UBC finds budget windfall

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By MIKE BOCKING

The university administration has a $1.4 million windfall in the university's operating budget which it will use for capital projects, the administration vice-president of financial affairs revealed Wednesday.

William White said the windfall resulted from unexpectedly high investment profits and the Anti-Inflation Board's rollback of university clerical and library workers' salaries.

In December, 1976 the AIB chopped to 15 per cent a 19 per cent wage increase settlement between the administration and the Association of University and College Employees.

White said the AIB rollback involves between $400,000 and $500,000.

"When these unexpected, if you like, windfalls occur, you have to devote them to non-recurring expenses."

White said the money will be spent on capital projects such as renovation of facilities and equipment purchases.

He said that in addition to the AIB rollback and the unexpected investment income, there was a "carry-over" of $200,000 from last year.

But, he said, "with a yearly university budget of $175 million, a small carry-over of a couple of hundred thousand dollars is insignificant."

Board member George Hermanson defended the board's decision to put the money into capital projects.

He said that if the university ends the year with an operating surplus the provincial government will cut next year's operating grant.

"If you carry forward a surplus, the government cuts you back by that amount, so you are penalized for efficiency," Hermanson said.

At a student representative assembly meeting Jan. 11, graduate studies senator John Russell suggested the money should be spent on tuition fee rebates.

But Hermanson said rebates would only have a short-term effect.

"If there was a rebate for students it would do nothing for students next year or in years later," he said.

Hermanson said surplus monies go into one-shot projects such as painting an office or building a stairway.

He said buildings are often built on campus out of capital funds provided by the government but the buildings' facilities, such as furnishings and equipment, have to be provided by the university out of the operating budget.

Hermanson said the windfall money went toward these types of expenditures.

Student board member Moe Sihota disagreed with Hermanson that the university would be penalized for efficiency in the case of the windfall.

"A lot of money came from the AUCE rollback which has nothing to do with efficiency," he said.

Sihota said the $1.4 million surplus might be used to upgrade facilities for the rehabilitation medicine department and the school of nursing.

"But given the provincial government's capital grant was $20 million, that money is not necessarily going where I thought it would go and could well be sitting

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—ed o'brien photos

EAGER VOTERS cast votes during Wednesday's election for student representatives to the UBC senate and board of governors. At left Rod McCarrell gives best Candid Camera gape as he experiences the wonder of democracy. At right, four-year-old Lynn Paley, nursery school 1, mistakes ballot box for giant cookie jar.

'Student reps could be eliminated'

By BILL TIELEMAN

The B.C. education ministry will consider eliminating student representation on the governing bodies of post-secondary institutions if student representatives act "irresponsibly," education minister Pat McGeer's executive assistant said Wednesday.

"If students (representatives) are going to be irresponsible, then there is cause to reconsider that policy (of granting student representation)," said Jim Bennett.

Bennett refused to define exactly what type of behavior was irresponsible.

"Irresponsible can have a broad range of definitions," he said.

Bennett also refused to give examples of irresponsibility on the part of student representatives, saying he would not "name any names."

Bennett said any change in student representation would have to involve new legislation to change the Universities Act.

There are currently two student representatives on UBC's 15-member board and 17 student senators on the university's 79-member senate.

Bennett's comments come at a time when B.C.'s universities are waiting for an announcement from McGeer on whom the provincial government will appoint to their main governing bodies, the boards of governors. Although the government's previous board appointees' terms expired at the end of 1977, the cabinet has still not made new appointments.

Bennett said the announcement will be made soon but would not specify when or explain why there has been such a long delay in the appointments, which are usually made in early January.

"I couldn't give you a reason," he said. "I'm sure he (McGeer) could, but I can't."

The government appoints a majority of the board of governors members at each university. Eight of UBC's 15 board members are government appointees who serve a three-year term.

One UBC board member claims McGeer is delaying the appointments because the education minister is making a thorough purge of the board to remove any members who might oppose his policies.

"I think what McGeer is up to is a removal of people who he thinks are not sympathetic with his stance on education," the member, who declined to be identified, said Wednesday.

McGeer is looking for "gung-ho businessmen" who will look at education on a profit/loss basis, he said.

"They're looking for people who fit into the cost-accounting principle in education, technocrat business people who evaluate education by artificial standards."

The board member claims McGeer wants to pick appointees that will give him considerable influence at UBC.

"People in Victoria are saying

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Steam strike fizzles as confusion reigns

Confusion reigns about whether or not provincial mediator Ed Sims has submitted a report about negotiations between the UBC administration and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

University spokesman Al Hunter said Wednesday that he has not heard from Victoria whether Sims has handed in the report.

But union business manager Bill Kadey said he has received verbal confirmation that the mediator has submitted the report.

And until both parties have proper confirmation that Sims has submitted the report, the engineers cannot go ahead with their strike, the administration says.

The UBC administration is currently preparing for strike action by the 26 members of the UBC local in the wake of failure of contract talks.

The union is disputing four contract items with UBC.

Kadey said the first demand is that steam engineers' wages be brought up to par with those of other trade workers on campus. This would mean an increase of $156 per month, or 7.6 per cent.

The administration has offered the engineers a 3.48 per cent increase from the beginning of this month to April 1, and a second increase of 4 per cent from April 1 to April 1, 1979.

But the engineers want a one-year contract rather than the 15-month contract they are being offered, the second point of dispute.

The administration's offer of a 3.48 per cent increase is based on hourly rates, rather than the monthly rate employed currently. The engineers claim they will lose four per cent of their wages because of this change.

Gov't curbs international students

Canadian University Press

Ottawa will allow provinces to place further restrictions on international students, federal manpower and immigration minister Bud Cullen said Monday.

Cullen told a joint meeting of provincial education and manpower ministers in Victoria that some provinces "might want to suggest that no (foreign) student, whether they be destined to public or private institutions, be admitted to their province without their express approval."

"I would be quite prepared to include such provisions in any immigration agreement with any province," Cullen said.

