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No more input on park lease

By GEOF WHEELWRIGHT

It now appears the lease agreement for UBC's research park will be completed while students are off campus and unable to comment on it.

UBC president Doug Kenny released a statement yesterday announcing that the university will consider a Discovery Park Inc. lease proposal at the end of this month. And Discovery Park Inc. spokesman Don Larsen said yesterday he hopes to have that lease signed by September.

Student research park committee chair Marty Lund said discussion of the lease will occur during summer when students are off campus. "They know they're doing it while students are away. We'll probably come back in September and it (the lease) will be signed and there will be no chance for input at all."

But he said members of the Alma Mater Society committee will work with local residents during the spring and summer on a joint steering committee that will sponsor a research park symposium in May.

In his statement Kenny invited further public comment on the park.

But administration officials said yesterday the public will never see the lease proposal to comment on it. UBC spokesman Al Hunter said the university is not expected to release the proposal because it dislikes "negotiating in the media."

Administration vice-president Chuck Connaghan agreed. But he added if the proposal is utterly unacceptable to the university it might be made public.

Point Grey resident Tom Shandel said the university's attitude is hypocritical and ignorant. "They pay lip service to public democracy, but they have no experience with democratic accountability," he said.

"How the hell is the public going to hear about it? There's a blanket of ignorance between the university and the public."

Lund said the university's claim to approve more public input is a ploy to reduce public pressure. "It's a defensive reaction. It's only when they get pressure put on them they act like this."

He said although past protests to the administration and board of governors have been ineffective, the public should not necessarily give up writing letters of concern. "I don't want to discourage people from writing to the board," he said. "I hope they will express their views."

Lund said it is difficult for the public to respond to the park proposals because the university has released little information about it. But Discovery Parks Inc. spokesman Don Larsen said the university has given the public enough information.

"I think the president has already stated his position publicly," said Larsen.

But he agreed it was important the public understand the Discovery Park plan. "I think if people would try to understand, they would know there aren't any bogeymen around."

— glen sanford photo

SOLE REMAINING RELIC from two decades ago lays mellow trip on student from eighties outside aquatic centre. Hippy canine and similar sidekick spend most lunch hours grooving on cosmos in lobby of pool while owner practises dog paddle inside. Shaggy dog is only known mammal on campus capable of remembering what it was like before disco.

Ont. students protest tuition fee increases

Canadian University Press

Class boycotts and occupation of a president's office are the battle strategies of Eastern Canada university students in their war against tuition fee hikes.

At Toronto's York University, students have entered their third day of occupation of the president's office; they have made no plans to leave the office and are taking the occupation day by day, protestor Cecilia Singh said in a telephone interview.

And at the University of Ottawa, students have been boycotting classes, armed with walkie-talkies to maintain instant communication between campus protestors. Some students picketed outside major classroom buildings; others entered classrooms in progress to urge students to join the boycott.

One student observer said she estimated the majority of students have participated in the boycott.

At the York protest, Singh said students' main goal now is to have the university cancel classes for the March 27 rally against tuition fee increases at the Ontario legislature.

The administration has made no move yet to throw the students out, she said, but security guards are present at all times. Messages of support have been coming into the office, she said, while protestors keep busy studying and playing chess.

First year arts student Dave St. Jean said about 45 people entered administration president Ian MacDonald's office Monday. After talking to the students for more

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UBC might lose on estate sale

By PETER MENYASZ

UBC's tentative steps into the world of high-finance real estate might result in some scorched toes.

Debate over the proposed sale of the university's West Vancouver holdings entered a new dimension Wednesday with charges that the university might be getting a raw deal.

University spokesman Al Hunter said UBC commissioned a professional appraisal of the Rockwoods Estate, willed to the university by Maj.-Gen. Victor Odium, last year. "The thing was assessed last November for $900,000," Hunter said. "The Cressey offer, I think, is $1.1 million."

Cressey Developments Corp. is the developer that is currently asking West Vancouver council to approve a plan to subdivide the estate into 19 single-family lots.

But West Vancouver realtors are saying the money the university will get from the property's sale is far from its actual value. Lots similar in size and location to the 19 lots the estate's subdivision would create have sold recently for as much as $600,000 each.

Residents living on the estate and in the surrounding neighborhood are arguing that West Vancouver's municipal council should refuse the subdivision request. Lawyer Jonathan Baker presented a brief to the council Tuesday on behalf of a number of concerned residents.

"I've advised them (council) that if they wish to control the development they can do so," Baker said Wednesday. "They could declare it a heritage property."

Baker said more than 100 West Vancouver residents were present at the council meeting to protest the proposed development. "The comments at the council meeting were that the proposed subdivision is particularly insensitivie," he said.

The residents charged at the council meeting that sale and development of the estate does not meet conditions under which Odlum willed it to the university.

But Hunter said the university is fulfilling its obligations as outlined in the will. "The land is being sold to keep the faith with Maj.-Gen. Odlum's request when he turned it over to the university," he said.

Hunter said the bequest considered the possibility of the land's sale and outlined conditions to be met if the estate was sold. He said some money realized from the property's sale would be required to go to Union Theological College and St. Andrew's Wesley church, with the balance of the proceeds going to the university.

Hunter said the will specified the university's portion of the money should be used to "pursue studies in

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It's required reading for Life 100

By ERICA LEIREN

UBC students will no longer have to frequent sleazy hotels to get their daily dose of the Good Book.

Members of Gideons International, a non-denominational Bible society, moved their operation from hotel rooms, airports, and schools to the UBC campus yesterday.

As bleary-eyed students emerged from buses and crossed the campus Wednesday morning, they were met by enthusiastic members of the Gideons waving small, green copies of the New Testament.

According to Gideons member Jerry Haynes, the society planned to distribute 5,000 copies of the New Testament, complete with Psalms and Proverbs. "I think we've given out 2,500 copies since 8:30 this morning," said Haynes at 10:30.

Even university students, who represent one of the traditional bastions of religious skepticism, need salvation, said Gideons member Archie Neilson. "We all need salvation. If we miss out on that, we're missing out on the best in life."

Gideons members said they find UBC students receptive. "Some of them have stopped and asked questions, some just pass you by as if you weren't there, but I don't mind — they're the losers," said Neilson.

And they said some UBC students are more pious than their usual guilt-ridden appearances let on. "It's amazing how many students have their own Bibles. One fellow even had his own pocket edition with him," said Haynes. "Another guy said he was a practising atheist, whatever that is."

Student reaction to the influx of Bible thumpers is mixed.

"I don't agree with that kind of thing," said arts student Ruth Andematt. "I don't think they should approach you and peddle them (the Bibles). Besides, I've already got one."

Arts student Kirsty Farquharson said she accepted a copy. "I'm going to read it," she said. "It's compact, pocket-sized, and it tells you the ten things you can't do wrong (ten commandments) right on the first page for easy reference."

Development proposals

Arts centre plan 'selfish act'

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the fields of fine arts, letters and world affairs."

He said the university plans to use any money realized from the sale to build a fine arts gallery as part of the Norman MacKenzie Centre for Fine Arts, thus complying with the will's provisions.

In a letter to The Ubyssey Tuesday, one of the estate's residents charged that the university has betrayed Odlum's trust by selling the estate to a developer. J. Buitenhuis said in the letter that the university has done little with the property until now, and could make better use of the estate as an educational tool.

And Buitenhuis charged that using the money for a fine arts centre is a selfish act on the university's part. "One may ask what possible benefit will that create for the residents of West Vancouver and the North Shore?" the letter states. "How many of us could utilize such a centre?"

