Canada explodes in protest

Demonstrations from the Rockies to the Atlantic

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Students in five Canadian provinces have exploded into action against education cutbacks and tuition fee increases.

In Edmonton Wednesday, about 5,000 students took to the streets, with protestors coming from the Universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge in addition to various community colleges.

And at the University of Regina, nearly 600 students interrupted a board of governors meeting Tuesday and demanded a freeze on tuition fee increases and a public stand by the board against the Saskatchewan government's education funding policies.

In Ontario, occupations of administration offices at two universities entered their third day Wednesday, while a third ended in failure when protestors realized they could not achieve their aims.

Meanwhile, student organizers in Nova Scotia and Winnipeg are continuing their planning of days of protest at their respective legislatures.

The Edmonton demonstration started shortly after noon when the demonstrators left the University of Alberta for the provincial legislature chanting, "they say cut back, we say fight back," and "why pay for less."

The march started ahead of schedule when police found they were unable to contain the students on campus any longer. The procession was estimated at about 1.5 kilometres long and filled the entire span of the High Level Bridge, the city's largest bridge.

Students from outside Edmonton had arrived earlier in a motorcade that had left Lethbridge early in the morning and which gathered support on its 560-kilometre journey.

Alberta premier Peter Lougheed met the protestors on the steps of the legislature, situated in downtown Edmonton about 1.6 kilometres from the university. Lougheed tried to explain to students tuition fee increases are necessary because the taxpayer is "hard done by."

But he was soon drowned out by cries of "bullshit, bullshit," from the angry students.

"He tried to stay away from talking about cutbacks," one student said later. "He sounds even weaker on that."

A special debate on education funding in the house was slated to follow the protest.

In Saskatchewan, the University of Regina board refused student demands for stands on tuition increases and cutbacks.

About 100 students gathered outside the board room early Tuesday, armed with placards and chanting slogans opposing a proposed 8.2 per cent tuition fee increase. About 450 more students arrived later.

After a hot debate over the issue, the board refused the students' requests and closed the meeting. After this, 125 students marched to the legislature for a rally.

Similar action has been planned for today at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon where students are faced with a proposed nine per cent fee increase.

In Ontario, students occupying University of Toronto administration president John Evans' office abandoned their struggle early Wednesday morning.

But occupier John Doherty said the students had accomplished the original intention of the occupation.

He said occupiers hoped to raise interest in an anti-cutbacks rally

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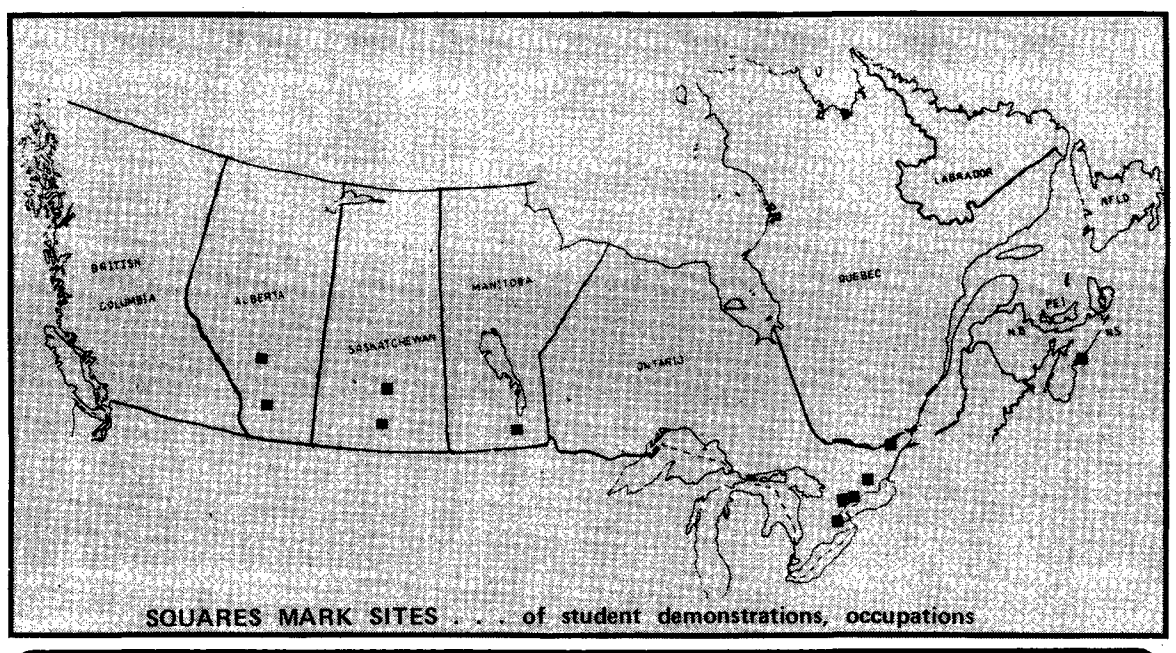

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University asks Socreds for 17.2% budget increase

By KATHY FORD

UBC is asking the provincial government for a $153 million operating budget for 1978-79, the student representative assembly learned Wednesday.

Student board of governors member Paul Sandhu told the assembly that the budget would represent a 17.19 per cent increase — or about $22 million — over last year's budget.

But Sandhu said in an interview after the assembly meeting that indications are UBC will only be permitted an eight per cent increase at most, leaving the university with an operating budget of about $140 million.

"There have been indications in various meetings of UCBC (the Universities Council of B.C., which makes recommendations about university budgets) and by various statements from (education minister Pat) McGeer and (deputy education minister) Walter Hardwick that our increase will not exceed the rate of inflation," Sandhu said.

Sandhu criticized the provincial government for forcing the university to wait until mid-April at the earliest to find out how much it will have as its operating budget.

Most of the money for B.C.'s three universities comes from an operating grant from the education ministry. Tuition fees make up most of the difference.

Students this year are paying at least 25 per cent more in tuition fees than they did last year.

"The big deal is that they (the ministry) never give the university any idea what they (the university) are going to get so the university can't do much long-range planning," Sandhu said.

"The university should be able to plan for the future for four or five years ahead."

Sandhu told the SRA the university is at the point where it must calculate an interim budget so it can operate between now and April. He said the board will meet some time next week to discuss the budget.

The legislature will not meet until March 30. Last year the university discovered in late January it would not receive as much as it had requested.