He said the Immigration Act and its regulations, scheduled to become law April 1, are a good example of how federal-provincial collaboration can produce "a mutually useful result."

Cullen said the new immigration legislation will require foreign students to obtain special authorization before they arrive in Canada.

"And once in Canada, they will not be able to change faculty or institution without the formal approval of an immigration officer," Cullen said.

"We hope that this will terminate the practice of foreign students shopping around among Canadian institutions."

The tighter immigration control will also allow provinces to plan enrolments more effectively, he said.

Cullen also stressed a need to "keep a close watch" on the number of foreign teachers being admitted to Canada because of the increasing number of unemployed education graduates.

The number of foreign university teachers admitted to Canada has decreased in all provinces during the last four years, Cullen said.

In 1973, 792 immigrant teachers were admitted to Canada while last year only 364 teachers were admitted.

Artsies joyful

There is joy in Buchanan today!

The Arts Undergraduate Society's advertising blitz paid off Wednesday when 729 arts students voted in favor of a $1 increase in student fees.

With 148 votes opposed out of a total of 878 ballots cast (there was one spoiled ballot), the AUS received the necessary quorum to approve the decision.

"Gee whiz, I'm really glad that arts students came through in the crunch," said AUS president Fran Watters.

"So many people worked so hard, and now we will be able to keep the Arts Perspective, bear gardens, and so much more."

In other electoral news, the results of the board of governors and senate elections will not be announced until at least late this afternoon. Polls closed at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

—matt king photo

SCOOPING VEGGIES from new SUB cafeteria salad bar is Jane McCarthy, phys ed 2. McCarthy and many others put up with exorbitant prices for alternative to SUB-standard cafeteria fare. Salads are weighed before being priced, so get smart and use lighter oil and vinegar dressing.

Windfall will pay for construction projects

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in a bank somewhere," said Sihota.

The government has authorized a construction program for UBC which will include an $8.9 million psychology building, a $7 million expansion of nursing and rehabilitation medicine facilities and a $3.58 million home economics building.

Sihota said the board of governors should open up its books to the public.

"It's a shame there is so much public confusion over this alleged surplus. It demonstrates to me the need for the university to open its books to the public and not be secretive about its finances," he said.

"If there is an operating surplus the money should go into bursaries, an accessibility study to determine why low-income people are not getting into university, and into a program to encourage women to enter traditionally male-dominated faculties."

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At libraries

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A recently-implemented library service will allow UBC students to buy computer printouts of bibliographies for $5.

The service will enable students to obtain research topic bibliographies without having to spend large amounts of time rummaging through the card catalogues.

The only catch is the printouts take a week to arrive because they are sent from centres in California and Ottawa. And the printouts list only references to journals and periodicals, not books.

"It (the service) is something we've had for a long time," said librarian Lee Ann Bryant.

"But we used a different pricing method and the average cost to the student would have been about $20."

She said the offer is available until March 31 at all branches of the library except Sedgewick. Bryant said it is particularly useful to graduate students or to students doing assignments requiring in-depth research.

"We would put into the computer the terms you are interested in, what they call search terms, and the computer will give back to you periodical listings on those subjects," she said.

Each search involves only one "data base" — subject area — and the student can only request a maximum of 50 of the most recent listings or be charged an extra fee.

"Under the old pricing system the company that makes available the data base charges you for the computer time, and the university pays for 40 per cent of that cost," Bryant said.

"We only have permission to give the special price until the end of March, when the new budget will come up, and after that we don't know what will happen, though I expect after that we will go back to the old system."

"But not all subjects have been computerized yet," political science librarian Iza Lapone said.

"That is why it is necessary to talk to the librarian concerned with your field of study before you use the service."

But library staff emphasized the service is designed to enhance the existing card catalogue system, rather than replace it.

'Open up the books'

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that McGeer is picking people who will give him a lasting influence," he said. And, the member said, McGeer might still be considering taking over the UBC presidency in the near future, making support from the board highly desirable.

"McGeer might be hoping that (UBC administration president Doug) Kenny will resign after five years (his first term in office)," he said.

UBC board members contacted Wednesday said they have not been informed why the appointments have not been made yet.

"We haven't heard anything about the delay," said Ben Trevino.

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Violence lurks in Poles' future

By TOM HAWTHORN

Violence might erupt in Poland as the Polish government becomes less conciliatory to the Soviet Union, a visiting University of London professor said Wednesday.

"There are reasons to believe that the present erosion of conciliatory politics in Poland may give way to more violent events in the future," Norman Davies told more than 75 people in Buchanan.

Davies said the historical Polish tradition of armed insurrection could reassert itself if the younger generation rejects the cautious atmosphere of post-Second World War Poland.

"The caution derived from the trauma of the war shared by the Communist Party and the Roman Catholic Church is not shared by the younger generation in Poland," he said.

"Polish youths and even some adults do not recognize the names of Hitler and Stalin. They have switched off the propaganda and it no longer has any effect."

Davies said the present regime of Edward Gierek is a classic example of another Polish political tradition — "ugada," the policy of conciliation.

"In order to exert a measure of autonomy, Gierek resigns fundamental aspects of political sovereignty to the Soviet Union," he said.

"He makes concessions to Moscow in order to make leverage to control the country in the way they want to.

"In this manner, Poland has limited domestic autonomy."

But Davies warned replacement of conciliatory policies with violence will only result in widespread destruction for the Polish nation.

"Everybody in Poland is fully aware that any encouragement of political disturbances is inviting the most terrible retribution. Everyone would suffer," he said.

Davies said he does not think the demands of the opposition in Poland, including those of the Church, workers and intellectual dissidents, will result in violent confrontation.

Their demands are of a limited nature, and even the 1970 and 1976 riots were exclusively concerned with material demands, he said.

Those in the opposition also say the Western press is wrong when it labels them dissidents, said Davies. They believe they are loyal subjects of Poland and are not troublemakers.

