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Administrative inaction on threatening letters

"It is important not to minimalize it as an isolated incident"

by Pat Thurlow

Women students and faculty in the department of counselling psychology are the target of five anonymous threatening letters received since March 1993, but police and UBC administration's response has been criticized as a model of inaction.

The first three letters, which escalated into threats of rape and mutilation, were received by a former counselling psychology student between March and April last spring.

A fourth letter, written by someone claiming to have been involved in the previous letters, stated that membership in this letter-writing group included "five male students or ex-students, and the support of two faculty members [from the counselling psychology department]."

According to UBC administration spokesperson Steve Crombie, the fifth of the anonymous letters was received late last week and claimed the group involved in writing the letters was now "32 members strong" and also included students and faculty in the departments of clinical psychology, sociology, and anthropology. The letter made fun of the ineffectiveness of the investigation, and asked, "has anyone stopped us from writing you?"

The university has hired two forensic psychologists whose report will be completed on Friday 5 November. They will attempt to discover "whether there is a serious threat to anyone and if the letters were written by an individual or a group of people," Crombie said.

Because the letter is well-composed "the police indicate that they don't think this is the workings of an irrational individual," he said.

On Friday 29 October the department of counselling psychology held an information meeting about the fifth hostile letter.

At the meeting department head Bill Borgen said, "another anonymous letter was received late last week in the same tenor as the last ones."

Borgen told students the "RCMP investigation will be more visible and active."

After the meeting several women expressed their frustration that it has been eight months since the first letter was received and they have still heard nothing from the RCMP or the university's investigation.

One woman said, "women are angry that they have heard nothing from the RCMP investigation. We have heard that this will change. Well I'm wondering why it didn't change earlier.

"It has been a whole issue of—I think maybe you're overdoing it, you're reacting hysterical, you're overblowing the issue—in fact this is what happens all the time in cases of sexual harassment or rape, incest, whatever...it's always the victims words are not believed and I think this is what has happened again.

"The lack of information leaves us in a very fearful place because we don't know who these people are, they may be part of our department," she said.

RCMP staff sergeant Bern Jansen said the contents of the fifth letter contained "nothing that would cause me to believe people should be more fearful."

Jansen said he would advise students to continue on with their curriculum, "it should not be interrupted because of this."

Law professor Tony Hickling is one of the two professors who began a university inquiry of the letters on 3 June 1993. He said the inquiry's report "is in fact being typed."

Hickling claimed the delay in completing the report was because "we don't have much secretarial service...these things take time," and that the report will be completed "in due course."

One woman said she is frustrated with the university's handling of the situation.

"It sits with the top administration of this institution and with members of the faculty of our department and what we're saying is that we want some action and we expect them to be the ones, as a responsible institution to which we're paying money, to deal with it," she said.

Another concern discussed at the Friday meeting by a woman who wishes to remain anonymous is that "the department is lacking in united support for these women [who are targetted by the letters]."

She said the letter writer or writers must know "that to target radical feminists is to target the whole department," and asked Borgen to make a public statement to that effect.

"People must know that gender focus is a long established area of focus in counselling psychology," she said.

One woman, who is trying to elicit support from male colleagues said, "what I would like is for men in the department to take a strong stand in the matter because it shouldn't polarize men and women."

At a meeting on Tuesday 2 November, women from other faculties spoke out and named similar incidents that are now or have been occurring in their department.

"It is a concern that this is not an isolated incident in and of itself. It is part of a continuum of a climate on campus that is not supportive of feminism and feminists within, not just our department, but other departments on campus," one woman said.

She said that, whether there was just one individual or many involved in this particular hate campaign, the climate surrounding the incidents suggest that those in power are not willing to do much about it.

"The message to us as women is that it is OK, or if it's not OK they're not going to do much to stop it.

"It is important not to minimalize it as an isolated incident. It is not the case of an individual psychotic." she said.

Dean of education Nancy Sheehan wrote a memo on Thursday 4 November to be given to students and faculty in the department of counselling psychology. It summarizes the content of the five anonymous letters and the events that have occurred since the first letter.

One woman feels Sheehan's letter does not reassure students that the university will not tolerate these sorts of threats.

"I appreciate the fact they're giving us this information, it's long been overdue, but it does not say to me as a woman and a feminist and a concerned student that the university abhors this type of hate literature and will not tolerate it, and it sends no message of support for the women who have been targeted. It comes across as something produced as a response to complaints instead of a proactive decision to address this situation," she said.

"This is a perfect opportunity for the university to take a public proactive stance to nip this thing in the bud, but they haven't done that."

HOTFLASHHOTFLASHHOTFLASH

Scared? Angry? Confused?

There will be a public information session and rally about UBC's climate of fear on Wednesday 10 November at 12:30 SUB South Plaza—outside—across from the Aquatic Centre.

The following anonymous letter of concern was submitted to The Ubyssey:

Open letter to all UBC students,

Many of us are very upset, angry, frustrated and scared as a result of the events surrounding the hate-mail campaign directed at members of the counselling psychology department. We need to begin to translate some of our experience into direct action in order to put pressure on the administration of this university to deal with the situation responsibly and effectively.

One of the easiest and most accessible means of doing this is by getting the word out that we, as students, demand that the administration take a responsible, pro-active, and public stance on this issue. The kind of anti-feminist, anti-female sentiment expressed in these letters affects all of us, women and men, on-campus and off. We need to get involved and get others involved in pressuring the University to address this situation immediately.

Fact: The University Administration is MINIMIZING the impact of these letters by describing them as a "way of airing grievances,"...and their strongest condemnation of that is to describe it as "pretty irresponsible.."

Fact: To date there has been no official, public statement from the administration of this university that this is intolerable and **won't be** tolerated.

Fact: To date there has been no unified voice from the administration offering any support or empathy for the women who have been targeted.

Fact: On CBC Radio the University's communication officer denied that this situation had any broader implications regarding an anti-feminist sentiment on campus, minimizing the affair by describing it as "an isolated incident".

Fact: There has been no concern voiced publicly by the administration about the possible involvement of faculty in the group behind this campaign.

Fact: Inherent in the administration's dismissal of the physical threat to our safety is a complete denial of the emotional harm that is resulting from this campaign of hatred and from the university's inadequate and ineffective response.

WHAT CAN WE DO??

We can write, phone, fax and E-mail the people in this institution who are directly accountable to us as graduate students. We can encourage others on campus to do the same. And we can encourage others in community agencies, our MLA's, and students and faculty in other universities to express their abhorrence of this kind of anti-feminist attack and their concern that the University of British Columbia take some action to resolve this situation and the underlying issues that it so graphically highlights.

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UBC Students of Objectivism. Our second video of the term: this week, Leonard Peikoff's "Why Should One Act on Principle?" 12:30 (prompt), SUB 215.

WUSC. Speaker Series: Broadening Perspectives: A student's year abroad in Japan. Noon, BUCH A205.