But Hunter said the proposed use of the money will be a great benefit for both students and people outside the university community. "A hell of a lot of people in the province would use a fine arts centre," he said.

The West Vancouver estate is only one of several properties the university owns in the province. Another such property willed to the university is a small mountain outside Hope that a UBC professor charged Wednesday has been neglected by the university.

"It (Thacker Mountain) was left to UBC as an ecological preserve," said associate English professor David Macaree. "There's nothing being done with it. There's people running around all over it."

Macaree said the 800-foot mountain and surrounding land are covered with four-wheel drive and mini-bike tracks and used only by a few Canadian National telecommunications repeater stations.

"It's in a pretty sorry state for a university property," he said.

Ont. plays '60s revival

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than an hour MacDonald left and has not returned, St. Jean said.

On the Ottawa campus, some students said they are upset at the protest and angry that protestors are disrupting their classes. The university's rector Roger Guindon refused a request that classes be cancelled and university unions took no stand on the protest.

University of Ottawa students will pay about $75 more in tuition fees next year as a result of a government-imposed fee hike of 7.5 per cent. The university did not levy any additional fee increase, although Ontario education minister Bette Stephenson has allowed Ontario universities to add up to 10 per cent in additional fees if they desire.

Stephenson spoke on the York campus Tuesday, while the occupation was in progress. She brought her own pie for the visit to ward off possible attackers, after being pied Tuesday at the University of Waterloo.

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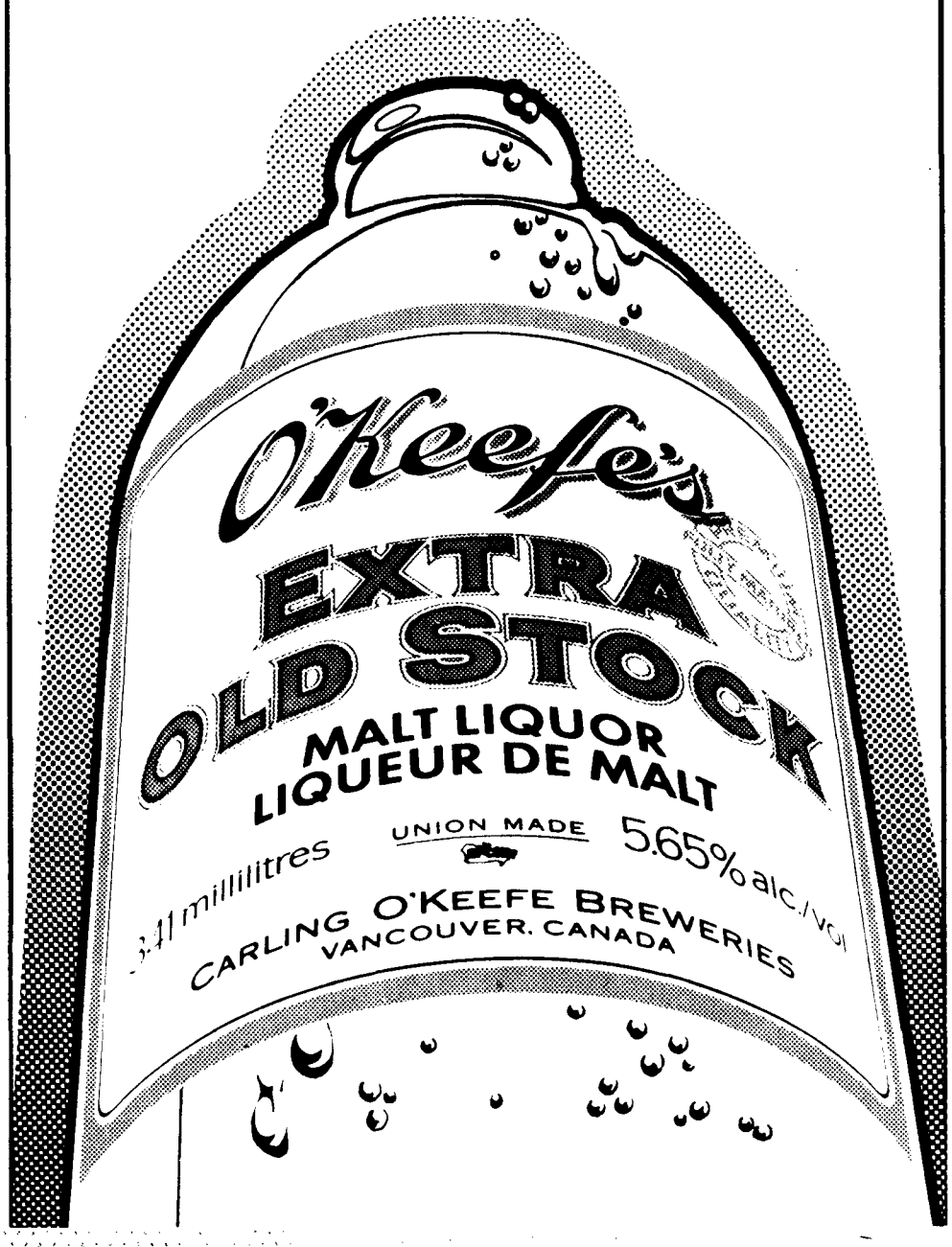

Buddy system will stop rapes

By PETER MENYASZ

UBC's engineering students gave campus security a shot in the arm Wednesday.

The engineering undergraduate society is endorsing a proposal of one of its members to institute a "buddy system" for women students who leave the campus at night.

Civil engineering graduate student Andy Chan said he drafted the proposal after hearing stories about women being raped and sexually harassed on campus. "My girlfriend told me a story about a girl that got raped," he said.

The plan is simple.

In a letter to The Ubyssey, Chan describes the plan as "inexpensive, easy to maintain, and . . . a deterrent to would-be offenders."

The system involved grouping students with similar destinations by using a schedule of departures, conspicuously posted in major traffic areas such as Sedgewick, Main, Law and Woodward libraries.

Students entering the libraries will sign up for a particular departure time to a particular destination. Other students can then arrange to be at the departure point at that time, keeping lone travelling at a minimum.

"As long as we pair them up I think it will help," Chan said.

He added the program's first tryout will be a trial run using Sedgewick library. If successful, it could be expanded to other libraries and buildings, with more undergraduate societies providing funds and bodies. "Every faculty takes care of their buildings," he said.

The buddy system has the EUS' moral and financial approval, Chan said, and added that the first-year engineers have agreed to cooperate with the plan.

"The EUS has coughed up $50 to get the thing off the ground," he said.

One side effect of the plan, he said, would be to free the campus patrol's bus that currently ferries students from the libraries to B-lot between 7 and 11 p.m. The bus would then be available on an on-call basis, Chan said.

"If you needed a ride, you could just call the campus patrol and they would send the bus," he said. "We'd use the van to pick up people in the peripheral buildings such as the armouries."

Chan said the plan's best point is its cost. He said the university administration has been reluctant in the past to install better lighting on walkways or provide tighter security service because of the cost involved.

Chan said the proposal will likely not completely solve the problem of attacks against women on campus, but will be a step in the right direction. "At least it'll make some people safer," he said.

CUTLINES ARE MADE by fools like me, but only Matt King can make a tree into page three art. Grey eminence photog visited campus recently to formally acknowledge presence of spring, and deciduous friends responded by bursting into bloom. Now, if we could just train him to do something about our essays, we'd really have something.

Senate refuses to condemn gears

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

Senate defeated a motion Wednesday night condemning the engineering undergraduate society's "distasteful" publications and their annual Lady Godiva ride.

The motion also called for supporting "efforts by the administration of the university to bring an immediate end to such activities."

