Women one step closer

By VERNE McDONALD

The Alma Mater Society women's committee took one more step toward receiving the budget it originally asked for at Wednesday's meeting of student council.

After voting two weeks ago to overturn the AMS budget committee's decision to refuse the women's committee its request for about $6,000, council passed a motion approving the budget and recommending the budget committee pass it by the necessary two-thirds majority.

Council discussed the women's committee budget for an hour before voting to recommend it be accepted by the budget committee. Science representative Janice Morrison berated council for its hesitation.

"I'd like to question the ethics of this council," said Morrison. "I have visited and talked to women's committees at three universities where women have had trouble getting money. What do student councils have against women?"

Every member of the four budget committee members present at the meeting voted against the motion, speaking against it on the grounds it interfered in the committee's decision-making process.

"I interpret that motion as telling me the way I should vote (on the budget committee)," said nursing representative Doris Wong. "I should be recognized as having the responsibility to be accountable as a member of a committee."

Spokesperson for the women's committee Sally Brisebois presented to council arguments against the budget committee's original recommendation, which had expressed doubt as whether the women's committee was serving women on campus, whether it was representative of women on campus and whether the committee was providing services already provided by other AMS organizations.

Brisebois told council more than 900 students had signed a petition demanding the women's committee receive the funds it had asked for and cited 14 letters of support from various organizations.

The $808 alloted by the budget committee is hopelessly inadequate, said Brisebois. "Of that $808, there is only $250 left," she said.

Budget committee members said they agreed with the women's committee being given a larger budget but disagreed with some items in the budget as well as resenting the action of council.

"I don't believe $800 is enough but I have problems with the whole amount," said engineering representative Don Erinholtz. He expressed doubt the allotment for speakers in the women's committee budget was justified.

The weekly speakers the women's committee brings to campus could be gotten for free, he suggested, and added it was not necessary to budget $2,000 for a major speaker.

"If they bring in a major speaker, I feel they should be confident enough in that speaker that they would draw enough to subsidize a major portion of the cost and wouldn't need a large subsidy for it," Erinholtz said.

AMS vice president Marlea Haugen, who chairs the budget committee, condemned the council's action. "I don't feel it's the council's business to instruct the budget committee how to vote," she said. "They appoint the budget committee and they should decide at that time what kind of people they should have on that committee."

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BEAUTIFUL EYES are result of specialized treatment from machine set up by nurses in SUB Wednesday. Subject on right began with lizard slits and was well on way to pretty peepers after administration of only 6,000 volts by junior Ms. Eichmann at left. Don't miss T-Cup today at noon over at McInnes field beside SUB and tomorrow's nursing dance will surely open your eyes, so be there or be square.

Death prompts housing queries

OTTAWA (CUP) — The death of a student Oct. 17 has prompted a B.C. MP to question the federal government on funding for sufficient student housing in this province.

Edward Murray Blackmore, who attended Camosun College in Victoria, was asphyxiated in his van when he left a propane stove burning for warmth.

Svend Robinson (NDP-Burnaby) asked Paul Cosgrove, the minister responsible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, what the government is doing about the critical housing shortage.

"When is the minister going to accept some responsibility on behalf of the government for the very serious shortage of student housing for university, college and vocational school students?" he said.

"How many other students, poor people and senior citizens are living in vans or worse due to the government's policies?" he added.

George Pedersen, president of Simon Fraser University, also wrote to Cosgrove in August, calling the government's position regarding help for student housing "shocking" and "shortsighted."

"If university presidents are making statements like that, the situation must clearly be out of hand," said Robinson.

Cosgrove, in response to Pedersen, said, "students are only one group among many who require housing support. Other target groups such as low-income families and senior citizens have housing needs that are, if anything, more pressing and longer-term."

Cosgrove and Pat McGeer, minister of universities in B.C., refused to provide further housing funds.

Pederson pointed out the economic and social implications of investments in university education and added, "students simply cannot attend university if they have no accommodation available at a price they can afford."

This year an estimated 10,000 B.C. students had difficulty finding accommodations and were forced to temporarily live in tents, army barracks and trailers.

Robinson said many people believe the problem has eased because many of the emergency measures have been abandoned. However, he said, many students have left school because of the problems or are doubling up in crowded apartments.

Students in Waterloo, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa also had trouble finding off- and on-campus accommodations this year.

AMS may rethink AOSC exit

By NANCY CAMPBELL

The Association of Student Councils (AOSC) will set up a task force to hear complaints from western universities, Allan Soltis, Alma Mater Society external affairs coordinator, said Wednesday. As a result, the AMS may reconsider its decision to withdraw from AOSC.

The task force's creation came after delegates from six universities, including UBC, stormed out of the final plenary session of the AOSC conference held in Winnipeg last weekend.

The task force is expected on campus within two weeks, Soltis said.

"It's a hell of a good idea," he said. "It will offer a chance for a proper perspective of the issues and get us (the AMS executive) off the emotional level."

The formation of the task force may cause AMS president Bruce Armstrong to reconsider his decision to recommend to student council that UBC withdraw from AOSC, said Soltis.

AOSC and the National Union of Students, which have been affiliated since 1977, both passed motions at their joint conference which called for a complete merger of the two organizations within four years.

The decision to withdraw was made "because freedom of choice has been violated," Armstrong said Monday.

The five delegates from UBC were against the concept of legislating members of AOSC and NUS, who are not members of both organizations, to commit themselves to a referendum to join the other. According to Armstrong, if these referendums fail, or are not held, then student councils will be expelled.

Armstrong wants to retain the freedom of choice to join either the political or service side of the new student organization which will be formed as a result of the merger.

Should council accept Armstrong's recommendation and withdraw from AOSC, the Canadian Universities Travel Service office in SUB could be affected.

CUTS is a subsidiary organization of AOSC.

"Withdrawal from AOSC could mean AOSC type programs offered by CUTS such as the international student identity card and student work abroad programs would not be offered to UBC students should AOSC members decide not to provide these programs to non-members," said CUTS manager Trenor

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B.C. college fees could zoom

A ministry of education proposal for equity between provincial institutes and colleges could result in dramatic tuition fee increases across the province if it is implemented.

Students at Capilano College face an increase of up to 83 per cent under the new formula.

The college board approved the formula in principle Tuesday but also requested a change which would result in a smaller tuition increase of 41 per cent.

Currently tuition fees vary between institutions. As a result, the percentage of operating revenue generated by each institute differs widely and in order to bring revenue up to a budgeted level, the province has funded a balancing grant, Capilano College principal Paul Gallagher said Wednesday.

The proposal intends to equalize the grants across the province. But colleges which receive a lower balancing grant in the future will have to increase their revenues, which will result in a tuition increase in most cases.

"Students should pay a percentage of their education costs," Gallagher said. "That is fairly well accepted now. The proposal takes that one step further and introduces equity between all institutions and ensures equilization of tax payer subsidization rather than fees, which is left up to the colleges."

The Capilano College board will ask the ministry to exclude provincial institutes (such as BCIT and PVI) from the formula, which is based on "student contact hours," (actual hours of instruction). It has also asked that average classroom size be taken into account.

If class sizes were not taken into account, colleges with a larger than average size would receive a lower per capita subsidy.

Provincial institutes should be excluded because they already receive a much higher fee revenue per capita than colleges and will increase the average revenue each college is expected to generate under the new formula, Capilano College spokesperson Bill Little said Wednesday.

Taken to task

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Tilley. "I don't think that would happen but it's possible."