Nursing, Medicine & Rehab Sciences. Dance - party. 8pm - midnight, SUB Ballroom, tix avail. through faculty reps, $5.

Saturday, November 6th
AMS Tutoring Service. Free drop-in tutoring for 1st year students in Math, Physics, Chem and English. 1-4pm, SUB 212.

Sunday, November 7th
UBC School of Music. University Singers. James Fankhauser, director. 2:30pm, Recital Hall.

AMS Tutoring Service. Free drop-in tutoring for 1st year students in Math, Physics, Chem and English. 5-9pm, SUB 212.

Monday, November 8th
UBC School of Music. UBC Student Composers. Noon, Recital Hall.

Tuesday, November 9th
Overeaters Anonymous. Weekly meeting for compulsive overeaters, bulemics & anorexics. Noon - 1:20, Lutheran Campus Centre.

Wednesday, November 10th
UBC School of Music. Wednesday Noon Hour Series. Julia Nolan, saxophone. Salvador Ferreras, percussion. Admission $2. Noon, Music Bldg., Recital Hall.

Women & Development Study Group. Lecture series: Glenda Ferris, resident of Houston, BC, receiver of 1986 BC Minister's Award for Enviro. Achievement. Topic: women's activism in mining and forestry in the Central Interior of BC. Noon-2, Thea's Lounge, Graduate Student Ctr.

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Antibiotic reproduction counterproductive

by Tessa Moon

"There's sex going on all the time in your gut," said Dr. Vera Webb, who along with Dr. Julian Davies discovered that bacteria used to produce antibiotics may leave "resistance genes" in the final product. These genes, if successfully transferred into the body via bacterial "sex," may prevent antibiotics from taking effect.

The two UBC microbiologists believe that the contamination has been verified beyond doubt.

"Almost everywhere we looked, we found that antibiotic preparations were contaminated," Webb said, "in bacteria that produce streptomycin, oxytetracyclin, and erythromycin."

Every time you take a dose of antibiotics, you're being given a dose of antibiotic-resistance genes."

This discovery may have enormous implications for future antibiotics.

"We can't do anything about the drugs that have already been given out in the past," Webb said, "but [our discoveries] will have huge implications for brand new drugs. When they're developed, we have to make sure that there's...no further contamination."

Children are particularly susceptible to the bacterial genes. "Now there are more and more chances of children developing antibiotic resistance, say to *Hemophylis*, which causes meningitis."

"Now, before they prescribe antibiotics, they have to do a resistance profile that takes time, and all the while the kid's getting sick." The only proposed solution involves multiple-antibiotic treatment.

However, Webb said there is no immediate danger. "I don't want to ring any alarm bells. Your gut flora is constantly getting washed out. Unless there's selective pressure, chances are a million or billion to one that the resistance gene will just get kicked out."

"Selective pressure" occurs with prolonged exposure to large amounts of contaminated antibiotics, which increases the probability of antibiotic resistance.

Antibiotics are also used extensively in animal husbandry and agriculture. "People feed cattle antibiotics because they found it makes them grow better," said Webb. "And fruit—they used to spray peach trees with streptomycin."

According to the thesis submitted by Webb and Davies discontinuing antibiotic use may be problematic, as it would have "substantial economic impacts."

SUCCESS!!!!

Aus elections go off without a hitch

AUS ELECTION RESULTS

Treasurer (top elected):
Siraz Dalmir: 87 votes
Rob Emmerson: 37 votes

AMS Representatives (top two elected):
Sophia Lee: 79 votes
Jason Mogus: 64 votes
Danielle Hughes: 59 votes

Manufacturing consent

by Dinos Kyrou

In 1975 Indonesia invaded the small island of East Timor. Since then Amnesty International reports that over 250,000 Timorese have been killed and thousands more have been incarcerated. The occupation continues today, with dissent crushed and human rights abuses paralleling those in Iraq.

Canada has been guilty of rewarding the invasion. According to the East Timor Alert Network, the Canadian government is giving $46 million in aid to Indonesia this year. The total investment in Indonesia from Canadian business is more than $2 billion.

Kamal Bamadhaj, a 20 year old student, was killed along with 300 others in East Timor on 12 November 1991 at a demonstration that came to be known as the Dili Masacre. Half of those killed were under 21 years of age. Bamadhaj's step-sister, Li-Lien Gibbons, is a student at UBC.

"Canada should not be supporting a military dictatorship as they have promised to tie human rights to aid," Gibbons said.

"I hope the new Liberal government will fundamentally change the long history of Canada's shameful complicity. Canadians are not aware that their tax dollars are supporting a government guilty of a systematic pattern of human rights abuses both in East Timor and in Indonesia itself over the past 28 years. The culture of East Timor is being destroyed, it's colonization, through a brutal military occupation."

So why has so little been heard about East Timor in the news, especially in North America, and why has the world simply stood by and allowed it to happen? Why does Canada remain a huge investor and donator of aid to Indonesia?A recent film tries to make sense of the situation.

"The film *Manufacturing Consent* attempts to raise awarness about media literacy and how the media can manipulate and ignore world events, such as the invasion of East Timor, and thereby prevent political pressure from taking place," says Jason Mogus of the Global Development Centre.

The film is based around Noam Chomsky, a noted linguist and political activist who has constantly called into question the hypocrisy of countries who preach human rights but blatantly ignore the lack of them when it is to their their advantage. Chomsky focusses on the US government and how it takes full advantage of the lack of media coverage.

The UBC Global Development Centre will be sponsoring a showing of Manufacturing Consent in the SUB Theatre on Tuesday 9 November at 7:00pm. Admission is free

Engineers whine gets them better cheese

by Sarah O'Donnell

Amidst the burping and laughing at The Cheeze Factory, members of the Engineers Undergraduate Society (EUS) were giving themselves a pat on the back over the results of the recent referendum.

From 1-3 November, engineering students were asked whether they would be willing to increase their student fees by $10 per year over a two year period to pay for renovations of The Cheeze, an engineer hangout.

Approximately 32% of the engineers turned out to vote. Of the 669 votes cast, 580 students voted for the fee hike, 73 were opposed and 16 ballots were spoiled.

Now that the EUS has the go-ahead from students, the next step is to get the fee hikes approved by the AMS and then past the board of governors.

The results will also be passed on to the dean of applied science, who will petition Alumni for financial support.

EUS vice-president and AMS rep Mohamed Mansour, said "this referendum shows that there is real student support for The Cheeze and is deserving of their [the alumni's] support."

EUS president Dean Olund was pleased by the results and hopes that the renovations to The Cheeze will make it more appealing to all engineers.

"The real purpose of the renovations is to create an awareness and pride that goes with the building," Olund said.

With students constantly losing club space all over campus, the result of the EUS referendum should send a clear message to administration that some things, like The Cheeze Factory, are sacred and won't be taken away without a fight.