Because of timing, it will be difficult for students to mobilize this year if they are threatened

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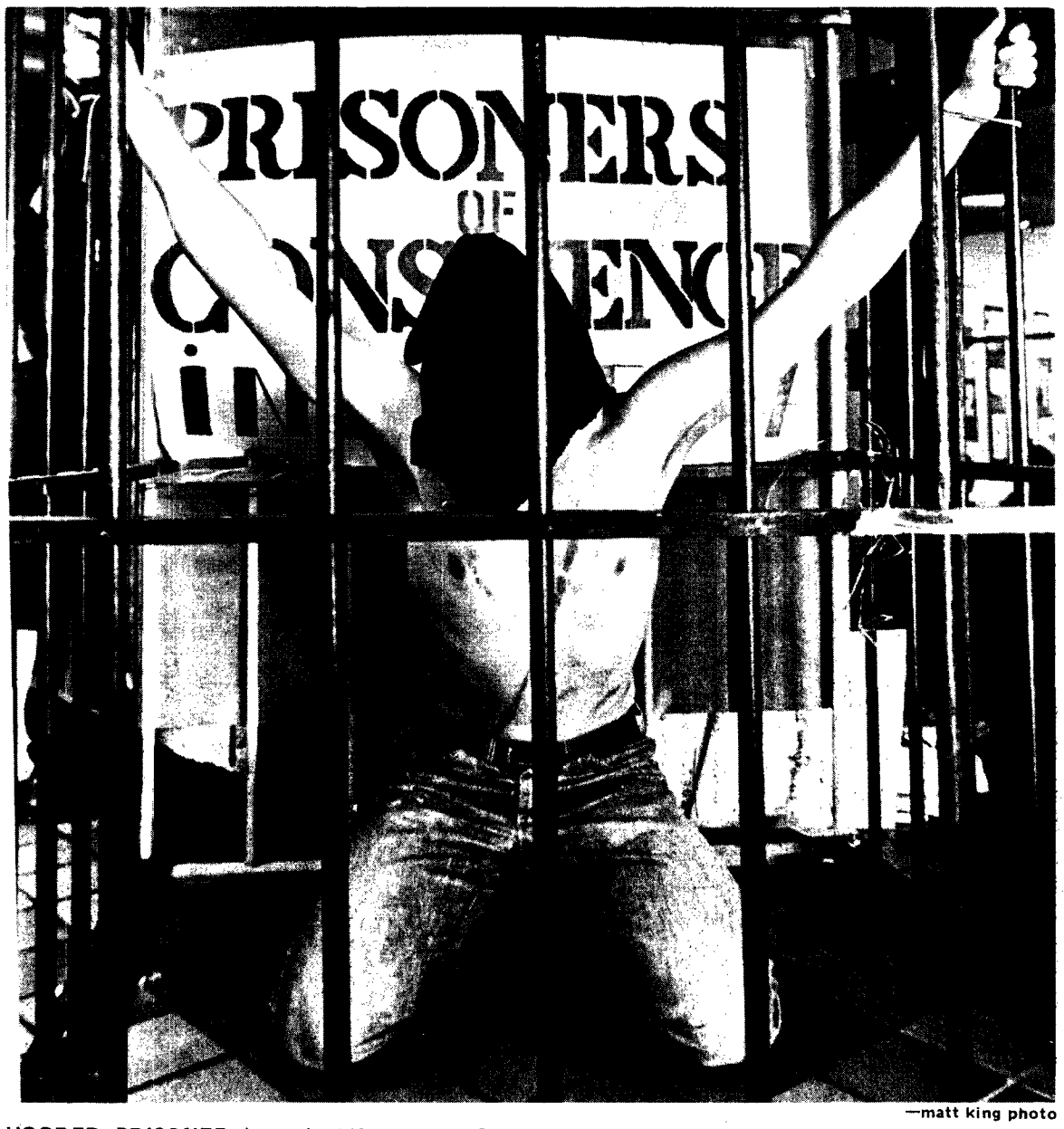

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HOODED PRISONER in makeshift cage on SUB mall Wednesday simulates oppression of Indonesian political prisoners. Demonstration is part of week-long human rights symposium presented by Amnesty UBC which concentrated on violations in Philippines and Indonesia, where hundreds of thousands of government opponents have been jailed since an aborted coup d'etat in 1965.

'Fight unemployment not foreign students'

By BILL TIELEMAN

The federal manpower and immigration department is making foreign students scapegoats for Canada's unemployment problem, UBC graduate student representatives charged Wednesday.

A decision by manpower and immigration minister Bud Cullen to implement a policy giving Canadian students preference for teaching assistant jobs is intended to distract Canadians from the real unemployment problem, said Phil Watson, external affairs officer for the graduate students' association and the association of teaching assistants.

"I think it's a political move by Cullen to distract people from the fact that he's not doing anything to improve employment," he said.

"He should get back to his job rather than making scapegoats of foreign students. It's an attempt to distract people from the real problem."

Graduate student senator Dave Smith said foreign students getting TA jobs at UBC are highly qualified and need the jobs as an integral part of their education.

Smith said the number of foreign TAs in Canada is small and that giving their jobs to Canadians would make no difference in unemployment statistics.

"Even if you threw every foreign student out of Canada there would still be more than one million Canadians unemployed," he said.

The new manpower and immigration regulations, tabled in the house of commons last week, give the department power to force universities to hire TAs through the Canada Manpower system.

TA jobs would have to be posted in manpower offices by the universities. Currently TAs are chosen by department heads after being recommended for the job by professors in the department.

Universities in B.C. have received notice that manpower and immigration intends to implement the policy, which would mean jobs would go to visa students only if no Canadians qualified for the position could be found.

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At Guelph, Ryerson

Occupations continue

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today at the Ontario legislature in Toronto.

"Last week there was a certain malaise on campus about the rally," he said. As a result of the occupation the level of activity became "really incredible," he added.

The protestors failed in their attempt to get the administration to shut down the university today for the rally.

But the administration has informed deans and directors that no students are to be penalized for attending the rally and has asked that no tests or exams be scheduled for today.

And the memo said the administration should take a "sympathetic and co-operative stance" on the issue because of the damage cutbacks will do to the quality of education and faculty salaries.

Occupations continued Wednesday at the University of Guelph and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. The occupations started Monday, as did the U of T occupation, and came in the wake of similar actions last week at Trent, Carleton and McMaster Universities. Classes will be cancelled at York, Trent and Carleton, while at McMaster the university senate said it will support the rally but refused to cancel classes.

Negotiations broke down late Wednesday at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto.

Although Ryerson and Guelph administrations have also issued a no-penalization of students guarantee, Ryerson protestors rejected this as a settlement Tuesday, saying the guarantee comes too late.

Occupiers were awaiting administration reaction to a compromise that would guarantee faculty and staff will not suffer repercussions if they attend the rally and also that classes and labs scheduled for this afternoon be rescheduled.

The students have since decided to hold firm in their demands for cancellation of classes this afternoon.

The Guelph administration has met two of the protestors' demands: that the administration protest the effect of student aid eligibility periods on the university's veterinary college and grant the occupiers immunity from penalties for occupying the offices.

The administration has not yet agreed to cancel classes today.

In Nova Scotia, tentative plans have been set for a day of activity throughout the province March 30 to protest inadequate funding to N.S. educational institutions.

Representatives from eight colleges and universities are continuing to caucus about measures that should be taken to protest poor funding. But they have delayed a final decision about the nature of the protest until they have had a chance to go before their student councils and discuss the options.

Possible actions include class boycotts and/or cancellations, rallies and demonstrations and information and discussion sessions.

Educational institutes in N.S. face funding subsidies for the 1978-79 academic year that are half the amount recommended by the regional advisory board, the Maritime provinces' higher education commission.