Student senator Doug Watts said he could not support the motion because applied sciences dean Martin Wedepohl failed to condemn the EUS activities during engineering week. "I support the spirit of the motion . . . but I have problems supporting the motion because of events that took place during engineering week," he said.

Watts said that Wedepohl's only statement of protest against the EUS activities was his boycott of the engineer's ball, which is "one of the more positive actions of the EUS."

Convocation senator Joan Wallace said the EUS sexist and racist activities are a "human rights complaint against the university."

"You might ask why we didn't settle this issue behind the scenes," she said and added women have achieved nothing by negotiating with the EUS for the past 10 years. "Someone raised the question that this is an issue of morality. It has nothing to do with morality. It's the way women are depicted."

She added that the engineers' activities have discouraged women over the years from entering the faculty. But senator Samuel Russell, an engineering professor, said engineers' attitudes have changed over the years.

"Today they produced a newsletter which was quite good. I think there has been a lot of pressure on them lately. Too much pressure can be counter-productive," said Russell.

Arts dean Robert Will charged the motion was inappropriate and lacked direction. "I think we have to get clear what we are condemning. I thought it was the so-called sexist activities of the engineers. I'm wary of people taking it upon themselves to speak for others."

He added that some of the EUS activities are harmless and as a result, he does not report all their "mischief" to senate. "I don't think we should condemn them for everything they do, they took my door away."

Medicine dean William Webber said any motion on the issue would entail "difficulty."

"Intimidation has no place on this campus. That's an aspect of the thing one might at least try and address rather than what constitutes censorship."

Vogt cut-up foils Paper Dolls

By GLEN SANFORD

Paper Dolls don't frighten Erich Vogt, even when they start pushing him around.

"I can look after myself, but fortunately I didn't have to," said the UBC faculty and student affairs vice-president after being assaulted last Thursday by two members of the rock band Paper Dolls.

The band members were angry at Vogt because their scheduled outdoor concert arranged by the arts undergraduate society, was called off after they had set up their equipment in the Buchanan courtyard, Vogt said. Vogt had been consulted by concert organizer Bob Staley and decided to cancel the concert because it was being held too close to academic buildings, where noise levels could disturb students.

Vogt said two Paper Dolls entered his office and began pushing him around, throwing water at him. Vogt then left his office, but the two followed him across campus, yelling obscenities at him until finally he returned to his office where the RCMP and campus police removed them, he said.

"I wasn't hurt at all, but I was upset at them pushing me around," Vogt said. "They hadn't come to listen or talk reasonably, they had come to harass me. Several times when they pushed me around I pushed them back and they said I was assaulting them.

"It's mind-boggling that someone like that would be asked to come on campus. It was a very undesirable and unpleasant incident which I didn't enjoy at all."

Vogt said he does not know many rock musicians, but guessed that "they must live in another world."

AUS vice-president Bob Staley said the band had been scheduled to play between SUB and Brock Hall.

"But when they arrived they didn't like the weather and insisted upon playing under cover and began setting up in the Buchanan courtyard. We (the AUS executive) weren't too thrilled with the idea."

Staley said he then consulted Vogt and the two decided to cancel the concert due to its poor location. When the band learned of the decision they became "very abusive," he said.

Staley said two band members were so angry they decided to seek Vogt out.

The band was giving a free concert, but is owed $350 for equipment cost, according to Staley. "They're not getting their money until the administration is satisfied that the matter has been dealt with properly," he said.

Waterloo students give Stephenson pie-in-the-eye treat

WATERLOO (CUP) — Who says there is no free lunch for politicians? University of Waterloo students presented Ontario universities and college minister Bette Stephenson with their own version of a free lunch Monday — a pie in the eye.

Stephenson was barely a minute into her talk at the university when a student rushed onto the stage and pushed a cream pie into her face.

The cabinet minister wiped the pie off and continued speaking while student Sam Wagar was taken into custody by campus security. Although Stephenson said she will not press charges, police have not ruled out the possibility that Wagar will get his just desserts.

Shortly after the incident, a pamphlet was distributed through the audience of 500 depicting a tombstone engraved with the pie-splattered words "Fee Hike."

"The central committee of the Anarchist Party of Canada (Groucho Marxist), Waterloo branch, hereby declares Bette Stephenson and the government of Ontario null and void," the pamphlet stated.

Underneath the tombstone were the words "Rest in Pie."

Before Stephenson arrived, student president Neil Freeman spoke, drawing loud applause when he mentioned the possibility of a tuition fee increase strike at the university.

Later Monday the University of Waterloo student council voted to hold a strike in September.

Freeman said the fee strike will be a "confrontation act" and an "expression of dissatisfaction" with the government and the university administration.

During her question and answer session, Stephenson was told that 124 positions at the university, including those of professors, teaching assistants and support staff, had recently been eliminated.

"I am simply trying to tell you what the economic facts of life are," was Stephenson's reply.

Only in Ontario, you say? Pity.

If apathy was a fatal disease, UBC would be a ghost town.

As provincial governments cut back education funding, universities are feeling compelled to raise their tuition fees to make up the difference. UBC isn't unique — tuition fee hikes are popping up across the country like a spreading malignancy.

But while other students fight rising education costs and declining education quality, UBC's mindless hordes wander aimlessly around the campus sporting "Kick me" signs.

While serious students in Ontario stage occupations of university presidents' offices and boycott classes, UBC's educated masses turn out in droves to see a naked woman paraded by a crowd of sexist idiots.

York University students are currently occupying the university president's office to protest tuition fee hikes. And they plan to push the university to cancel classes March 27 to allow York students to attend an anti-fee hike rally at the Ontario legislature.

Students at Sudbury's Laurentian University occupied administration president Henry Best's office earlier this month, leaving only after Best admitted he opposed the Ontario government's fee hike proposal.

And University of Ottawa students boycotted their classes yesterday to protest fee hikes. Communicating with walkie-talkies, the well-organized protesters shut down most classes. They are also planning a fee hike boycott for next fall.

Meanwhile, UBC's smug student population sits back on its fat haunches, caring little that increased tuition fees might prevent low-income students from attending the university. And Al Soltis, the Alma Mater Society's external affairs officer, plans a meaningless token protest at the B.C. legislature.