"As far as the day-to-day operation is concerned, there may be minor effects, at least in the short term," he said Wednesday.

Tilley feels that the AMS executive may be making a hasty decision.

The B.C. Students Federation is concerned about the decision to first leave the plenary session and then withdraw from AOSC.

"There's no reason why (the AMS) can't continue to be a member of AOSC," BCSF spokesperson Steve Shallhorn said Wednesday. "AOSC is no different in the way the organization is run this week (after the conference) from last week."

"I really do think it is a hasty decision," he said. "I know the AOSC board of directors is taking a conciliatory approach and hopes to continue to work with UBC as members."

"Even if (the AMS) has problems with the organization right now, they should continue to work with the restructuring process for the benefit of students at UBC," NUS central committee member Jean Kirk said Wednesday.

Delegates from the universities of Western Ontario, Manitoba, Victoria and Calgary, as well as UBC, stormed out after two motions of censure were introduced.

The task force will discuss the censures and other problems with the organization, as well as the legal aspects of the merger between NUS and AOSC.

Talks resume

Contract negotiations between UBC's administration and the Teaching Assistants Union will resume next week with a mediator appointed by the provincial government Monday.

"It's a good thing that a mediator's been appointed," said union treasurer Pete Fryer. "This is an important development. Negotiations had been really slowing down and hopefully it (the appointment) will get things moving."

"It's the only thing that will get things moving at this point," he added.

Negotiations between the two sides broke off earlier this month and the union called for a mediator because "the two sides (were) too far apart for talks to continue," a union spokesperson said Monday.

Robin Visel said the university refused to even consider issues regarding sexual harassment, freedom of opinion for employees, medical and dental benefits, and a "modified union shop." The union is also seeking a wage increase which would attain parity between departments and levels of experience, and would allow TAs to live above the poverty line.

Fryer said negotiations will probably be settled soon.

"I have the feeling that both sides want to sign a contract," he said.

UBC's director of employee relations could not be reached for comment.

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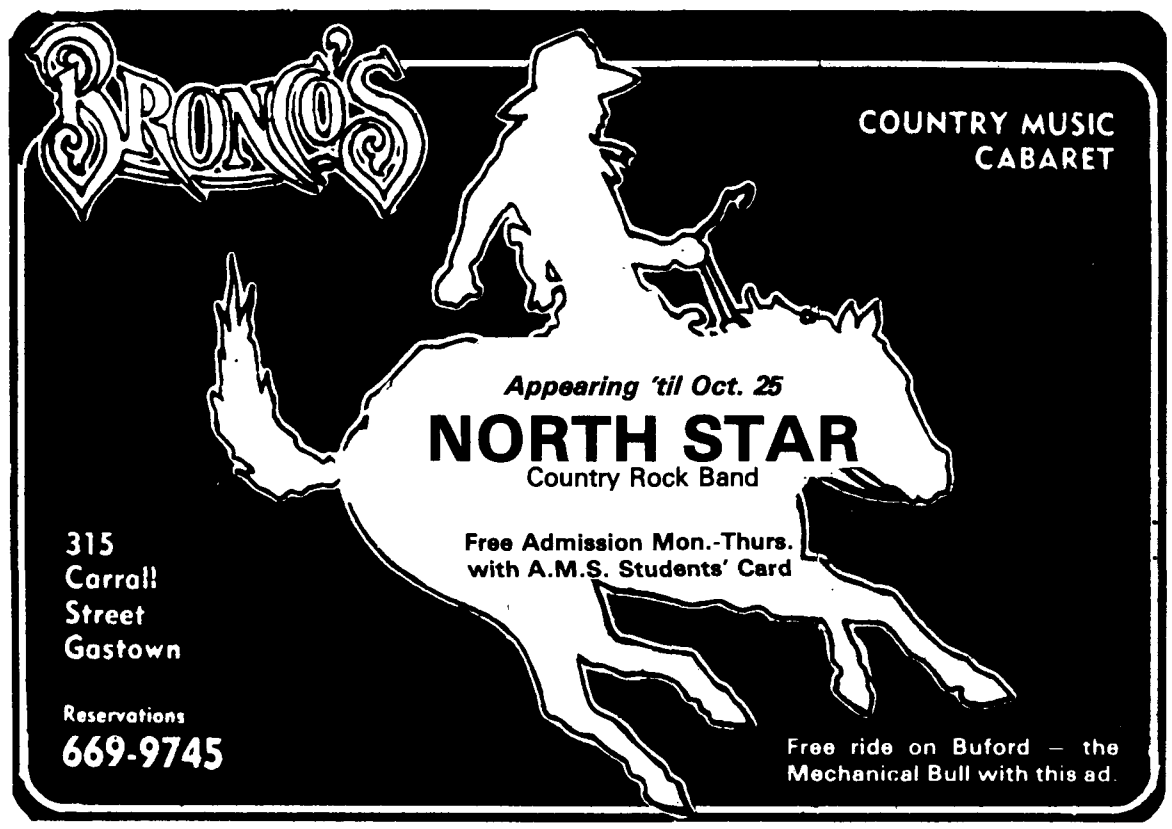

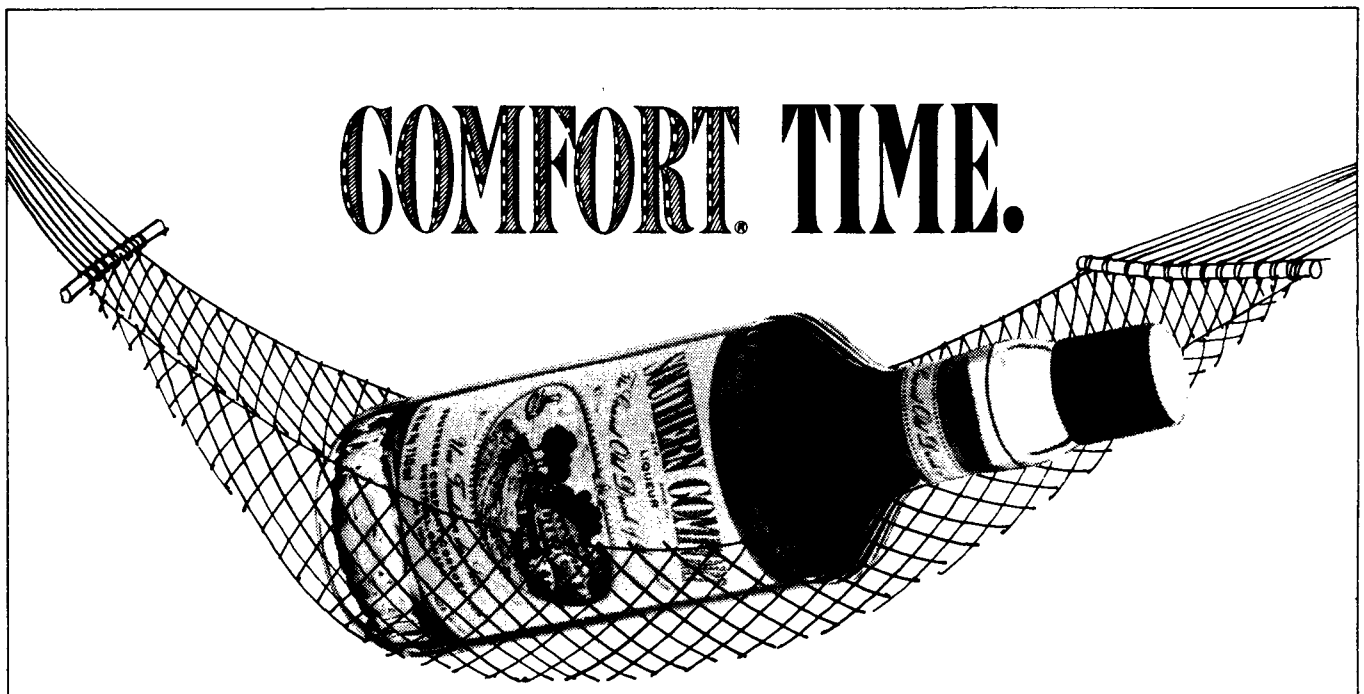

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Newfoundland news

Student street battle victorious

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP) — The blockade of a Memorial University of Newfoundland road ended Tuesday when the provincial government promised to construct permanent crossing facilities on the parkway which recently claimed the life of a student.