And at the University of Manitoba, the student council voted unanimously Tuesday night to organize a day of protest against tuition fee increases and inadequate funding of post-secondary education.

The protest will probably include a march on and rally at the legislature in Winnipeg.

Faculty association spokespersons at the university have said the association will likely join the protest. It is the largest of five faculty unions at the university.

Int'l students called 'gov't scapegoats'

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"It seems to me Cullen is saying, 'Look at the nationality first and the qualifications later,' " said Watson.

The manpower and immigration policy makes a definition by UBC of what a TA is and what qualifications are required absolutely essential, if foreign students are not to be discriminated against, Smith said.

"You need some criteria on what the qualifications are," he said. "The need for a university policy on TAs is needed now more than ever."

Watson also criticized another section of the new regulations, which would make government authorization necessary for foreign students to change their course of study or the institution they attend.

"It's serious interference for students who get into a bad academic situation," he said.

Watson said the added bureaucracy of the new regulations will discourage foreign students from coming to Canada.

The graduate student commission of the National Union of Students has sent a letter of protest to Cullen, said Watson, an executive member of the commission.

And NUS has accused Cullen of distorting the situation in introducing the regulations.

"Cullen is misleading the public about this new law when he talks about a substantial pool of visitors in Canada seeking work as the reason for restricting students' entry," says NUS executive member Stu Reid.

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VAGUELY HUMAN form in SUB art gallery kicks and pounds fists in disgust and frustration after being accidentally bronzed by over-indulgent mother long after passing baby shoe stage. Sculpture, part of education students' ceramics and hangings show, also complained to tired bum from hardness of seat.

'Gov't buildings are inacessible to the handicapped'

Public buildings like churches and federal government buildings are the most inaccessible to the handicapped, a National Research Council expert said Wednesday.

Byron Johnson told 20 people in Laserre churches in Manitoba were some of the most poorly equipped buildings, and the churches denied they had to be accessible to the public.

"They've said 'we're not a public building, we're a church.' "

Another difficulty handicapped people encounter is the revolving door, Johnson said.

"The revolving door handicaps 20 per cent of the population."

But designers are becoming more aware of the need to incorporate designs for the handicapped in their building plans. In five or 10 years, people will naturally consider providing services for the handicapped, he said.

"Shopping centre people will realize it's another part of the market to catch."

Johnson, speaking as part of UBC Handicapped Awareness Week, said one of the major difficulties encountered is the prohibitive cost of modifying existing facilities for the handicapped. The installation of elevators has been the most expensive adaptation in the past, but recent innovations in technological research have changed this, Johnson said.

He added that UBC is more accessible than most areas, because either ramps or elevators have been installed in buildings as they are needed.

But Sandra Kiep, a UBC counsellor and co-ordinator for handicapped students, said Wednesday the campus still has some important areas which are inaccessible to students.

She cited the Math building, the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre, and SUB auditorium as buildings presenting the greatest obstacles to the handicapped.

But Kiep said these and other buildings at UBC do not represent major problem because the university pre-registers handicapped students in classes with accessible rooms.

A report prepared by rehabilitation medicine students says handicapped students can overcome the difficulties of living on campus. The report says Gage student residence has total accessibility, while only two buildings besides the common block are within reach of handicapped students in Place Vanier residence.

Kiep said UBC's biggest problem is in providing a support service for the handicapped. Typing services for students who cannot use their arms, translation services for the deaf at lectures, and general monetary assistance are all high priorities, she said.

Translation services for deaf students are now being provided by the Aid to the Handicapped and Western Aid.

C'tee 'forcefully suggests' UBC closure

By HEATHER CONN

The AMS committee on unemployment is "forcefully suggesting" to UBC administration president Doug Kenny that he close the university March 30 for an unemployment rally in Victoria.

In a letter to the president, committee chairman Lorne Rogers suggested Kenny put a motion before senate to close the campus so students could attend the rally.

The rally, sponsored by the B.C. Federation of Labor, is being held to protest the high unemployment rate in B.C.

Rogers asked in the letter that Kenny attend the rally. And he said Wednesday it would be much better for the committee's campaign against unemployment if students were able to attend without missing classes.

But Rogers added that he was not expecting UBC to close.

"We don't have blind confidence in Kenny and we can't expect him to close UBC."

He said the committee did not expect Kenny to attend the rally.

Last week, students at several Ontario universities occupied administration offices to demand that campuses be closed to allow students to attend an anti-cutbacks rally today at Queen's Park in Toronto.

But in its campaign against unemployment, UBC's committee will consider taking over the administration offices only as a last resort, said Rogers.

Currently there is not enough student support at UBC to warrant an active take-over, he said.

Rogers said students participating in a takeover at UBC would be expelled while other students would not become involved.

"If we did resort to a takeover, we'd have to recruit our strongest believers. I'm not prepared to lay my academic career on the line unless there is strong student backing."

In Ontario, students strongly supported the takeovers, he said, and in each case student backing represented about half of the university population.

But Ontario universities have been faced with heavy tuition fee increases and cutbacks in recent years and as a result takeover bids receive more support than they would in B.C., said Rogers.

"Their takeovers indicate the severity of cutbacks in Ontario. They have felt the crunch harder."

In contrast, UBC's cutbacks have come in "bits and pieces," he said.

Rogers added that UBC students did not respond well to the Dec. 6 rally against cutbacks that ended in a picket by 20 people of a board of governors meeting.

If the AMS committee on unemployment receives more support at the end of this week's campaign, then it will be in favor of a student takeover, Rogers said.

"If there were 20 to 30 really pissed-off people on the committee we'd occupy the office."

Rogers said he expects a fair number of people to attend the rally and has found "pretty good reception" at the committee's booth in SUB.

The B.C. Fed has chartered 40 buses to send people to the rally and is trying to charter a ferry, said Rogers. The AMS has donated $800 to sponsor the campaign.

Court stops SFU fight on tuition fees

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B.C. supreme court justice Hugh Legg Tuesday dismissed a Simon Fraser University student's petition to erase last year's 25 per cent tuition fee increase.

Student Derek Webb had sought an injunction against the collecting and keeping of increased fees at SFU. The university's board of governors decided last April to raise the fees, and they went into effect in September.

Simon Fraser student society lawyer Stuart Rush argued the board acted improperly when it decided to raise the tuition fees because of influence from the universities council of B.C.

But justice Legg decided the council was acting within its powers as defined by the B.C. Universities Act, and said it was proper for the board to consider the information from the council when making its decision to raise fees.

Rush argued that the council had informed the board it could expect a one per cent reduction in its next budget request if the university did not raise tuition fees.

Rush said the threat created extraneous pressure on the board. Because only the board has the responsibility to alter fees, it acted illegally by submitting to the council's pressure, he said.

At a press conference following the decision, student senator Ross Powell termed the council's threat of a cutback an "ominous intervention into a public university by a government-appointed body."

But he also said the student society was pleased that the decision clarified the powers of the council and the board, and identified who was responsible for the increase in tuition fees.

Staff Bocking at new editor choice

By ANNA BANANA
Ubyssey Appointments Editor

The Ubyssey entered the new liberal age Wednesday with the announcement of Michael Arthur Bocking's election as Ubyssey editor for the 1978-79 year.