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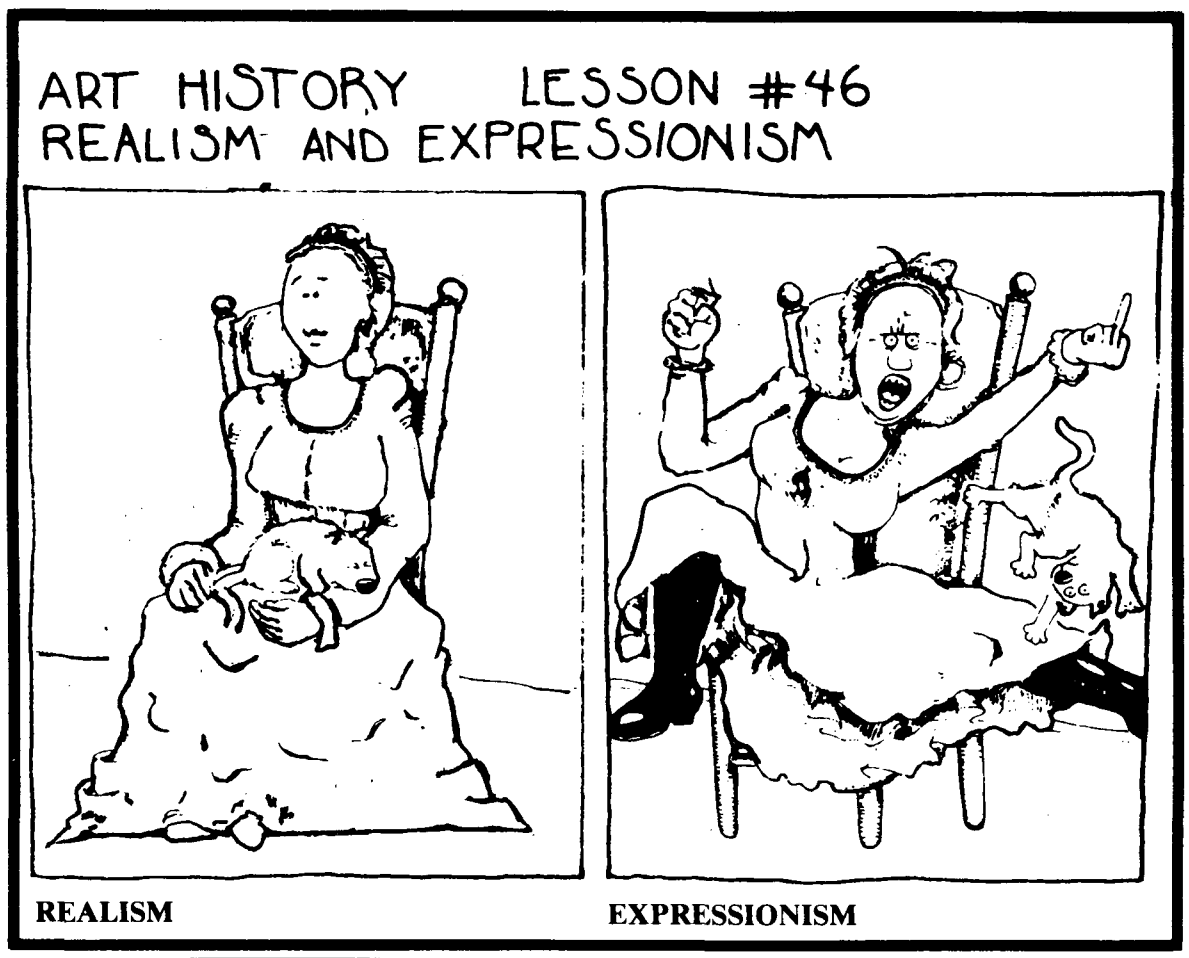

Letters

TAs — a vote for a union is a vote for yourselves

As a teaching assistant until recently, I would like to reply to the concerns expressed by two TAs in Tuesday's Ubyssey regarding TA unionization.

Both writers made the claim that the amount of money available for TA salaries is limited and that pressure from the union to reduce the gross wage disparities between departments could therefore result in wage cuts, or cuts in the number of TAs hired.

TAs should realize, however, that a large majority of the work force on this campus is already protected by collective agreements with the employer.

One of the last large groups remaining with no protection at all, however, is TAs. So if the employer is caught in a budget squeeze and is tempted to make cutbacks, who do you think is going to get cut? TAs, that's who — unless they vote for the same protection the other employees have: the protection of a strong union and a good collective agreement.

One of the writers was concerned also about the disadvantages of going on strike. Of course a strike would be hard for us to bear. It would be hard for the employer as well, and hard for the students. Obviously, no one wants a strike. Fortunately, if job action becomes necessary, there are less drastic options available. Work-to-rule, for example, would accomplish wonders in some departments. In any case, before strike action can legally be taken, it must be approved by a majority vote of the entire bargaining unit. Since all TAs would be fully aware of the inconveniences of going on strike, such approval would not be lightly given. Moreover, the union leadership would probably be foolish to call a strike unless support for it was substantially more than a bare majority.

That's not to say that a strike couldn't happen. If it ever does, the Canadian Union of Public Employees is able to provide strike pay at the rate of $50 a week, which would ease the hardship considerably. The employer knows this, and is therefore that much less likely to force us into a strike situation.

The other university employees who have given themselves the strength and protection of a union have seen their wages and working conditions improve as a result, and we TAs deserve these benefits too. Today and tomorrow, TAs, tutors and markers should vote yes for the union — a vote for our union is a vote for ourselves!

Glen Porter
graduate studies

Our CUPE runneth over

During my term last year as president of the association of teaching assistants, which was not a union, it became apparent that a stronger type of organization was necessary to advance TAs' interests. Although the ATA was able to accomplish some things on behalf of TAs, we were totally frustrated by the administration on all of the most important issues — keeping salaries ahead of inflation, job security, hiring and firing procedures, hours of work and working conditions, to mention a few. The administration's intransigence reached a low point when they refused even to talk to an ATA-appointed delegation.

If the certification vote is successful, the administration will be likely bound to bargain with the union, and TAs will have a stronger organization, backed up by the financial and organizational strength of the Canadian Union of Public Employees. I urge all TAs to vote in favor of unionization.

David Fuller

Entire community must accept role as leader in rape and assault prevention

On Sunday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. a man with a blue nylon stocking mask over his face attempted to attack a woman student from UBC. The attempted attack occurred as she was walking on 12th Avenue near Sasamat. She managed to escape by thrusting her umbrella into his stomach and screaming for help.

As a coalition concerned with the safety of members of the university community, we think it is important that incidents such as this are reported and the public is made aware of them. Awareness of such incidents will alert women to the possibility of attack and prompt them to take preventive measures to avoid dangerous situations.

The measures we suggest women take to avoid incidents of assault and rape include the following:

a) if you have a choice, don't walk alone at night;

b) avoid dark areas and isolated places (e.g. back lanes) at night. If necessary, walk in the middle of the street at night to avoid concealed areas;

c) be alert; look around you and be aware of who else is on the street; make it difficult for anyone to take you by surprise; and,

d) if you think someone is following you by foot or car, turn right around and check. Confronting someone squarely is more effective than a furtive glance over the shoulder. You can also head for a more lighted or populated area, or you can run and scream. (Yelling FIRE will probably get more attention than yelling help.)

The responsibility for safety rests not only on potential victims of rape and assault, it rests upon the community as a whole. IF YOU HEAR SOMEONE SCREAM, PLEASE INVESTIGATE. It could prevent an assault. (That's what helped in this incident.)

Coalition for a Safe Campus

Why does Davis do what he does?

Four of the Gage lowrise residents met with Mr. Michael Davis, director of student housing on Tuesday, March 4. The meeting was scheduled for 9 a.m. at his office, but Mr. Davis did not emerge from his office until 9:10. He gave an inadequate excuse for his lateness. It is assumed that he had actually used his bureaucratic position in order to pull a power play on the waiting residents.

The purpose of the meeting was for the residents to ask a number of specific questions pertaining to the Gage lowrise controversy. Many of these questions had been asked before, but Mr. Davis had given no answers. The following are a few of the questions and Mr. Davis' answers (or lack of answers):

Q. Why is the lowrise advertised separately and as a single student residence? Why are you solely concerned about displacing 15 married couples? (There are 74 single students who will be displaced also.)

A. The lowrise is advertised separately this year as Mr. Davis does not yet know the policy concerning it. He has not yet had green light to proceed with his Gage hotel scheme, so he has slowed down the process as an inconvenience to the students, who he says will be informed on the situation in June. The residents in turn ask Mr. Davis what was the original purpose of the lowrise? How was it advertised the first year? And how long has it been advertised as a single student residence? Mr. Davis stated that the priorities over the lowrise residents were his unpaid mortgage and the dormitory residences. In turn, the lowrise residents asked Mr. Davis why, if there is a decrease in first- and second-year students who are straight from high school and an increase in local students, is he putting money into a project which will benefit the decreasing younger student population when there is already a viable increase in older students who are returning to study? Mr. Davis was very hard pressed to answer.