Cheeze factory to be bigger and better? SARAH O'DONNELL PHOTO

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council Twisted tendrils minutes

by Douglas Ferris

Only one day after the Province's misdirected front page story, "Messages of Hate," student council FINALLY discussed the issue of "violence towards women" on campus. Council members obviously failed to read The Ubyssey's 24 September article, "Sexual harrassment targets faculty and students" which broke the story. The REAL story.

Students are pissed off by politician-wanna-be's who are more enthusiastic about beer gardens than campus social ills. The hurry-up-and-do-nothing attitude of unprepared student politicians is leaving female students, faculty and staff prey to systemic violence.

Council's discussion on Wednesday night quickly diffused from violence against women to just violence. Just how far the issue of violence against women pervades this campus seems to elude most of them. They have no idea how to deal with it effectively. They have to do something besides sitting and talking about writing letters, debating burned out or newer-bigger-better-brighter light bulbs. Brighter lights only make darker shadows.

The AMS has a responsibility to serve and protect the students they claim to represent. They must do more than just pressure the administration to do something up to and including "direct action" (AMS sanctioned or otherwise).

Only late in the meeting did they skirt this notion, oblivious to the effectiveness of direct action.

This ought to be issue number one on council's agenda. If this means using MY (and YOUR) student fees to do it, then OUR financial reserves will simply have to be used.

Let's hope AMS council proves this year (for a change) to be other than a "Dinner Theatre" or a "Fashion File."

How about some decisions of lasting benefit to students?

Other topics for Wednesday's meeting included improvement of the University Boulevard bike path, but in no way touched on Chancellor Boulevard's bike route. In a roll-call vote council failed to ratify a motion which would have curbed the inherent financial advantages electoral slates possess.(Go figger eh!) Dean Leung has finalized the process for the AMS to get the fees the administration collects for them.(Yeah Dean. Now if they would only use it to serve students.) I'm sure Prof. Smith's official AMS congratulation letter is nailed right beside his Nobel prize. And finally President Dobie confirmed the AMS could advertize anywhere they want, including in the Campus Times, because AMS ads are up 89% in AMS publications.(Geeze Bill, there are three of us now, and Perspectives seems to come up short. Interesting. Hey Craig. Have fun wearing your The Ubyssey T-shirt in SAC for the next year.

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Love behind bars

by Jen Blair

Friends who had seen the show told me I'd love it, but they wanted to halt the show at various moments so they could roll around on the ground laughing for a while before continuing.

I read the script beforehand and couldn't wait for the fun to begin. In some respects, it never did, but there are some worthwhile achievements in this production of *Criminals in Love*.

Criminals in Love
ACTING!! THESPIANS!!
playwright: George F. Walker
Green Thumb Theatre Company
Vancouver East Cultural Centre
until 13 November

George F. Walker's *Criminals in Love* centers around a teenage couple in crisis. Junior (Vincent Gale) and Gail (Jennifer Clement) are threatened and coerced into criminal activity by Junior's cheap con-man father, Henry (David King). Wineva, Junior's aunt (Nicola Cavendish) is the brains and brawn of the criminal operation, and she forces Junior and the others to assist her. Meanwhile Sandy, Gail's best friend, experiments with prostitution "in case of emergency" and worries about her future in a world and an economy which offers limited choices.

One of the play's major themes is the classic nature/nurture debate. Junior agonizes over whether he is inherently a criminal, like his very unsuccessful criminal father, while his girlfriend Gail tries to steer them in a positive direction. As in most of Walker's later plays, social issues of class and inequality are foregrounded, and the underdog figures as hero.

Jay Brazeau's performance as William makes this play worth seeing. Brazeau takes William's abstract political and philosophical arguments, making them not only witty and coherent but also genuinely interesting as choral comments on the oppressive forces of the "abyss" at work in the play.

A funny moment which displays William's rather warped optimism occurs when he asserts his self-definition of belonging to the bourgeois class: "From my perspective, I see a great distance yet to fall. I feel positively middle class by comparison."

The bond that is supposed to hold the play together is Gail and Junior's uncompromising love for one another, yet in this performance, any passion or chemistry is sorely lacking. Gail is supposed to be junior's "salvation," but Vincent Gale and Jennifer Clement didn't deliver on this point.

Leslie Jones does a wonderful job as Sandy, particularly in her comic delivery. Her streetwalking bit where she sings Nancy Sinatra is a textual liberty which works extremely well, and throughout the play she is motivated and exciting to watch.

The costumes and set were fine, but a lot of the considerably large space was unused by the cast. The staging could have been much more interesting, especially considering the violence in the play.

I should mention that I was surrounded by parrots who were practically wetting themselves with laughter throughout the show. Also, the audience bothered me at least as much as the problems in the production did, and audience reaction will, of course, vary from performance to performance. Overall, Green Thumb Theatre's *Criminals in Love* is not a "must-see," but if we talk of individual performances, half the class gets an "A."

Messed up, Muscle cars & Marijuana

by Ted Young-Ing

What do you remember of the seventies? Richard Linklater (director of *Slacker*) spent the seventies *Dazed and Confused*.

Dazed And Confused
CINEMATIC HALLUCINATIONS
dir. Richard "Hokey Pokey" Linklater
now playing

Slacker was a film about Generation X society drop-outs. *Dazed and Confused* is the prequel.

In this film, we follow the lives of a group of teenagers. It's the last day of school and they're celebrating. Doing high-school things.

OK, let's be honest. This is not the sort of topic that makes action-packed films. Linklater simply follows the lives of these kids for a day.

There are the minor tragedies and victories of high school: the seniors haze the freshmen, a father finds out about a party that a son is planning, a freshman gets invited to hang out with the "cool" seniors for the night.

But lest you start seeing "John Hughes" influences, there's something real about this film.

The situations are so real they make you long for *the glory days*—or at least reminisce for a while.

There's no boy-meets-girl theme here, no *Breakfast Club* subplot. It's real life, filtered through the '70s.

Fast orange Camaros and drive-throughs.

Shag haircuts and velour-collared tunics.

The real '70s, not the Hollywood version.

Pot is a central motif running through this film. Remember smoking a J before English class? So does Richard Linklater.

Linklater's simple camera work and straight-forward directing suits the tone of the film perfectly.

And this film has *the most bitchin'* soundtrack. Alice Cooper's *School's Out for Ever*, KISS' *I Wanna Rock and Roll All Night*, that Low-Rider song ("all my friends know the low-rider"). I grew up on this shit, man.

Linklater captures high-school in the '70s. It's all there.

This film is a must-see. If you grew up in North America, this film is your life.

I'm going to go spark a dube—for old times' sake.

Sanity Inducing Rhythms

by Gerry Straathofq

Ever try listening to something and find that you cannot concentrate on what you are trying to do? Find that whatever you are trying to think about is slowly forced out of your mind while you think only about the words in the song you are hearing? Some people find it too distracting to listen to music where the words are understandable while they try to do work.