"How about a small-S socialist?" said Bocking, as shocked staff members milled around him.

Bocking, who won by a landslide, denied that the landslide was triggered by outgoing editor Chris Gainor tripping over a wastebasket in a fit of disgust.

In order to win, Bocking had to overcome his past, which included a stint as president of the UBC Young Liberals, and suggestions that he would appoint former B.C. Liberal leader David Anderson as assistant editor.

"My pride and joy, what has happened to him?" said Bocking's mother Winnifred, in an interview from her home in Rome.

"I knew we should have taken him here with us. First he left the Liberals. Then he grew a beard and now this," she cried before the line was cut.

Bocking was born 23 years ago in Winnipeg, but left town two weeks later because the climate wasn't moderate enough. He then lived in Stoney Plain, Alta., for several years, and most of the time was, well, plain stoned. He then followed his family to Vancouver and remained when his parents moved on to Italy.

In addition to his connection with the Grits, which caused him many lonely years in Alberta, Bocking was also a member of the Canadian Navy once he found a sea to float toy boats in.

Bocking is now a political science student, when he makes it to class. "The fact that he's quit the Liberals shows he's learned something," sniffed one prof.

"I can't visualize this," said younger brother Chris, who has followed Bocking into the Ubyssey staff. "I think I'll quit. It's bad enough getting mixed up with Gainor, but Mike?"

Gainor, who was last seen trying to board the next plane for Fiji, said he was "crushed" by Bocking's win. "It's the antithesis of everything I've tried to do this year."

Jim Banham, UBC information officer, former Ubyssey editor (1949-50) and well-known Bocking friend called the election a "victory for truth and beauty."

"Wait a minute, I'll have to check with Sue first," said former co-editor (1976-77) Ralph Maurer.

"He's not as pert and vivacious as I am," said Maurer's ex-tag team partner, Sue Vohanka. "What will happen to the CUP in the future?" she said in an interview from Ottawa.

Former editor Gary Coull (1975-76), when reached in Hong Kong, called Bocking "almost my philosophical descendant, but the wrong man won."

Lesley Krueger, 1974-76 editor, decried "the loss of revolutionary consciousness within The Ubyssey."

Pink eminence Vaughn Palmer, 1973-74 co-editor, said: "I like the idea of Bocking as editor. Mind you, I'd like anything."

"Bocking? Who's he?" asked Palmer's better half, Mike Sasges.

Former co-editor Jan O'Brien (1972-73) was unavailable for comment.

Bocking, emerging from a pile of discarded sunflower seeds, his hair freshly cut for job hunting, said he was awed to be following in such large footsteps. He has not been seen since he fell into the footsteps.

Bocking's opponent, Bill Tieleman, and his almost opponent, John Russell, were unavailable for comment.

BOCKING . . . small-S soporific

Why UBC sleeps

An overview of the university scene in Canada today would indicate that the 1960s have returned, although at UBC it's clear that the somnolent 1970s still hold sway.

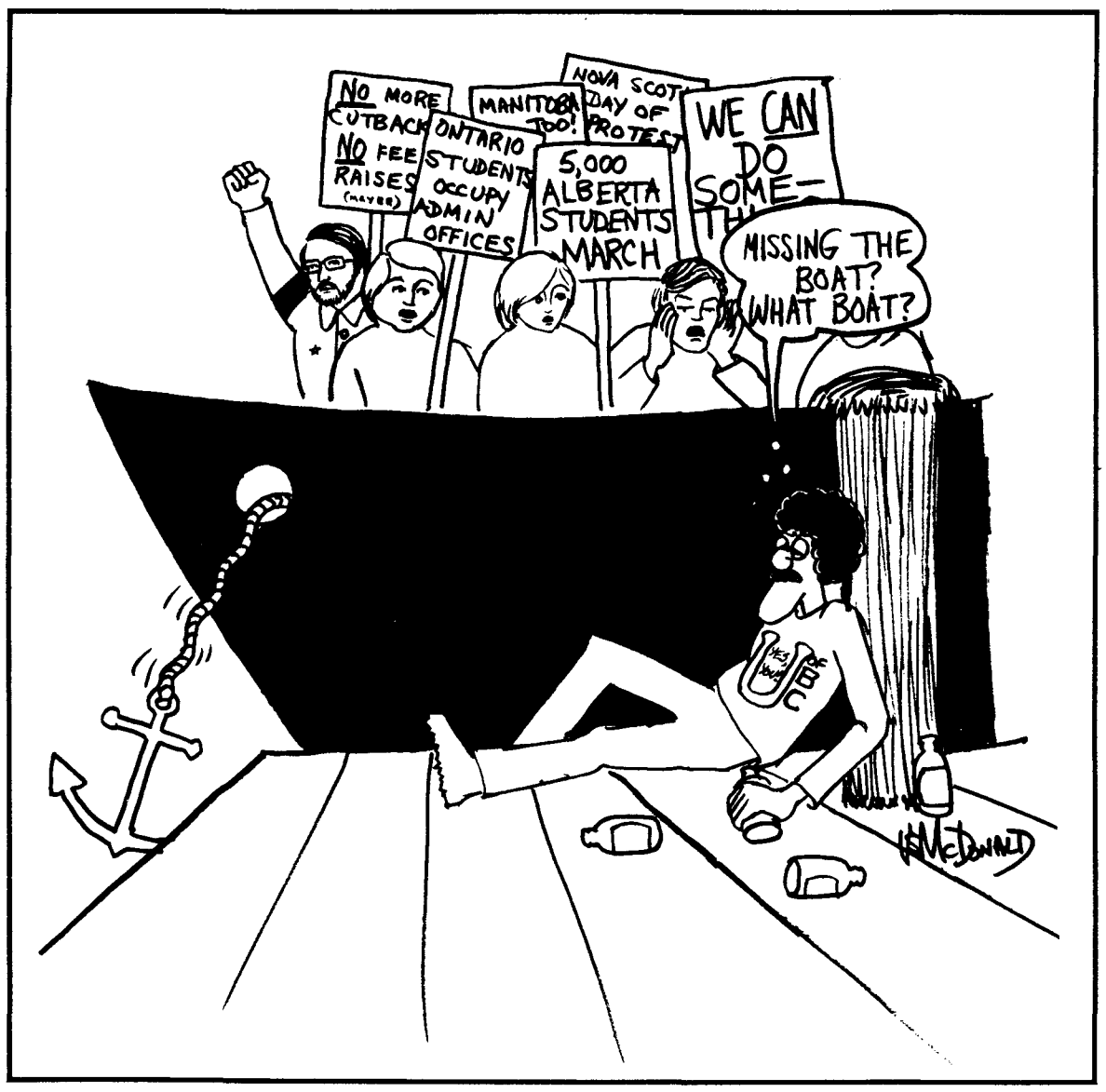
At practically all of the provinces where demonstrations and /or occupations have occurred this week, provincial governments have forced at least the second tuition fee increase in three years. A year ago, thousands of UBC students were actively fighting the tuition fee increases which were forced on us this year.