Q. Is CMHC (the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) aware that the lowrise is being used as a convention centre in the summer and that students are forced to move out in order to accommodate conventioners?

A. Mr. Davis stated that CMHC was aware of the summer use of the lowrise. The residents ask if it is right to use a university student residence as a convention centre?

Q. What is the occupancy rate of the lowrise during the summer when it is being used as a convention centre? We request the occupancy rates over the last five years.

A. Mr. Davis flatly refused to give any information on summer occupancy rates. His reasoning was that divulging such information would hurt his competitive edge on the conference market. He says that the lowrise as a conference centre will continue to grow because of viable block booking.

Susan Enns

P.S. At present, Mr. Davis is in Japan recruiting conventioners.

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In the beginning was the word, and the word was "Well, fuck", at least according to Heather Conn. And then Peter Menyasz created copy where there was none, and he saw that it was good. And the next day Tom Hawthorn moved heaven and earth, burying them on page two under a Pango. And the staff saw that it was good. And the next day Geof Wheelwright created man and woman, and he saw it would be good as soon as they learned to write a lede. And the next day Glen Sanford took a rib from the side of man, and created a whole new field in medicine called orthopedics that caused massive employment and allowed Earl Campbell to play again. And he saw that it was good, although possibly not good enough to replace Phil Parkes. And the next day Erica Leiren showed up to write a story, foreshadowing the schmaltzy story of the prodigal son. Errant father Gary Brookfield, who hadn't read the good book although they were being handed out all over campus and therefore didn't know the script, told her to go play in the traffic. Matt King sat in the corner, playing the part of the father. And on the seventh day, Kevin Finnegan rested.

Letters

'Bible was not transcribed from celestial dictaphone'

Various recent authors seem to have missed George Hermanson's point about the Bible as a reflection of a particular anthropology. What Rev. Hermanson was saying, I believe, was simply that the context in which scripture was written is important. As Rev. Ellen Barrett so aptly put it during her recent visit, the writing of the Bible was not simply the transcription of what individual writers received from a "celestial dictaphone." The mortal humans who were responsible for composing most of the content of the Bible were exceptional in many ways, but were ordinary people in one respect: they were limited by their own perceptions.

To be a Christian one must believe there is divine inspiration throughout the Bible; yet even a divinely-inspired author does not completely transcend himself. Divine inspiration does not increase our factual knowledge of the world around us, but rather increases our spiritual understanding. There are no scientific revelations in the Bible, only spiritual revelations.

Levitical laws against pork and other foods, for example, can be seen as a divinely-inspired response to a problem perceived by the human author of those laws. It must have become clear to the author (term used loosely, since the laws were part of a spoken tradition) that foods known to cause illness should be banned. We no longer take those bans seriously, however, because we know that contaminants, not the foods themselves, are the harmful agents.

Divine inspiration may have caused the prohibitions to be included in the Bible, but human perception caused them to be expressed in a form which now, on the surface, appears ridiculous.

Many Christians would grant that the above is true, but still cling to an unspoken belief that sexuality, unlike food, was always perfectly understood by Biblical writers. Thus we find that many people who pay no heed to the culinary ordinances of the Levitical code still vigorously uphold the value of its sexual ordinances. Or feel that the sexual ordinances are reaffirmed later in the New Testament, not recognizing that the New Testament also has cultural context.

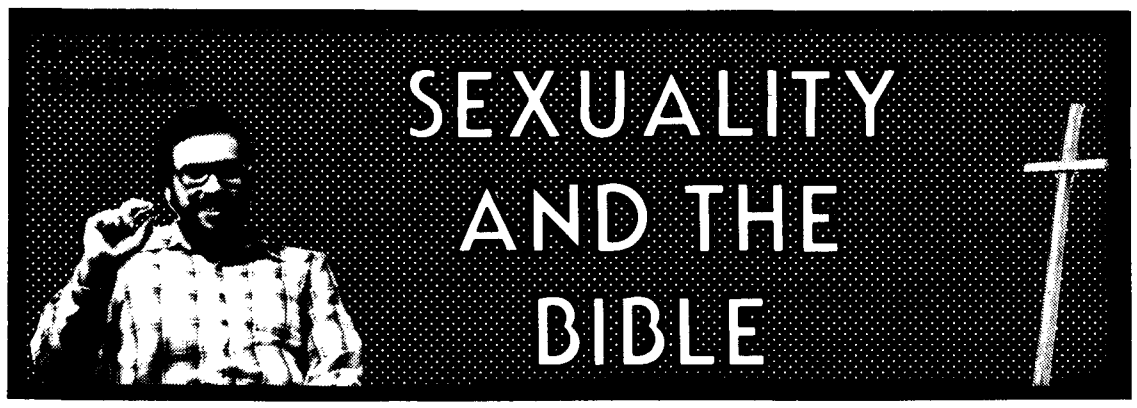
As long as homosexual acts were perceived by Biblical writers as acts of heresy (Levitical code), sexual exploitation (i.e., "Lust"), or self-destructive rebellion against human nature, condemnations were found to follow. Now that we know that homosexual orientation is a part of human nature and can, like heterosexual orientation, be directed to and fulfilled in loving sexual acts and in loving relationships, we have no reason to take the condemnations literally.

Such re-evaluation of the Bible does not cause it to lose any of its meaning. On the contrary, the spirit of what is written there is manifestly clear and timeless, and even the letter of the law is perfectly valid as long as it is understood within its own cultural context.

There is no possibility that we will readjust our position until we are condoning murder, exploitation, or theft. No new knowledge will ever show us that these, or numerous others like them, can be loving acts.

We are not free to arbitrarily change the guidelines we have been given, but we can extend them to new situations. If we do not share Mike Skinner's (Perspectives, March 14) belief that nothing new can be learned about human conduct, we are bound to recognize that increased understanding has made it necessary for the Christian attitude toward homosexuality to be re-examined. It is clear Rev. Hermanson has done just such a re-examination; let the results not be misinterpreted as ignorance, trendiness or a misrepresentation of the Christian faith.

R. C. Summerbell
graduate studies



'But that's not the Bible I believe in'

Charles Venhuizen's March 18 Perspectives column was one of the most ludicrous things I have ever read. He tried to refute "on Biblical grounds the thesis that homosexuality is normal and not immoral."

He then goes on with the silliest set of contradictions I have read on the subject in several years. Even Anita Bryant is consistent within her literalist faith.

Who is this person and which authority does he represent? The Bible that I believe in talks about things like, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23.) A few pages later, the Bible says that Christ died *because* we are sinners. Venhuizen sets up the heterosexual lifestyle as the one which a "righteous person" would lead. And Romans 5:6 reveals the contradiction Venhuizen has set up for himself: "While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one would *hardly* die for a righteous man — though perhaps for a good man one would dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

The Bible I believe in puts away the myth that there are normal or abnormal behaviors, because *all* behaviors are fallen. Venhuizen's problem is that he first assumes that homosexuality has no place in God's creation, and then uses the Bible in a very confused way to "prove" his refutation.

"Righteousness" belongs to God. "Value" belongs to every individual and corporate entity in God's creation. The challenge that the Bible presents us with (and Venhuizen seems to overlook) is to develop an ethic for moral behavior. No matter how worn out, heterosexuals have developed this ethic into something called marriage. Homosexuals are challenged to develop an ethic where relationships can flourish. Perhaps there is one, but I wish that it would "come out of the closet" so that types like Charles Venhuizen wouldn't have ammunition to level so-called Biblical attacks at a portion of God's creation.