Judy Ford was killed Oct. 17 on a pedestrian crosswalk on her way to class. More than 2,000 students set up barricades on the parkway, which runs through the campus, demanding that an overhead skywalk be constructed to end the dangerous conditions.

Newfoundland Premier Brian Peckford said Tuesday the provincial government would pay 75 per cent of the $1.5 million cost of constructing two skywalks and installing traffic activated lights on the parkway. The university and the city of St. John's will share the remainder of the costs.

The demonstrators are currently negotiating with the university to ensure that no one who took part in the blockade will be penalized academically.

Construction on the skywalks will begin in six months and the traffic lights will be installed next month.

Fences were put on the median of the parkway Wednesday to prevent jaywalking. The speed limit on the parkway has been reduced to 30 kilometres, police patrols will be increased and warning signs will be placed on the parkway.

The government has also agreed to establish additional security measures in a tunnel under the parkway, used infrequently because of poor lighting.

Joe Greene, president of the Memorial student council, said he is pleased with the results. He said it was an unanimous decision to end the blockade.

The protest was supported by the National Union of Students, the Association of Student Councils, Ford's parents, and many Newfoundland colleges and high schools.

—stuart davis photo

MYSTERIOUS APPEARANCE of soccer ball interupted slapping contest taking place at McInnis field Thursday. Final showdown by champion UBC slappers had just begun when ball thrown by bored spectator landed precisely between two contestants. Showdown was postponed indefinitely because "our concentration was totally destroyed," as one slapper put it. Judges threatened closure of contest altogether if fan's attitudes do not improve.

Jealousy caused ethnic tensions

Jealousy was the root of the intense 19th century conflict between Ukrainian peasants and Jews in eastern Galicia, John-Paul Himka, a University of Alberta professor, said Tuesday.

Himka, speaking in Buch. 212, said Galicia was so poverty stricken that competition for scarce resources was desperate. Though the Jews were as poor, if not poorer than the Ukrainian villagers, they were perceived as wealthy because they were politically forced into trading and commerce.

"A great deal of conflict comes from each wanting to break out of their occupational warp," he said. Many Ukrainians wanted to become shopkeepers and many Jews wanted to become farmers but there was no economic growth to facilitate this.

Himka said his information is based on a study of Ukrainian peasants after emancipation from serfdom with an analysis of 325 letters sent to 19th century newspapers.

The Jews, excluded by law from owning land, tended to dominate areas of trade and industry, he added. They became bankers, shopkeepers, merchants and tavernkeepers, and 95 per cent of the Ukrainian farmers' contact with the Jews was primarily financial.

The peasants had wealth in the form of land and the Jews had money, making them seem richer, he said. Since money was just beginning to replace the barter system many items had to be paid for with money rather than exchanging agricultural produce, making the Jews seem rich, he added.

But in fact the Jewish shopkeepers seldom had much inventory and most of their profits, especially in their taverns, went to the Polish nobility, he said.

According to Himka, the tavern was the focal point for activity in the Galician village and it was one service rented to the Jews by the land-owning nobility.

"Many complained in my letters that Jews grew rich . . . on the drunkenness of the peasants," said Himka. Priests, worried about alcoholism, started temperance movements aimed against the Jews, he added.

Jews were also criticized for being too influential with local governments as their taverns often served as town meeting halls, but these misconceptions stemmed from lack of contact between the two groups, he said.

"The essence of the conflict was socio-economic," he said, adding that within this climate of antagonism there were no incidents of violence.

Vandals fight animal abuse

Opponents of the use of research animals by UBC scientists vandalized the animal care centre early Monday, spray painting slogans and damaging two vans.

Damage may run as high as $1,500, said a UBC spokesperson Wednesday. Four truck tires were slashed, sugar was poured in a gas tank, anti-vivisection slogans were sprayed on two buildings, and a wire fence was cut to enter the animal care area.

"I think they (the anti-vivisectionists) are ill advised to resort to this type of action," said Al Hunter.

But the actions received the immediate approval of the Animal Defence and Anti-Vivisection Society (ADAV).

"Abuse of animals has been going on for years and the vandalism was a positive action against this," ADAV president Peter Hamilton said Wednesday.

"In the hearts of the people who did this, it was a sincere action," he said.

But Hunter disagreed. "Nothing anonymous is courageous," he said.

The vandalism was not organized by ADAV and the society does not know who participated, Hamilton said.

Hunter suspects the vandalism was brought about by a recent decision by the Chilliwack city council to continue to send unclaimed dogs from the city pound to UBC for short term or "terminal" research.

The council on Oct. 14 instructed the poundkeeper to hold dogs for four days before turning them over to UBC. The decision came after a controversial public forum.

But ADAV is currently trying to overturn the decision. It is investigating the legality of the move and the possibility of challenging it in court.

"I think the use of animals for medical experiments is essential," said Hunter. "Nobody likes it but it has to be done."

But Hamilton disagrees. "These people (UBC researchers) do not respect any life," he said. "Animals are not needed for research. People are eventually experimented on anyway."

Protesters paste poster on city hall

Canadian University Press

To the joking, laughing throng that surrounded Vancouver City Hall with a massive poster it was a fine piece of civil disobedience.

To the three policemen on duty, it was a humorous interlude in an otherwise quiet day.

Yet, to city council, the postering represents an unacceptable action with a penalty of up to $2,000 or three months in jail.

There were no arrests Tuesday as about 75 protestors unravelled a 1,100 foot roll of brown paper scrawled with slogans. They wrapped the entire poster around city hall in 20 minutes of joyous unfurling and taping, finally encircling the grey building with a strip reading, "You can fight city hall."

