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CAUT action looms at UBC

By BERTON WOODWARD

There is a possibility the Canadian Association of University Teachers will become involved in the present tenure dispute in the anthrosoc department.

Faculty association president Robert Kubicek said Wednesday he had been in touch with CAUT officials earlier in the week to discuss education minister Donald Brothers' statement Nov. 16 that the provincial government is planning revisions in the Universities Act concerning tenure.

Kubicek said no formal application protesting the anthrosoc tenure dispute had been made to CAUT at that time.

However, he said, "There probably have been some informal arrangements but because they are informal I am not going to comment on them."

Dr. C. L. Mitchell, head of the Personnel Services Committee of the faculty association, had no comment Wednesday as to whether his committee had been approached by anthrosoc members. He said all dealings with the committee are confidential.

Aggrieved faculty have the choice of appealing to the PSC, an internal committee at UBC, or contacting CAUT.

CAUT, a faculty union designed primarily as a lobbying body for professors, will enter a dispute involving faculty if it is asked by individuals or collective bodies within the university.

Kubicek said CAUT would require documentation of grievances and would then work closely with the local faculty association.

If unofficial discussions were to take place with CAUT it might, as an informal arrangement, unofficially ask the local faculty association president to contact concerned faculty and department heads about their feelings on a CAUT investigation.

This arrangement would provide CAUT with the local background to a dispute should a formal application be made but would not create the sensation of a CAUT inquiry.

Faculty would be able to continue their grievance strategy with some insight into CAUT reaction, should a formal application be made.

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—david phillips photo

LIFE'S LITTLE COBWEBS come back to haunt us time and again. But then, we are all fools and the best-laid webs of mice and men many oft-times go astray.

Quebec workers favor general strike soon

MONTREAL (CUPI) – At a rally held Tuesday in the Paul Sauve Arena, Confederation of National Trade Unions president Marcel Pepin announced to a crowd of more than four thousand that the first general strike in Quebec's history would occure soon.

Of the 14,000 union members consulted so far, 95 per cent have been in favor of the general strike. Polling will be completed Thursday when plans will be announced at a press conference.

"It has never happened yet in Quebec, but there must always be a first ... we have the heart to fight for all workers," said Pepin.

The rally was called by the Common Front of the CNTU to announce plans for the general strike and to gain the support of the rank and file members of the CNTU for its new labor demands.

Michel Chartrand, president of the CNTU's Montreal central council, began the rally with a moment of silence to commemorate Michelle Gauthier who died in a violent La Presse demonstration on

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Independent secretary, slate president elected

Wednesday's Alma Mater Society elections produced a Student Coalition president and an independent secretary.

On the third count of the preferential ballot Grant Burnyeat, law 2, had 1,189 votes to Til Nawatzki's 698.

Allan Caplan and Stephen Housser were dropped after the first and second counts.

Tom MacKinnon, law 3, won the position of secretary by a margin of only 10 votes (1,124) more than Hilary Powell, arts 1, (1,114).

"A recount for secretary will be held Friday noon, at Powell's request," returning officer Sandy Kass said Wednesday night.

While ballots were being counted, members and council supporters of the Student Coalition unsuccessfully attempted to block a quorum of the human government executive's final council meeting.

YIPPIE . . . alternate poll

A quorum was reached and the meeting convened after Student Coalition external affairs officer Adrian Belshaw dropped in to challenge the quorum and declared anything council did after his departure "would be considered illegal".

(A quorum cannot be challenged before a meeting is convened.)

Council unanimously passed treasurer David Mole's motion that The Ubyssey be given $900 to cover expenses to attend the Canadian University Press conference at Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S. in December.

The AMS conference fund will cover $700 of the grant with the remaining $200 coming from the gifts and donations fund.

Earlier in the day an alternate polling booth was set up to honor the AMS elections.

The booth, located in SUB and sponsored by the Black Cross was set up "to allow students to express their individuality and responsibility to themselves."

"Also to have a little fun," a spokesman said.

Some people entered make-shift ballots supplied by the alternate poll, but 50 others used their official ballots.

Among those voted for were Irving Fetish, Walter Gage, Jesus Christ, Tom Campbell, Les Bewley, Adolph Hitler and Karl Marx.

Mao captured third place with three votes, the Black Cross workers netted second place with 18 votes (all sent in by nine-year-old girls with a tape recorder) and 88 people used their ballots to vote for freedom.

Quebec govt. slammed for breaking its promises

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Oct. 29, and also the workers throughout the world who have died fighting capitalist oppression.

"We aren't afraid and we're not in a hurry because we're together," said Chartrand. "We will fight to the end not only for higher wages and better working conditions but for human dignity. We want a revolution."

A Common Front of CNTU locals was formed to combat the attempts of the present regime "to play us off one group against the other".

For many years unions presented separate demands. The common front hopefully will give the workers the necessary force to combat the divisive measures of the Quebec government.

One of the measures which Quebec premier Robert Bourassa uses to stifle the growing demand by Quebec workers for higher wages and better conditions is to threaten the citizens with higher taxes, but Chartrand added that if the Quebec government stopped the daily flow of capital into the hands of foreign investors, the citizens already burdened with high taxes would be among the first to benefit.

The unions also demand that fringe benefits including four weeks of annual paid holiday with a $200 additional bonus so the worker can enjoy his holiday, 1¼ days per month sick leave with full pay, and maternity leave.

