

Problems plague SUB renovation

By RANDY HAHN

Doubts about the proposed renovations for SUB continue with some students now questioning access of the new facilities for disabled people.

A letter in Tuesday's Ubyssy charged that the plans do not improve the problems of access disabled students presently have with the building.

At least one student from UBC's School of Architecture agreed with the opinion.

"It neglects wheelchair people," the student said. He added existing facilities for disabled students are inadequate.

He said the ramp on the north end of the building is difficult to use. "You've got to be Arnold Schwarzenegger to get up that side," he said.

Alma Mater Society director of administration Craig Brooks, a chief proponent of the new plans, dismissed suggestions that disabled students are not taken into account.

"That's garbage," he said.

Brooks said the proposed new lounge will have a separate entranceway in back that can be used by disabled persons and service people.

The new lounge would not include new washrooms. According to Brooks this is because it is not possible to put plumbing facilities in that area.

Currently all washrooms on the second floor (the floor where the proposed lounge is to be) are not

equipped for handicapped people. This means a patron in a wheelchair would have to exit by the rear door, take the elevator down to the main floor and use the washroom facilities there.

Brooks said it is also currently possible for disabled persons to use the Pit.

"There's a ramp in the back of the Pit," he said. "We've used it to move pianos."

In order to enter the Pit a disabled person has to ring the buzzer at the back door) and then get Pit staff to set the portable ramp in place. The Pit also does not have washroom facilities for the handicapped.

People in wheelchairs rarely visit the Pit, according to staff.

Other aspects of the SUB plans were met with mixed reactions from architecture students.

"I don't know why they're going underground like gophers," said a student who suggested there should be more effort into restructuring the main floor.

Another architecture student suggested renovations of the present entranceways should be a priority.

"There should be a front door," said Ralph Janus, who added SUB lacks an appropriate entranceway that could serve as a focal point.

At least one student of architecture defended the proposed renovations.

"It's a logical place to start," said Larry Podhora. "Within the scope of what they're trying to do it's good."

Members of Filmsoc who are preparing a short film on the renovations expressed dismay on Wednesday for the limited funds

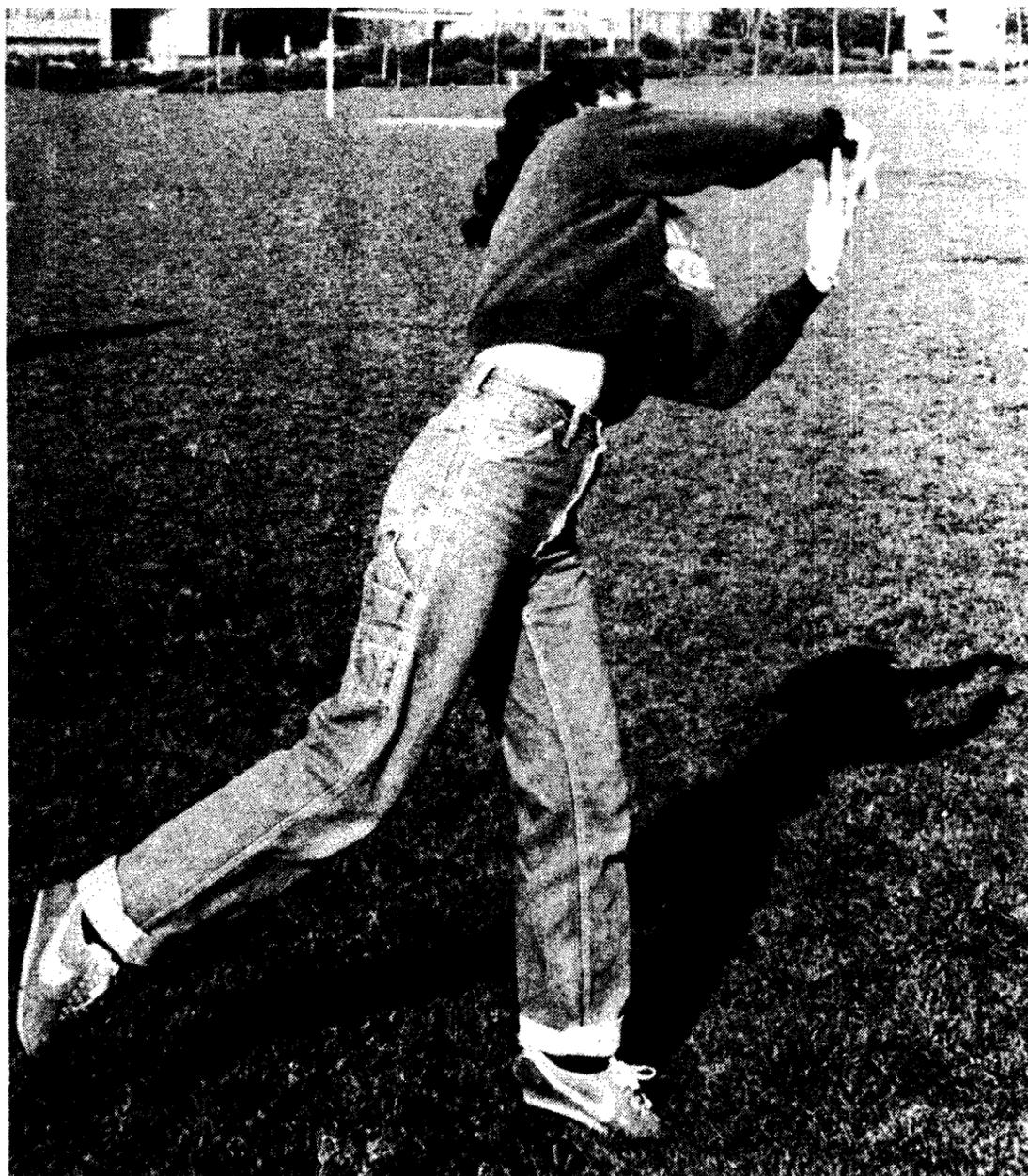
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SHADOW DANCER throws out arms in exultation at glorious sight of springlike sunshine beaming over verdant campus. "Down with revisionist concepts of rule-centred structuralized sport," she cries in joy, her heart leaping at realization that dignity and freedom of human spirit is unshackled when poetry and kinetic art combine to make shadow of mandala gateway to heaven. Who needed to catch that football, anyway?