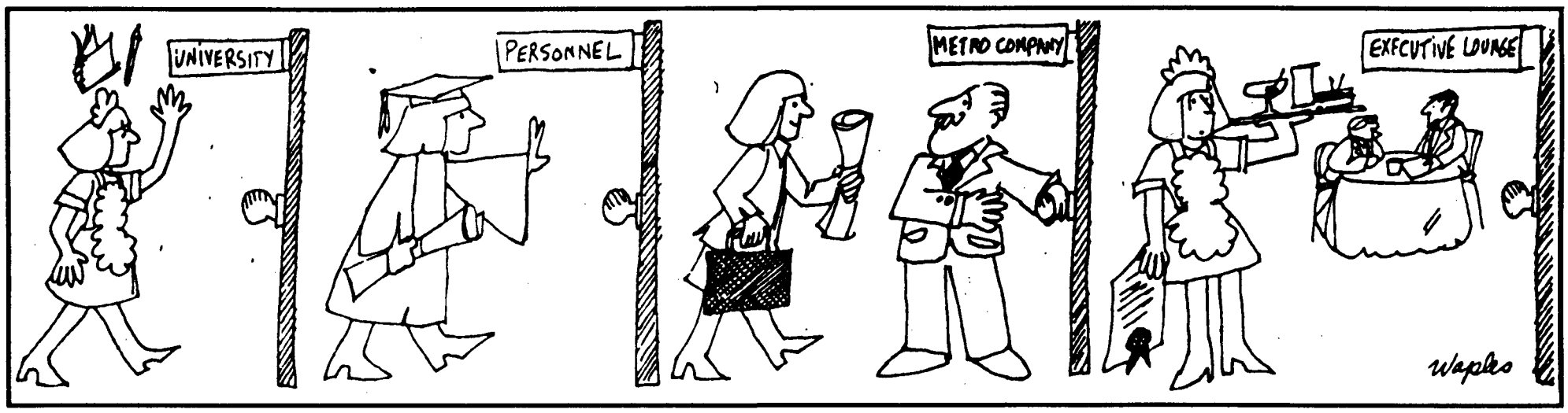
The protest, billed as "the return of the poster people," was held to bring attention to bookstore owner Don Stewart's court case, scheduled to be heard before B.C. Supreme Court on Nov. 7. Stewart was ticketed after purposely placing posters on public property such as light standards to force the bylaw to a test case.

It has cost opponents of the bylaw almost $3,000 so far to print posters and take the matter to court, Stewart said.

More than 80 groups have announced their support for the campaign, including trade unions, theatre companies and other cultural groups. Stewart told one stunned reporter that her union, the newspaper guild, is backing the campaign.

Opponents say council's action, opposed only by Ald. Darlene Marzari who is not seeking re-election, will prevent community groups lacking funds for newspaper or billboard advertising from publicizing their activities.

Council members have argued that the posters are unsightly and cost the city too much to remove from light standards and other fixtures.



Why women?

"What do student councils have against women?"

What indeed. The question was eloquently posed at the student council meeting Wednesday night by science representative Janice Morrison towards the conclusion of a lengthy debate on allocating the UBC women's committee a decent budget, instead of the paltry $800 they had been thrown by the budget committee.

Morrison asked the question not rhetorically or sarcastically but in the hopes of getting a straight answer. It was not forthcoming, even though council finally did the "right" thing and directed the budget committee to get smart.

But the fact that council gave representatives of the women's committee a harder time than heretics could expect in front of the Spanish Inquisition deserves some serious thought.

Morrison brought up the question after telling council that she had recently spoken to women's committees at three other campuses. Strangely enough they had also run into great difficulty getting funds from their councils.

Why?

Why did the UBC women's committee get their budget severely slashed during the summer months when students weren't on campus? Why was the budget committee so adamantly opposed to granting them a respectable amount of money so they could offer services that are greatly needed to women on campus?

Why did it take nearly 1,000 people signing a petition opposing the funding cutback to make some council members sit up and think? Why did 14 different groups and individuals feel so convinced that unless they showed their strong support for the women's committee, in the form of letters to student council, the committee might be penniless and ineffective?

Why did several council members find it necessary to literally pick apart the proposed women's committee budget item by picky item before voting to give guidance to the misdirected budget committee?

Perhaps most frightening, why did most of the budget committee members vote against the motion supporting women's committee funding?

And why is this just a replay of scenes going on across this country? Why are women's centres and women's committees singled out for this treatment?

Those add up to a lot of questions with no easy answers. But anyone who denies that the women's committee here didn't have to go to hell and back just because of a simple request for decent funding is a liar. Anyone who attempts to claim that the women's committee has been treated exactly like any other service group or club or society is attempting to avoid facing the facts: and those facts are quite clear.

Certain council members do not like the women's committee. That much is very obvious. Some of them may disguise that dislike by referring to financial responsibility, due process, fear of setting precedents or whatever other excuse is convenient. But the illusions can never last long.

We don't pretend to know why some people (and of course it's not just some council members who are afflicted) are so opposed to the women's committee. Maybe it's their opposition to the uncompromising stand the committee takes against sexism. Perhaps they believe women should be seen and not heard.

It could be the idea of women getting together and organizing on issues of concern simply frightens them. Any number of stands the women's committee takes or services it offers may be the reason.

No one can ever pinpoint all the causes. But the effects are always unmistakeable. The women's committee and those who gave their support are to be congratulated. Council can be glad that it has at last made itself decisively heard on the issue.

But no one should be happy about the way the women's committee has been treated. And everyone should be asking themselves why.

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Editor: Verne McDonald

Verne McDonald was clearly out of commission. A committee of fellow brown baggers was formed to deal with the bubbly editor, as he was called by Steve McClure. Bill Tieleman, fond of paper cupping himself, suggested Glen Sanford do a survey of McDonald's popularity and show the results to Eric Eggertson in an attempt to stop him from liquifying his assets. Nancy Campbell called for a royal commission of inquiry into editorial inebriation but Jo-Anne Falkiner, who was under the table, declared that a task force would be more appropriate. Julie Wheelwright thought an ad hoc committee might find the right solution but Stuart Davis said a people's front against imbibing imbeciles was better. Janet MacArthur spoke in favor of a working group but Gene Long had the last word. "Let's start a McDonald De-commissioning Alliance," he told the cheering throng.

Letters

What a deal! Slavery, inhumanity, degradation are yours for the asking

Have I got a deal for males on campus. Picture yourself on a Saturday afternoon, relaxing in front of the television, sipping on a cool brown one. The lawn needs to be cut and the house needs to be painted. Why deprive yourself of much deserved relaxation time? You could simply call for a woman.

That's right, a woman. Someone to do the cooking, scrub the floors, wash the dishes and clean the house, allowing her to display all her natural talents and obvious design purpose.

Look around the campus, gentlemen; what I offer you is a chance to own one for yourself. The way it is supposed to be.

Women are a commodity like any other commodity. To me women are cattle, to be herded and bred by whosoever chooses.

Gentlemen — the advantages: women require almost no attention and not only clean their own mess, but clean up after you. They speak only when spoken to and never, never offer any advice. I offer women the way God intended them to be. Truly — the second class citizen.

You have it right — a woman who keeps her place in society and works always at pleasing her man.

We have them in all three convenient sizes, depending on your personal preference.

Robert Johnson
commerce 2

Try replacing the word "woman" with "black," "Oriental" or "commerce student" in the above letter and tell us if it's still funny, Robert.—The Ubyssey staff.

Gosh golly

If Ladies' Night is one of the results of an $80,000 investment in the Pit, we're all for it! Free veggies and dip, hot hors d'oeuvres, cheap beer, door prizes and enthusiastic contestants provided a welcome alternative to a regular Pit night.

All the ladies (?!) had a great time and would love to see more (of the men and Ladies' Nights) in the future.

Sandra Patterson
Robyn Stewart
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Politicians ignore taxpayers' wishes

Our group is making a wholehearted effort to reach as many of the citizens of Vancouver as time and our resources at this late date will allow. Will you with your large group of readers offer us some assistance by printing this letter, to stimulate citizen participation in an issue that we consider crucial at this time?

It is of the utmost importance that every citizen who is entitled to vote, do so, because they are entitled to know just what, where and why with regard to details of the proposed monstrosity which is to be erected on Pier B-C. A project, which once constructed will be with us for a long, long time, accompanied by its cost.

With the awareness of the entire business community's interest in tourism, and our own native pride in Vancouver, what do you tell the thousands of tourists who arrive by cruise ship and are impressed by our natural harbor and then when passing through the first narrows finds another skyline which is a copy of all the seaports of our neighbor to the south, plus two more high rises on a pier built out of the waterfront . . . a good old Canadian effort for the '80s . . . and we can barely wait to "pick up the tab."