Despite the lack of revolutionary content in the opposition's demands, Davies said he would not be surprised if armed insurrection did occur.

"The old Polish insurrection movement is not dead. I would not be surprised if it rose in the future because not one generation in the last 300 years has failed to violently oppose those in power in Poland," he said.

DAVIES . . . fears violence

Poland has undergone enormous social changes since 1945, and the population is now more than 99 per cent ethnically Polish, while about 98 per cent have been baptized, according to Davies.

"The Church is especially in a unique position.

SRA mulls withdrawal from bank

By HEATHER CONN

The student representative assembly is currently considering the inconveniences of its Nov. 23 decision to withdraw Alma Mater Society money from the Bank of Montreal.

At the time of the decision, made because of the bank's involvement in the racist state of South Africa, the SRA voted to withdraw as much money as possible from the bank.

But SUB general manager Bern Grady has recommended in a report that the AMS move only its short-term investments of operating funds to the Bank of B.C. and credit unions.

Currently, all AMS banking services are provided by the Bank of Montreal at no charge. The annual cost for daily pickup of deposits, change, and so on, is $940, using AMS staff, the report shows.

This fee would jump to $1,981 if day-to-day banking services were transferred to the B.C. Teachers' Credit Union at the Village. Personal risk, costs for transportation, insurance of AMS staff would be increased. If needed, an armored car service would cost $8,788 a year, says the report.

And if AMS banking services were transferred to the Bank of B.C., the use of AMS staff would cost $9,895 and armored car service would amount to $12,463 yearly.

This extra money could be used beneficially in other areas, AMS president John DeMarco said Monday.

Lutheran campus centre minister Don Johnson agreed, suggesting the money be used to promote withdrawal by other investors.

Johnson said he is pleased the AMS has considered the removal of funds. In considering costs, Johnson said, the recommendation to stay with the Bank of Montreal for day-to-day services is a good one.

Johnson originally thought the AMS would not even "get to first base" and says it is good the society even took the first step of considering withdrawal of funds.

At present, subsidiary AMS groups use the SUB night depository service for deposits to AMS accounts for overnight safekeeping. If AMS banking services were transferred to the teachers' credit union, no night depository service would be available.

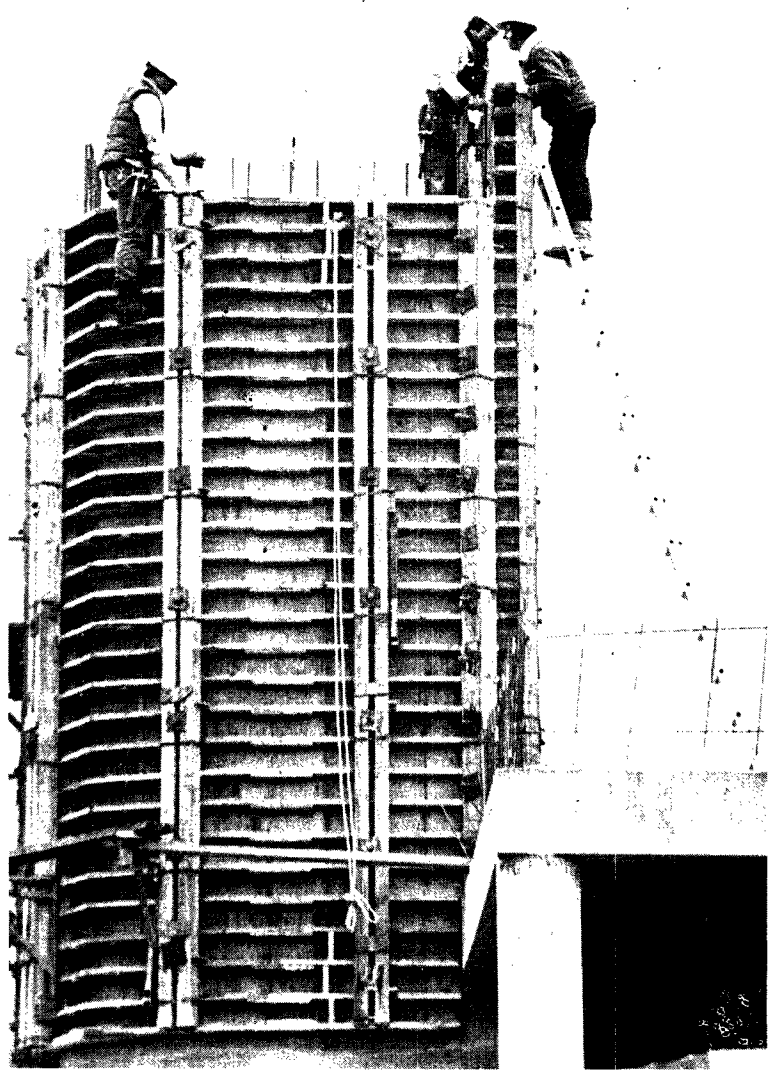
The only solution for subsidiary groups would be to deposit money at the Bank of B.C.

But the groups are not likely to deposit money late at night off campus, the report says.

The AMS is looking into the possibility of installing a night depository service next to its own vault on the second floor of SUB.

If the AMS decided to deal with other banks, new loans would have to be negotiated at much higher rates, the report says. No large loans would be available, DeMarco said.

The AMS will make its final decision on banking services Wednesday.



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UBC'S ANSWER to CN tower rises into the sky as foreman informs workers they are only 2,000 feet from completion. Sky-high conversation actually took place on concrete mold which is being used in construction of new acute care hospital near IRC.

Fewer $$ means expansion slash

The proposed expansion of UBC medical student enrolment for 1978 has been cut by more than half, the dean of medicine told senate Wednesday.

William Webber said the original goal of 20 additional undergraduate students in the faculty of medicine has been cut to eight because of insufficient operating funds.

The provincial government announced October, 1976 a major expansion of medical teaching facilities at UBC and four Vancouver hospitals.