'J-school may flood job market'

By STEVE McCLURE

UBC's new graduate journalism program will go ahead in 1982 if funding is approved by the Universities Council of B.C., but critics of the program say that an uncertain job market may make the school redundant.

"I think there's a danger of flooding the job market," Vancouver Community College journalism instructor Nick Russell said Wednesday. "The academic nature of the UBC program may be a problem."

The program gained senate approval Jan. 28 and now needs an okay from UCBC before it can be set up. But with the uncertain state of the media in Canada today, critics charge the school would be too academic in nature.

"I don't see any attraction for our grads to go to UBC," Russell

said. "They get jobs anyway. A few of them might go to UBC if they're academically inclined," he said. At present there are 40 people enrolled in the VCC journalism program.

But advocates of the UBC program say a journalism school at Point Grey would complement rather than compete with existing journalism schools.

"I don't have any fears about the market," said Fred Bowers, a UBC English professor who headed the committee that drew up the academic guidelines for the program.

"Even with the mergers going on in the newspaper business we're finding that it doesn't take more than a month for people who've been displaced to find a job," he said.

"I'd have some reservations if the school were to be totally restrictive to print media," Bowers said,

"but I really think there's an information explosion going on but it's not in print media. Journalism skills are the same whatever the medium," he said.

But Russell feels the job situation is much more static.

"I don't think the job market is going to change significantly," he said. "There's an awful lot of people jumping on the bandwagon from the east and the states."

Bowers said the program is "aiming at national, not local media," and doesn't see any potential competition between the UBC school and other local journalism diploma programs such as the one at VCC.

"I don't think the two programs would get in each other's way at all either in terms of enrolment or the eventual job market," he said.

The program envisaged for

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Manager joins society exodus

Bern Grady, Alma Mater Society general manager for more than seven years, has announced he will not renew his contract with the society when it expires in one year.

Grady is now the fourth employee to part company with the AMS since the beginning of the term.

"He resigned for personal reasons," AMS president Bruce Armstrong said Wednesday. "Personally speaking, I would like the AMS to take the opportunity to reassess its managerial structure and maybe change it before Bern goes. It's a good opportunity," he added.