Ancient Cultures
CD—REVIEW THE HELL OUT OF IT
El Camino Real
Invincible Music

Using tunes from Nirvana and Gwar can be useful for doing this, but be prepared for a large amount of brain damage to be suffered if you are exposed for too long. Thankfully, there is now *El Camino Real* by Ancient Cultures, a Vancouver based band of traditional musicians. This CD can be used for the therapeutic value of maintaining whatever sanity you have left if you are reaching the dangerous limit with other musical groups.

There has been more of a drive in recent years to use either traditional tunes or older poetical works in music, like the *Rime of the Ancient Mariner* being used in a heavy metal band's repertoire. Manfred Mann's *Plains Music*, which presents traditional tunes from the plains regions of north america follows in this vein. *El Camino Real* is also a collection of these kind of tunes, but unlike Plains Music, Ancient Cultures have presented music from several cultural regions of the americas. They have not used synthesizers in their approach, but have used many more traditional instruments, including a Scottish Pipe.

Not every tune on this disk is directly from these cultural traditions. Several are composed by various members of the band, such as *Seranade* and *Rio Apurimac*. The rest of the songs have the region they come from specified in the liner notes. In all they are a welcome diversion from most of the music available nowadays.

The music is presented with honesty and from the heart. It will lend a certain ambiance to any room it is played in that will be relaxed and useful. Especially for anyone who is working on homework . . . or writing reviews.

Check out Ancient Cultures on the Arts Club Mainstage on Sunday, 07 November at 7:30pm. CD release celebration & concert. Mmmm, yummy.

Justice, not charity, in overseas development

by Graham Cook

Thank god for the 80's

In the 1980s the rich got richer and the poor got poorer—not just here in Canada. Internationally, the countries of the "Third World" or the South are suffering from huge debt loads and severe austerity measures imposed by international banks.

And there are a lot of people who want to do something about it.

One approach, popular since the 1960s, has been to join a group like the US Peace Corps. They promised adventure and a high moral satisfaction from "helping the poor."

But increasingly development organizations are promoting solidarity, not charity.

Joe Tannenbaum is a program officer at CUSO, an organization which matches Canadians possessing relevant skills with related development projects overseas. He described CUSO's mandate as social justice, not just technical help—and not just centred on other countries.

"We support struggles for self-determination, women's rights and cultural integrity. We're developing programming on sustainable resource issues around forestry in BC, we're working with trade unions in BC, and we're beginning to do some work on indigenous issues with indigenous people here," Tannenbaum said.

"We don't play the same role as we did even five years ago. More and more our function is to act as facilitators to forge links between groups, stepping out of the picture and letting the groups themselves relate to each other," he said.

Canada World Youth

For younger people without relevant skills, there are more education-oriented programs like Canada World Youth (CWY), Canadian Crossroads, and Youth Challenge International.

CWY is a "bilateral" program which includes an exchange between Canadians and young people from several different exchange countries, including Nepal, Uruguay, and Indonesia. The program normally lasts for seven months, with the first half being spent in a rural area of Canada and the second in the exchange country.

Nikki Scuce is a UBC student who went on the CWY exchange between Quebec and Tunisia, and said the experience changed her life.

"I learned more than I've ever learned in formal education. It was more different than just travelling because it's not being a visitor but being a member of the community. The other thing that is valuable is that you are in your country as well [for part of the program]," Scuce said.

Scuce worked alongside Canadians and Tunisians in daycare projects in the two countries. Between the actual work the participants did and the educational side of the program, "the educational aspect was most important," she said.

"You learned through the work you were doing. You learned not by people telling how it is but by seeing and experiencing it yourself. I thought it was really good the way they choose people from the exchange country as well, who see a different part of their community from a completely different point of view."

But CWY was not a perfect experience by any means.

Problems with exchange

Scruce said one problem with the exchange was that the Tunisians were lied to by the organization which coordinated the Tunisian part of the program.

"They were told that they'd only be working two days a week, instead of five or six," she said.

In addition, organizational problems have sometimes left participants without host families for a few weeks in the exchange country.

According to UBC Global "Development" Centre volunteer Jason Mogus, students who are interested in working in development overseas should think carefully about how they want to get involved.

"A lot of people go blindly into these sorts of programs, whereas I'd rather make sure I agree with the organization and be more aware of how they do things. Many people don't think of the consequences of their actions.

"I think these sorts of development programs and exchanges can be very positive because they're introducing Canadians to issues that they might not otherwise think about. People doing this might go on to work in international relations [IR]. So many people in IR do Pacific Rim and economic stuff and I'd like to see more people with this sort of background [in the program]," Mogus said.

"From the other country's point of view it's not always the best. A lot of people go down with the attitude that 'I'm going to save you'. We prefer the attitude that you're both working for a similar goal."

Another problem is the political climate in exchange countries. In Scuce's case, two people were pulled out of their host family by the Tunisian government because the family was suspected of being political extremists.

The East Timor connection

Critics also question the implications of exchanges with nations with terrible human rights records, such as Indonesia, which is carrying out a genocidal occupation of East Timor (see story page 3).

Li-Lien Gibbons of the East Timor Alert Network said "the problem with CWY is that they encourage and tell Canadians who are going to Indonesia not to bring up sensitive issues like human rights, which is actively extending the coverup. Canadian youth should know about the situation before they go.

"Indonesians who go on CWY have to pass a whole series of interrogation sessions. One Timorese student defected from CWY in 1991, and now no Timorese students have been allowed on the program since," Gibbons said.

"I'm all for this cross exchange as long as we are promoting the reality of the experiences of Canadians and Indonesians," she said.

CWY regional director Gary Henkelman denies the organization has counselled anyone to play down the human rights abuses in East Timor. He also points to the difficulty of finding any exchange country without human rights abuses.

"We're an education program, so in the case of, for example, Indonesia, if we just cut our program completely we eliminate any education of Canadians and Indonesians on human rights. There is also an effect on Canadian host families and work placements, who find out a lot more about Timor than they ever would without that experience," Henkelman said.

Funding issues

Part of the problem is funding. Groups like CWY and CUSO receive most of their money from the federal government through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Recent cuts have left exchange organizations on skeleton budgets with little relief in sight.

CWY has suffered a 23 percent cut over the last five years. That has meant the successful program has been unable to expand—and has had to follow government recommendations about where to set up exchanges.

"We don't have a Pakistan or Sri Lanka or Phillipines program right now—they were all were put on hold by recommendations of the Canadian consulate or embassy. Although we're a private non-profit organization, a large chunk of our money comes from CIDA and we comply," Henkelman said.

CUSO's Tannenbaum faces similar funding problems and does not see much hope for change with the new Liberal government.