All across Canada, governments are adopting tight-money policies and making students pay for government economy because, they believe, it won't cost them at the ballot box.

As long as governments try to squeeze every cent they can out of students instead of corporations, demonstrations will become more frequent and perhaps more violent. Many of the campuses which today are the sites of demonstrations were quiet or at east quieter when the first round of tuition hikes occurred two years ago, which played into the hands of the fiscal manipulators.

At UBC we should maintain vigilance against continuance of the Socred government's squeeze against universities. This year's budget doesn't come down until April — not an auspicious time for protest or planning protest. After last year's spirited demonstrations, UBC has been quiet, first because the threat of another tuition hike appears far off, and also because of disorganization in and lack of support for the Alma Mater Society's cutbacks fight.

But the most important ingredient is also lacking: the majority of the students. Until you realize that by raising taxes and tuition for ordinary people, giving corporations unfair tax breaks and allowing massive unemployment to persist, the federal and provincial governments, who are working totally against our interests, will continue to tax us on to welfare.



Letters

Davis judges Pole on one letter, not year's work

In the last few issues of The Ubyssey, I have read a variety of letters, stories and opinions about racism and prejudice as a result of the statements I authorized to appear in The Pole. As editor of The Pole, I am responsible for the content in the paper. However I would like to point out that I did not write the offending article.

The article in question was submitted, just as letters are sent to The Ubyssey, by a few individuals who are probably laughing now at all the controversy they caused. I do realize however, that by approving the letter for publication I am just as guilty as those who wrote it.

The front page story of March 7 written by Heather Conn, which brought the whole matter to public attention, contained several misquotes and inaccuracies. I will not defend the opinions of others, however I am willing to accept the criticisms levied against me.

Those people who casually know me, may think I am your traditional Archie Bunker bigot, but good friends know I do think of all people equally. I'm not going to say, "I'm not prejudiced" because I don't think that I or anyone else can honestly make such a statement.

Similarly, a phrase like "I have lots of Chinese friends" seems inappropriate, but I do value the friendships I have with many people whether they be Chinese, Italian, white, or something else.

Some letters to The Ubyssey stated that my punishment (censure) was not serious enough. I still disagree on that point but am willing to live with it. I have received many harsh criticisms for one single action, while no one has said "thanks" to any of us for the positive points or successful events we ran over the last year.

The director of housing has made serious attacks on my credibility and has insulted me by saying the censuring of The Pole will be discontinued once a new editor is named. I ask Michael Davis if his puppets who do the Vanier newsletter (which incidentally is an identical copy of The Pole's format which I invented) could have produced as many issues and done as much for residence, as my staff and I have done in the last year.

Should Davis answer 'yes,' I think he should re-examine the confidence he has in himself. We have been judged on an inch and a half comment rather than a year's worth of achievements. We would have appreciated a small 'thank you' from him.

I do not fully understand what people like Pat Chen and Helen del Val-Lui want from me.

I honestly never intended serious offence, but only hope that the publicity given to the issue has increased people's awareness of the racist feelings that are on campus and that this will help solve some of the problems. I am sorry.

AMP
editor — The Pole

Ubyssey investigators miss SUS work

This is in regard to your reply to Dave Van Blarcom's letter (March 10) in which you claim to have covered events in both the science and arts undergrad societies. At least in the case of the SUS, nothing could be farther from the truth.

You are only able to cite one example of coverage, the recent story on the teacher evaluations in science. This was in fact not a result of investigative reporting by The Ubyssey, but rather a result of our public relations officer submitting a typewritten report of the whole meeting. Only then did The Ubyssey act.

This last year has been a rebuilding year for science, yet we have only once seen a Ubyssey reporter in our office (for the teacher evaluations story). While The Ubyssey covered the front page with the issue of the faculty reps in arts, it neglected to investigate the similar situation in science.

Our fee referendum received no coverage at all before the vote and only a short article following it. As we failed to meet quorum by only 14 votes, an article in The Ubyssey would have helped.

Our SRA reps were active, sensible and vocal members of the student representative assembly, yet only once was their existence ever noted in The Ubyssey.

Your only coverage of science week claimed that a Ubyssey photographer won the paper airplane contest when in fact he did not even come close to winning. Compared to the coverage the Women's Centre break-in got it was as if the break-in at our office never happened.

We recently had an election in which the key positions of president, treasurer and SRA rep were contested. The Ubyssey did not once publish an article about the election campaign, even though the results affect the future direction of SUS.

Even now the SUS is locked in a struggle with the faculty over things other undergraduate societies take for granted; a student lounge, vending machines and lockers. All three issues are important to the future existence of the second largest undergraduate society on campus.

We suggest that The Ubyssey assign a regular full-time reporter to cover the undergraduate societies. You should be able to do this by reducing the number of reporters covering trivial items (i.e. following collies around) by one. We are waiting. Our office is in Auditorium Annex 216 (maybe you didn't know).

SUS executive

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"Salut mes copains," disait le petit mignon gaillard Mike Bocking. "Et bonjour mes copines," il ajoutait a Kathy Ford et Heather Conn. Le nouveau grand chef regardait lentement le bureau du Ubyssey et apres un moment il a pleure — le petit fasciste etait fier de sa nouveau sujet; Matt King prenait tant de photos de Mike, Craig Heale le suivait avec son appareil de photo et Ed O'Brien lancait le jeu "Risk" a son visage. Mais la figure de Mike portrait un toujours sourire. Il tenait la main de Bill Tieleman et les deux sont alles au Pit pour une biere. "Bois un petit coup c'est agreable, bois un petit coup, c'est doux," les deux sots chantaient en pleine voix. "Qu'est-ce que c'est ce grand brit?" demandait brusquement le vieux Marcus Gee. Il n'avit pas l'habitude des jeunes gens et au lieu de jouer et boire, il restait dans son coin avec l'ancien dictateur Chris Gainor. Le petit choux Tom Hawthorn, qui tenait le futur dans la main, voulait etre corrompu par des autres. "Moi, je peux t'apprendre," disait Verne McDonald et il lui montrait le Vancouver Star. "Je suis terriblement choque," admettait Geof Wheelwright, bien horrifie. "Si ma mere savait ce qui se passait dans l'Ubyssey, je serais mort," expliquait le vierge Chris Bocking. Tout le monde du bureau donnait les baisers a leur nouveau maitre et il les mettait sous la table. Ils avait tous bien bu.

Event

On March 7 at noon, two representatives of the Gay Alliance Toward Equality led an interesting and thought-provoking discussion as part of women's week. Since The Ubyssey has done an excellent job of reporting other women's week events, we were most concerned to note that no reporter covered this, the only scheduled event relating to homosexuality.

The discussion included a presentation of GATE's activities both internationally and in Vancouver. They stressed their belief that homosexuality is a natural, healthy and responsible life choice.

The speakers explained that the social institutions that oppress women are the same institutions that oppress homosexuals, and that societal change to eliminate sexism, patriarchy and discrimination is the common goal of both the gay liberation movement and the women's movement.