Education minister Pat McGeer said then that the $50 million project would boost UBC's medical school enrolement from 80 to 160 and would provide a 240-bed teaching hospital.

Webber said the faculty intends to add 12 more positions to the school in 1979, boosting enrolment to 100.

Anthropology professor Cyril Belshaw said he is concerned about the speed of expansion.

He stressed the importance of getting well-trained instructors so the quality of the faculty would not drop.

Webber said that now is the best time to expand.

"It is a good time to be in expansion because we are the only school in Canada to be undergoing expansion. It is an extremely opportune time to be recruiting faculty," he said.

But Webber said "it is an extremely serious problem. Anytime you expand you run the risk of compromising quality."

In other business the senate defeated a motion by student senator Arnold Hedstrom asking for a review of the composition of selection committees for deans.

Hedstrom said that in the faculty of applied science there are three separate schools but only two student reps on the committee.

University women 'still face struggle'

By SUE VOHANKA
Canadian University Press

Despite the increases in enrolment of women at universities and the efforts of the women's movement, the day when women gain equal status with men in Canada's universities is still a long way off.

According to one woman who's in a position to know: "it will be a centuries-long battle. It already has been." She's Jill Vickers — professor of political science at Carleton University and past president of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, and author of But Can You Type?, a study of the status of women in this country's universities.

In a recent interview, Vickers talked about the changes that have occurred in universities, both for women faculties and students, her feeling that those changes haven't been profound or nearly enough, and her conviction that it is possible to achieve much more change in an incremental way.

She also expressed her uncertainty about what the current period of economic uncertainty and increasing hard times will mean for women in universities.

"The universities are not going to be hiring more women because they're not hiring anybody. Right now, the crisis is that the people being let go tend to be women."

She points out that one way universities are cutting back is by not renewing contracts — and this practice especially affects women, who tended to be among the most recently hired.

She adds that how seriously cutbacks will affect the gains woman have made depends on attitudes.

"In the 1920s, there were as many women taking Ph.D.s and teaching as in the 1970s. Then in the 1930s, they chucked women out of the universities because men needed jobs.

"The test is, now when we're facing the same or a similar situation, where you see hard times and reaction, has there been a sufficient change of attitudes that we won't let it happen again?"

Vickers explains that part of her uncertainty about this comes from the fact that different generations of women have experienced varying degrees of frustration with the possibilities open to women.

"Women of my generation have really experienced an alternative — we grew up in the 1950s. Certainly when I was here (at Carleton as a student) the whole campus revolved around the experience of men — and I didn't even think it was strange.

"When I say I'd rather go to the hills and fight than see that again, I'm talking about it in the context of experience. I know what it was like.

"I don't know about the current generation. They didn't go through it. They don't remember it. They might well be less inclined to think the issues are as important."

But Vickers adds it is unlikely, despite cutbacks and economic hard times, that the gains women have made will disappear. She says society is changing because a new group of women have made their way into some positions of influence within it.

"There's going to be increasing frustration. I think they'll be less inclined to accept barriers. They remember what it was like."

She says those women are becoming more aware of barriers, such as difficulty in gaining promotions and tenure.

"The question is, will institutions give women a chance to do those other things?"

Vickers says that recent years have resulted in marginal improvements for women students.

She points out that some campuses have day care centres — "inadequate, but at least day care centres" — in addition to counselling services which offer better services to women, and women's centres which didn't exist a decade ago.

"And I guess we've had some success in getting rid of pictures of the co-ed draped around the football player on the covers of counselling booklets," she says.

But she adds that considerable problems remain at the student level. She points out that despite the increasing numbers of women enrolling at universities, there has been no breakdown in sexual stereotyping.

"More women are going into law than used to — but they're not getting places to article. And lots of women come and go into programs that don't lead to jobs. You do see some improvement in things like journalism."

She believes the problem is due to attitudes rather than outright discrimination — long before many women apply to university they have been conditioned to seriously consider only certain programs and courses and to view others as men's subjects.

Make cutbacks public

The $1.4 million unspent from this year's operating budget isn't much of a windfall. When dealing with a budget as large as UBC's budget, which is about $175 million annually, one can almost expect a variation of about $1 million one way or the other.

Of course, there is a great deal of fear around campus that the Socreds may use this as an excuse to continue squeezing UBC's budget. The fear was so great that many people in the administration and in governing bodies who are normally open were tight-lipped about the discovery of this money.

The board of governors has put the money into renovations and equipment purchases which might have otherwise been delayed for years.

The fact that this money was not spent prior to this time is basically an unforeseen budgeting variation, and does not alter the fact that the Socred education squeeze has hit all over campus.

Workers have been laid off, course sections have been cut, tenure is tight, classes are bigger and renovations and equipment purchases are left undone. In effect, our education is being devalued.

Doubtless the Socreds are pleased that UBC has been so efficient. The fact that the anti-inflation board made UBC too efficient to the tune of $400,000 off the backs of clerical workers wouldn't bother the Socreds a bit.

We have now reached a crucial point in the fight against education cutbacks. The next provincial budget will not come down until April, when students are conveniently off campus.

The chances of another tuition increase next year are minimal, but the administration is deeply concerned over the coming budget. Administration president Doug Kenny's recent speeches are proof of this concern.

But since tuition is not going up, students seem little concerned about cutbacks when the administration is asking for their support. A demonstration this term would not draw the thousands that protests a year ago did.

Therefore, we would like to offer a piece of advice to the administration.

Students are not going to get upset unless they see in black and white how the Socreds are cheating them of a proper education. The tight budgets of the past two years have resulted in reduced services, and another tight budget will start cutting to the bone, as Kenny puts it.

But the time has ended for neat phrases like fiscal banana peel. It is time to play tough.

The administration should draw up a list of what reductions in UBC services are directly attributable to Socred cutbacks. The list should be made public to The Ubyssey and to the commercial media.

Then the hard facts of the cutbacks will be enunciated more effectively than in 10 dozen speeches.