Other speakers at the rally included Francine Lalonde of the Quebec Teachers' Corporation which Tuesday pronounced its affiliation with the Common Front on the grounds that it was no longer a traditional union movement.

The Common Front agreed. She asked the members of the QTC to unite again with the Common Front to fight for a "different Quebec".

Norbert Rodrique, a representative of the hospital workers' local of the CNTU urged all union members to back the union demands.

He criticized the Quebec government for promising wage parity for men and women in 1968 and then postponing it until 1974. The government had tried to buy the hospital workers off by offering them a wage increase of 2.5 per cent.

The workers of the Common Front of the CNTU are currently also supporting the struggle of the locked out employees in the five-month-old La Presse dispute. There is as yet no solution in sight but the workers say they are looking to the Common Front to support the basic rights of the workers since the Bourassa government has refused.

Table mystery remains unsolved

By TED TURNER

On Wednesday the crafts people who market their wares from tables on the ground floor of SUB found the number of tables had been considerably reduced.

One leatherwork and candle creator, who goes by the monicker of Strider attempted to acquire a table. Here is Strider's account of the Great Table Caper.

"After discovering that no tables were available to us we embarked on a table search mission which led us to the dance room on the second floor. We (partner Zvi and I) observed that there were many tables not in use so we proceded to remove one for our use.

"At this point we were approached by a custodian who informed us that these tables were in use and we should leave them. We did.

"He then told us that there was a shortage of tables and that their use was being restricted. Then the three of us (Strider, Zvi and the custodian) went on a search of the building seeking a spare table. Although the search proved useless, I am certain that I observed two unemployed tables folded in a cubicle.

"We thanked the custodian and abandoned our search of the second floor. Once we returned to the ground floor, my sidekick Zvi peered into the main foyer student offices, and spied an unused table.

"I asked Zvi for his opinion as to who we should ask for permission to use the table and he replied profoundly: 'This is just one of those things you have to do yourself.' We moved the table and started to set up shop but were approached by the janitor who sweeps in that area (I might add that he is also our friend) who told us we couldn't set up the table because of orders from a fellow named Graeme, (Graeme Vance, SUB building manager).

"Our friend told us that if we didn't remove the table he would be forced to call the police. He was visibly upset be having to perform this task and explained that he was only obeying his instructions.

"We than set up shop on the floor and I set out in search of a method of drawing the attention of the students to our plight, a search which led me to the offices of The Ubyssey."

The Ubyssey attempted to contact Vance to find out if he is the person who issued the instructions regarding the tables, and also to find out if the instructions are related to Thunderbird Shop pressure to oust the crafts people.

Since Vance was not available, the explanation for the situation will have to wait for the next episode in the Great Table Caper.

Case continues

The union representing Jeanne Paul, dismissed from her position in the science faculty and re-instated as a law faculty clerk, plans to continue its legal action on her behalf against the university.

"Our position is that she be re-instated to her old position as administration assistant to the science dean," said Bill Lowe, Office and Technical Employees Union regional director.

Lowe said Wednesday that even though Paul is being paid the same wage in her new job as admissions statistics clerk, she was forced to take a lower position.

"Beyond that I don't think it would be proper to comment further because the case is still before the provincial Labor Relations Board," he said.

'. . . '—Bewley

Provincial court Judge Les Bewley said Wednesday the Alma Mater Society motion demanding his resignation from the board of governors and the bench was based on misinformation.

The unanimously passed motion condemned Bewley for a statement in the Province saying there was more criminality among the poor not because there was one law for the rich and one for the poor but because, "there are more genetically disabled and more economically disadvantaged and more stupid people among the poor."

"Bewley is a complete asshole," AMS president Steve Garrod said when proposing the motion.

Bewley answered with this statement to The Ubyssey:

"As an honorary life member of The Ubyssey I had expected journalists even pretending to be worthy of the name to investigate the facts further – and student council to do the same – before going off, not half-cocked but completely un-cocked.

"The attribution apparently acted on was quite the reverse of what I in fact said. If The Ubyssey is correct and the resolution did indeed describe me as an ass, I can only conclude that I must have been tried by a jury of my peers, although I would despair indeed if I thought they in fact were," Bewley said.

Bewley refused to elaborate on the statement.

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Ted White discusses cardboard furniture with Sandy Kass and Bev Gelfond.

Cheap comfort comes with cardboard chairs

Furniture that can fit a student budget is now available.

The furniture, made of corrugated cardboard, is re-cyclable and consists of adult and children-size chairs and a two-foot by two-foot table.

Prices are $2.98 for the adult chair, which will hold 600 pounds, $1.98 for the child's chair and $3.49 for the table.

"The furniture is assembled by hand. The chair is in a box shape; the seat is then formed by pushing the front corners in along crease lines one at a time," said Ted White, one of the originators of pop-up furniture Wednesday.

"Most people buy the tables to set televisions on but I have painted a chess board on one," said White. He and Ralph Ingles, the other creator of the furniture, run the Pop-Up Shop at 711 Seymour.

"If treated like normal chairs these will last about two or three years."

The table is white and the chairs are white with painted seats and backs. They come with directions explaining how to assemble them.

White and Ingles started making the furniture six months ago when they attempted to make a large doll-house.

"We ran out of money so we couldn't finish it. We had already made the furniture for it. We then made some adult-size furniture," said White.

Two large downtown department stores offered to buy the furniture at the retail price but they wanted to sell it for $6 or $7, he said.