Why do we normal, intelligent citizens permit politicians to approve plans for the most desirable site in the world . . . the same politicians who have decided not to open the doors, the **main doors** to the new art gallery to the public (taxpayers) who also "picked up this tab!"

We have got accustomed to paying taxes towards "vandalism." Do we also have to pay for "desecration?" For what it is worth . . . revive a Montreal citizen and whisper Olympic Stadium . . . $120 million to $1.6 billion! Can you imagine what municipal services have to be revised and cut to make up this deficit?

We have no quarrel with the original concept.

Committee of Concerned
Citizens of Vancouver

'Liberators' often racists

According to Hardial Bains, chairman of the Communist Party of Canada, racism is perpetrated only by the "capitalistic rich"; communists, on the other hand, who are antithetical to racism, are the saviors of oppressed peoples such as the Canadian Indians.

Communists in the Soviet Union also condemn the Canadian government for discriminating against native Indians and destroying their culture. Yet these same communists do not allow nationalities other than Russian (to use Bain's phrase) "to practice their culture in their own way."

The Ukrainian culture is one of several which is gradually becoming extinct; while children in the Ukrainian S.S.R. of the 1930's spent two hours a day studying Russian, today they study Russian only. Ukrainian university graduates cannot get jobs in Ukrainian cities — their places are taken by Russians, and the 'natives' are sent to work in remote areas of the Soviet Union.

Canadians often forget that although we are free to criticize communists and capitalists alike, this freedom is not shared by those who live under the rule of communist 'liberators.'

N. Hryciuk
arts 4

Can only God forgive?

I am presently confined at the Ossining Correctional facility, and I would be very grateful if I could perhaps establish a correspondence with anyone wishing to do so.

Please understand — just because I'm in prison — doesn't necessarily mean I'm a criminal.

We all can make a mistake because imperfection is due to anyone who's not perfect.

But nothing can really change a particular situation — unless there's a will to do so.

Is God the only one who forgives?

I hope it hasn't been accounted presumptuous if a man of low and humble station, has ventured to have a friend.

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Letters

Pornography reinforces domination, patriarchy

Talked to any inflatable dolls lately, Kurt? Did they tell you you were great? Presumably so, since you appear perfectly comfortable and at ease relating to women as sex objects.

As evidenced in your letter of Oct. 16, you clearly do not understand the relationship between pornography and violence against women. In your view, pornography is useful to relieve the "bitter reality of male sexual frustrations." But you completely ignore its negative depictor of women as playthings to enhance men's power motives in the dominant/passive portrayal of the sexes.

The feminist analysis of pornography as presented in the videotape of Women In Focus clearly establishes pornography as a dangerous tool to perpetuate male dominance over women. Pornography deals not with "real" women, but an image of what man would like women to be under male control.

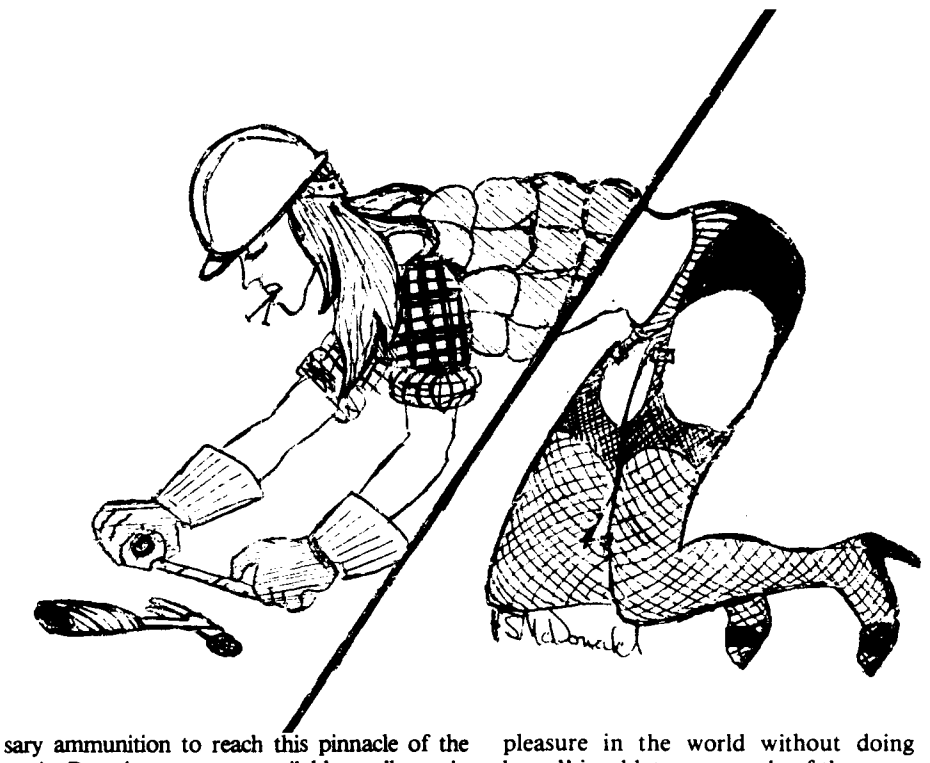
In the pages of pornography, women exist to titillate, excite, enchant and stimulate men in glorious fantasized seduction scenarios. The women are not real people, but objects of male desire in male-constructed settings. Women in pornography serve as positive reinforcement for men's sexual exploits.

Unlike real women, glossy pin-ups are unable to threaten, question or intimidate male self-worth, potency or sexual performance. They are penis worshipers, plain and simple. With such a cozy set-up, how can men complain?

You, Kurt never address the role of women in pornography; your sole concern is with the poor, suffering men who are left to cope in the "lonely wasteland of sexual deprivation." How does their use of pornography affect women in reality? Simple:

- it induces men to believe they have the supreme right to demand sexual privileges and sexual acts of women;
- it reinforces the concept that men have a natural right to control and take a woman's body.

Rape is the ultimate glorification of this power and pornography equips men with all the necessary ammunition to reach this pinnacle of the penis. Rape is a conquest available to all men in society. In Canada alone, a woman is raped every 17 minutes. One in four women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.



In the pages of porn, men strip, batter, assault, beat, wound, torture and deface women without blame. After all, their women victims submit with willing and satisfying smiles of ecstasy to cruel but passionate advances. By no means should similar brutal relationships between the sexes occur in reality, and yet pornography legitimizes such behaviour.

If you are receptive to women's desires as people, then sex is NOT just "a human pursuit totally exempt from any rules of etiquette."

So your blithe statement that pornography "demonstrably increases the amount of pleasure in the world without doing any harm" is a blatant example of the oppressive male perspective — the world is receptive only to his needs and concerns of or threats to women are incidental.

In turn, your letter completely ignores any active sexual nature in women. For you, women are conscious beings who deliberately choose to be passive just to make life miserable for men (you state that this "seems a fact of nature"). Hence, men are left only to fantasize because real women, are "disappointingly unavailable."

Do you sincerely believe in such a female conspiracy against men's struggling sexuality? The onus lies not on women to nurture, coddle and praise men out of possible sexual insecurities; men must learn to seek their sexual identities without blaming women for personal failures.

Women do not choose their role of the oppressed in society. Their role, which you define as passive, is not a fact of nature, but a result of cultural conditioning. So don't condemn women for what a patriarchy demands of them. Many women within the feminist community are actively attempting to change the historical role of women, to erase female passivity and achieve equality of the sexes.