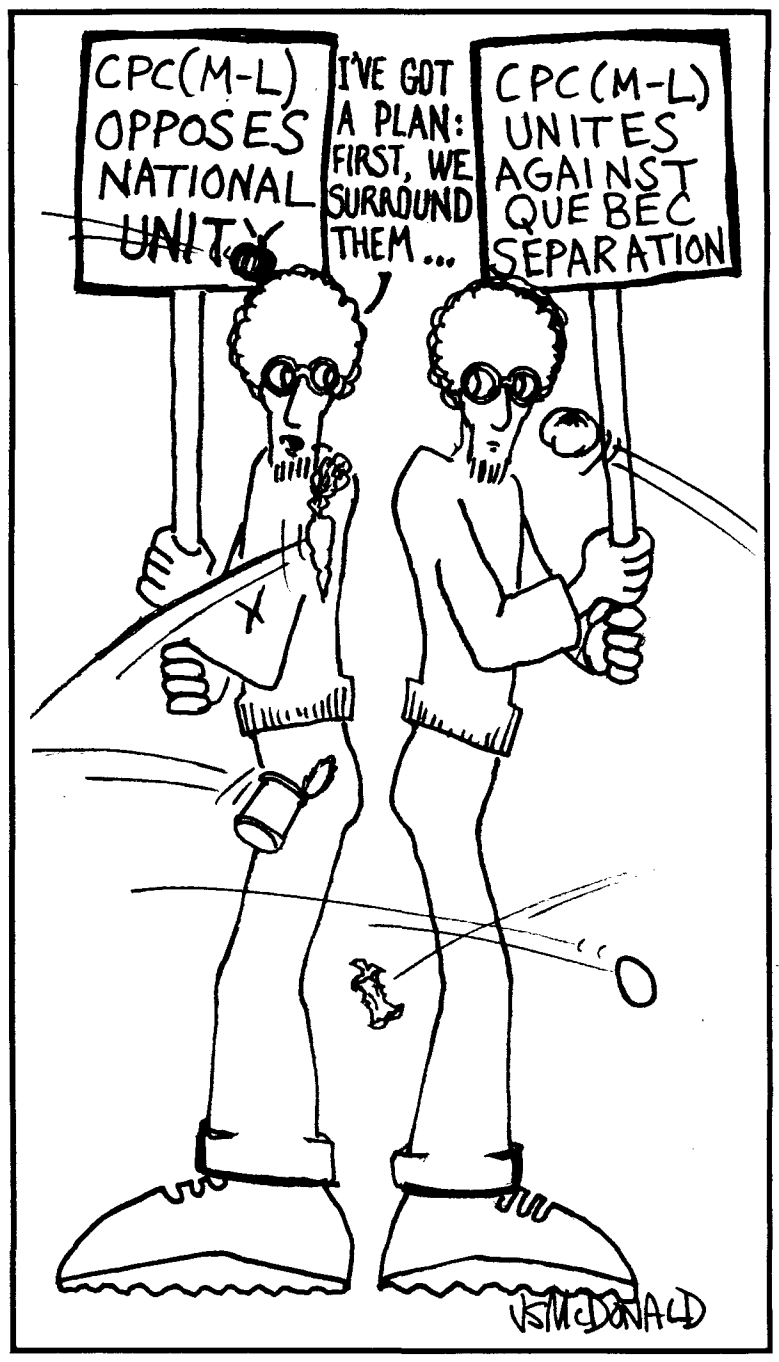
That may sound like a simple thing, but it is not simple, apparently, to the administration. Last fall, outgoing student board rep Moe Sihota produced a report on cutbacks for the student representative assembly which he released to The Ubyssey.

Many people inside the administration were furious, especially arts dean Robert Will, and Sihota was raked over the coals for that action at the next meeting.

The report upset people because the competition for money between departments was fanned by the disclosures, and because some of the cutbacks listed were in fact normal adjustments.

If an administration report on cutbacks is too hot to release, then that proves conclusively that deans and department heads are not prepared to pull together for UBC's good.

Release of such a report would heighten the pressure on the government, and make disclosure of a $1.4 million windfall relatively unimportant.



Letters

Candidate unhappy with lack of coverage

I am irate at The Ubyssey's deliberate lack of coverage of the faculty senate elections, especially the graduate studies constituency.

The editors were persuaded to interview both graduate senate candidates, recognizing the importance of the election and the difficulty in publicizing platforms to the widely-scattered and well-hidden graduate students around campus. Both candidates were assured that the interviews would appear in Tuesday's issue.

When, lo and behold, the interviews were deleted in order to run photos of the senate-at-large candidates, the editors uncomfortably explained that the decision was not theirs, but came as a result of a staff vote. It seems to me that if editors are condemned for the inadequacies of their newspapers, they should at least be given the authority to decide content.

And despite this inexcusable breach of faith, I am more concerned with the effect that the non-coverage has on student politics in general. When students are in danger of losing their senate and board of governors representation, the campus newspaper should be doing everything in its editorial power to promote a large voter turnout.

What better way to demonstrate that the students value and respect their representation? A deliberate boycott of candidates' platforms makes rational voting more difficult and promotes a lack of concern on the part of students.

An apathetic electorate inevitably generates an apathetic leadership, and this is the insidious damage that may result. The Ubyssey should be roundly condemned for its softheaded attitude.

David Rowat
graduate studies
senator candidate

The staff decided not to run graduate studies senate candidates interviews, not because of a 'boycott,' but because we had no space for the interviews and no resources on Monday to interview science and commerce senator candidates. Running photos of the senator-at-large candidates, who all students must vote on, allows students to identify candidates and talk to them, and makes the article more attractive to the reader, which is a big consideration. Of course, we regret that it was not possible to cover the faculty elections.

The Ubyssey is run by the staff, not the editors. If, as you suggest, editors were given more control, The Ubyssey would be subject to the whims of one or two people, and more omissions like the one Rowat complains about would occur. We believe that UBC should be more democratic, and we do not wish to exempt The Ubyssey from this belief. We believe we have done a good job in encouraging students to participate in this week's elections.

