and funnier moments on the campaign trail add vitality to his book.

Gratton portrays Mulroney in a somewhat more sympathetic vein than Hoy does, although he is brutal in condemning Mulroney's faults. His condemnations, however, are more telling because we see Mulroney as he is in private—which often isn't a pretty sight.

Gratton's book is most valuable in its exploration of Mulroney's love affair with the media. Although Hoy does have an interesting chapter on the PM and the press, Gratton's treatment is much better. Mulroney, says Gratton, is nearly pathetic is his desire to be publicly loved and admired. Constantly, he writes, Mulroney would use the phrase "So, what are the boys saying?" when greeting him, hoping for positive coverage from the "boys" of the press.

The two journalists, evidently tipped off that their books would be coming out at the same time, make sure to blast each other. Gratton, writes Hoy, was "capable of loutish behaviour" on the job and Hoy's account of Gratton's own mini-scandal paints the latter in a very negative light. Hoy, writes Gratton, loved to take cheap shots at Mila Mulroney in print, and was so proud of his unilingual status that he'd said that he wasn't worried about covering news in francophone Third World countries because "If it's important, they'll say it in English!"

These books, although not on the bedside table at 24 Sussex Drive, are solid bedtime reading for any armchair politician.



Would you buy a used car from this man?

"Bim" at Van East

By Deanne Fisher

"What do you get when you cross James Dean with Ronald Reagan?" Roy Forbes, B.C.'s homegrown folk musician, previously known as Bim, introduces one of his more political songs with this joke. Forbes recently released his fifth album and is now gearing up for a set of five concerts at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre this week.

Forbes, who grew up in Dawson Creek and has devoted fans throughout Canada as well as in the U.S., claims he puts as much effort into his lyrics as his musical arrangements. "I work hard on both," he says. The results of his efforts are obvious. Forbes' music is a synthesis of poetry, emotion, images of the British Columbian landscape, an instantly recognizable high-pitched voice, energy and expertise on the guitar.

Forbes is humble about his lyrics. "When I read (Canadian poet) Michael Ondaatje or someone, I figure it's time to go back to the drawing board." The poetry of Forbes' latest album, "Love Turns to Ice", seems to shy away from the political and reflect the romantic, introspective Forbes, exemplified with lyrics like those of the title track of his latest album:"Then I realized/That when trust turns to suspicion/Doors are locked, you pay the price/It's all a part of the human condition...."

PREVIEW
Roy Forbes
Vancouver East Cultural Centre
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Still, Forbes likes to think of himself as "a subtle social critic". "If something bugs me, I write about it." says Forbes, but the most he will say about his political direction is "I am a member of the NDP party."

This week's concerts will feature much of the new album but lots of the old stuff too, according to Forbes. His music still reflects his upbringing in northern B.C. in songs like "Winterkill" and the varied influences of artists like Wilf Carter, Elvis, and Bob Dylan.

For Bim fans who can't get used to the name change, Forbes claims he does not resent still being referred to as Bim. "If people call me Bim, I still answer," says Forbes. He can't really explain why he went back to Roy Forbes except that "it just felt right."

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Editorial

Alice in Vanderland

Once upon a time, in a tiny coastal village surrounded by snow-capped mountains, there lived a king who wore wooden shoes. The king was proud of his wooden shoes, and every day he would walk through the kingdom clip-clopping along the cobblestone streets, and rejoice in the lovely noise he made.

The king passed the rest of his royal hours practising his smile in the mirror, and dancing on his royal desk making beautiful designs with his wooden shoe prints on the parchment which accumulated in his chambers daily. Sometimes he would do this to the tune of his favorite Doris Day songs, for he loved music.

When the royal schedule allowed it, the king would spend his hours in the beautiful gardens which he and his wife, the beautiful Hedabanda, had planted in the lettuce years of their love.

One day, as the king and Hedabanda promenaded through their fantastic gardens, they heard a voice. "King," said the voice, "you are on a mission!" The couple stopped in their tracks. The King looked at Hedabanda, who smiled knowingly and nodded.

The next day, the citizens waited by their shuttered windows for the echo of the king's shoes on the cobblestones. But all was silent in the kingdom.

The citizens were concerned. "Who will make the decisions if the king is gone?",they pondered. After a few moments of anxious thinking, the citizens decided to seek the king out.