"For the past five years CUSO's budget, along with the budget of all the international development organizations, has been cut. It doesn't matter what government is in power at this stage of the game. There's not the same sort of public support for international development in the community when there are so many domestic issues that are important," he said.

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POVERTY: FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES

Feast or famine

by Graham Cook

Five-course feast or a bowl of rice and dahl? That is the dichotomy between the riches of many in the Northern countries and the poverty of many in the South.

It is also the theme of Oxfam's fifth annual Feast or Famine dinner, taking place on 18 November at UBC's International House.

Oxfam's program coordinator Roxanne Cave described the evening as "a particularly unique experience because it graphically indicates the disparity between the people in the South and the North.

"When guests come to the door they will draw straws from a barrel and that indicates whether they will receive a feast like 10 percent of the world's population or a famine meal like the other 90 percent. The feast meal is a five course meal prepared by the Picasso Cafe and the famine meal will be rice and dahl."

After the meal an Oxfam "project partner" from Guyana will be speaking. Karen De Souza works with a women's organization called Red Thread, and will be talking about the impact of global restructuring on women.

Proceeds from the dinner will be shared between Red Thread and the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre.

And there's room for the charitable types as well.

"There will always be a person with a feast meal at each table, and they've been known to barter or share their meals with others," Cave said.

For info call Oxfam at 736-7678.

Student opportunities abroad

If you are interested in some of the opportunities available for education and work overseas, you can start at UBC's own Global "Development" Centre. The centre is currently revising a pamphlet on how to approach international development programs and the sorts of questions to ask yourself about why you want to go. The centre is currently in transit between SUB 218 and SUB 237B.

The International Development Education and Resource Centre (IDERA) is located on the first floor of 1894 West Broadway. They have a huge selection of resources on development issues, including "The Canadian Guide to Working and Living Overseas," a recent book by Jean-Marc Hachey with listings of many organizations and programs.

Canada World Youth is in the same building on Broadway at Cypress. Their number is 732-5113.

Canadian Crossroads International can be reached through Angela at 251-9993.

Youth Challenge International (YCI) is made up of "international teams of volunteers who work on locally initiated projects in developing countries. The volunteers start out by doing fundraising in their home country and then they do the actual project in the developing country. Upon return to their home country they contribute further volunteer hours in local development projects," according to Rick Ree, a past participant to YCI's Guyana project. For more information call Rick at 263-0366.

CUSO looks for people with a degree and a minimum of two years experience, often in technical fields like agriculture, health, and community development. For more information call 683-2112.

War and peace issue of The Ubyssey

Submission deadline Tues. 12:30pm, Nov 9. Stories still available for writing. Join us in SUB241K. Peace to you brothers and sisters

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Editorial

The university has finally "responded" to the "anonymous letters" which have been sent to the women faculty and students of the counselling psychology department.

In a letter addressed to "all students" within the department, Nancy Sheehan manipulatively sanitized and reconstructed the events presently taking place so that it appeared as though what was at hand was an isolated incident which was not cause for any great concern, and not reflective of the growing trend of increasing hostility and violence which men are directing towards women everyday.

This response was nothing less than a reactionary movement on the part of the university power structure to evade the underlying, systematic attack being lodged against women on this campus and campuses across the country, and nothing less than an active reconstruction of the events as "female hysteria." Sheehan states "It is difficult to know how serious is the issue of safety..." Wake up Nancy, are you suggesting the threat in the third anonymous letter of "they'll probably fuck your ass before they bust it" is a difficult threat to discern? Or maybe the threatened student whose driveway lights were shot is also having as difficult a time as you to discern the seriousness of her safety? Thanks for the support Nancy. Besides the fact that your letter is incredibly insulting to the women whose lives are being realistically threatened you are insulting the intelligence of all women who have directly experienced male violence on and off this campus.

This is a perfect time for the university to take a proactive step against the inherent misogyny which is predominant in every level of operation on this campus by actively and supportively denouncing the actions of the male students and faculty who are threatening the rights of these women to think, believe, and speak and teach their theories and perspectives. Everyday, women face attack in the classroom for raising gender issues, of being devalued for raising viewpoints contrary to the masculine norm, of being assaulted and insulted for "offending" men with their "radical feminist viewpoint."

It is interesting that within a department claiming its function is to teach students to counsel, there is a movement to shut down alternate counselling theories which serve a female model that women have positively responded to (women make up the majority of counselling students and patients, and therefore have a better grip of what their needs and concerns are than men who do not experience the same reality that women do). It is saddening that these harassers so viciously perceive a feminist viewpoint as deviant and dysfunctional and claim their own viewpoint as acceptable, yet ironically they impose their views through harassment and violence. If anyone is dysfunctional here it is the harrasers and the patriarchal system manifest in their actions.

And yet, the university once again rolls over and plays dead in the face of a crisis because the administration knows that women have no institutional power, and thus pose relatively little threat to the "business as usual" response which they have responded with.

The mainsteam media has also joined the institutional denial with its construction of a sympathetic portrait of "the male aggressor" as a "psychotic," implying that this is the work of one sick individual in an otherwise healthy situation, and thus completely disregarded the greater social context which has facilitated and fostered male dominance and oppression. The mainstream media has

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Bang, bang, bang - was the sound of Gregg McNally's head against the ceiling - the daily wake-up call at the UBC home for the mentally infirmed. "For fucks sake!" yelled Liz van Assum having just bitten off the arm of Sarah O'Donnell, the head of Bob Beck and the legs of Jen Blair and Eric Johnson. Next came the persistent drumming of Tessa Mon on the stomach of resident psychiatrist Ted Young-Ing. "But I am the Queen!" screamed Siobhan Roantree, countered by Sara Martin exclaiming, "Who's fish is this anyways?" "I am your Lord and Keeper and I damn you all to hell!" cried Doug Ferris with sidekick Gerry Straathofq, who minutes earlier had taken off his trousers and paraded about the complex. "Let them eat cake!" - "It's my lizard!" was the back and forth banter between Dan Walker and Bob Main. "Bash the bureaucracy and the institutions that have kept us oppressed!" came the battle cry from Steve Chow. "Henceforth, from camel to sunrise, I will be the repairman!" and "There was a story, of a man named Brady..." was the conversational chatter in the corner between Dinos Kyrou and Taivo Evard. "But I wanted to be King of the AMS!" shouted Omar Kassis. And came the cry, the only subtle indication of any kind of sanity left, "You must really be mad!" from Bob Main, Pat Thurlow, Niva Chow and Dan Walker. Another fine day at the institution of perpetual darkness.

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Letters to the Staff

If you can't quote the bard

Re: article "Disabled hindered by ignorance, lack of access" by Tessa Moon

I am writing to apologize for and to clarify the statements that were attributed to me in the 29 October edition of The Ubyssey. I was quoted as saying that disabled students (for lack of a much better term) "don't have much [sic] organizational skills". I don't remember saying precisely such a thing but I feel that it does not convey adequately the point I was trying to make. I was in no way making the generalization that disabled students have no organizational skills - that is obviously a completely false statement.