"We didn't think it was a good idea, we couldn't see anyone buying cardboard furniture at that price."

Consequently the Pop-Up Shop opened 10 days ago. They also sell tissue flowers, which are folded to fit into an envelope so they can be mailed.

White said they have also designed a writing desk that will hold 1,000 pounds but have not produced it.

New note added to anthrosoc fight

The anthropology-sociology promotion and tenure committee voted Tuesday to send an "addendum" to arts dean Doug Kenny concerning the cases of Matthew Speier and Ron Silvers.

Speier and Silvers are the central figures in the department's two-month dispute over whether or not to recommend them for tenure.

The P and T committee voted in their favor in early October, but anthrosoc head Cyril Belshaw submitted his own report recommending they not get tenure.

The decision Tuesday to send a new message to Kenny's faculty of arts P and T committee climaxed a campaign by students and junior faculty to get the department to reconsider the cases.

Although it is not known what will be said in the "addendum" and most members of the department expect that it will be "non-committal", the fact that it is being sent at all is considered to be a defeat for Belshaw, who took a hard line opposing any reconsideration of the cases.

Department members are speculating about the magnitude of the Belshaw defeat and how it will affect rumors that Belshaw will resign his headship if he feels he does not have the confidence of the department.

The P and T committee met again last night to begin hammering out the wording of the addendum.

Although the P and T committee action represents a partial victory for department dissidents, the committee did not do what students and junior faculty had asked for: a motion saying that the committee would reconsider the Speier-Silvers cases.

News from the embattled department continues to filter through a curtain of secrecy. Rumors and speculation formally replaced open discussion as the department's basic mode of communication 10 days ago when Belshaw issued a 'confidential' memo on the subject of confidentiality.

Although a policy of decision-making secrecy had been in effect for some time, the action by Belshaw was a significant escalation.

Belshaw warned department members that it was illegal for them to make department documentation available for purposes other than departmental use.

The intention of the Belshaw memo was to stem the flow of

BELSHAW

information being leaked to The Ubyssey and was the strongest in a series of moves made by Belshaw in his running battle with the student press.

At the same time Belshaw released to department members a letter he had solicited from arts dean Kenny.

Although the ostensible topic of the Kenny letter was an invitation to department members to send Kenny any additional views they had on the Speier-Silvers cases, many department members felt that the letter contained a hidden message.

In the letter's closing paragraph Kenny said that an atmosphere had been created in the department in which a mature and dispassionate reconsideration of the cases by the department committee would be impossible.

In light of the Kenny letter, the decision by the P and T committee on Tuesday appears to be the strongest action the committee could take without declaring a state of war between themselves and the arts dean.

Hours prior to Tuesday's P and T meeting Belshaw issued an undated, unaddressed, but 'confidential' seven-page memo outlining his personal views on the graduate students' tenure committee brief.

It was the graduate student brief, issued Oct. 29, which sparked most of the reconsideration talk that has taken place in the ensuing three weeks.

The student brief suggested that there were disturbing irregularities in the way the department made its decision on Speier and Silvers, and went on to present new evidence in favor of the two profs.

Belshaw's lengthy reply to the grad students essentially rejects the case they made.

The grad students were angered by the Belshaw answer, which they felt sidestepped the issues they had raised.

While the department's paper war — with memos flying in all directions -- goes on and students continue to press the case for reconsideration, they also fear that Speier and Silvers will be ground up in the administrative machine.

That is, students envisage a possible outcome that includes a substantial change in department procedures and even the toppling of Belshaw as head, but one that avoids reversing the decision to fire the two profs.

A word to the wise

Students can be proud of their new AMS presidential choice.

In voting for Grant Burnyeat they have selected a person who bids fair to be the most responsible student president UBC has seen in five years.

May we add our sincere congratulations to the many others Grant will be receiving in the coming days.

We know that he and his dedicated colleagues are going to do a really fine job for students.

But let's not forget those people who pitted their strength against Grant, and came out second. It's one of life's rules that not everyone can win.

Til Nawatzki, Steve Housser and Alan Caplan fought a good, clean fight. It was all above-board and on the up-and-up.

That this sort of competition, in the best spirit of the word, can still take place in our troubled times, ought to be a lesson to all of us. If this isn't democracy at its best, we don't know what is.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Hilary Powell, Grant's running mate, who only came second in a nip-and-tuck contest for the position of AMS secretary.

But we know that the mere absence of an official post will not discourage Hilary from continuing to lend her considerable abilities to the exciting plans of the Students' Coalition party.

However, we do feel the students chose most wisely when they selected an independent candidate for the position of secretary.

Good luck, Tom!

We're sure you'll keep an eye on the student government — for what government can exist without a critic or two?

When one looks at the group of students that has triumphed under the Students' Coalition banner, one finds a refreshing picture of what our young people are like, and up to. Indeed, Mssrs. Burnyeat, Belshaw, Robinson, Dick, Murray and Swain represent some of the finest and most upstanding families in our province. And our congrats to the moms and dads of these wonderful kids.

Working in student government can be an exciting and rewarding experience for those who are willing to make that little extra effort at being good citizens.

It is only unfortunate the same cannot be said of those many students who did not cast ballots in Wednesday's byelections.

But we are certain that once these students get a look at what the Students' Coalition has in store for them, they will turn out in full force to lend their support.