They went to the gardens, but all they saw was a tiny train going around and aroud in circles. They ran to the castle, but the king was nowhere to be found.

The citizens were frantic, and there was talk of dissension in the court. As the citizens gathered together in the castle, they heard the rustle of parchment in the kings chambers. They rushed to the door. "Who's there?" they whispered in unison. Silence.

For an eternity they waited, for an eternity there was silence. Suddenly amidst the dust covered documents a tiny cough was heard.

Out from the mountains of dusty, splintery parchment emerged a tiny man in a bedraggled three-piece navy blue suit. From the large dimensions of his backside, and his nimble fingers, it was clear to the citizens that this creature was a native of the land of Bureaucracy, a far away place which they thought existed only in fairytales.

"I'm Mr. Poo", he said with a twisted smile, "I'll be making the decisions in the king's absence."

"But you have no wooden shoes, and what do you know about our village?" cried the citizens. "And where is the king anyway?"

Mr. Poo looked on from behind his bifocals, and wrung his hands. "I do not know where the king is, nor does it really matter. For I am a part of all that ever was, and ever will be."

The citizens looked on in amazement, and paid hommage to their new leader.

And so life continues in Vanderland until the king's return. And the citizens still wait for the wakening call of wooden shoes on cobblestone streets.

Granville turf trammelled

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Vancouver City Council will vote today on whether to widen the streets of Granville Mall and turn it into another Robson Street. If you care, be there.

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As the roseate dawn broke slowly over the mountainous backdrop which softly nestles Vancouver in its cozy bosom and as the slate grey sea washed slowly over the ancient sandstone cliffs eroding to form Wreck beach while the lazy seagulls wheeled freely in the pale morning sky, Laura Busheikin appeared on the horizon, prepared to edit out unnecessary adjectives. Victor Chew Wong was already working assiduously with Corinne Bjorge perfunctorily inflating Franka Cordua von Specht's already gargantuan sports story with words like "phenomenal" and "dipsydoodle". Meanwhile Ross McLaren was outlandishly conspiring with Alex Johnson to stealthily re-insert the words "supercilious" and "obsequious" which were rudely excised from Katherine Monk's protracted revue of Elynn Richter's magnaminous interpretation of Deanne Fisher's unappreciative opinion of Derek Craig's somnambulistic singing. According to the astute Steve Chan, despite the influential auspices of Kevin Harris, R.D. Shore had slyly deleted the aforementioned adjectival polysyllables with his trusty Xacto knife while Chris Wiesenger carefully distracted Mandel Ngan by boldly promising to quickly but firmly instruct Mike Gordon and Sean McLaughlin in the arcane art of assembling alliteratively adjectival amorphous archrows. Suddenly Kelly Duncan sensed Laura's ineffable presence in the circumjacenal area as Ross Ostrom became the unwilling beneficiary of her excision exercise. Her vorpal sword went snicker snack while the remaining adjectives went "alas, alack!" Rick Hiebert retreated cautiously into the omnipresent vortex of journalistic jargon and Jennifer Lyall lauded vociferously the unspared paring of putrid prose. Jody Woodland callously observed the unscheduled events with Dave Weber and Stephen Scrimshaw, commenting incomprehensively about the indestructibility of increasingly intrusive idioms weilded wantonly by Dan Andrews & Peter Francis began to wax poetic about the revitalization of the diurnal ritual when Laura caught up to him. Suddenly...

"It was morning at the Ubyssey..."