Stuart Lyster
Vancouver School of Theology student

'Anti-gay is describing own sexuality, not making statement about nature'

It's somewhat sad when someone such as Charles Venhuizen claims to know what is in God's mind, and then uses that "knowledge" to describe homosexuality as abominable. He has no scriptural basis whatsoever for such a claim: the Holiness Code in Leviticus is not susceptible to his differentiation between cleanliness rules and those of sexual conduct (the Hebrew word to'ebah, generally translated as "abomination," actually refers to idol-worship, making it clear that some sort of temple prostitution is what is being prohibited); the alleged condemnations of homosexuals which appear in the Epistles again, in the original Greek, refer to idolatrous practices.

Mr. Venhuizen's arguments are based upon statements about human nature — homosexuality is a manifestation of rebellion against God; the basis of sex is procreation; and "the physical shapes of the organs and the corresponding functions of the two sexes scream out against homosexual practice." There is no basis given for these statements, and, in any case, arguments founded on alleged human nature are extremely treacherous. Human nature has been used to justify slavery, murder, and greed: it is fatally easy to mistake cultural norms for absolute ones. The fact that it is not in Mr. Venhuizen's nature to seek affection and intimacy with those of his own gender is not a statement about human nature, but a description of his own sexuality.

The claim that if a majority of people became gay then the family would die is totally specious: there is no chance whatsoever of such an event happening. It is exactly analogous to an argument against democracy based upon the possibility of electing a government with which one doesn't agree.

The most frightening part of Mr. Venhuizen's argument, however, is the conclusion that "the only rights we have are those given to us by God, and a homosexual lifestyle is clearly not one of them." One must suppose, then, that a theocracy is advocated, in which only those living a life committed to God enjoy civil rights. The rub comes when we have to decide who gets to determine Godliness. (As a Jew, I suppose I'm doubly condemned to eternal hellfire.)

It would be well for Mr. Venhuizen and those of his ilk to read all of the Bible, including the Book of Ruth and the parable of the man fallen among thieves (Luke 10:30-37). If one believes every word in the Bible, why not start off with, "Judge not, lest ye be judged?"

Vince Manis
computer science

Stop spilling righteous ink on other people

Today I read yet another Christian interpretation in your paper of what God and the Bible have to say about homosexuality, and I can no longer hold my peace. It would be futile to even attempt to analyze particular arguments in this body of Righteous Learning, for I find most of them quite unimpressive. I am surprised that the writers of these letters and you haven't had your fill of these superficial debates over such serious questions as the fundamental rights of human beings.

Whether or not the consensus is that the Bible condones homosexuality, there are significant numbers of people in innumerable societies who are gay. They are not sick, they are not a menace, and they are not going to spread like Communism over the free world. Most of us will never know who "they" all are and will probably never much care. So why should we go to all the trouble of singling them out in order to deprive them of their rights, or debate whether or not they have a right to determine their own lives? Let's stop spilling Righteous ink and learn to live with one another as we all are.

C. Petievich
asian studies

Taratuta can be saved by UBC support

Meet Mikhail Taratuta. He is Russian. He is 18 years old. He is in trouble. His two crimes: (1) he is Jewish; (2) he wishes to emigrate.

Because he is Jewish, Mikhail cannot study at an accredited post-secondary institution in the Soviet Union. For this reason he has applied to emigrate. He has been refused permission to do so. Mikhail is a "refusenik." All he can do is wait, and hope.

Yet he has another dilemma. Because he is not now a student, he is eligible for conscription into the armed forces. If he is conscripted he will not be allowed to emigrate until a minimum of seven years have passed, on the grounds that he will be considered to be in possession of "military secrets." If he refuses to be inducted on these grounds, he faces a three-year term in a labor camp on the charge of draft evasion. It's a cruel choice for anyone, especially for an 18-year-old boy.

Equal rights for all Soviet citizens, regardless of nationality, color and religion are guaranteed in Article 34 of the Soviet Constitution. Article 13/2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country." Basic human rights including freedom from discrimination and freedom of movement are entrenched in the Helsinki Agreement. The Soviet Union is a signatory to both of these documents.

Mikhail is not unique. There are thousands like him in the Soviet Union. Why has he been singled out? It has been found in the past that campaigning on behalf of specific persons is much more effective in securing results than general campaigning on behalf of entire groups. It has also been found that pressure on behalf of specific persons has had beneficial spillover effects for others in the same predicament.

If you are in SUB and pass by an Amnesty table or a booth specifically set up for Mikhail Taratuta, take a moment and sign the petition. The Soviet authorities have made both internal and external commitments to the support of human rights. Their current policies are in defiance of their commitments, in violation of their own laws. Andrei Sakharov is a well-publicized victim of these illegal practices. A less publicized victim is an 18 year old named Mikhail Taratuta.

He needs your help.

Brian Field
arts 4

To hell with all but b'ball strike

I want to know when you people are going to smarten up and cover some really important stories. To hell with engineers, to hell with Godiva. Turn off the gears versus reality conflict and reject the new cold war. Who cares about revolutions or revelations?

When are we going to get some decent coverage of the important events unfolding south of the border in places like Florida and Arizona? Do we have to rely on snippits of information gleaned from the four corners of the media? When is The Ubyssey going to send a reporter to cover spring training so we will be kept abreast of the most important event to come in the summer months. To hell with Jimboy Cooter and his Moscow hang-up. Will there be a baseball strike and what's going to happen if there is one?

We all know that the one and a half Vancouver dailies carry spit all data on the big leagues. Here is your chance to do for baseball coverage what CITR does for the local FM music scene: make the pros look like hacks.

Mark V. DeFazio
baseball 203

'Tween classes

TODAY

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Lesbian drop-in, 1:30 p.m., SUB 130.
AMS CLUBS
Office and locker applications for summer 1980 accepted, all day, SUB 238.
IVCF
Special community group presentation, noon, Chem. 250.
TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Meeting, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Macmillan 278.
LSA FILM COMMITTEE
Film on the effects of an oil spill entitled Black Tide, noon, Law 101.
IYS
Lecture on the human mind by Akber Ladha, noon, SUB 215.
WOMEN STUDENTS' OFFICE
Free workshop on interview techniques, noon, Brock 223.
LAW STUDENTS' LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM
Free legal advice, noon to 2 p.m., SUB 111.
AMS ART GALLERY
General meeting, noon, SUB 230.
GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Film entitled In Black and White, noon, SUB 212.
LSM
Mary Riley speaks on Justice and Personal Lifestyle, noon, Lutheran campus centre.

FRIDAY

AMS CLUBS
Office and locker applications for summer 1980 due, all day, SUB 238.
NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTRE
Twilight retreat; reflection and prayer, 7 p.m., St. Mark's College.
UBC DEBATING SOCIETY
Last general meeting, noon, SUB 215.
LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting, noon, International House lounge.
UBC SKYDIVERS
General meeting, noon, SUB 213.
WOMEN STUDENTS' OFFICE
Panel discussion on women working in the media, noon, Buch. 2238.
AUS
Retirement Wyne and Cheese Party for K. T. Brearley, 4 to 6 p.m., Buch. lounge.
GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Planning meeting, noon, SUB 115.
Coffee house, 8 p.m., Fat Cat's, 1375 Robson St.

SUNDAY

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTRE
Hike and prayer on Mt. Seymour, phone 224-3311 for information.

TUESDAY

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Important year-end meeting, everyone please attend, noon, SUB 130.
EL CIRCULO
Planning for next year, noon, Buch. 218.
HISPANIC AND ITALIAN STUDIES
Lecture by Professor Gullon on Spanish literary theory, noon, Buch. 202.
ST. MARK'S/NEWMAN CENTRE
Farewell Grads potluck dinner, 6:15 p.m., St. Mark's College, call 224-3311.