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Charged

I am writing in regard to the advertisement published under 'Messages' in the classified section of The Ubyssey in several issues. It reads as follows: "listen to the cry of the aborted children. Their cry is a cry of terror. Heed their cry."

Here at Rape Relief we often deal with women who, finding themselves pregnant after being raped, are in the process of deciding whether to continue a pregnancy. Frequently this is a very painful decision for them, and one which augments the post-rape trauma.

Such a woman reading your paper would most probably be extremely upset by this advertisement. This is something that could be easily avoided by the refusal on the part of your editors to print such emotion-charged statements.

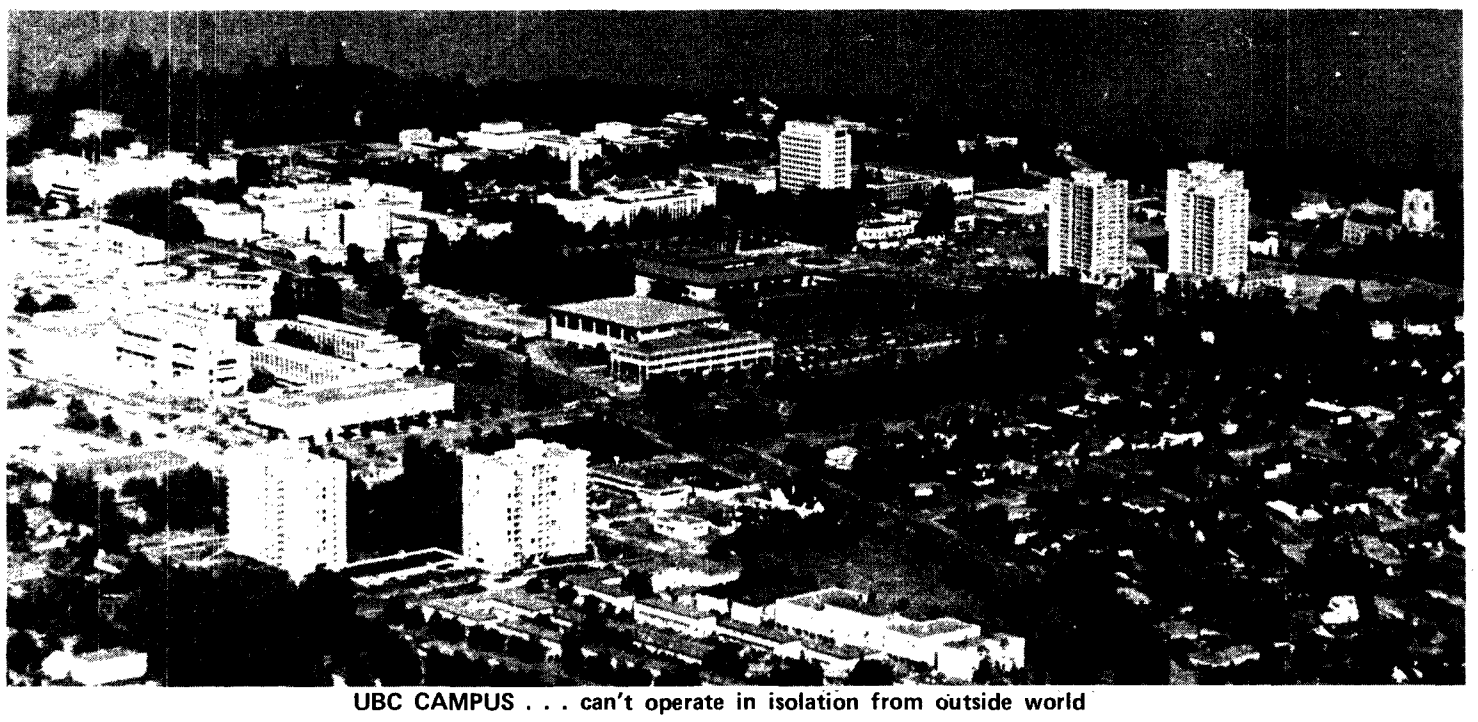
This ad is an affront to any woman who is deciding to have, or has had an abortion. We hope that you will give this matter due consideration.

Megan Ellis
rape relief worker

We considered the objections raised by Ellis and other people over the classified ad and voted not to allow the ad to run in The Ubyssey effective this issue.

—Staff

We can't ignore moral issues



UBC CAMPUS . . . can't operate in isolation from outside world

By GEORGE HERMANSON

"The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity"— Yeats

The purpose of this reflection is to look back at certain issues that have emerged this year and to see how they reflect the university and its understanding of its role in society. The presupposition that I am working from is that it is how the university (as a system) responds to and transforms the concerns of the society that educates or creates values.

Part of the context is that the crisis in understanding about what education is has deepened. Many in the academic community (and society at large) suffer the malaise of aimlessness and false consciousness. Others are zealously fulfilling whatever careerist goals that are set for higher education by our technocratic and industrial society. This is seen by some to be reflected in the deepening cynicism of some in society, the frenetic activity of others, and the marking time of others.

Deeper crisis

All of this is seen by some as the personification of a deeper crisis in the meaning and purpose of higher education. Therefore, the question of the university as value creator has again become important.

The values in an institution are not, as the individualist would have it, simply the sum of the values of the individuals in it. Rather, value in institutions is systemic, assuming a variety of forms, and it is this coherent and focused system of values which socializes every person.

Furthermore, value in institutions is not, as ideologues of rationalism would have it, inert and abstract, there to be manipulated. In fact, value in the systemic form pulsates with power, possessing capacities for concealment, beguilement, and achieves a kind of spiritual hegemony over institutions and persons. We are shaped in the image of the structures within which we find ourselves.

Bureaucracy

The forms we use in teaching incarnate their values into us. Value emerges in how we order space and time. It is how we structure ourselves as an institution and as individuals that values are transmitted. Just look at the process of creating a Ph.D.; it is a shaping of an individual to fit a context, a reproduction of the values that personify the institution. Thus the question of "for what ends are we?" and "what interests do we serve?" becomes basic. It is how the university, and the many sub systems in that mega system, address issues that create values, support values, point to values, and change values.

We can also see systemic and sentient value in formal patterns of institutional behavior, in the bureaucracy of education. By this I mean the way students determine their sense of self-worth as "scholars." The "hidden curriculum" is one of teaching predatory skills — a survival instinct of competition rather than the stated view of a creation of a community of scholars dedicated to exploring knowledge.

This is clear in the attitude of many (Pat McGeer included) that students don't belong on senate, the board of governors, or in faculty councils. Participation in university governance is one of the best educational experiences we can have. Participation indicates that a student is an integral part of the institution. (It is interesting as a footnote that McGeer's threat to remove students from governance created compliance, indicating a basic feeling on the part of students that they do not belong to the institution.)

Another aspect of values inherent in academic life is the way it responds to so-called "non-academic" issues. By this I mean things like elections, special weeks, noon-hour lectures, and investment policies. It is in addressing these issues that the deeply entrenched values are exposed and challenged. It is the institutional spatial and temporal forms, its patterns of behavior, and its ideological set that exhibits its value world. How it then responds to, say, investment policies, helps either to change consciousness or socializes us into the prevailing myths.