Staff

Protesters join bandwagon

Much as I support feminism and oppose the reactionary element among UBC engineers, I have trouble understanding the necessity of the Lady Godiva protest. It seems to me that the protestors missed a couple of points:

Regardless of whose sister was on the horse, she was obviously there of her own free will. It is regrettable that a woman should stoop to being a professional sex object but it is her own business nonetheless. The racial analogy, useful in so many feminist arguments, does not apply here as no member of a racial minority would be likely to voluntarily participate in an insult to her or his people.

If one wants to protest male exploitation of the female body, it makes just as much sense to picket strip joints or magazine stands displaying Penthouse. My personal feeling is that less obvious forms of sexism than these are more harmful because they are more widely accepted by society.

Why provide so much publicity for the engineers? That's why they did it in the first place. In my opinion, their hassling of the Bimini picketers was a more serious offence, but we are hearing a lot more about Lady Godiva. Where are people's priorities?

It amuses me to hear Doug Kenny and Alma Mater Society reps coming out with such sympathy for the cause of the protestors. Anti-sexism is so fashionable and respectable now. It's so important to appear to be a feminist. Recalling attitudes to feminism a few years back, say in 1971 or 1972, nearly everyone was laughing at even serious feminist viewpoints.

Is the present acceptance of feminism the result of raised consciousness or mere conformity? I'd like to believe that support of feminist ideals comes from thinking individuals, not people who are ready to jump on any band wagon. I suspect that many of the Godiva protestors, unfortunately, fit into the latter category.

Anne Miles

Curdled

A university, according to Webster's Dictionary, is an "institute of higher learning." Having accepted this definition, one would logically assume that a university newspaper would strive to enlighten its readers.

In Jan. 6's paper, Eva Czaykowski's article Brutal torture now common does do just this. It is thought provoking and requires us to take a stand. In contrast how frivolous the description of our university students' newspaper conference was: "the first few days were spent furtively 'feeling out' other delegates and drunkenly bowling with wine bottles."

Our nation's future newspaper community is in a deplorable state if this is the "cream of campus journalism."

Claire Vallee

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Editor: Chris Gainor

"It's time for a nasty masthead," snarled Kathy Ford. So everybody tried to be as nasty as possible. "Ah, goddamn fuckin' phone," spat Chris Gainor pounding the hapless instrument with his massive fist. "I'm a shitstomper," squeaked Tom Hawthorn. "Get out of my way." "Har har," growled Terry Glavin, from the depths of the burro where he busily wrote partial quotes, to the entertainment of Edward Thing, Verne McDonald and Lloyanne Hurd. Mike Bocking kissed ass on the phone as he attempted to extract yet another line story from unsuspecting idiots. Bill Tieleman wiped green snot from his festering nose. Jeff Rankin puked on Marcus Gee's knees. Chris Eleniak averted her eyes and fled from the office. Meanwhile, Heather Conn roamed the office looking for fresh victims to touch with her clammy, horrible hands. Ed O'Brien blushed prettily as Matt King and Geof Wheelwright showed Neil McAllister all about the darkroom . . .

Le Quebec pour les Quebecois!

By GWYNNETH JONES

The premier of Quebec, Rene Levesque, professes to be leading Quebec out of the repressive Canadian atmosphere into a new, free and prosperous nationhood. The economic actions of his government prove to me that he is either not serious or optimistic about independence, is expecting divine intervention, or is a cruel opportunist who will not be honest with his people.

The favorite cry of many pragmatic Canadians these days is that Canada will never be united until economic equality has been achieved. They point to Quebec's 10.2 per cent unemployment rate (expected to rise in 1978) and almost zero economic growth predictions, and say that the Quebecois have every reason to lose faith in the Canadian federation that has brought them to this state of affairs.

Levesque is suggesting to Quebecers that the Canadian federation is dragging the Quebec economy down, and that independence and the PQ can revive it to its proper level. The atrocious economic conditions in many parts of Quebec may give this argument some credence, and to many unemployed Quebecois already on the cultural defensive, it is difficult to see how things could be any worse under independence and there seems to be a chance that things might get better.

But consider the unemployment insurance or welfare cheques that the aforementioned unemployed Quebecer is living on, or the family allowance, Canada Pension Plan, Canade Student Loan and various federal grants that other Quebecois depend on, to say nothing of the federal civil servants living and working in Quebec or the federal-provincial grants Quebec is given every year.

Prime minister Pierre Trudeau has made it abundantly clear that economic association is not a possibility, and compounded with that, it seems probable that the rest of Canada will backlash against a separate Quebec and will be extremely reluctant to foot any of Quebec's bill.s

Quebec is a populous and economically shaky province, and maintaining (let alone improving) the present economic position of its residents against inflation is going to require money.

The Levesque answer to this problem is to travel to New York and France selling investment in Quebec and to invite in large multinational corporations (GM is the recent example). He is obviously aiming to create a comfortable atmosphere for foreign capital.

Now when the political-economic uncertainty of today has settled a little (I shall assume, for this moment, in favor of separation), foreign investors will not have forgotten and will indeed invest, probably quite heavily, in the New Quebec (unless Levesque is entirely betrayed by his New York and Paris friends). This will produce an economic revival, true to PQ predictions.

Factories will be built, new mines developed, industrial and finance capital will flow in, and people will have jobs and a decent standard of living, perhaps better than in Canada (certainly better than in the Maritimes, which will undoubtedly suffer even more economic blows).

But how long will this comparatively rosy time last? Foreign capital means foreign interest payments, foreign profits, and most importantly, foreign control.

Setting aside the obvious point that in selling out to foreign investors Quebec will have done the very thing that so many Canadians deplore about Canada, the fact remains that Quebec will not be in control of its own economic destiny, upon which its other futures directly or indirectly depend.