As for those students who set up an alternative poll booth, in an immature attempt to throw the election into confusion, we are certainly glad that they didn't succeed. Really, that's poor sportsmanship fellas, and we're not afraid to say it.

However, we're sure that there was no malevolent intention here, and far be it from us to dampen typical student enthusiasm and hijinks.

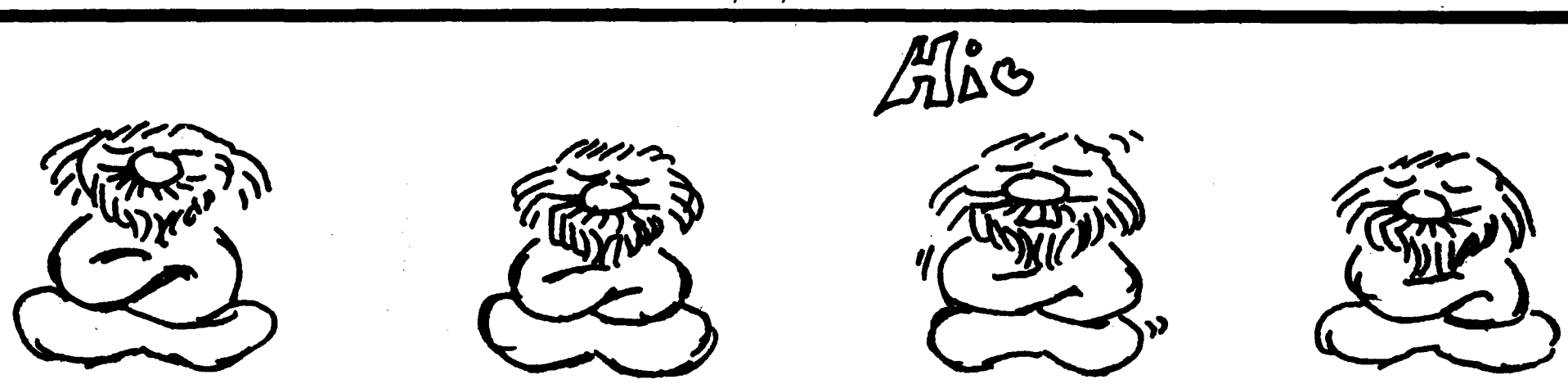
And in all fairness, let's put in a good word for the human government, who saw to it that the elections were carried out with scrupulous attention to the rules. (Remember, you can't play the game without the rules!)

We didn't always agree with their activities, but in the end they showed themselves to be good losers — the test of true sportsmanship.

We don't know what the future holds. But if Grant and his fellow executives work and play hard (while making sure they don't forget their studies) we're sure they can't go far wrong.

For, when all is said and done, governments are like arthritis pills; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Go to it, Grant!



Letters

Shzt

Dear John de Rooy, Extremely pissed off, and Name withheld:

Before the last edition of the piece of shzt some people call The Ubyssey, I used to think the Letters section was the least shztty. Your reactions to the engineering beard-shaving stunt is as childish as you can get.

In order for you to reach maturity I can only suggest three things (items 1 & 2 also apply to the great reporter who wrote the article entitled "Latest gear shift: shaving faces").

1. Get your facts straight (ie. there was no one "tied and gagged").

2. Sign your name to your letters (are you ashamed of the kind of words you use, such as "assholes" and "pricks").

3. Look at things from other points of view besides your own (most of the people, including the ones who got shaved had a great time and besides no one was hurt).

From your reactions one might be led into believing that your idea of a good time is playing tiddly winks at parties (or do you just sit around and watch?).

Laszlo Csanyi,
Engineering 1

Skagit

Back in yon halcyon days of yore, people thought that God put animals on the earth solely for the benefit of mankind. Few believe that nowadays, except those who still do enter the field of "community and regional planning".

Allan Duguid's letter about the Skagit Valley in Tuesday's Ubyssey is a good example.

I'm not an ecologist of any sort, but I have a hunch that British Columbia — or planet Earth, for that matter — is going to be pretty well screwed as long as we think of nature in terms of its "usefulness". It's disgusting to see a human being's sensibilities so eroded, presumably by the benefits of higher education, that he can see Skagit Valley only as "a component of a regional mosaic".

This sort of intellectual lip service to conservation, paid by people who couldn't appreciate nature if it jumped out and bit them, may be standard jargon for the school of community and regional planning, but it's a lot of spineless bullshit to the rest of us. Skagit is worth saving for its own sake. God help us, though, if we ever figure out what to "do" with it.

David Lee,
Lycanthropy 2

Ross

I would like to join in thanking Sandy Kass and John Sydor for a very informative feature article on the Skagit Valley controversy in the Nov. 16 edition. One or two points are misleading, however, and should be cleared up.

The organization which has been formed in opposition to the proposed flooding is the R.O.S.S. (Run Out Skagit Spoilers) Committee led by Leberal MLA Dave Brousson. The committee is composed of the Federation of B.C. Naturalists, SPEC, Alpine Club of Canada (Vancouver section), Sierra Club of B.C., B.C. Mountaineering Club, B.C. Wildlife Federation, SFU Outdoor Club and Totem Fly Fishers Club.

It is this organization which is leading the opposition to stop the flooding, and it is this group which is challenging the legal validity of the International Joint Commission proceedings to date. Vancouver lawyer John A. Fraser is counsel for the committee and I have been assisting him. The article left the impression that Mr. Fraser and I have been carrying the ball all on our own.