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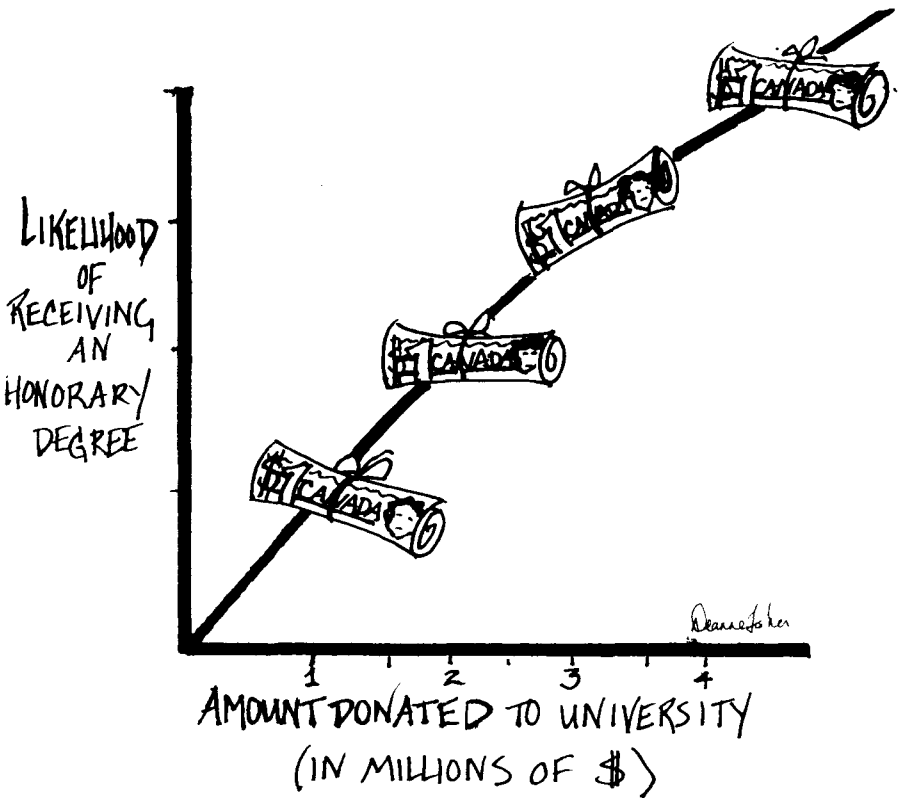

Letters

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Seeman's stock slips as students slam video statement

In response to Bob Seeman's letter and the Ubyssey correction (Ubyssey Feb 17 1988)— we are all pleased to hear, Bob, that not every woman downtown wearing a miniskirt is a prostitute.But what was your original comment intended to mean? The woman portrayed in Double Dragon may or may not be intended to suggest a prostitute. There is nothing to indicate that that is the case. And what if she is a prostitute? Are we more likely to condone violence against her? The issue is that Double Dragon portrays violence against a woman. Period. Regardless of her vocation. The opening sequence of the game would be no more or less objectionable if she were an accountant in pants and a blazer carrying a briefcase. This woman is portrayed as a victim; as something to be assaulted and then fought over by two men. She is helpless. Violence against women is the issue at stake in Double Dragon — not whether a prostitute is more or less vulnerable or a more acceptable target than any other woman. Clearly, she is not. I would like to remind you that in your new capacity as an AMS governor, you are quotable — your most offhand comment may be taken as your position on the topic. I invite you to clarify your position — or the students of UBC will be forced to believe that you hold a woman's vocation to be a determining factor in the acceptability of violence against her and that you have disregarded the larger issue in play in this controversy — namely, the portrayal of violence against women in general, and the amount of tolerance it receives from us, the public.

Kelly Duncan
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Bob Seeman's letter of Feb. 17 makes me wonder what kind of person we have elected to represent our interests on the Board of Governors. Though The Ubyssey may have erred in reporting what is definitely an implication of Seeman's statement as an actual quote, the fact remains that Seeman has some very odd opinions about women, prostitutes, and violence.

For the sake of argument, let's analyse what according to Seeman is the real quote: "The woman in the video game looks like a prostitute downtown in a mini-skirt." Let's put that quote in context — in the beginning sequences of the game Double Dragon, a woman is assaulted and carried off; the player then directs his character to give chase, assaulting every other character that appears, until the end of the game, where the woman is found hanging (tied) from a wall. The player 'wins' by securing the release of the woman.

I don't know where Seeman gets the idea that the woman is a prostitute. It doesn't tell you in the game, nor is the woman labelled "Prostitute". The game has inspired negative reaction because in the opening sequences, a woman is beaten unconscious. That's the point! Seeman's statement implies that it's somehow justifiable to clobber the woman because she's a prostitute. How do we know she's a prostitute? Well — she's downtown and she's wearing a mini-skirt! It's easy to see how The Ubyssey inferred that Seeman's definition of a prostitute was "any woman downtown in a mini-skirt." The further inference is that Bob Seeman doesn't object to violence towards prostitutes.

It might be appropriate to ask Bob Seeman to make a public apology to all women for his ill-thought remarks.