"I won't comment on his past performance and I won't comment on who I'd like to see for general manager in 1982. Personally, I am saddened about Bern resigning but I won't comment on it further."

Armstrong also refused to comment on the significance of four AMS employees either resigning or quitting within a month.

"I can't comment on this until I make a recommendation to council," he said "It wouldn't be nice."

AMS publications salesperson Ken Grant was replaced last week by Sue Cadney, executive secretary Cynthia Bell was replaced by Joyce McLean the previous week, and accounts supervisor Madge Thompson finished employment last week.

Administration director Craig Brooks said the sudden staff changes are nothing to worry about and are not an indication of anything wrong with the AMS.

"We have quite a few staff," he said. "Four out of 20 is not a large turnover."

Grady's employment terminates Jan. 31, 1982. He will have worked for the AMS eight and a half years.

Armstrong would not say whether Grady's resignation would have a detrimental effect on the society. "I can't see that far in the future. I'm going out of office in two weeks. It's up to the new executive and new council to decide."

Grady could not be reached for comment.

Aid task force mocks real student input

By NANCY CAMPBELL

"The federal government didn't need a task force to come up with what's in that report."

Steve Shallhorn, B.C. Students Federation executive officer, is not alone in his criticism of the recently released report of the federal/provincial task force on student assistance.

"The report makes a mockery of student input and hides the real concerns with the existing programs," said National Union of Students spokesperson John Doherty.

"We had hoped for something that would deal with the real problems of the student aid program. We didn't expect them to pat themselves on the back."

Shallhorn said it is almost too late for the government to make changes to the program which would come into effect for September.

"We're disappointed because the task force falls short of recommending any federal grants or real change in the program," he said. "There has to be a grant program instituted at the federal level."

The report, released Jan. 27,

must now be approved by the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada, who initiated the task force last February, Shallhorn said.

The report has a number of recommendations designed to rationalize eligibility criteria. It also calls for a program of mixed loans and grants from the federal government.

The federal government currently provides loans through the Canada Student Loans Program which is administered by each province. The provinces also contribute grants and bursaries tailored to their own needs.

Shallhorn is concerned about how and when the recommendations will be implemented. "The task force has been disbanded and there is no mechanism to carry out change," he said.

He also questioned the value of sections of the report which dealt extensively with public opinion polls and relied on survey results to back up their figures.

"I don't think it is valid because I don't think they (the task force) should be governed by opinion polls," Shallhorn said. "The task

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SUB film shortfunded

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they've received from student council to finance the film.

"It's not as long or as in depth as it could have been," said Ian Gilmour, the film's director.

"It didn't explain the now aspect or why it's been done," said Peter Leung who helped on the film's editing. "We weren't able to do much."

The plans for SUB renovations have been a subject of controversy since they were put forward last summer. Some council members accused AMS president Bruce Armstrong of "railroading" the plan through council and "building a monument to himself."

A referendum on the proposed renovations will take place from Monday to Friday.

PANGO PANGO (UNS) — Rat McSneer, reichsminister of uninurseries, silence and technocracy, has announced to the puce hairy borg of this tiny island kingdom he will resign from tyranny to return to academic life.

"The Unsocial Discredit party doesn't appreciate my grey cell," he said, in what might be a reference to a new residence he may be moving to once his office records are reviewed by the new reichsminister.

"I want to go back to making little hairy rats come," McSneer said.

Pocket fluff. Old copies of the Watchtower. The editor's brain. And the left half of a 1961 Studebaker's rear bumper. What do these things have in common? Only that they're all things that come to mind down here at the printers late at night when sanity is just another word and staff democracy was something we might have talked about when we were all really drunk. You ought to come down here sometime, since you're weird enough to be reading this illegible piece of shit. The printers are members of an esoteric religious cult that specializes in printing student newspapers just for the fun of it. They don't get paid and you can really learn a lot off them, like how to make those funny aluminum foil tubes that they smoke their opium out of. So join The Ubyssy and journey to the End of the Night. It's more real than television.

GAY WEEK '81 February 9-14

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC extend a warm invitation to everyone to help us celebrate GAY WEEK 1981. The week's events are open to all who wish to participate.