I was trying to point out that there are not many disabled students involved in the AMS because of various barriers we have in the organization. The first barrier that we have is our ignorance. Most of us have very little experience working with disabled students and probably do things to hinder them. Certainly such idiotic statements as the one above do not encourage differently abled students to get involved with us.

The conversation that I was having with the reporter at the time was about disabled students that I have known who would not have been able to get involved with the AMS because their disabilities caused them to spend so much time just coping with school (for instance spending many hours a day using a print magnifier for the blind) that they would not have time to get involved with an organization that had such little bearing on their lives as the AMS (the AMS is irrelevant to most students except for us power hungry politicians). Here I should make the point that every disabled person is different and the severity of their disabilities obviously varies. There must have been many disabled students involved with the AMS without us even knowing.

I would also like to apologize to the student for whom I am a teaching assistant. I didn't intend to single him out in public like this (of course in my department everyone knows who exactly I am talking about). I am not entirely sure that I said something like "he's been coping quite well" - that sounds quite condescending. I would expect him to cope with the course just like anyone else and if he had any problems specific to his lack of mobility I would hope that he would tell me and I would expect the course instructor and ultimately the department and university to deal with the problems with the lab setup.

Michael K.Y. Hughes

Stay off the sidewalks

RE: Sean Fleming: Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '93

The author asks: "Which is more important, a potential reduction in the rate of violent crime, or the personal rights and freedoms of many thousands of Canadians who chose to give up the means to defend yourself and your family adequately, trusting the police . . . ?"

I want to add: Why are we deprived of our rights and freedom to operate tanks on public roads that are maintained with our tax dollars? I don't intend to harm anybody. But, can I trust the police to keep up with drunken drivers, speeding weirdos and irresponsible gun owners? Shall I give up the most reliable means to defend my life - travelling in a tank? Wouldn't our roads, highways and society in general be much safer with everybody driving tanks? Thank you!

Ronald Heere
Civil Engineering
Grad Studies

Sour About Frances

I'm shocked and appalled that anyone could possibly write a tribute about Frances Foran!!! Although she was undoubtedly an excellent writer, she appeared to be a woman full of unresolved angers and resentments which manifested itself clearly in her articles. Fortunately she has been depowered; for the time being anyway. Nothing is more dangerous than a journalist with an attitude!!

C. Taylor
Fine Arts 3

It was an icepick

As organizers of the May 6 anti-facist protest, we'd like to add to the October 25 article, "Police protect the nazi ... protesters arrested."

It is an outrage that John Lipscomb and five trade unionists were arrested for the "crime" of defending themselves and others against the fascists. We and our comrades of the Trotskyist League and the Partisan Defense Committee are proud to have mobilized 60 protesters - blacks, Asians, Jews, unionists, gays, youth and socialists - within 24 hours, against a meeting of the notorious racists and anti-Semites of the Canadian League of Rights.

Our strategy is to mobilize the power of labor to sweep the fascists from the streets. On January 22, when 3000 prevented Nazis from rallying at the Art Gallery, the TL and PDC mobilized disciplined labor contingents under their union banners in response to our widely-distributed, urgent call: "All Out to Stop the Fascists!"

The PDC is working to mobilize the same labor/minority power to defend all the anti-fascists. On September 15, the Spartacus Youth Club organized a rally at UBC in defense of the protesters. The Vancouver and Toronto locals of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, as well as many other representatives of the labor movement, students, leftists and community leaders, have joined in demanding: "Drop the Charges Against the May 6 Anti-Fascist Protesters!"

This is only the beginning of what is required to get these charges thrown out. It is urgently necessary for student clubs, unions and community groups to rally to defense of the anti-fascists and to contribute to the defense campaign. Call the SYC at: 687-0353 and send your contributions, earmarked "Anti-Fascist Defense", to the PDC, Box 4932, Main P.O., Vancouver, B.C., V6B 4A6.

Nevin Massing,
Spartacus Youth Club
Arts 1

UBC pollution: putrid pukefest

I read with interest the fact that UBC has been listed as one of the top polluters in 1993 by the B.C. Ministry of Environment. While some concern should be generated regarding the effluent from the incinerator on south campus an even greater problem sits before the eyes of everyone who visits, works or studies at UBC. What I refer to is the appalling amount of trash that is littered along the roadways and byways of the campus. Considering the fact that Point Grey is one of the most beautiful places in Vancouver and considering that the University Campus is populated by people who supposedly have a broad education and heightened social conscience, it is astounding that people have chosen to deface the landscape with all sorts of waste materials. Should there not be a student, faculty and staff cleanup of this abhorrent situation. Does the Physical Plant or Buildings and Grounds have any

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also been incredibly insensitive and irresponsible with its sensationalistic "human interest" approach by showing a complete disregard for the women whose situation they have exacerbated.

The press have promoted the male harassers to deity status by focusing on how they have enjoyed using the investigation to espouse their views. The press do not discuss how the women feel and thus do not attribute the women any humanity; they fade from sight while the harassers and their experiences become the focal point.

The press has proven no channel through which women could have communicated their experiences. The women in the department had to resort to "unofficial" meetings and depend on "rumours" to pass on vital information concerning their safety. Since women have never had the same access to the institutionalized channels of communication they have had to resort to other means of communicating, namely word of mouth. Yet in her letter Nancy Sheehan states that the very system of communication which the women have used to pass on pertinant information amongst themselves is wrong. She states the students should "try to offset any rumours that you know have no basis in fact." Well Nancy, who has the facts? The women for the last eight months certainly haven't.

She further states, "I think we must be careful that we do not escalate this problem." Suddenly it becomes women's responsibility to not further upset the harassers into writing more letters. An explicit case of blaming-the-victim.

And so the institution stays ineffectual rather than taking a stand. Life is supposed to go on as Dean Sheehan stated in her letter, "It is necessary that the Department should continue to function, that classes proceed as scheduled and that students and faculty members be able to conduct their roles appropriately." As long as the roles are "appropriately" filled, then the reality of these women's lives can be dismissed. As long as the institutional machine keeps pretending nothing is happening by maintaining the illusion of normality, appropriateness and business as usual, nothing will change.

No one is hailing to the administration's call for order voiced in your letter to the students, Dean Sheehan, because there is no order—there is a state of chaos exploding on this campus and all you can offer is a token wave of the institutional pom-poms.

. . . letters to the staff continued

responsibility in maintaining the way the campus looks? Can't we all do a much better job? It downgrades the otherwise outstanding ambience of the UBC Campus and its environment. While people pride themselves in the beauty of Vancouver and the surrounding area they seem to also believe that having the water, trees and mountains compensates for the discard of trash throughout their immediate environment. Somehow there is a big contradiction in all of this. While we are trying to save a few trees at the south end of Campus throughout the summer in protest of a new Institute, people continue to embarrass UBC with litter. The clean-up would be a good project for everyone. The UBC could become a leading light as a force to improve the environment and appearance of our campus.