Cover-up

The election fixing illustrates what I mean (note that I do not mean alleged fixing but that the fixing did happen). When I first discovered that there had been an organized and successful attempt to stuff ballot boxes with proxy votes and then raised questions about it, I was immediately under pressure by some students (a winner in the board election amongst others) not to disclose what had happened. The rationale for covering up was that what happened wasn't that serious and, anyway, those in charge would make sure it didn't happen again. Then there were personal arguments; some future careers would be harmed, people wouldn't run again because of time, innocent people would suffer because of what other people had done in breaking the rules.

As well there was the rationale that there had been other infractions, or that it was just a prank (just a prank? to fix an election?). Except for some on the student representative assembly, the Alma Mater Society and The Ubyssey, there was a general inability to perceive the ethical questions. When it came to the response of the institution, it decided not to push the potential educational impact; the connection of thought and action, that certain climates create a trivial attitude, and that there are consequences. These rationalizations indicate a lack of moral vision.

They also devalued the student participation in governance. When we refuse as a community to see that highest standards are demanded.

The whole situation was an opportunity for the university to indicate its moral universe by applying rigid standards and not to use the argument that the number of ballots cast mattered. It is, in the value sense, the principle that is important. It was a chance for the university to push our consciousness by indicating what is and is not tolerable.

Its response did define what is tolerable. What is tolerable is covering up and the university does not demand higher standards than society. What students learn from the maintenance of an ideology of rationalism is that we should not push the edges of our moral universe. Those who risked their peer's displeasure wonder if it was worth while to raise questions of value and the status quo of upward mobility is protected.

Interfering

In a sense it is understandable that one desires to remain in the so-called objectivitist stance. Because we are shaped by the needs of the system, to push to other conclusions than the one reached would have increased conflict. For, after all, when the university was called upon to take strong action against Lady Godiva (by Moe Sihota and others) it was condemned (by Sihota) as interfering when it suggested it might. But we can still hope that systems and those in them can transcend their context and limited moral vision of others for the sake of creating a larger moral vision. In fact, as an educational institution, it is demanded of us.

Let me use the question of investments as another example. The response to the question moved on several levels. Some raised the question of attacking only a part of the many injustices around the world and in Canada. Others valued the dualistic myths that how we invest money has nothing to do with the values we transmit. And, there was the argument that this is a question for individuals, not for institutions.

It is clear that there is no simple answer. No matter what we do, it seems that we cannot eliminate injustice. Not only are banks and mining companies tied up in causing injustice, but the very beer we drink is also. But because the question is complex and there is a lack of a clear or neat response, this should not prevent us from acting.

Symbolic

It is interesting that both the sectarian left (Fred Nelson, The Ubyssey, December 2) and the status quo (bank manager Stuart Clark) agreed that because it is a complex issue, one should not do anything. However, symbolic action is powerful. When I understand that where I bank matters to black South Africans, then I make an important connection that life is really interrelated. I cannot escape. So when I act symbolically I depower the myth that there is nothing concrete to be done, taking action indicates to others that my and others' moral vision matters in all decisions.

Even if it is only a partial act, it can change our consciousness. That means the present structures of reality must respond in new ways. It is a real signal to others that a new reality is emerging. The current economic structures can no longer operate as if anything goes. It is this symbol of withdrawing bank funds that tells the banks that socially responsible investments is what we demand.

As I have argued, it is impossible for us to separate out into compartments. Things exist in relationship. All the parts affect each other and the whole. We cannot hide behind the fiction that financial attitudes and matters are not educational experiences. Therefore it is important for an institution to make ethical decisions on its financial policy.

The values we hold as academics create the climate in which we can profoundly address the issues we face. We give power to one another when we clarify our operative values. When we indicate that how we do things as a university teaches values we begin this process. All of this helps to continue the process of transforming the academic establishment.

George Hermanson is UBC's Anglican and United Church chaplain, who served for more than three years on UBC's board of governors. Perspectives is a column of opinion and analysis open to all members of the UBC community.

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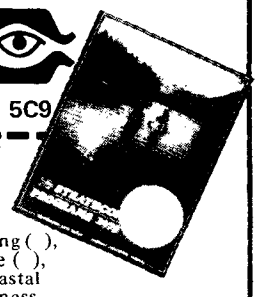

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NDP opposition leader Dave Barrett will be at UBC speaking about car-dealing Socreds, speaker Ed Smith's flings, Captain Cook, unemployment, and his diet.

The mudslinging will take place at noon in the SUB auditorium next Wednesday.

Admin goes eco

Every now and then, the UBC administration decides it should show students it is "into" the same things we are. Like wow, man.

In keeping with this spirit, it has sponsored an energy conservation poster contest and has picked a winner.

Stan Wong, commerce 2, will receive the $300 first prize at a presentation ceremony today at noon in the SUB conversation pit.

Also receiving awards will be Julie Peterson, education 5 (second prize, $200), Robert Lanon, arts 4, Adolfo Spaleta, architecture 1 and Warren Cooke, arts 1 (runners-up, $100).

Bloodshy?

Does the sight of blood make you queasy? Do you shy away when the Red Cross asks for donations? Do Count Dracula movies make you break out in hives?

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Grads revel

Even grad students have to unwind sometimes, between thinking of obscure things to research. So some of them have come up with a more-or-less weekly event: a pickin' and singing evening Fridays.

There will be one this week in the garden room at the Graduate Student Centre. It starts at 8 p.m.

Free coffee and bar services (not free) will be available. Come on out and leave your lab rats in peace.

UIC information

The Vancouver People's Law School is getting some competition these days from Westminster Community Legal Services Society.

The society is muscling in on the legal education turf with a weekly clinic on unemployment insurance.

The clinic is free and takes place at 10 a.m. every Friday at the society's headquarters at 445 Columbia in New Westminster.

So if you're going to make the UIC tennis team this summer, come and get some info on when you can expect to be cut off.

'Tween classes

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UBC NDP
Speaker: A representative from the Service, Office and Retail Workers' Union of Canada (SORWUC), noon, SUB 205.

SPEAKEASY
Free St. John's Ambulance film on How to save a life, followed by a discussion with Greg Dale, noon to 2:20 p.m., SUB 215.

WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Team managers needed, apply before March 20 in room 208,

CUSO
Film on CUSO in Papau New Guinea, noon, upper lounge, International House.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

FRIDAY

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Women's committee meeting, noon, SUB 130.

SUNDAY

SPORTS CAR CLUB
Thunderbird car rally (for information call 266-8976), 8:30 a.m., Airport Hyatt Hotel.

MONDAY

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
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Women's drop-in, noon, SUB 130.

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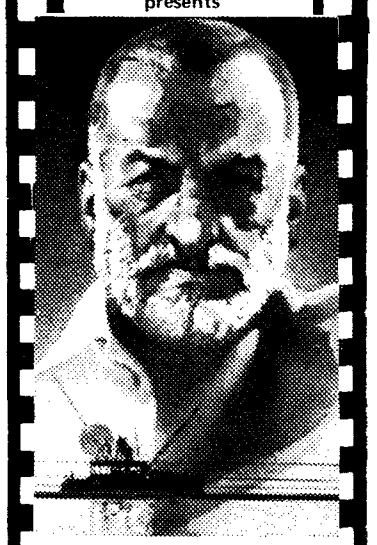

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Power set-up victimizes women — MLA

By CHRIS BOCKING

Women are victims of the current power structure, NDP MLA Rosemary Brown said Wednesday.