MONDAY LUNCHEON

12:30-2:00 p.m., Faculty Club, U.B.C. Speaker: David Fagan, gay rights leader from Australia. Advance tickets only (\$7.00), for information phone 228-4638.

GAY FELLOWSHIP

Spiritual Fellowship Potluck Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre, UBC. Dinner to be followed by a discussion: "Is there a gay spirituality?"

TUESDAY WORSHIP

A Worship Service at the regular weekly gathering of the United Church community at V.S.T.: "Out of the Sanctuary, into the Streets". 8:30 a.m., Vancouver School of Theology Chapel of the Epiphany, 6050 Chancellor Boulevard.

HEALTH SCIENCES

A Lesbian/Gay Health Sciences Assn. Presentation: "Gays and Lesbians as Patients." 12:30 p.m., IRC 5, Woodward Bldg., UBC.

WEDNESDAY

LAW

A Gay/Lesbian Law Assn. Presentation: "Gay People in the Law Profession". 12:30 p.m., Curtis Law Bldg., Room 169, UBC.

THURSDAY

FREE FILMS

Canadian Films: Jill Johnston: October 1975 (Lydia Wazana and Kay Armatage, 1977) and Michael, a Gay Son (Bruce Glawson, 1980), 12:30 — 2:00 p.m., Buchanan 202, UBC.

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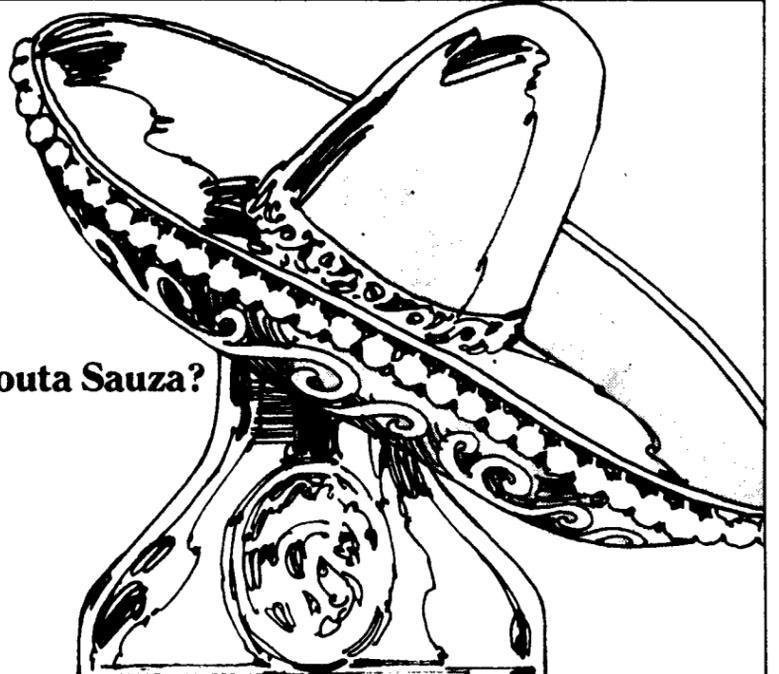
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You deserve a break today, so get up and get away with an invitation from the UBC Progressive Conservative Club — to hear the official leader of the Opposition, The Right Honourable

JOE CLARK

FEBRUARY 6

11:30 a.m.

SUB Ballroom

Pie-throwers will be shot!

Board moves on library expansion

By GLEN SANFORD

A major step toward a \$50 million expansion of UBC's library facilities was taken by the board of governors Tuesday afternoon.

The expansion proposal, called "the biggest single project the university has ever put forward," was approved by the board and passed on to the Universities Council of B.C.

Facilities planning director W. G. Argyle said the plans approved by the board would not be destructive to the beauty of the area between Main and Sedgewick libraries.

"The design takes into account every shrub and tree there," he said.

The plans would connect Main and Sedgewick into one library, with corridors overlooking the garden going between each side of the buildings. The two wings of the Main library would be torn down and replaced with newer structures, and an entrance to the Main library from the East Mall would be built.

Administration vice president James Kennedy said UCBC will release funds to the university at various stages of construction.

Construction is expected to first begin in 1983 and will not be completed until 1988.

In other business, the board heard a brief

report stating that students will need far more bursaries this year than are currently provided.

Brad Stock of the standing committee on tuition and student aid told the board students' financial needs are rapidly growing and more bursaries are needed.