Hot flashes

The tide is in so wake up

Yup, folks, it's another provocative film from the law students' association, which has specialized in such things this year. This one is about oil spills, it's called Black Tide, and it is showing in Law 101 today at noon.

See, if you'd get out of bed at a reasonable hour on Thursday morning instead of sleeping off the effects of Wednesday night, you could read about these things before they happen.

Remember that next week.

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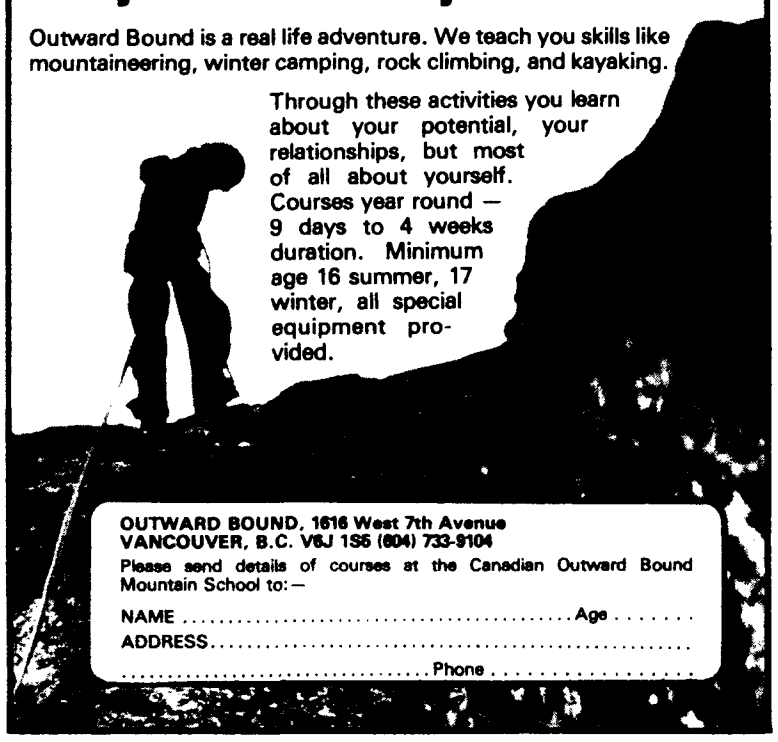

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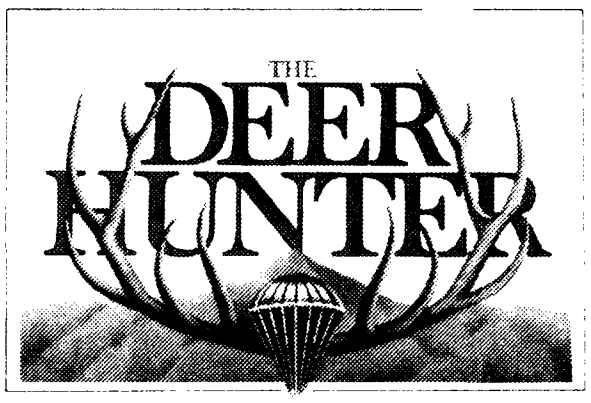

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Volker Wagner won his fourth straight race in class two to take the overall title for that division, while Conrad Pistner edged his brother Peter in both the final race and the series to take class three. Conrad turned in the fastest time of the day Sunday, but beat his brother by only five hundredths of a second. John Zwaagstra took his second consecutive victory in class four, but lost the series title to Bruce Mulchen in a stock Toyota Corolla.

On March 30 the UBC sports car club will host the Lion and Lamb slalom, which counts towards the B.C. slalom championships.

Upcoming

TODAY

Men's athletics
Big Block banquet
7:30 p.m., faculty club

FRIDAY

Women's tennis
UBC Invitational
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SATURDAY

Women's field hockey
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Men's rugby
UBC vs. Ex-Brits,
2:30 p.m., stadium

Rowing
UBC Invitational
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Women's athletics
Big Block banquet,
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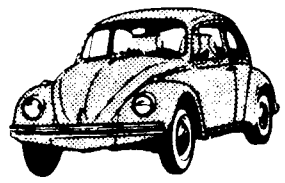

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J. PELLIZZON
Clerk of the Court

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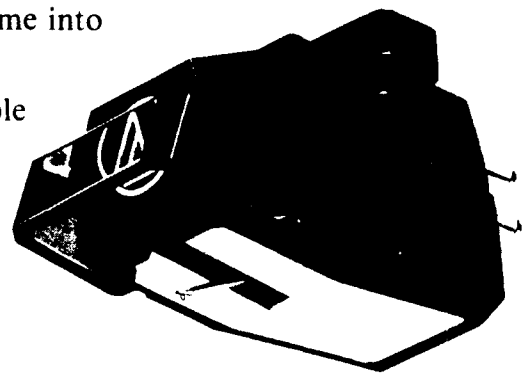

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Marie-Eve Coupal ensured herself a place in Canadian law texts when an arbitration board accepted her testimony about the "unwanted sexual advances" of professor Rudi Strickler. The Coupal case, the first successful such action in Canada, has resulted in a study of sexual harassment.

By RICK HOFFMAN
for Canadian University Press

There's one academic pursuit that students are not warned about when they enter university — sexual harassment. It happens every day, and women are usually its victims.

Biology professor Rudi Strickler was recently dismissed from the University of Ottawa because he made "unwanted sexual advances" towards one of his students. As a result, University of Guelph professor Norma Bowen has launched a province-wide study into sexual harassment on university campuses.

With the help of the Ontario Federation of Students, professor Bowen hopes to define just how widespread the problem of sexual harassment is in the academic environment and the factors that contribute to its occurrence in the classroom.

"The U of O case was the first in Canadian history to result in arbitration," said Bowen, who sat on the two-man, one-woman arbitration board that upheld, by a vote of 2 to 1, the university's decision to relieve Strickler of his duties.

Bowen said her interest in the problem of sexual harassment is a direct result of her involvement with the arbitration hearings, finding that little information on the subject actually existed.

"Much of what was said at the hearings and in counsel submissions to the board was predominately legalistic," Bowen said, adding that she felt "a responsibility to go beyond the legal mumbo-jumbo" to clearly define the parameters of the problem for the university community as a whole.

"Professors, students and administrators need to be informed about sexual harassment particularly because of the one-side coverage the issue often receives in the media," says Bowen.

"I became increasingly concerned with the possibility that the problem of sexual harassment, as well as the perception of the problem held by both the professor and student, would be lost in the subsequent dispute between the professor and the administration."

Universities do not show particular concern over a professor's personal and moral convictions, except when they use their professional position and power relationship to coerce students, she said.

Bowen says she is not suggesting there is a problem but during the testimony of 20-year-old Marie-Eve Coupal, she said she began to feel troubled there were many questions left unanswered.

Several things troubled her as a woman, a psychologist and a professor. "I began to ask myself: just how widespread is the problem and what are the factors that contribute to people's understanding of sexual harassment," she said.

In a recent Time magazine article (Feb. 4/80) entitled Fighting Lechery On Campus, San Jose State University professor Philip Jacklin, accused of sexually harassing five female students, admitted sexual contact but denied harassing students.

His lawyer, Mark Lipton, said: "His career is ruined but there were no grades involved. There was no persistance involved. There were no minors involved. There were no physical attacks."

While admitting student-faculty relationships are "very prevalent" on campus, Jacklin denied that the power of his professional position had anything to do with his students' decision to enter into a sexual relationship.