Chris Wiesinger
Arts 4

Perhaps Bob Seeman did not make the "foolish statement" attributed to him by Corinne Bjorge, and perhaps he deserves the retraction and apology he seeks because of the misquotation. However, the confusion in Ms. Bjorge's mind is understandable. The statement Mr. Seeman does admit to making was equally foolish.

What Mr. Seeman seems to infer in his admitted statement is that it is acceptable to portray a woman being beaten if she "looks like a prostitute downtown in a miniskirt." And you will notice that Mr. Seeman did not say that the character was a prostitute (and thus presumed evil and in need of a beating along with the rest of the bad guys), but that she *looked* like a prostitute.

Why? Because she was wearing a miniskirt? Surely some women other than prostitutes wear miniskirts. Is it not conceivable that a woman that Mr. Seeman assumes is a prostitute because she is downtown wearing a miniskirt and has that "look" may in fact not be a prostitute? And to the crux of the matter, is it acceptable to portray a prostitute being beaten?

I say to you, Mr. Seeman, that the portrayal of violence by men towards women, any woman, is unacceptable and abhorrent, in any form. It is certainly not acceptable on a video game played by young boys.

Your attitude, Mr. Seeman, ranks right up there in the macho scale with those who feel that rape victims ask for it and those husbands who intimate to their male bonding buddies that the "little woman" is o.k. but she needs a smack now and then to keep her in line.

There is no need for me to read untrue statements to lower your reputation in my mind, Mr. Seeman. The statement you did make accomplishes that on its own. How you managed to get elected as my representative on the Board of Governors is beyond my ken. Surely you don't belong there. It is you, Mr. Seeman, who should be offering an apology.

Terry Hoople
Arts 1

UBC admin anti-union: ESL

I am writing in response to your article of January 29, 1988, entitled "Union Faces Opposition", about the instructors at UBC's English Language Institute.

What is at issue here is whether the instructors will be allowed to organize together as a union and negotiate with their employer. The instructors want to unionize. UBC is doing all in its power to prevent that from happening.

We were not always trade unionists. A year ago we only wanted some improvement in what were the worst working conditions of any E.S.L. teachers in the province. We earn less than half the salary of E.S.L. instructors at community colleges; we receive no benefits; we have very little job security, despite the fact that we run an extremely successful cost-recovery program. In 1986 we formed an informal association to bargain with the University, but the University stonewalled for over a year.

In September of 1987 we formed a Union and requested that UBC voluntarily recognize that Union and bargain with it. UBC ignored that request. On September 25, 1987, we applied to the I.R.C. for certification. A certification is simply a piece of paper that recognizes a union as representative of a particular group of employees and which requires an employer to bargain with that union.

UBC fought back vigorously over the next several months. Dr. Dybikowski says "the University is not taking the position that it is against unionization, per se." Clearly this is not a position UBC wishes to be seen publicly to take. Dr. Dybikowski recognizes that such a position would be oppressive and publicly untenable. However, the instructors who have been involved in this matter know that that is exactly UBC's motivation: to oppose unionization.

Peter Miller, President,
ESL, Sessional Instructor's Association

Geers correct CUP story

This letter is to correct the many false statements brought forth in the CUP article "Geers Move To Remove Sexist Image". It is unfortunate that this article was wired through the CUP, since the account of the motion passed at the 20th Congress of Canadian Engineering Students was so grossly incorrect. The motion outlined in the article was not passed, but after four ammendments, a motion in an entirely different context from the original was passed unanimously by the floor. The final motion stated that the National Executive would collect a dossier on all its members activities [fundraising, social, and mass participation activities] so they could be discussed at next years congress in Halifax. The motion did not commit the Executive to assemble a "watchdog" dossier on Societies that hold activities that might "promote a negative image" of engineering students. The CCES has been and always will be a conference for exchanging ideas and information between Canadian engineering students, and not a disciplinary forum. In regards to the McGill delegates attacking the emblem of the Lakehead Engineers, the Lakehead delegates' argument that they were entitled to make their own decisions "held like ice" on the general plenary floor. Thank you for allowing the members of the UBC delegation to clarify this matter.

Jon Larter
Marni Blacom
John Elliott
Colin Conners
Steven Krantz
Greg Smith
Applied Science 3&4

... on abortion

We have gathered here today to speak of Bill Vander Zalm's big decision last week. Basically, the province is not going to pay for abortions on demand. Unfortunately, Zalm said he would be 'disturbed' were he to discover that even rape victims were being compensated by the province for terminating their pregnancies. This staunch 'attitude' is oozing out, of course, after the recent Supreme Court decision ruling therapeutic abortion committees unconstitutional.