We are both anxious that everyone who cares about saving this beautiful valley realizes that opposition to the flooding comes from thousands of citizens represented by the groups comprising the Ross Committee. Mr. Fraser and I are at the service of the Ross Committee and our efforts are only part of the overall campaign to save the Skagit.

Alan Ross,
Law 3

Asphalt

Until last week, I was among those who did not think that a cycle path or paved shoulder along Marine was really necessary. University Boulevard and Chancellor, yes, but Marine is wide enough anyway that a long and expensive cycle path would not be justified.

What changed my mind was a slight mishap that caused me to lie down suddenly in the middle of Marine. I had been riding too close to the edge, in order to avoid certain hurtling objects common to that area, and my heels slipped off the pavement; it was only a drop of about half an inch, but quite enough to flip my wheels out from under me, resulting in a slight concussion (nothing serious, but the doctor says that if I start acting strange in the next few days, my parents should call him). If there had been a car right behind me, however, my head would have looked like a SUB hamburger spread all over the asphalt.

In the interests of sanitation, therefore, it seems that it would not be too much to ask to have, if not a cycle path, at least a paved shoulder along this road. Even a narrow strip of asphalt to taper down that small but deadly drop at the edge of the pavement would be a help. I understand that even cars can get into trouble with it at high speed, if they hit at just the wrong angle.

In closing I would like to thank the drivers who stopped to help me stuff my brains back into my skull. It's nice to know somebody cares.

Douglas Brent,
Arts 2

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Hoodrum (Hudrum?) Hodrum (Hawdrum?) an' ach hie tha new (nu?), she said, which quickly led a brickyard peanut to her head, she being Lesley Krueger, the audience being Sandi Shreve, Stan Persky and Bev Gelfond. Well, fuck you, said Mike Sasges as he watched Berton Woodward and Conrad Winkelman have pitshka envy. Ted Turner looked on in dismay as Jan O'Brien told Sandy Kass about Paul Knox's protruding schwantz. At this point Gord Gibson and Mike Gidora located a 36 point budini and disappeared together. Kathy Carney wondered, Brian Loomes wandered, Dick Betts laundered and Harpo the Floutist said: "Come on, you guys, let's clean this bull-piss up."

Letters

Glub

One of the staff members at my place of residence, the Vancouver Public Aquarium, showed me my now-famous picture on the front page of Thursday's Ubyssey.

However, I was extremely insulted and dismayed to discover that I had been depicted as AMS presidential candidate Grant Burnyeat. Surely you can discover some finer, worthier look-alike for me (such as your deposed president, Steve Garrod). Glub.

Lugosi,
Arctic white whale,
Vancouver aquarium

Rock Cup

Everyone's in an uproar:

– My God, Martha, do you realize that at that rock concert there was fighting and destruction of public and private property.

– It was worse than that. Do you realize they were DRINKING. Of all things. And in public.

– That's those lousy, long-haired degenerates for you.

– Definitely a pinko plot.

– Those poor misguided kids. Can't even get their dates straight. Grey Cup isn't until next weekend.

Bruce Rutledge,
Arts 2

Buildings

Re: UBC Academic Buildings Committee Report:

I take exception to your article published Nov. 19 entitled "UBC building priorities 'poor'." One question I may ask – if the priorities are poor why did senate, the highest academic body on campus, pass the priority list 49-11?

According to student senator Steve Garrod "There was no student input as such". The Ubyssey also states that he said that lack of student participation is apparent in the report.

Well, I am a student who has participated in the deliberations of the committee for the past two years and I am fairly satisfied with the report that recommends new space for commerce, mechanical and civil engineering, biology and anthropology and sociology in that order. I am sure that if one asked the students in the disciplines that I have just mentioned they would agree overwhelmingly that more or perhaps better space is needed.

Commerce, for example, is a faculty of 1,100 students who have never had their own integrated space.

They have trooped all over campus for years. Under these conditions how can any kind of community spirit develop? Mechanical engineering, as another example, has been housed in the same building for over 40 years. In fact, the fire marshall is waiting to condemn their building unless expensive renovations are made; renovations that are not economically feasible considering the value of the building.

Garrod and other critics would have the university stop all building projects until it has some long-range view of what we want the university to be. I believe, too, that there should be some kind of long-range view for a coherent plan. In fact, our committee is prepared to do just that. However, when there are pressing needs some kind of action must be taken.

Our committee developed for the first time in relation to building needs on this campus a set of criteria as a guide for rational decision-making. Coupled with this criteria and our own sense of judgment and common sense we recommended a building program to meet urgent needs.

Of course it is not possible to please everyone in picking a handful out of a barrel but we tried to do what we thought would be best for the university at large. Perhaps, the critics of our report should ask the students of commerce, mechanical and civil engineering, biology and anthropology and sociology whether all building should cease?

And as an aside, perhaps The Ubyssey in attempting to present an accurate account of the news could print some positive views about our report besides negative ones? Is that too much to ask?

Bob Jacobs,
Law 2,
Student senator

Our reporter did try to get in touch with individuals she had been told were in favor of the report, but was unable to contact them.

She did, however, manage to get in touch with Noel Hall, a commerce professor and senator. We think you will find – if you reread the story – that Hall basically stated the same position you hold.

Think

While reading the Letters column in Tuesday's Ubyssey I got all the way to the letter headed Rawhide.

As I was savoring each pearl, edging ever more closely to the punchline, I suddenly ran out of letter.