Brown told about 20 people in SUB 215 that women have almost no control over their own lives.

"Powerful people are those who influence and control other people. Only very few women have access to power in any form."

She said the greatest priority for women is to change their consciousness on a mass scale.

"Our other objective is social revolution."

Brown said that one of the problems facing women is their negative self-image.

"We must change our own viewpoint of ourselves. While we live in a so-called democratic society, it is really a dictatorship towards women."

Change can only take place through struggle, said Brown.

Brown, who graduated from the UBC school of social work and is MLA for Vancouver Burrard, said modern society is shaped like a pyramid, with women and poor people at the bottom, she said.

"The people at the top know that if the social conscience is changed at the bottom of the structure, they will be in danger."

Brown said that it is not possible to have equality in a pyramid-shaped society.

"What we really have to do is change the shape of the pyramid," she said.

"Women must get organized if they are to achieve anything, said Brown.

"It is very difficult trying to organize the women of the world on an international basis," she said.

"There are no links between women. We are divided by race, philosophy, religion and class. 'We've got the numbers, but we need to organize."

The law is unfair when it comes to dealing with women, said Brown.

"The law sees the home as private; it's okay for your husband to beat you, it's only when he kills you that it becomes a public matter," she said.

Women have a different perspective on power in politics than men do, she said.

"We know it (power) in its negative and not its positive forms," said Brown.

BROWN . . . 'women victimized'

SRA hits Cullen policies on foreign students

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with tuition fee increases or education cutbacks. Students in other parts of the country already know what they are going to be facing and are actively demonstrating against their fate.

But a motion by Sandhu and external affairs officer Kate Andrew will ensure that MLAs in Victoria at least know students are concerned.

The motion, which passed unanimously, called for $2,000 to be taken from the now-defunct cutbacks committee budget to be used for a three-pronged campaign to make the public aware of the situation the universities could face soon.

Sandhu said the first prong involves a letter-writing campaign by students, similar to one carried out last year protesting tuition fee increases. The main difference is students will be asked to write personal letters to their MLAs rather than sign a form letter as they did last year.

Sandhu said students should tell MLAs of the negative effects of cutbacks they have observed or been affected by this year.

The second prong involves an advertising campaign designed to make the general public aware of the seriousness of the situation. Sandhu said that, among other things, advertisements will be placed in the downtown newspapers.

The third prong will consist of a delegation from the Alma Mater Society, including ordinary students in addition to student politicians, to Victoria once the house is in session.

Delegates will spend the day talking to as many MLAs as possible and to various party caucuses and ministers. Sandhu said he has made some preliminary arrangements and MLAs are receptive to the idea.

In other business, the assembly voted unanimously to condemn the federal and immigration department's decision to restrict the number of international students in Canada and to make it difficult for these students to get teaching assistantships. The motion also called for administration president Doug Kenny and McGeer to "take a clear stand on the issues."

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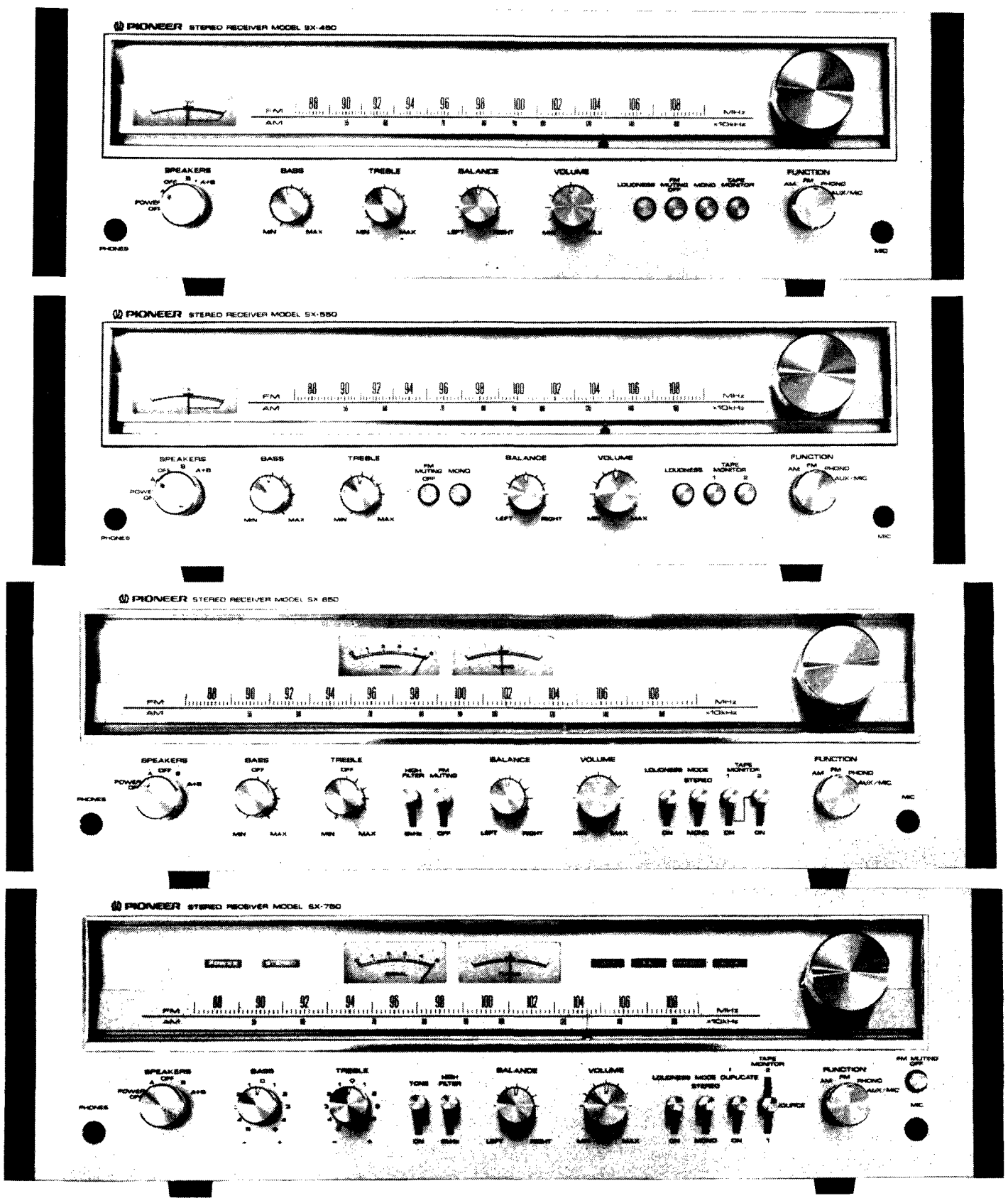

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