What we plainly have here is yet another case of discrimination on the part of provincial government. Therapeutic abortion committees are now viewed at the federal level as being unconstitutional and discriminatory, and here, we have the return of the 'thin blue nose,' reacting and nullifying the effect of the Supreme Court ruling. After what we initially regarded as a crucial move by the Supreme Court, we find that in B.C. the same people are getting the short end of the stick. The rich could always go down to Seattle or to a B.C. hospital that had an active therapeutic abortion committee. Before the Supreme Court ruling, a woman would have to go through the committee and pay travelling expenses if she was not living close to a hospital that

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did have a committee. Now, a woman may procure an abortion at any hospital but she will have to pay upwards of $350 in the majority of cases. This is if we are right in assuming that, given the increased accessibility of abortion facilities, physicians will adopt a narrower definition of what constitutes the 'considerable threat to life' that warrants medical coverage. In a word, it was overheard the other day that, "the poor women have become the incubators of the rich."

Well, it appears that Zalm is perpetrating one of the most horrendous no-nos in the modern democratic state. That is, as a politician in a position of power, he invokes his personal religious orientation in policy-making. Not only that, he has furthered, with this latest ejaculation, what appears to have become a tradition with B.C. government - to staunchly remain out-of-step with the rest of Canada in the most ludicrous, 'provincial' manner possible.

Zalm's moral imperative: he wants B.C. to have "the highest moral standards," based upon a sound Christian-moral interpretation of right and wrong. Zalm doesn't seem to care what the prevalent attitude governing this (or that) issue happens to be. Anyone in a democratic state who does this is failing the population in one of the most fundamental and heinous ways. The situation is now more discriminatory than it was before. This is a democracy for crying out loud and moral precepts are determined by the people and not Vander Zalm, 'maker of laws.'

Jennifer Morrisson
Douglas Willoughby
Philosophy 4

... on ecology

Welcome to "Beautiful British Columbia", one of the most scenic places in the world. The government has spent years of careful consideration preparing the landscape for your enjoyment.

As this your first visit, you must see the untamed west coast, where you can observe the timeless beauty of clearcut logging and stripmining.

What is more beautiful than devastated mountainsides, upon which the second growth won't be thriving for at least one hundred years. The desecrated mountains will be around for generations, even your children will be able to enjoy the hilltop near Long Beach that was given a mohawk by a creative logging company.

Clearcutting is a clever technique. Rather than the loggers wasting all sorts of time and money selectively cutting the best trees, they cut them all down. In doing so they have created a tourist attraction. People flock to see the acres of land which are intricately decorated with rotting logs.

As you travel along the Island Highway, you will be exposed to many fine examples of clearcutting. However, in order to enjoy our other main attraction, you will have to venture into one of our parks. Inside Strathcona Park is one of our most breathtaking and

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awesome industrial ventures: stripmining. The beauty of the mines is overwhelming. All the surface layer is stripped away to expose the underlying ore. Great amounts of machinery is needed to remove the ore quickly and cheaply. Often the toxins from the mine poison the nearby water sources. Occasinally the miners dig even deeper, creating open pit mines. As these are such popular spots mining companies are endeavoring to create more works of this magnitude.

Aside from the modern beauty that the government has encouraged our resource industries to create for you, there is still some untouched land that is of relatively little interest. In these areas, the forests are lush and the wild life thrives. Although this may strike you as ordinary and unappealing, many tourists make special detours to these areas to laugh at the radical environmental groups which are always protesting against the correct utilization of the land.

So look around, enjoy the magnificent landscape carved out by B.C.'s loggers and miners. But remember, don't litter and don't throw away lit cigarettes, we must keep B.C. beautiful.

Diane Selkirk
Arts 1

... on Israel

Recent reports in the news media tell about the current persecution and suffering of the Palestinian people in Israel throughout the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Media coverage, which focuses attention mainly when blood is shed, reveals the Israeli regime ruthlessly squashing oppressed people's rights by imposing curfews on their home refugee camps, blocking food supplies (Time Magazine, January 25, 1988), jailing, torturing and imprisoning Palestinians and deporting them from their own homeland. Foreign visitors who witnessed the confrontations, British Foreign Junior Minister David Mellor and US Republican Senator John Chafee, have faulted Israel's brutal handling of the situation. Mellor described the conditions in those camps as "an affront to civilised values" (Time, January 18,1988.)