We are asking one question — that you encourage and support our struggle to gain equality and acknowledge our value and rights as women, as people. We are not objects, so as a male, don't define our role for us.

Examine your concept of womanhood and investigate how it might be hampering your relationships with women in reality. Don't preach from a pedestal that instead, men must "talk sense into female minds."

Women in the bush are good for more than "camp morale." They deserve more than to be the brunt of continuous sexist jokes. They are active participants in the work force and men should recognize them as the "real" women, not the air-brushed bodies with mute voices plastered on the walls of washrooms and logging camp walls.

When there is only you, and a picture of an alluring naked woman on the wall, her legs open, her pudenda exposed, it must be made clear to one and all in the camp who the "real" unavailable women are and are not.

So Kurt, you should not be telling a woman in a bush camp that she is in any way identifiable with that picture on the wall. Women urge you to separate you fantasies from reality. And they urge you to consider your notion of "sexuality" in men and women.

The connection between violence against women, human sexuality and pornography is not a "vague concept," but an immediate threat to all women.

As long as men exist and abuse their power as men, women's lives are in danger.

Heather Conn
arts 4

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Several volunteer positions are still open for those interested, all week, noon, SUB 235.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting, noon, International House lounge.

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM
Dr. Marion Lowe of Boston University speaks on "interactions between culture and biology," noon, Buch. 202.

PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY
General meeting and information on Canadian dental schools, all members please attend, noon, IRC-4.

LSLAP
Free legal advice from UBC law students, noon to 2 p.m., SUB 111.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Gay academic speaker series: professor Bill Black speaks on Gays and the law, noon, SUB 207.

B.C. MENTAL RETARDATION INSTITUTE
Second in the film series Sharing the experience entitled Peter, noon, IRC-6.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES COMMITTEE
Dr. Catherine Snow, school of education at Harvard, speaks on Why are children such poor second language learners? noon, Buch. 100.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Refocus and reflection, noon, Chem. 250.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT
Asuncion Lavrin of Harvard speaks on Women in modern Latin America, 3:30 p.m., Buch. penthouse.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
Stammtisch. German conversational evening, 7:30 .m., International House.

BAHA'I CLUB
United Nations Day dance. $1.50 at door for UNICEF, 8 p.m., International House.

FRIDAY

TROTSKYIST LEAGUE CLUB
Marxist literature/discussion: Fascist terror explodes in Europe: smash Hitler's heirs!" 11:30 a.m., SUB main concourse.

AMNESTY UBC
Film: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, $1, noon, SUB auditorium.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting, noon, International House lounge.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
B.C. human rights officer Janet Sprout speaks on sexual harassment, noon, SUB 130.

UBC WARGAMING SOCIETY
General meeting to elect new president and games quartermaster, noon, SUB 212.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Business meeting, noon, SUB 115.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES COMMITTEE/ INSTITUTE OF ASIAN RESEARCH
Gerald Berreman, anthropology professor at University of California, Berkeley, speaks on: Social inequality; an anthropological perspective, noon, Anso 207.

CCCM
Bible study on themes of liberation, noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.

SLAVONIC CIRCLE
Bake sale of Slavic specialties, noon, SUB main floor.

STUDENT LIBERALS
Senator Ray Perrault will discuss Canada's constitutional proposals, noon, SUB 207.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS CENTRE
TGIF, 2:40 p.m., meet at campus centre for gym activities.
Happy hour, 4:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.
Oktoberfest, wear a costume if you can, $2, 8 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES COMMITTEE/ LINGUISTICS COLLOQUIA
Catherine Snow, from Harvard University's school of education, speaks on: More about second language learning, 3:30 p.m., Buch. 2225.

ARTS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
Free showing of the film The Cid with Charlton Heston, 3:30 p.m., Buch. 106.

SUS
Beer garden, 4 p.m., SUB 207.

LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE
Benefit dance for medical aid to El Salvador with dance Firebird, 8 p.m., International House.

NURSING UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
Nursing week dance featuring September, 8 p.m. SUB ballroom. Tickets $3 from AMS box office or nursing and engineering reps.

BLACK SOLIDARITY ASSOCIATION
Poems of protest featuring two noted black poets, Kitsilano Neighborhood House, 2305 Vine St.

SATURDAY

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Games night, 7:30 p.m., Winter Sports Centre.

CSA
Saturday matinee entitled The Victory, 2 p.m., SUB auditorium.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Wine and cheese party, 7:30 p.m. check in SUB 237b for place.

FRIENDS OF THE ARMADILLO
General meeting in which hats must be worn, 8:30 p.m., SUB party room.

BLACK SOLIDARITY ASSOCIATION
Live reggae band Reconstruction, 8 p.m., Swedish community hall, 1320 E. Hastings St.

SUNDAY

UBC SPORTS CAR CLUB
Car rally and meeting, noon, SUB 211.

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Soccer game between Chinese students association and Chinese varsity club, noon.

MONDAY

HISTORICAL DANCE SOCIETY
Renaissance dance class, noon, SUB 113.

PRE-MED SOCIETY
Dr. Taunton speaks on sports medicine, noon, IRC 4.

WUSC
Film: Tanzania – the world is one looks at socialism in Tanzania, noon, Buch. 205.

TUESDAY

UBC SPORTS CAR CLUB
General meeting, films, 7:30 p.m., SUB 215.

EL CIRCULO
General meeting, noon, Buch. 218.

CCCM
Eucharist, noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.

WEDNESDAY

CCCM
Potluck supper followed by discussion, 5:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

Hot flashes

Women in L. America

One aspect of the continuing struggle against the oppressive regimes of Latin America which has been given little coverage, is the role of women in Latin American society.

Women, for example, fought alongside men in the Nicaraguan revolution and women's liberation continues to be a priority in those countries of Latin America undergoing revolutionary change.

Which is why you, yes you, should make an effort, being the intelligent, articulate and highly motivated person that you are, to attend a lecture entitled Women in Modern Latin America at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Buchanan penthouse given by Asuncion Lavrin, an associate professor at Howard University.

Is it genetic?

True or false: Anatomy is destiny; women are destined to be mothers, confined to the private world of home and family. Men are destined to be doers, thrusting out into the unknown.

It's an old debate taking new forms, which will be discussed when Dr. Marion Lowe of Boston University discusses Interactions between culture and biology today at noon in Buch. 202.

Lowe will discuss the proposition that there is a biological gender program that determines social and cultural development and the argument that cultural environment accounts for all observable differences between the sexes.

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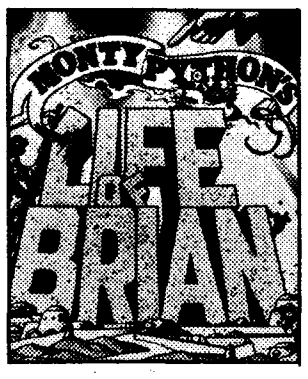

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Thurs. Oct. 30, 12:30

JESUS CHRIST — Can You Trust Him?
Fri. Oct. 31, 12:30

SPEAKER: Dr. Terry Winter

PLACE: Woodward Lecture Hall No. 2

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Letters

TA union doesn't represent all

This letter is in response to the claims made by those people representing the teaching assistants' union in the letter columns and articles of your newspaper. Including my present course involvement I've been a course TA and/or marker for five courses over the last few years and am therefore one of those that the union probably considers as being part of its membership.

In many ways the TA union is quite unique among such organizations. Most of its members work less than twelve hours a week and many will be eligible for membership for only two years. Many of those who only a few months ago had the opportunity to vote on the unionization issue will now be graduated.