If foreign owners get tired of labor disputes (remember the Olympics and James Bay?), high wages (compared to Guatemala) and the political difficulties that accompany the emergence of a new country, they are not going to have much compunction about pulling up stakes and moving out, and in a country the size and newness of Quebec, 3,000 suddenly unemployed people and all the economic and political repercussions that develop could create disaster.

Even if these companies do not actually pull out, their influence will be felt.

If Quebec has been made dependent on these foreign investors, it will not interfere with the monetary drain for fear of completely devastating its economy (this is much the same situation that Canada finds itself in today).

If Levesque supposes that these investors will be the slightest bit more sympathetic or "good" than the old Upper Canada set, he is frightfully naive. They are quite used to buying out, building, and ruining new or weak countries, and Quebec will be no different.

So, Quebec needs money to assure its national and cultural integrity and to maintain its citizens at an acceptable standard of living. Where is that money to come from? First, from nationalization of resources, second, from government control of major industry.

Quebec must nationalize its resources and resource industries, and do so as soon as possible. It has made moves to take over a large section of the asbestos industry, and it has the James Bay electricity project. But such moves are small scale, though helpful.

Quebec needs the profits from all its resources, and it needs the control over the development of those resources.

Quebec cannot afford that monetary drain of interests and profits, and cannot afford to develop its resources without some planning and social considerations (I am thinking of abolition of the "company town" or area).

Resources will run out, and Quebec needs the present profits to support its population and to rechannel into new industries, ensuring future economic stability and prosperity. Conventional secondary industries (such as GM's bus factory) are required, and Quebec could well become an economic leader if it could invest in some innovative or unusual industries.

Many people equate state control with mismanagement. But this need not be the case; civil servants are actually not genetically inferior to private entrepreneurs. The PQ could be grooming and attracting bright young executives and older experienced businessmen to its cause.

Mackenzie King did much the same thing during the Second World War, building up a fine civil service by appealing to patriotism. Of course private investors will be scared out of the country, although Levesque should welcome small- and medium-sized concerns as warmly as possible.

Economic times may be rather rough for a few years. But if Levesque is honest with the Quebecois and explains the sacrifices that must be made and the profits that could be achieved, the new nationalism of a separate Quebec will carry them through.

Is this exploiting nationalism? Yes. But Levesque is exploiting nationalism shamelessly now, pulling out all the stops to get his province to separate. If he exploits nationalism to win his province and does not bother to use nationalism to build and maintain his country, he is guilty of an unforgiveable crime of betrayal.

Drastic measures? Certainly. But isn't the secession of a province and the formation of a new country a drastic historic event? The province of Quebec has extraordinary human and natural resources, and I feel as an expatriate Montrealer that it would be an immense tragedy to misuse and betray them.

If Quebec fails as a country because of Levesque's dishonest shortsightedness, a great national and human tragedy will have taken place. Even if Quebec does not vote to separate now, the measures just advocated will make Quebec and Canada stronger and more self-sufficient.

It is unwise to consider the situation in the short term, both if Quebec secedes and if it does not, for Trudeau is thoroughly wrong when he states that failure to separate will mean the death of separatism in Quebec. Quebec must seize this opportunity to take control of its future, its future both as a province and as a country, and utilize its many resources for its own benefit.

Perhaps the example of Quebec will lead other provinces and countries to take their futures into their own hands.

Gwynneth Jones is a first-year arts student. Perspectives is open to all members of the UBC community; student, staff and faculty.

perspectives

Canada needs decentralization

By CHRIS GAINOR

To an unfortunate degree, the debate about Canada's future has been too much a choice between Confederation as it exists today and a separate Quebec, with little provision for a revamped Canadian federation.

The national unity battle is focused on the Parti Quebecois' upcoming referendum, which is also unfortunate. Defeat the referendum and defeat Levesque, goes the federalist argument, and the national unity question will die.

Even if Levesque and the PQ are eliminated, the question of a changed Canada will be merely postponed for only a few years at best.

The pressure to separate Quebec from Canada is growing within other political parties within Quebec, most notably the Quebec Liberal party. That shift within the Liberal ranks was becoming very apparent prior to the defeat of the Liberal government, and has now been stopped while the party wrestles with the PQ government.

But should the Liberals or some other party displace the PQ, one can expect them to press for more and more provincial rights, possibly to the point of the PQ's still ambiguous sovereignty-association proposal.

Other regions such as the Maritimes and the West are moving in the same direction Quebec has, although their arguments are purely economic as opposed to Quebec's cultural aspirations.

Put simply, these regions will demand more power over their own economies.

The West, the Maritimes and Quebec are unhappy with the economic control exercised from within Ontario and with the growing power of the federal government.

The West was annexed by Canada to provide a resource base and market for the industrial areas of southern Ontario. Western Canada has largely been an area for primary industry, while all industrial plums land within the Golden Triangle.

The federal government's strongarming of Alberta over oil development, its location of the large Petrosar petrochemical plant in Sarnia, Ont., and the resulting 'let the eastern bastards freeze in the dark' campaign illustrates well the growing bitterness in western Canada against the Toronto-Ottawa axis.

The Supreme Court's recent decision against Saskatchewan's oil royalties is the latest step in the escalating battle between the federal government and the outlying regions.

Since Confederation, the history of the Maritimes has been one industry after another being bought out and moving to Toronto. The Maritimes were economically prosperous before Confederation, but since then, Ontario interests aided by the federal government have crippled the economy.

Many Maritimers are coming to believe that being separated from the rest of Canada by a separate Quebec is not unthinkable, but may be in fact beneficial. At least until the next Bricklin comes along and does a hard-sell job on a gullible provincial government.

A similar process has occurred in Quebec. But there, resentment against out-of-province control has grown faster than elsewhere because of linguistic and cultural differences being ignored.

The aforementioned Supreme Court decision is the latest in a long history of deals and court decisions putting more power in Ottawa. This trend will hasten Canada's breakup.

The federal government must think of Ontario first because of its large population and also because federal elections are decided all too often in the Golden Triangle.