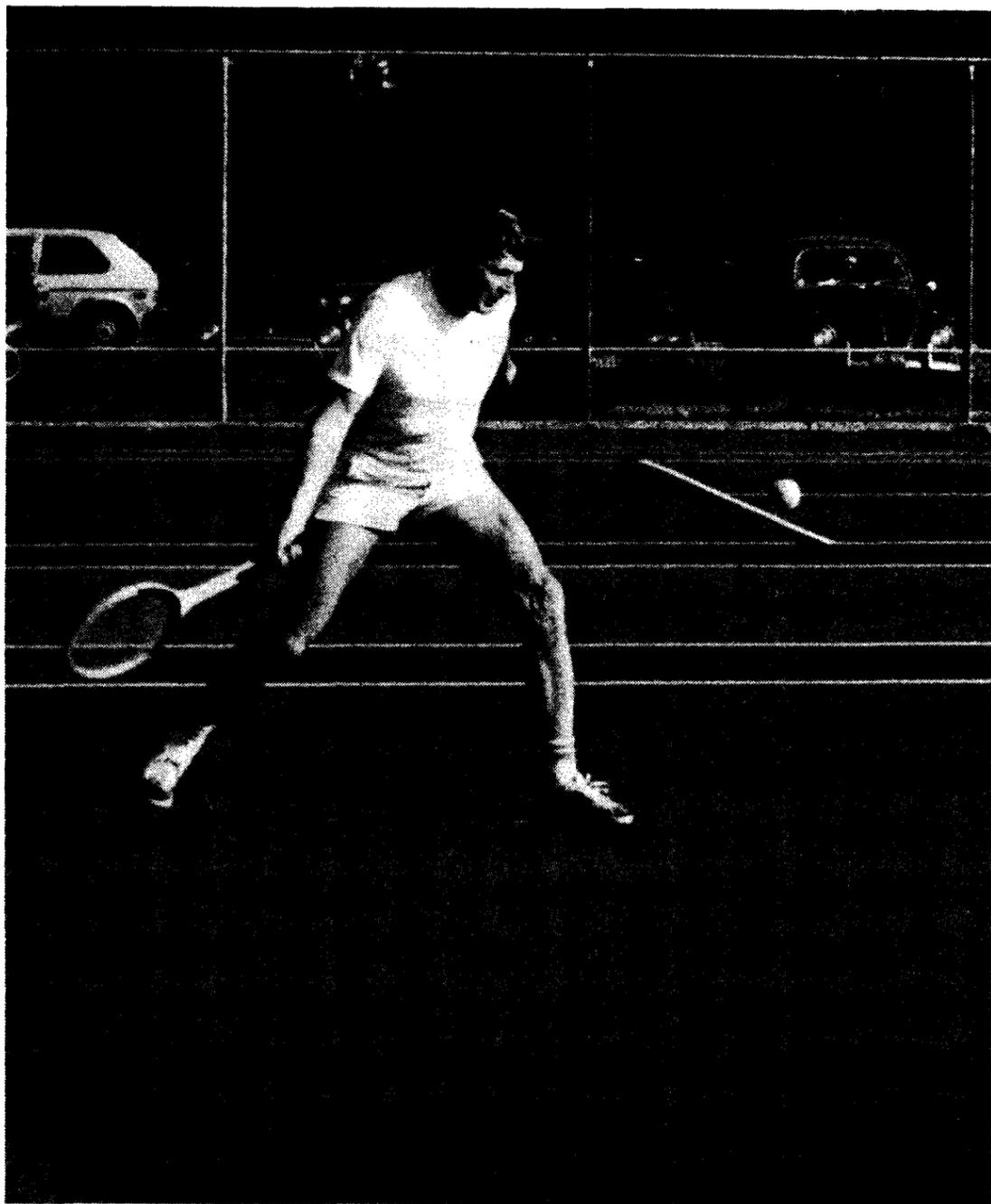
He said board members would receive a full report on student needs in their dockets for the next meeting in March, when the committee will fully explain the inadequacy of student aid.

The committee originally planned to make its full presentation at Tuesday's meeting,

but found that former student board representative John Pellizon had not made provisions to get them on the agenda.

The board currently has only 14 members, and will remain one member short until the provincial government finds a replacement for Stan Weston, who died suddenly in December.