Hmmm, I thought. I'll just have to check that once again.

My comprehension was just as bad the second time. Then it struck me! Aha! And glancing down at the signature my suspicions were confirmed. This letter was not a joke. It was the result of some very serious thoughts from a diligent, clear-thinking arts 1 brainchild.

The gist of his tantrum seemed to centre around the fact that some people have expressed their concern about the selling of furs on the campus while very hypocritically wearing leather shoes and chewing on a hamburger.

He ends up by posing the jewel: "Are sheep any more expendable than mink?"

Both animals in the fur industry are, of course, highly domesticated and the writer of the letter shows he is completely aware of this fact. He must be asking whether or not one animal's life can be worth more than another's.

I would like to ask some questions myself:

How is the timber-wolf restocking program coming along?

Are the polar bear farms still turning out thousands of potential rugs and relocating them to the Arctic?

How about the Bighorn feedlot operations? Are they still meeting the demand?

In other words, my highly educated fellow, the animals you speak of (yes, including European reindeer) are all being produced by man. The take, so to speak, is replaced by man to suit man's requirements (or whims) – and neither sheep nor mink nor European reindeer are in danger of extinction.

Can the same be said of the wolf, the polar bear or any other "fur" where there is only take and no compensating return?

And how would you prefer to die? With the deft, instantaneous blow of a CO^2 cartridge or by the slow, lingering torture of either strychnine poisoning or freezing to death in a steel trap with a broken leg?

Please think!

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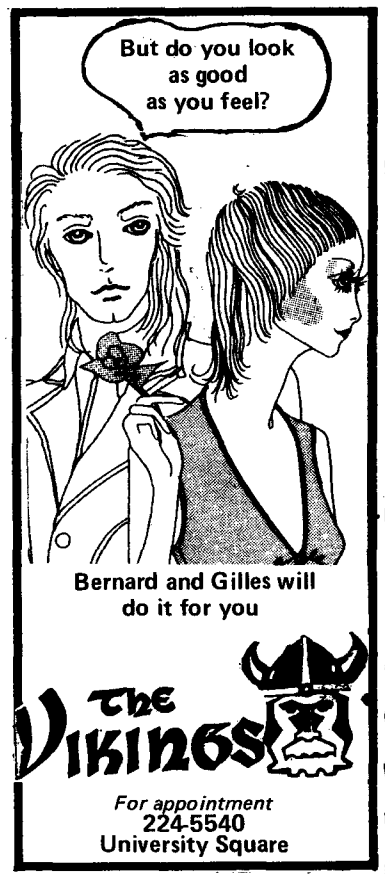

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Adviser sought

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'Tween classes

TODAY

VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Roy Bell, noon, SUB 207-209.

EXPERIMENTAL COLLEGE
Discussion on Peer Gynt, 3:30 p.m., SUB 111.

ANGLICAN UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY
Robert Clark on Beliefs That Matter, SUB 215, noon.

ACTION CANADA
Meeting, noon, SUB 113.

GAY PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE
Symbiotics in the gay ghetto, SUB 215, 7-11 p.m.

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UBC CHAPLAINS
Charismatic types, dinner meeting, 5 p.m., Lutheran campus centre.

UBC RADIO — SPECIAL EVENTS
Tom Northcott and Solid Comfort concert, SUB ballroom, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

UBC ABORTION ACTION COMMITTEE
General meeting, noon, SUB 210. New members welcome.

PRE-SOCIAL WORK CLUB
Speaker from adoption placement section, child welfare division. All welcome, noon, SUB 105B.

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Organizational meeting, noon, in SUB 224. Homosexuals wanting to write to others, write Box 12, SUB.

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Crew lost only once

The Thunderbird rowing crew wound up their fall season last weekend by winning every race except one in their own UBC invitational regatta.

Their only loss came in the Open Eights where the UBC junior varsity crew placed second to the varsity eight from Western Washington.

The premier race of the day was the coxed fours which matched up UBC and U of Washington. Both crews represented their countries at the Pan-Am games in Cali, with the American team picking up a silver medal.

This time the result was a bit different, with UBC crossing the finish line of Coal Harbour's 1,500 meter course a full 3½ lengths ahead of Washington.

The regatta featured a rowing oddity: a crash between the UBC straight four and open eight. A considerable amount of damage to each shell and the cancellation of the straight four race was the net result of the collision which came about when the eight strayed into the course while warming up for their race.

JOANNE SARGEANT . . . .
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Star-studded Thunderettes

Joanne Sargeant, former Salmon Arm high school star and a member of Canada's 1971 Pan American games women's basketball team now performs at UBC.

An aggressive defensive player and solid all-round player, Sargeant is one of the reasons the UBC Thunderettes look like the team to beat in Canadian women's basketball this season.

Wendy Grant, another Pan American games team member, and Terri McGovern of the 1970 Canadian world tournament team provide the rest of the international experience and much of the scoring punch.

Rookie Bev Bland looked impressive against Lethbridge on the weekend and is proving a valuable asset to the Thunderettes.

Other team members are Bev Barnes, Heather Cranston, Janice Gee, Linda McCulloch, Debbie Phelan and Peggy Robinson.

A team worth watching, the Thunderettes host the Victoria Maplettes Sunday at 1 p.m. at the War Memorial Gym.