The union has been putting out a short list of some of the 'basic' demands for a first contract and making surprised comments when the university refuses to negotiate

Let me examine some of the demands of the union negotiating committee:

(1) Medical-dental coverage: This would be a very pleasant item to receive but while dental plans are frequently not present for employees working full 40 hour weeks it seems a bit excessive to demand it for a marker working only a few hours per week. One must remember that these benefits would surely go to all members of the union and markers were quickly hustled into the fold when their vote was wanted.

(2) Academic freedom: This is a nebulous term at best and has gone under such phrasings as "freedom of speech." It should be realized that just because the federal government is trying to entrench a bill of rights in the constitution does not mean that the union should try to copy it in the contract. Seriously though, to try to include hazy catch phrases in a contract serves no purpose but to confuse.

(3) Sexual harassment: No doubt stating this as ridiculous brands me as an instant male chauvinist. If 'sexual harassment' is really a serious problem among the TAs (which I doubt) then it is unlikely that an obscure union contract is going to disrupt the perpetrators of these actions. A sexual harassment contract clause would be just as difficult to enforce and define as those laws already existing in the labor relations code designed to take care of the problem.

(4) Equality between faculties: To expect equal wages to be paid to TAs and markers regardless of faculty is as logical as expecting their wages to be equal after graduation. Also to expect the few hours worked to raise the members above the 'poverty level' is demanding an excessive salary at an hourly basis.

In brief I feel the demands of the union are unwarranted and I do not support them in their quest. Many TAs at present are happy with the status quo which partly explains why the union requires such a huge effort to sign people to its membership.

The university should not have to negotiate with demands that are not only ridiculous but not wanted or expected by many of the people that the union supposedly represents.

Andrew W. F. Metten
graduate student and TA

Paper unfair to clubs

For some weeks now we have noted with a certain distaste your incredibly biased reporting in regard to the club supplement question. We have seen no recognition by The Ubyssey that a problem exists, nor have we seen any alternate proposal forthcoming from your office.

The problem does exist, we assure you.

There are many clubs on campus who put a lot of effort into creating interesting and educational activities on campus and they receive almost no publicity for their efforts. This is perhaps understandable, due to the busy schedules of The Ubyssey staffers, but why are you so opposed to a possible solution to the problem?

Our ire has been raised in particular by the misquotation of our secretary-treasurer, Richard Morden. "Misquotation" is perhaps inaccurate, for indeed the single phrase quoted in the Oct. 21 Ubyssey was uttered at one point during the discussion with your reporter by our secretary-treasurer (not president as reported).

Our anger arises from the fact that the UBC Liberals are in favor of the clubs' supplement, and all Richard's comments to that effect were left out of the question. Richard's admonition that clubs must be consulted was only applicable in the case that operating expenses for the supplement were to be deducted from club budgets.

To repeat, we feel that The Ubyssey is being unreasonable in its opposition to the clubs supplement, and is using unconscionable reporting methods to further prejudice the debate on its implementation. The UBC Liberals welcome the emergence of any new outlet for club publicity on campus, and while Craig Brooks and company have a certain tendency towards autocratic behavior, we feel that at least they are moving in a more public-spirited direction than The Ubyssey.

David Martin
Richard Morden

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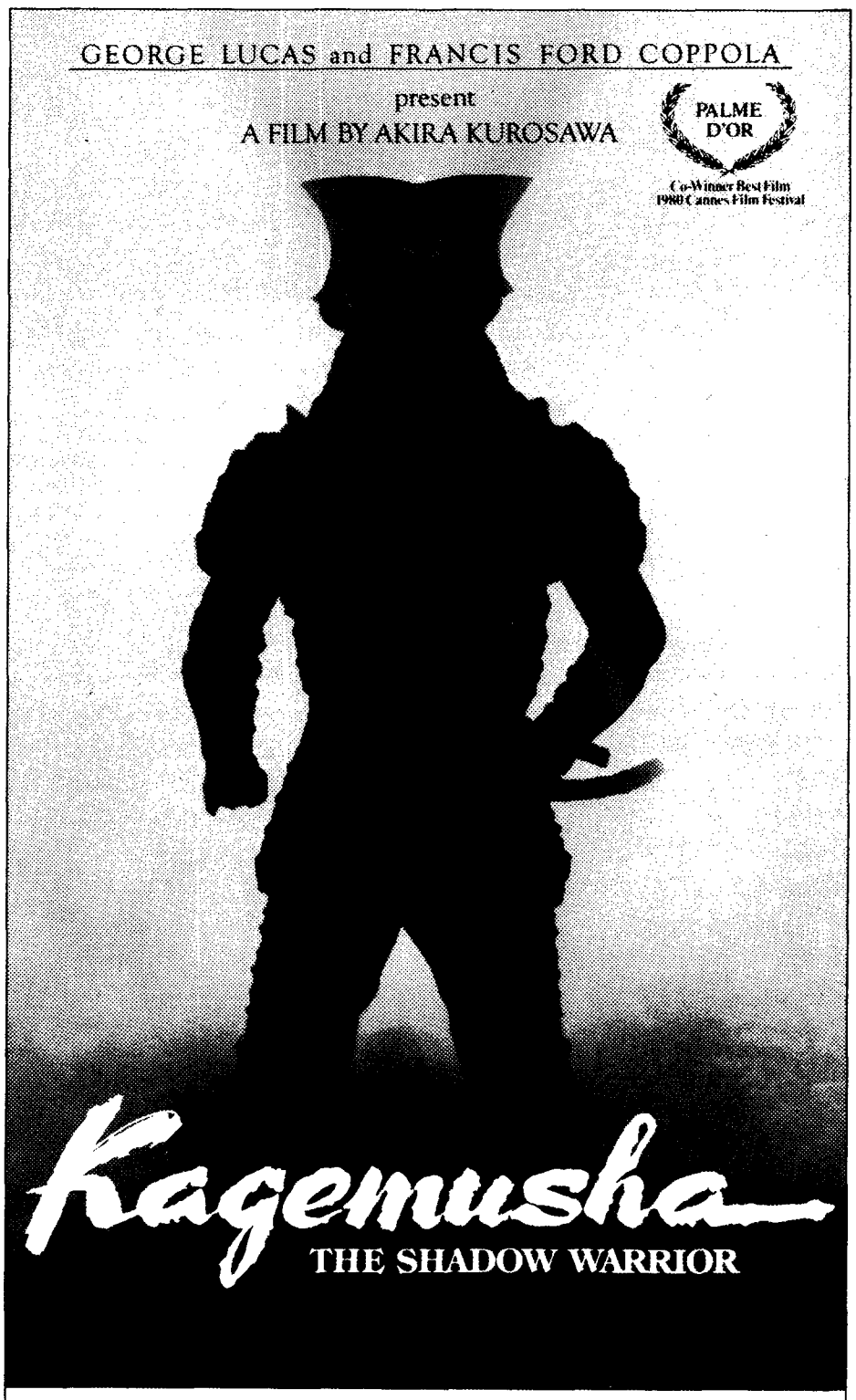

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Showdown in El Salvador

By the UBC Latin American Solidarity Committee

The situation in El Salvador has reached a point of no return. For centuries, a tiny oligarchy has profited while the majority of the population has suffered. Using the armed forces, the police, and paramilitary groups such as ORDEN, the ruling elite has protected its privileges. All attempts to social reform have failed, and the reformist and revolutionary popular movements have united under the Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR).