The push for unity is strongest in that area of course, and the loudest arguments against a new federation come from the same area. That is occurring because this area has reaped the benefits from Confederation.

What is needed is a decentralized federation. The process of giving provinces more power will involve some hard bargaining, but it will avoid the otherwise inevitable balkanization of Canada.

Then the difficult part begins — getting the barons of Bay Street to follow suit. I may have suggested that people who live in Ontario are bad, but in fact it is the directors of the large corporations who are responsible for economic concentration in southern Ontario.

To get the corporate barons to act in a responsible manner may be a bigger challenge than readjusting federal-provincial relations. But then, that brings us to some very fundamental economic questions which unfortunately have been shelved in the unity debate. It is high time these economic questions were also addressed.

Hot flashes

School offers law course

The laws affecting mental patients will be explained in a three-evening course Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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Architecture retrospective, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Friday, SUB art gallery.

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Film Martin Luther, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre lounge.

GAY PEOPLE
Discussion: Ethics of Sex with Minors, noon, SUB 211.

CVC
Sign-up for ski trip and deposit, SUB 216A.

CUSO
Information and recruitment session with national recruiters, noon, McML 166.

ISLAMIC YOUTH SOCIETY
General meeting, 12:45 p.m., SUB 115.

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SRA
Cutbacks committee, noon, SUB 230.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
David Adeney speaks on China Yesterday and Today, 11:30 p.m., Angus 110.

AMNESTY UBC
General meeting with representatives of AI Vancouver, noon, SUB 212A.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Lesbian-feminist workshop, 7 p.m., SUB 130.
Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

PRE-VET CLUB
Veterinary medicine films from Western College, noon, McML R158.

STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION SOCIETY
Club meeting, noon, Buto 910.

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Conference on equality of educational opportunity, 1 to 9:30 p.m., Scarfe.

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GSA
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Informal discussion on the Baha'i faith, noon, SUB 115.

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Wine and cheese party, 4 to 6 p.m., RUS lounge.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS
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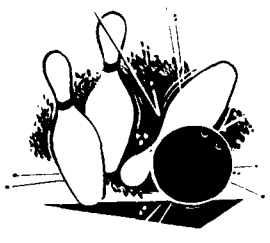

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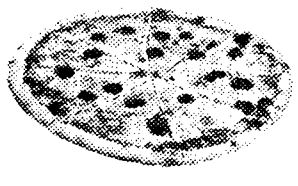

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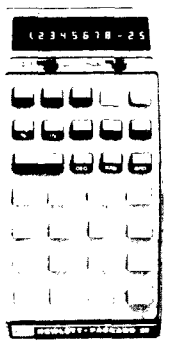

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Letters

Commerce midweek exams drive students marks-crazy

I would like to reflect upon the nature of the faculty of commerce and business administration. I believe that the exterior of this faculty belies its true nature.

We have a wonderful new building filled with reclining swivel chairs, amphitheatre-like lecture rooms and two tastefully furnished common lounges on each floor. However, the mentality of the faculty and students does not warrant these plus surroundings. There is something rotten within this building.

Essentially, we have a marks-crazy faculty. In commerce, mid-term no longer applies to a major mid-semester examination, but to ridiculous mid-weekly common examinations.

These common examinations are supposedly designed to equalize instructor variation. Basically, they imply that instructors' judgments are inaccurate and cannot be trusted. Other faculties are not so attuned toward their teaching staff, and thus do not subject their students to these absurd lunch-hour examinations.

In addition, common examinations create immense scheduling problems. Lunch hours, Thursday in particular, are arbitrarily designated for these examinations. This practice not only contravenes university regulations, but also demonstrates a lack of consideration for students. Christmas and Easter examinations are specifically tailored to account for inter-instructor variation and scheduling difficulties. These are intended to be the only common examinations of the year.

The normal distribution plays a crucial role in the faculty of commerce. Instructors have to be well versed in statistical normalizing techniques, as 15 per cent of the students must fail.

An excellent example of this practice is last October's marketing (commerce 261) mid-term examination, where papers were remarked because the original marks were too high. One paper dropped from a first-class mark to approximately 30 per cent. It appears, then, that the faculty is disdainful of true student capabilities and is simply interested in spewing out normalized graduation statistics.

Commerce students are an interesting phenomenon. They sport fluorescent blue sweaters, Samsonite executive-style briefcases, and have a terrific short-term memorizing ability. Some have never had to attempt the intellectual rigors of signing out and reading a library book for a commerce course. But on the whole, commerce students are excellent at writing definition-based examinations, and will meekly accept faculty abuse in order to secure a reasonable mark.

The faculty of commerce and business administration is not an institute for higher education.

Commerce does not deserve to be on a university campus, and should be relegated to the mickey-mouse atmosphere of a community or technical college. Let us, as students, reverse this sinking trend and take actions to effect a more education- rather than marks-oriented faculty.

Ravi R. Hira
commerce 2

Unloaded

In response to Joseph Roberts' perspective on the disposal of highly radioactive nuclear waste (Jan. 13), I ask: does Roberts suggest that the waste not be permanently disposed of?

Roberts sarcastically remarks that the Canadian government "could select some naive locality to unload their crap." Yet it is clear that the "crap" must be unloaded somewhere.

The issue of whether we wanted in the first place the nuclear industry which produces these wastes is completely irrelevant. The waste exists, it must be disposed of, and we accomplish nothing by wringing our hands and muttering about how ugly the crap is.

I applaud the Canadian government's invitation of briefs from the public concerning the management of nuclear wastes. What is ridiculous, as pointed out by Roberts, is that the deadline for submission of briefs is only 14 days after the first public notice was published.

Time is indeed running out. What is urgently required is rational discussion of how best to dispose of this waste; that the waste must and will be disposed of is beyond doubt.

Time is of the essence, but at this late stage do we have time for Roberts' emotional frothing at the mouth?

Alan Carruthers
graduate studies

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