I cannot take responsibility for the way things are or have been in this regard since I have only been on the faculty here since July 1, 1993 and in Vancouver for a similar period of time. However, I am happy to fix the problem. Does anyone have any suggestions as to how to proceed?

Bruce M. McManus
Professor and Head,
department of Pathology
UBC

Thank you, Bill

From time to time I visit my old UBC campus but I have not been there since before the fire in the Village and I sometimes visit the Ubyssey office, my old Totem Park residence, and the Law School, including Prof. Blom, which I left before graduating during the revolutionary Viet Nam War years.

I note that the former Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliot Trudeau's to speak to UBC student at a question and answer session on Tuesday, November 16, 1993. I met Ellen Sauve, the wife of his third cousin Don Sauve, while I was a mental patient in a clinic in the Autumn of 1984. There is great tragedy, with the loss of two sons in the Don Sauve family.

I met David Lewis speaking at UBC and I am glad that Audrey McLaughlin spoke to a good reception at UBC during the recent federal election.

I recall the conservative editor John Kelsey, and the radical writers Gabo Mate and Stan Persky.

Sincerely
Bill Sawchen

Way to go Dinos!!

Your ace reporter and super city hall sleuth Dinos Kyrou has deflated my estimate of mayoral candidate Bob Seeman's chances of electoral success ("80 percent of cycling accidents fault of cyclists — Bob Seeman," UBYSSEY, November 2.) I did not say that Seeman's "chances of winning the election as an independent are precisely four billion to one against." I was more favourable to Seeman by a factor of 571.4287. I said that his chances are seven million to one — providing that all other candidates do not drop dead before the election. However, I was wise enough to decline Seeman's offer of a wager at my own odds.

Paul Tennant
Department of Political Science

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Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion was given at the SAC meeting dated Oct. 26, 1993. That SAC deconstitute the following clubs:

Accounting Club
African Students Association
AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Association)
Aquaculture Club
Association of Engineering Women
Badminton Club
Bhangara Club
Bio-Resource Engineering Club
Bowling Association
Butokukan Karate Club
Campus Pro-Life
Chemical Engineering Club
Chess Club
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Chinese Varsity Club
Christian Science Organization
Civil Engineering Club
Commerce Community Programs
Computer Science Students
Curling Club
Dance Horizons
East Indian Students Association
Economics Students Association
Engineering Physics Club
Engineers Environment Klub (EEK)
Fencing Club
First Year Engineers Club
Friends of Youth Parliament
Geography Students Association
Geological Engineering Club
Geophysics Society
Great Wall Culture Club
HASK-Croatian Student's Society
Health International of UBC
Health Sciences Association
Hewlett Packard Users Group
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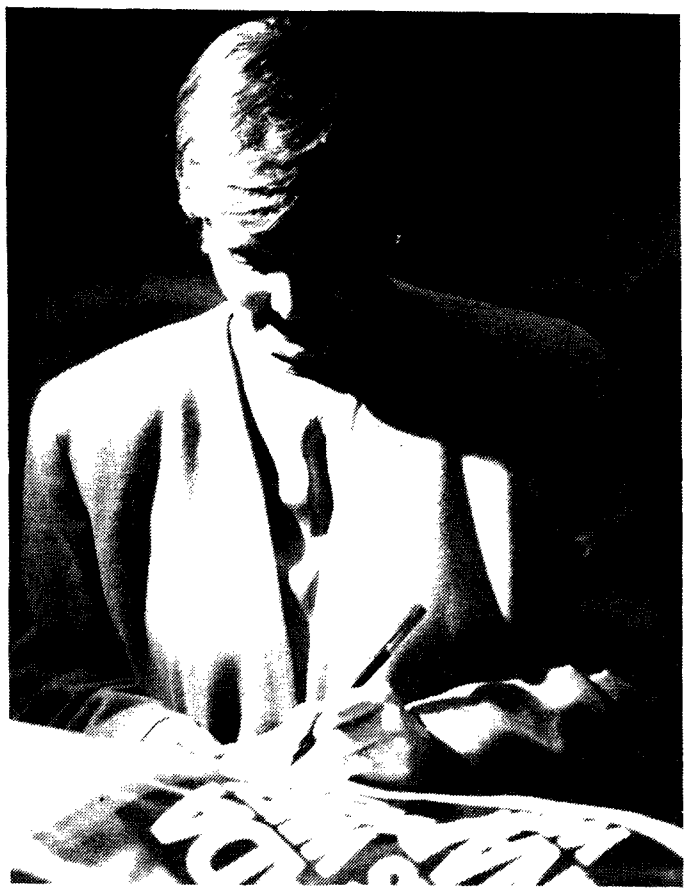
Inter Fraternity Council
International Relations Students' Association
Ismaili Students Association
Japan Exchange Club
Kendo Club
Korean Intercollegiate Student Society
Latter-Day Saints Students Association
Life Drawing Club
Lutheran Students Movement
Management Information System Club
Marketing Association
Metals & Naturals Engineering
Mining
Muslim Students Association
New Democrat Party (NDP)
Newman Club
Pacific Rim Club
Personal Computing Club
Philosopy Student's Society
Photosoc
Pottery Club
Pre-Dental Students
Pre-Law Club
Reform Party Student's Society of the AMS
Sailing Club
Scit (Senior Citizens') Club
Single Parents Association
Ski Club
Skydiving Club
Social Credit
Sororitites of UBC
Sports Car Club
Stamp Club
Students for Forestry Awareness of the A.M.S.
Students For Peace & Disarmament
Taiwanese Students' Association
Tennis Network
Transportation Club
Ukranian Club
United Church Campus Ministry
Urban Land Economics Club of the AMS
UTSAV
Varsity Outdoor
Walter Gage Toastmasters
Whetstone Magazine
Windsurfing Club

Note: This is because one or more of Executive Lists, Membership lists or budget has not been handed in. Please note this motion will be discussed at the November 8, 1993 SAC meeting. If you have any concerns please contact the SAC secretary, Grant Rhodes in SUB 252 (822-5466).

Caption contest winners: Betcha thought we forgot

Buy it while you still have a job.