There are 15 members on the board, including eight government appointees, the chancellor, the administration president, two faculty members, one staff representative and two students also sit on the board.



—craig heale photo

WINTER SPORT of lotus landers is strange game demanding skimpy attire and round, long-handled object strung with guts of felines; object usually used in eastern Canada to walk on unfamiliar substance sometimes seen on top of local mountains. Fellow citizens to east still insist Canada has a harsh season coinciding with turn of year but we know better. We certainly know better than to live out there.

Winnipeg faculty gets union

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Faculty at the University of Winnipeg will be officially unionized by Feb. 6 and support staff are looking to be certified as a bargaining unit by April. Almost 80 per cent of the 200

faculty members at the university voted in favor of unionization, said John Ryan of the university's faculty association.

"Unionization has been discussed a long time here," Ryan said.

"What with insecure government funding we just thought it was time we established some collective protection."

This is also the last year for U of W president Harry Duckworth and faculty wanted to become certified before a new president came to the university, Ryan said.

Unionization among support staff has also been discussed for a number of years, said Carol McQuarrie of the Association of Employees Supporting Education Services. The move by faculty "provided the impetus to start formal proceedings," she said.

More than a month ago AESES was contacted by support staff members and asked to organize the 215 workers into a bargaining unit, McQuarrie said.

Since then an undisclosed number of support staff members have already signed with AESES and more are expected after the union's general meeting at the university Feb. 5.

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God not old man says rabbi

Every Jew should have a separate personal relationship with God rather than following a dictated, structured belief, a reform rabbi told an audience at Hillel House Wednesday.

"I don't believe in laws — religious, scientific or social — I believe in norms — laws are simply speculations," Rabbi Phillip Bregman told an audience of about 25.

Bregman said the direction in the reform movement in Judaism is toward a personal vision of God.

"I do have a personal God, and I think most people feel this way," he said.

"My God is very much a part of

me — He is the life within me. What I must do in prayer is to get in touch with the God inside of me so that I can get in touch with the God around me."

Orthodox Judaism, he said, has a set structure: "... either you are or you aren't." But he said he felt reformists and orthodox Jews were generally moving closer together rather than moving to the extremes. "Orthodoxy is really reform."

Bregman said religion involves imagination, and imagination works to change perceptions of it.

"People must get away from the notion (that God is) the old man in the sky."

U of T faces fee struggle

TORONTO (CUP) — A group of University of Toronto students are refusing to accept the latest tuition increase without a fight.

Students for an improved and accessible university (SIAU) will ask U of T president James Ham not to raise tuition for the 1981-82 school year. Ham had earlier announced he would raise tuition by 10 per cent.

Ontario colleges and universities minister Bette Stephenson announced Jan. 23 the formula fee, or base level of tuition, would rise by 10 per cent and universities would be free to levy an additional 10 per cent discretionary fee.

But, tuition at the U of T will not rise next year unless the discretionary fee is introduced, since the fees are already at the provincial base because of last year's increases. Last year the U of T levied the 10 per cent discretionary fee in addi-

tion to the province's 7.5 per cent increase.

"Students have no choice but to pay the formula fee, but to pay 10 per cent over inflation is not fair," said Cam Harvey, a member of SIAU and student representative on the board of governors.

A motion to "urge the university to limit next year's fees to the ministry's formula fee, in other words, not to raise tuition this year," will be considered by the U of T student council.

"SIAU is entering into discussion with as many groups as possible to form a coalition, a common front to oppose the dismal level of underfunding," said Harvey.

SIAU is also addressing the problems of government funding to universities, accessibility and the quality of education.

Gov't cuts mean less student jobs

OTTAWA (CUP) — A \$20 million reduction in the federal summer job creation program will likely mean less jobs for Canadian students next summer.

The government allocation dropped to \$100 million for summer job creation for 1981 from \$120 million for 1980. National Union of Students researcher Jeff Parr said the primary cuts were made to community development and federally sponsored programs.

"These are the real job creation programs in the package," Parr said. The other areas of expenditure include national defense programs, "hire-a-student" campaigns and employment centres.

"It seems the government is placing a higher priority on military training than on job creation," Parr said. "Much of the defence allocation does not create any jobs."