What is surprising is the cool response from the majority of North American Jewish communities to protest Israeli human rights violations and brutal actions, while being very outspoken about their own accomodating minority rights here. The power of these communities to influence Israel's policies is phenomenal - lobbies for US assistance have resulted in over $3 billion US in loans and military hardware being sent to the Israelis. In addition, more than one billion dollars

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is raised annually by Jewish charities! Israel's survival depends on those powerful communities; the west's biased policies toward the region are shaped by this strong minority influence. What matters is these communities' lack of responsibility and silence toward the injustice committed by Israel against another nation. Very few North American Jews protested against Israel's committing genocide and treating the Palestinians as worse than second class citizens. It is amazing to see more criticism within Israel than has been voiced here in North America.

It is also shocking to see the horrors in the occupied territories continue and not a single 'Christian' organisation here has ever expressed concern for the Palestinian population under attack. (This is mainly true of the Protestants, since at least the Vatican raises the issue now and then.) Christianity originated in this same territory called the Holy Land. It seems that the majority of Christians are not even aware of the injustice done to the people of the Holy Land and that they have not been informed by their own leaders. Christian silence or ignorance in this part of the world is shameful. The Palestinian people are appalled and embarassed about the cool response from their fellow believers in the western world. It is time for a major segment of this society to wake up and stand up for their values and teachings.

Ibrahim Al-Hammad
civil engineering grad student

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Budget offers little to students

By Laurel Hyatt
Ottawa (CUP)

The federal budget released last week is "blah" and includes little for post-secondary education and students, said a spokesperson for the Canadian Federation of Students.

"This budget didn't hold any surprises....it maintained the status quo," said CFS information officer Catherine Louli. "It's just a blah budget. There's not much concrete to chew at."

Opposition critics say finance minister Michael Wilson was too vague in outlining where the government will spend its $132.25 billion in 1988-89.

The central feature of the government's policy is the five year $1.3 billion science and technology pool unveiled last month in Toronto. That figure will include funding for university scholarships and the creation of additional "centres of excellence".

But the money remains unallocated. A senior government official said no decision has been made on how much universities will receive, or where the balance will be spent.

"There just isn't anything in the budget that talks about post secondary education," said Don Lenihan, a researcher for NDP critic Howard McCurdy.

"The fact that there isn't any mention of post-secondary education.....means the government doesn't consider it a priority," Lenihan said. "They don't want to address it because they don't want to spend money."

CFS says the government made a mistake leaving out programs for students. "It's an election year and students are half a million voters and absolutely nothing has been done (to help them), Louli said.

"We were a bit disappointed. We expected something with job creation." Louli said she hoped the budget would have outlined money for student jobs. The government's biggest program, Challenge '88 was given the same amount of money as last summer's program.

The budget contained "nothing with regards to youth programs, employment programs ....We saw absolutely nothing and we found that disconcerting," Louli said.

Both CFS and Howard McCurdy's office are awaiting next week's announcement of how much money the federal government will transfer to the provinces for post-secondary education.

But McCurdy's researcher isn't expecting an increase. "Transfer payments have been going down," said Lenihan. "They have been cut dramatically, that's basically old hat. We'd like to see an increase, very definitely."

Cow crap game slammed

Montreal (CUP)

A winter carnival activity in which students bet on where a cow will defecate has come under criticism at Concordia University.

In the game, a real cow selected from an agriculture college is put on a football field divided in squares. Students bet about two dollars per square on where the cow will relieve herself. Winners can earn from three hundred to five hundred dollars and profits are given to charity.

According to Joanna McLean, a executive for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty against Animals (SPCA), the game is dangerous for the animal.

"These particular cows are highbred and they are not supposed to be outside this time of the year," she said. "They could easily get sick and injured."

Carnival organizers say however that the carnival is going on and that's the point of having this game — to raise school spirit," said organizer Ian McLean. "I grew up on a farm and I've done a lot of work with animals. It's not dangerous."

The SPCA's McLean said the game would be an embarrassment for the university.

"What a stupid thing to do ," she said,"to have students bet and then wait around for the cow to shit."

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