SPORTS

Thunderette sports

The UBC Women's Thunderette basketball team were victorious over the University of Lethbridge in two games on the weekend. Friday, Terri McGovern scored 18 points with Bev Bland and Debbie Phelan each adding 10 to lead the team to a decisive 75-31 win.

Saturday, the final score was 64-22 with Debbie Phelan scoring 18 points and Terri McGovern 12. Both games saw coach Norm Vickery utilizing his entire team and getting excellent play from his younger, inexperienced players.

The junior varsity women's field hockey team travelled to Pullman, Washington on Nov. 19 to compete in the Northwest College Women's Sports Association sponsored field hockey tournament. The UBC women continued the fine showing they have recorded since the tournament inception in 1947, by finishing with three wins and a tie.

Playing exhibition matches in Bellingham the Thunderette volleyball girls suffered 0-2 and 1-2 losses to the University of Victoria and University of Washington respectively, but defeated Western Washington State College 2-0 to emerge from the exhibition series in third place.

The British Columbia women's cross-country team, composed of two UBC runners and one from SFU took the team championship in Halifax on the weekend. With the UBC's Thelma Fynn finishing second, SFU's Maureen Crowley finishing third and UBC's Cheryl Spowage finishing fourth, the B.C. girls accumulated nine points to be declared the overall winners.

Intramurals

BASKETBALL continues this week.

NO HOCKEY games are scheduled this week.

UNIT MANAGERS: don't forget to pick up your posters every Monday at noon.

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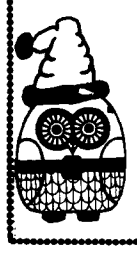

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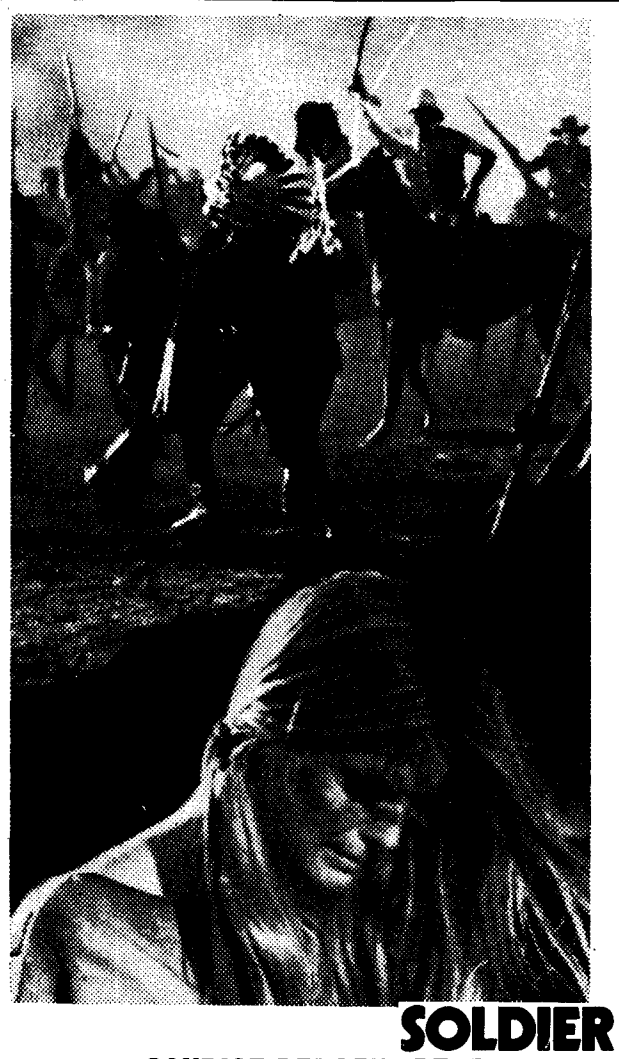

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The young unemployed

Why are they not going back to school?

By IAN WISEMAN
Canadian University Press

An unfortunate side effect of Canada's recent economic recession is beginning to show as university enrolment figures and youth unemployment figures are being tabulated this fall — Canadian youth from the ages of 15 to 25 have no place to go.

The labor force, in these times of high unemployment and the

First of a series

new, rash of layoffs (due to President Nixon's import surcharge), cannot accommodate more than 50 per cent of the young workers in the job market.

And university enrolment is down all across the country due to the fact that the economic squeeze has caused a severe shortage in summer jobs for students, tighter money in many families of students, and higher university admission standards caused by provincial governments who cannot afford to subsidize universities to the degree that these institutions have become accustomed.

Furthermore, university students are beginning to realize that a college degree is no longer a meal-ticket to a cushy job: as the number of college graduates rises, so rises the rate of unemployment among people younger than 25 years of age. And fewer and fewer grads are getting work in their specific field of qualification.

It is also becoming increasingly clear, in the midst of this economic turmoil, that the proliferation of government task forces, economic reports, and brainstorm youth employment schemes, are really an attack on the symptoms of youth unemployment. The disease — a capital-intensive industrial society that is restricted by American control of most Canadian industries — continues its cancerous course unchecked.

So now, after four frustrating years of inflation followed by massive unemployment, the government has set up an interdepartmental study group (the term 'task force' has become passe because of its embarrassing connotations) to form a "brains trust" to study the economy. They will concentrate on high unemployment among youth, and the relationship of this to underenrolment in post-secondary educational institutes.

Projected enrolment for post-secondary institutes this year, you see, was 594,000 students. In reality, the figure is only 519,000. Projected enrolment for universities (excluding the Quebec CEGEP's) was 341,000. But the true figure is less than 300,000.