With a population of 5,000,000 people and an area less than half that of Vancouver Island, El Salvador is the smallest and most deeply populated country in Central America. This tiny country is now entering a state of civil war. To understand the present desperate situation, it is essential to understand the historical, economic and political factors which have brought it to this point.

Originally inhabited by the Pipiles Indians (cousins of the Aztecs), El Salvador was conquered by the Spanish in 1523. The Spanish substituted their hierarchy for that of the Pipiles, who were already organized in large estates. During the colonial period, the economy was based on diversified agriculture. However, beginning in the 1860's, the production of coffee for export took precedence over all else. Competition for land became intense, and Indians were forcibly ejected from their common land. Throughout the years, the land has become increasingly concentrated in fewer hands: the so-called "14 Families," who hold political and economic power.

In 1932, 4,000 Salvadoreans died in a peasant uprising. An additional 30,000 to 40,000 people were massacred by the military as a reprisal **after** the rebellion had been put down. This effectively crushed the rising worker and peasant movements. All unions were made illegal and remained so until 1950. After 1932, the military consolidated a grip on the country which it has never released.

perspectives

While remaining primarily dependent on coffee and other agricultural products as its economic mainstays. El Salvador began to industrialize in the 1940's. The abundant cheap labor and "stable investment climate" attracted foreign investors, particularly from the U.S.

However, economic development did not improve the lot of the vast majority of Salvadoreans. In the country-side, the number of landless peasants more than doubled during the 1960's. As a result, migrants swelled the cities, living in slums with no basic services, and little hope of employment. Those who did have jobs were grossly underpaid: the average wage in the manufacturing sector in 1973 was $1.64 per day. In 1975, a family of six (average family size) needed $704 per year to cover basic necessities.

Forty-nine years of military rule have been punctuated by "elections" in which the hand-picked successor of the out-going president was presented to the people. From 1931 to 1961 there was a series of these "elected" military governments, overthrown and replaced by other military juntas.

These changes represented struggles between traditional landowners and the industrialist modernizers, who pushed for mild agrarian and social reforms to defuse growing popular unrest, and to create an internal market for industrial goods. However, such attempts were consistently rejected by the traditional elite. Nothing changed for the mass of people.

In time, by 1972, a strong opposition party (UNO) had formed which clearly had massive popular support. Faced with this threat, the governing regime doctored the results. giving the victory to their candidate. Described by a British Parliamentary delegation as a "massive fraud", the elections of 1972 marked a turning point for many Salvadoreans. It became apparent that the wealthy ruling elite were not prepared to relinquish their privilege peacefully.

Faced with the impossibility of electoral change, the Salvadorean people began to take a different route. In spite of restrictive labour laws and repression from the military, the people began to organize. They joined together in mass organizations: the People's Revolutionary Bloc (BPR); the Front for United Popular Action (FAPU); the People's Leagues (LP-28); and the Nationalist Democratic Union (UDN). These are coalitions of groups such as peasant and worker unions; student groups; slum dwellers. These mass organizations initiated non-violent campaigns to demand land reform, increased wages.

Threatened by the growing strength of these groups, the ruling elite under the Romero regime (1977-79) launched unprecedented violence against the populace. To complement the armed forces, the oligarchy had financed and directed right-wing para-military groups: ORDEN, a network of spies, informers, and enforcers; the White Warriors Union; and others. These death squads roamed the country, terrorizing the population.

Particular targets of repression were peasant and urban trade union leaders, and Catholic priests whom the regime saw as instrumental in organizing the people to demand their basic rights. Hundreds of people were murdered, or "disappeared". Prisoners were tortured. The Romero regime was condemned by the international community (including the U.S. State Department) for its flagrant violations of human rights.

In spite of this repression, the people resisted. Armed guerilla groups increased in strength and action as the only deterrent to state-sanctioned violence against the people. The mass organizations grew to enormous size and became increasingly militant.

With the country on the brink of revolution, younger reform-minded military officers, with the support of the U.S., overthrew Romero and put in place a military-civilian junta which promised sweeping reforms.

This October 1979 coup failed to fulfill its promises, and the situation in El Salvador grew progressively worse. Right-wing elements regained control, and the repression increased, the death toll far exceeding that under Romero. By January 1980, all civilian members of the junta and most cabinet ministers had resigned. The military found new civilian partners in the Christian Democratic Party. However, by early March most of them had resigned in protest against the government's repression.

Archbishop Oscar Romero, a former conservative who became an outspoken critic of the regime and a supporter of the people's movements, was brutally assassinated by right-wing forces on March 24, 1980.

A much-touted land reform program has only given the armed forces further opportunities to establish bases in the country-side and to continue murdering peasant leaders. The current death toll is about 1,000 per month. Nonetheless, the U.S. continues to shore up the regime with economic and military aid. Military aid is projected at $11.7 million for Fiscal Year 1980-81, with total financial assistance expected at $55 million. To try to prevent El Salvador (and Guatemala and Honduras) from going the way of Nicaragua, the U.S. may be risking the re-enactment of the Vietnam War in Central America.

In April, the mass organizations joined with progressive political parties, student, small business, and other groups, to form the Revolutionary Democratic Front, which represents the majority of the Salvadorean people and is pledged to form a popular and democratic government committed to fundamental structural changes in the society. President of the FDR is Enrique Alvarez, formerly Minister of Agriculture in the post-October coup government. The armed guerilla groups have also united, under the Unified Revolutionary Directorate (DRU). The FDR has recognized the DRU as its military wing, while the DRU recognizes the FDR as El Salvador's future government.

The Revolutionary Democratic Front is appealing for international recognition as the legitimate government of El Salvador, and for moral, political and economic support. What can we do?

1. Condemn the Salvadorean junta.
2. Condemn current U.S. military aid and any future direct military intervention in El Salvador.
3. Demand that the Canadian government break all relations with the junta and recognize the Revolutionary Democratic Front.
4. Demand that the Canadian government condemn all U.S. economic, diplomatic and military intervention in the affairs of El Salvador.

Send your resolutions to: Mark MacGuigan, secretary of state for external affairs; prime minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and your member of parliament.

Write letters as individuals.

Support the Latin American Solidarity Committee at UBC.

We have two main purposes:

— to operate as a source of information and publicize events from all of Latin America.

— to offer material and moral support to the Latin American people who demand the right to determine their own economic, social and political identity.

Our mandate is not dependent upon any political party.

We formed in 1976 as a response to the situation in Chile, under the name of the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Chile. With recent events in Central America and the rest of Latin America, we decided to broaden our scope and to reflect this change we opted for the name Latin American Solidarity Committee.

On Friday Oct. 24 at International House, we are holding a benefit dance to raise money for medical aid to the Revolutionary Democratic Front in El Salvador.

Perspectives is a column of opinion and comment open to members of the UBC community. Submissions must be typed, preferably triple spaced on a 70 character line, and names and contact numbers must be given although a pseudonymn may be used. The Ubyssey reserves the right to edit for grammar, brevity and taste.

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From: Debbie Gorval, Treasurer

Education Students' Association

Let it be known that between Friday, September 26, 1980, and Wednesday, October 1, 1980, a Fee Referendum was held in the Education Students' Association Constituency and the result of the referendum was:

	No. of Votes
YES	234
NO	30
TOTAL	264

Therefore, the Education Students' Association hereby announces that a $2.00 per student per year fee be established according to By-Law 14(8) of the A.M.S. Bylaws.

Any inquiries can be made at Scarfe Room 4

Signed, Debbie Gorval
E.S.A. Treasurer