Parr said 60 per cent of the defence area of job creation is for cadet training — a six week course for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18. Participants are not paid a wage but given \$100 if they complete the course.

But an executive director of the employment development branch of the ministry of employment and immigration says emphasis has not been placed on military training. Hallam Johnson said the \$20 million cut is a "generalized reduction" which does not favor any area.

Johnson did not feel the program would suffer because of the reduction. "There has been a history of varied funding," he said.

"Of course, the number of jobs

does fluctuate with the level of funding," he added.

Johnson said increases in funding for "hire-a-student" campaigns and employment centres would mean those areas would be able to maintain their current level of service.

But Parr says the employment centres only aid students indirectly.

"They are supposed to help students find jobs. Only a few students are directly employed by the centres," he said.

"What is needed is a stronger commitment to the areas of the program that directly create jobs for students," he added.

Journalism program not needed

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UBC would consist of 30 units over two years and would include nine units of "newsroom-workshop practise" spread out over the two years, Bowers said. Other sections of the program would deal with topics such as media history, and the law and ethics of journalism.

In addition students would be required to work on a piece of investigative journalism that would take the place of a regular master's thesis. Twelve units would be made, of electives in fields of interest to the student.

Bowers said an internship program in which students work at commercial newspapers during the summer or Christmas will be integrated into the program.

ON CAMPUS, CIVIL RIGHTS WERE BEING VIOLATED...



**BUT MEANWHILE
IN CAMBODIA...**

Promotion and insults

The Alma Mater Society wants you to vote for the proposed SUB renovations. How can we guess? Well, there's their rather expensive self-promotional ad taking up the centrespread of this newspaper. But we can tell from other things, too.

There's the amount of time over which the referendum will take place: a full week. A bit of a surprise, considering.

Considering the elections for student representatives to the board of governors and senate took place over one day — but these people, after all, only represent more than 20,000 students on governing bodies at this university.

There were several complaints that the board and senate election period was absurdly short. The AMS executive and council, who also represent us, have never approached the board, senate, Universities Council of B.C. or the universities ministry to discuss this. It's not nearly as important as the SUB referendum.

The executive elections this year were poorly planned and executed, with the announcement of nominations opening, nominations closing and the election itself being held all coming in the space of three weeks. Only a single all-candidates meeting could be held, which was predictably poorly attended by both students and (shame!) candidates.

The polls were open for two days. Again, there were students who felt two days at the end of a week was inadequate if time was to be taken to examine candidates' positions and schedule time to vote.

But for the referendum, five full days.

Then there's the presentation of the project. Four paid for pages of *The Ubyssy* are taken up this week with advertising pushing the renovations. When something is puffed up that much, doubts must arise as to whether the subject of such promotion is necessary and valid all on its own.

On top of it all, the executive and council have insulted us.

According to council, on the advice of the executive, students might pass the renovations and defeat the fee levy if they were allowed to vote on the levy itself.

Balls. Pure and simple balls.

There should be an option on the referendum ballot reading: "OR, be it resolved that, the SUB debt being paid off, the fee formerly applied to that debt be removed from the AMS levy and none of the above projects be undertaken by the AMS."

Any person that mistook the meaning of that and marked that box as well as another would have, of course, spoiled their ballot.

But the executive wants the fee to continue for some reason. Probably because it can then be used for renovations even if the referendum fails to pass its two-thirds quorum on the grounds the majority still favor the work.

The AMS executive has been desperate to get this little monument built, putting its priority above tuition fee hikes, student aid or responsible handling of finances. They've treated the students shoddily.

They're railroading it. There's no other word.

Letters

Goof corrects pro

When Edmund P. Grondine endeavors to correct someone he should be careful that he gets his own facts right, if only for the sake of his own expert self. In his letter "Pro corrects goofs" he fails miserably. As a humble but fastidious student of hallucinogens I would like to correct his corrections.

Grondine says my article On the Mesoamerican Mushroom Trail with R. Gordon Wasson fails to distinguish between the hallucinogenic constituents of Amanita muscaria and Psilocybe mushrooms.

What he fails to notice is that my

Not dead

The *Ubyssy's* editorial obituary for the Teaching Assistants' Union was highly premature. The union is alive and well — and soon, when its first agreement with the administration is signed, it will be able to truthfully claim that it has never been stronger.