Many consider the term "sexual harassment" too vague — some say it requires threat while others feel threat is implicit as long as the power relationship exists. Bowen said the issue should be investigated fully in order to give university administrators, faculty members and students some guidance when dealing with the problem.

The first hard look at the subject came in a study released in August by three American psychologists who found that a shocking level of sexual intimacy exists between professors and their students.

In a nation-wide study, they found that some 10 per cent of respondents reported sexual contact with their educators, while 13 per cent reported entering into sexual relationships as educators with their students.

Sexual harassment has usually been stereotyped as one-sided — male professors make advances toward female students. Evidence from the American study appears to support that view.

Gender differences were shown to be significant, as 16.5 per cent of the women, compared to only 3 per cent of the men, reported sexual contact as students. However, 19 per cent of men, compared with 8 per cent of women reported such contact as educators.

Sexual harassment appears to be on the increase. At least 25 per cent of recent female graduates surveyed claimed to have had sexual contact with their instructors, compared with only 5 per cent among those who had obtained degrees more than 20 years ago.

It is surprising that Marie-Eve Coupal has been the only student in Canadian history to step forward to initiate strong action against her professor.

Probably more important, it was the first time a complaint of this nature had made its way through the university administration and action taken.

Bowen says she thinks some women in the past have seen themselves as "favored" by the professor who made sexual advances. But with a shift in societal attitudes during the past decade, precipitated by consumerism and feminism, women have reassessed their roles, no longer content to be seen as "sex objects."

Bowen says she thinks women are more willing to step forward and confront the issue. "Compared to twenty or even ten years ago, a higher proportion of female students are entering the university system, while the professoriate has remained predominately male.

As more women engage in work that requires laboratory work, and as well, reach the graduate level, they begin to work more closely with faculty members — often in a one-to-one relationship with their professors.

"This type of situation is sure to involve friendly exchanges and perhaps the potential for sexual harassment is greatly increased," she says.

"If these situations are perceived as "high risk," then surely the female student, especially the graduate student, could be seen as an endangered species. This is a very worrisome situation at a time when we are trying to maximize women's abilities in society."

With the rise of the feminist movement, women are no longer accepting harassment as preferential treatment but rather as an abuse of power," says Bowen.

Professors who attempt to solicit sexual favors are rarely explicit about reprisals if their offers are refused. Rather, the student is left wondering if her response will affect her grades.

"The question here is what are the perceptions of the student," said Bowen. "Why and how does she come to perceive sexual harassment."

Naturally, an important part of eliminating the problem is attempting to define exactly what is meant by the term sexual harassment. Once that is accomplished, Bowen says she thinks mechanisms can then be set up whereby students can discuss their problems . . . before it gets to the critical point of actual sexual contact.

One of the most tragic aspects of sexual harassment is that there is nobody a woman can approach with such a problem *before* it gets out of hand.

"There must be some impartial mechanism where students can go and talk without feeling they are simply complaining about a professor, or made to feel guilty that perhaps she has initiated sexual overtures from her professors," Bowen said, pointing to what she feels are obvious deficiencies in the present system.

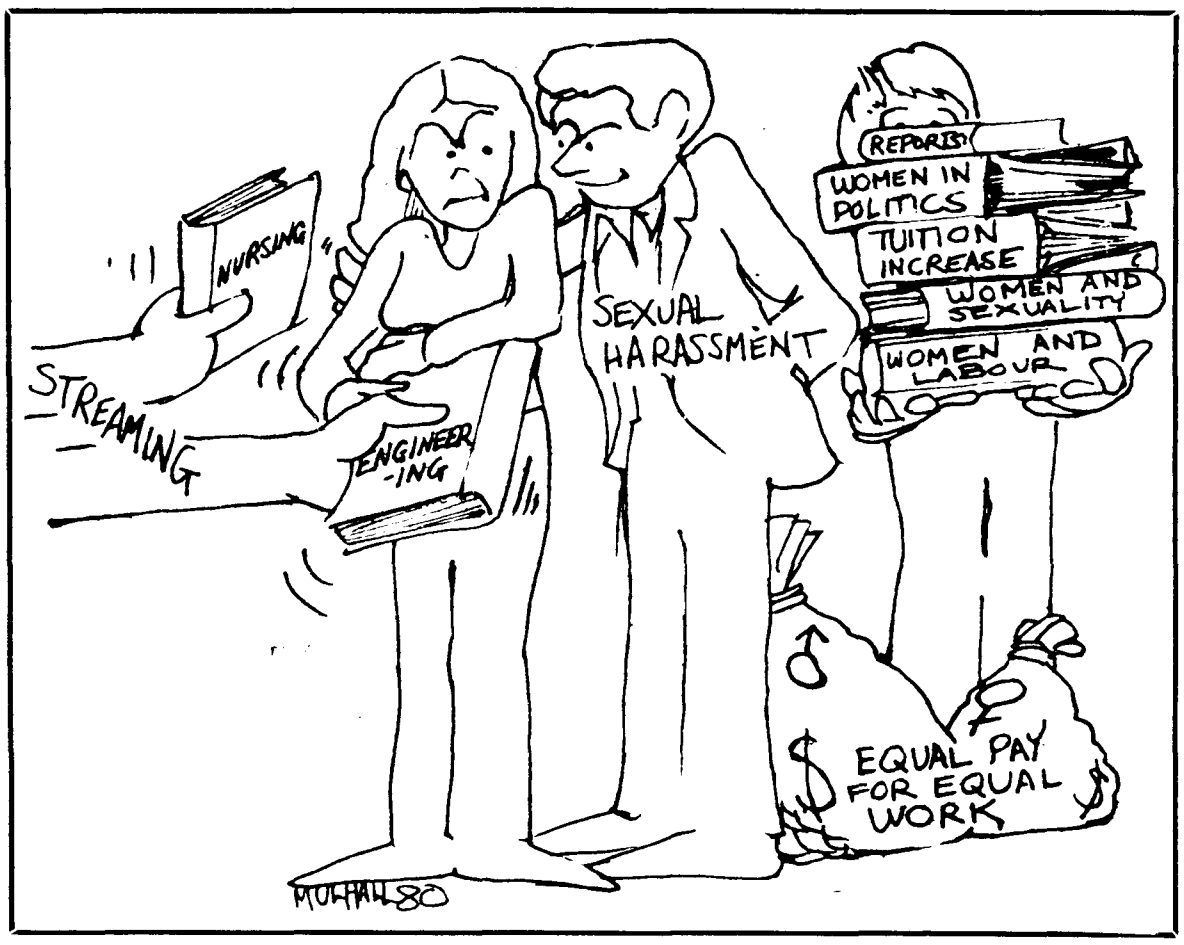
At Yale University, where one of the most publicized class-action suits was filed against a professor propositioning students, the women's undergraduate caucus has initiated a grievance committee to hear complaints of sexual harassment.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the grievance committee has been unable to cope with the overwhelming volume of complaints.

Universities have an important role to play in dealing with the problem of sexual intimidation, "in a less sensational and 'gossipy' manner than the media tends to do," says Bowen.

"If faculty members are not prepared to address the problem and deal with it head on. I am afraid that universities may well find themselves becoming like any other employment agency where the major focus is on arbitrating disputes between employer and employee, or between teacher and student.

"But universities are not employment agencies. They are places of inquiry, of academic pursuit, where professors should facilitate students' understanding of societal values and attitudes.

Bowen does not necessarily support a *cure* for the problem or expect to find one through her research. Instead she says she hopes to use the information gained in the survey to prevent problems and "deal with it before it becomes uncontrollable.

"Once people confront it, then we can go about dealing with it and get back to academics."