Where are the missing students? One thing is certain: they aren't in the labor force. Over half of the 455,000 unemployed persons in Canada today are under 25. This situation has been getting worse for the past 10 years: now it is reaching crisis proportions.

In view of this, the Trudeau government has set up its "interdepartmental study group"; but, you may ask, to do what? Yes, it's the same old story: to discover new legislative tricks to cover the problem, and arrive at short term solutions that mend the social fabric briefly, but without ever asking the basic question — why the problem occurred and keeps on recurring.

The disease— a capital-intensive industrial society— continues its cancerous course unchecked

This year the symptoms of high youth unemployment and low university enrolment are going to be hard to erase. A quick look at the following selected items from last month's daily newspapers quickly dispels the myth that all is right with the national economy:

● Underenrolment at the University of Calgary forced the board of governors there to implement an immediate budget freeze on the hiring of both academic and support staff. The university, with enrolment almost 2,000 below their projection of 10,600, has committed itself to expenditures which could exceed their known resources.

● The unemployment rate for people under 25, despite the federal government's Opportunities for Youth Program and the promised economic upswing, was higher in July (10.8 per cent) and August (9.1 per cent) this year than a year ago.

● University of Alberta had 1,200 less students than the expected 19,500, and have been subsidized by the provincial government so that they will lose no more than $500,000 this year.

● The Kingston city council asked the Ontario government to tighten up its welfare legislation when the councillors discovered that 100 of the 301 single men drawing social assistance in that city were under 20 years of age.

● Donald McDonald, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, pointed out that the federal government's "Employee Support Bill" would not help stave off unemployment caused by the U.S. import surcharge. The American government could counteract this immediately by implementing its "Countervailing Tariff Law" which prevents subsidized industries from undercutting American market prices. And, after all, the States control North American industries and markets, and they're trying to keep unemployment down in their country, too.

● Laurentian University in Sudbury froze its budget for thirty days to study the implications of losing $1,250,000 when only 2,100 students (100 less than last year) enrolled.

● McMaster University at Waterloo and Carleton University at Ottawa are studying their budgets trying to juggle their finances to keep the books balanced in the face of surprising underenrolment.

These items are an indicator for a widespread tendency among students — they didn't leave the labor market this fall because they either could not afford to go to school fulltime or else they figured that a university education no longer held the certain potential of financial security.

But half of those students found that while they were still in the job market, they had little chance of breaking into the employed labor force. It's hard trying to sell your labor in a capitalist country in times of recession, and a hard economic lesson was learned by many as they waited in the unemployment office queues.

The summer months are traditionally those with the lowest rate of unemployment. Yet in July 514,000 Canadians (out of a total labor force of 9,068,000) were unemployed, for an unemployment rate of 5.7 per cent. And in August, 445,000 (out of 8,972,000) were out of work (5.1 per cent).

But the overall unemployment rate is artificial in relation to youth unemployment, which is much higher.

The unemployment rate among workers from 14 to 24 was 10.8 per cent during July and 9.1 per cent in August. Unemployment among persons over 25 was only 3.5 per cent in July and 3.4 per cent in August. So government economic policies, while helping older workers, have not created jobs for the young.

When these figures were released in September, Prime Minister Trudeau and Finance Minister Edgar Benson boasted that the government's fight against unemployment was working superbly for workers older than 25. Trudeau's only comment on youth unemployment was that the government did not know enough about youth and "their attitudes towards existing work ethics" to explain the problem.

A few days later the prime minister suggested that the problem "is with the teenage group which has entered the labor force" and who, according to him, were not going back to school at their normal rate.

But why are they not going back to school? It's a new phenomenon, Trudeau shrugs, as he sets up another study group to fathom the student mystique. Study groups and task forces put a convenient end to parliamentary dialogue since they provide the stock answer: 'Well, it's being looked into."

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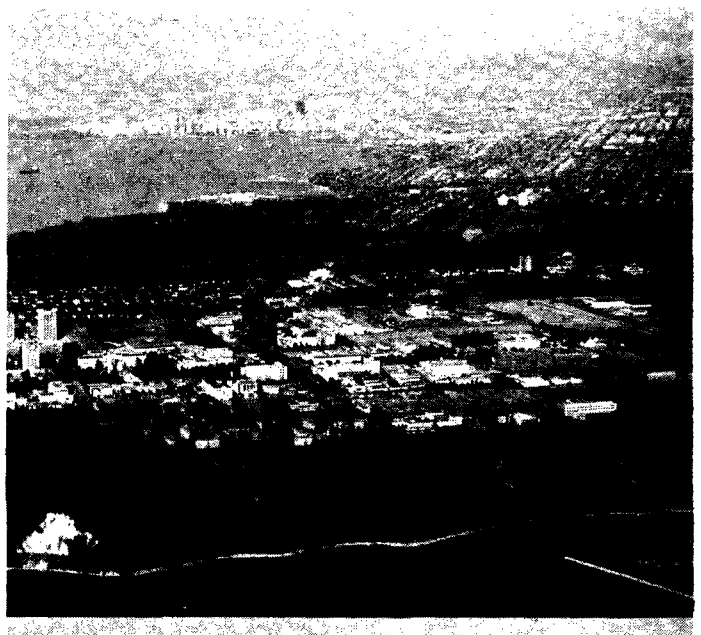

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