RUTA FLUXGOLD PHOTO

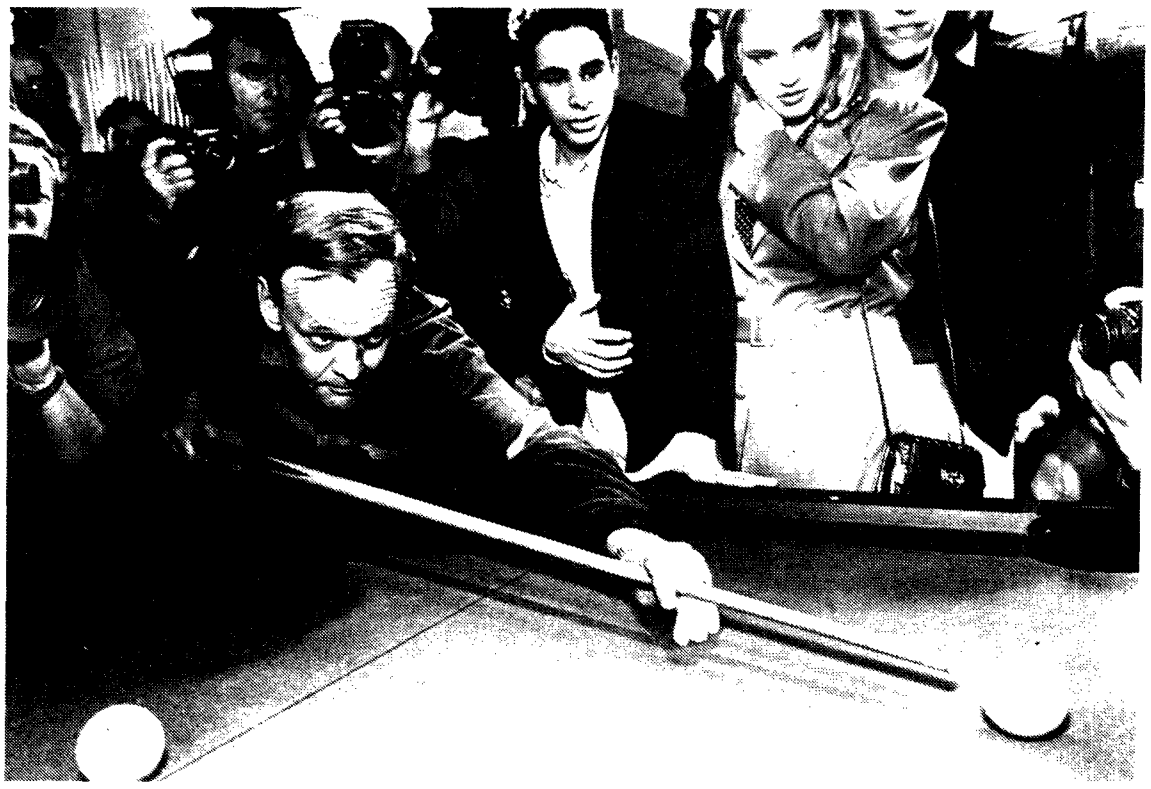


SIOBHAN ROANTREE PHOTO

"Oh yessss! We Won! We Won! My God!! I never thought we could do it. We won the parliamentary hockey pool."

The winners are:

Jean Chretien playing pool - Kevin Haidl
Cream-a-Tory soup cans - Edward Soorany
Audrey McLaughlin - Marc Dinsdale

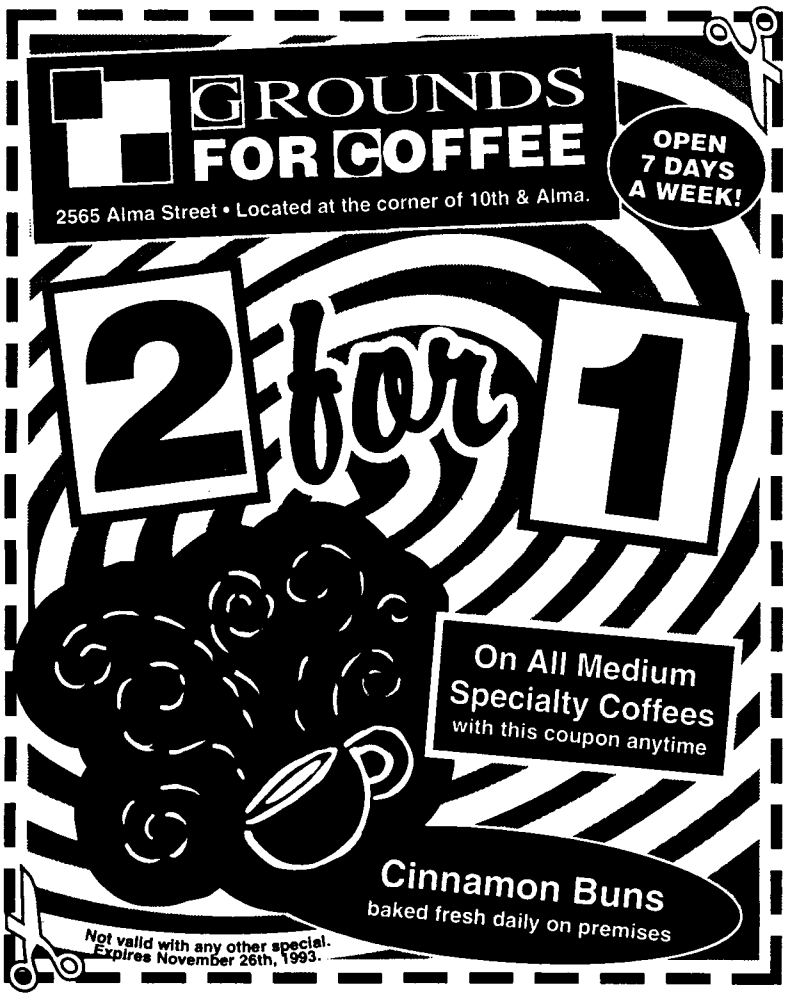


CHESTER KING PHOTO

Kim's head, corner pocket.

TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE:

You have won a fabulous Ubyssey t-shirt designed by a cool Vancouver artist. Come to SUB 241K to pick up your prize.



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PRIZES FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, 1994

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS

Once again the University is recognizing excellence in teaching through the awarding of prizes to faculty members. The Faculty of Arts will select five (5) winners of the prizes for excellence in teaching for 1994.

Eligibility:
Eligibility is open to faculty who have three or more years of teaching at UBC. The three years include 1993 – 94.

Criteria:
The awards will recognize distinguished teaching at all levels, introductory, advanced, graduate courses, graduate courses, graduate supervision, and any combination of levels.

Nomination Process:
Members of faculty, students, or alumni may suggest candidates to the Head of the Department, the Director of the School, or the Chair of the programme in which the nominee teaches. These suggestions should be in writing and signed by one or more students, alumni, or faculty, and they should include a very brief statement of the basis for the nomination. You may write a letter of nomination or pick up a form from the office of the Dean of Arts in Buchanan Building, Room B 130.

Deadlines:
The deadline for submission of nominations to Departments, Schools or Programmes, is 21 January 1994.

Winners will be announced in the Spring, and they will be identified as well during Spring Convocation in May.

For further information about these awards contact your department or call Associate Dean of Arts, Dr. Sherrill Grace at 822-9121.