Your editorial showed insight, however, into the nature of trade unionism and the problems of the TAU. You are correct to point out that the winner of last week's strike vote was the university administration. And the losers? The losers were the people who voted no; the union members, and the non-union members too. The whole bargaining unit, in other words.

Even so, your scenario of the union being wiped out is unduly pessimistic. There are now several hundred interested and well-informed TAU members, and dozens of enthusiastic, dedicated volunteer workers. Thanks to their support, the TAU is definitely here to stay.

P.S. — Non-union employees are entitled to vote in any strike vote, not just the first.

P.P.S. — To set the record straight: the TAU never "refused to alter its position on union security" (*The Ubyssy*, Jan. 30). The truth is exactly the opposite. In fact, in the last mediation session on Dec. 8, the union negotiators — in a spirit of compromise — discarded their original union security proposal and drafted a completely new one (the so-called "Carleton formula"), which was then submitted to the administration's negotiators. They refused to discuss it, and walked out.

Glen Porter
graduate studies

article has no pretensions to a discussion of chemistry. It is an article on hallucinogens and religion.

Grondine says the effects of the two constituents of importance — ibotenic acid and psilocybin — are quite different. They are in fact both members of the class of drugs called hallucinogens and their effects are fairly similar.

Grondine says he's heard that the effects of Amanitas are unpleasant in the extreme. I myself have found them to be quite pleasant if prepared and eaten correctly . . . I have never been sick from these mushrooms.

Grondine says my article is a complete misstatement of Wasson's work citing two supposed errors.

He claims that the Vedic deity soma was first identified as Amanita muscaria in Wasson's book *Mushrooms, Russia and History*, which he says was published in 1926. This book was published in 1957. Wasson first addressed the question of soma's identity in 1963 and published his treatise, *Soma: The Divine Mushroom of Immortality*, in 1967.

Grondine also claims the hypothesis that lysergic acid amide was the active ingredient of the Eleusinian potion belongs exclusively to Albert Hofmann (a name he spells Hoffman). Hofmann's research on the matter was done at Wasson's request. Wasson the ethno-mycologist asked Hofmann the chemist if the Greeks could have extracted lysergic acid amide from the generally poisonous ergot fungus. Hofmann showed it was possible. But the hypothesis was always Wasson's; Hofmann merely assisted him in the proof.

As for Grondine's innuendo that Wasson was associated with the CIA because an academic associate of his once spoke to that much loved organization, I can only marvel at his leaps in logic.

And what is Grondine's point when he says that Wasson once worked for a company that was rumoured to have helped British Intelligence during the Second World War?

I can only suggest to Grondine that he follow Wasson's example; get the facts and substantiate them before condemning the work of others. Experts shouldn't deal in sensationalism, innuendo, and careless mistakes.

Charles Campbell
fine arts 4

Support farmworkers

For the thousands of seasonal farmworkers who pick the fruit of Fraser Valley orchards, each day is a 12-hour ordeal in the fields for a piece-rate wage equal to barely \$1.50 per hour.

Denied holidays, sick leave, toilet facilities or running water, farmworkers are also forbidden the minimal rights insured under the Employment Standards Act (1980), such as the minimum wage and health and safety regulations, despite the fact that the extensive use of pesticides has made farmwork increasingly hazardous.

The absence of day care facilities has often forced parents to take children into the fields with them, where the sight of eight year olds laboring alongside their grandparents is not uncommon. On top of this abuse, many itinerant East Indian farmworkers are housed in unheated barns with absolutely no facilities.

It was under such appalling conditions that four small children died last summer on farms in Clearbrook and Langley.

As part of the attempt to reverse these tragic conditions, the Canadian Farmworkers' Union (CFU) is appealing to the public for their support. A UBC Farmworkers' Support Group now exists, and will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 119, SUB, where Judy Cavanagh from the CFU will speak on Women and Farmwork.

Admission is free. Those who wish to work with the support group are invited to remain after the talk for informal discussion.

We need look no further than our own backyard for human misery and poverty. Please show your concern by attending the meeting.

Kevin Annett
UBC Farmworkers' Support Group

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Okay here are the names: Pat Burdett, Nancy Campbell, Stuart Davis, Eric Eggertson, Larry Green, Randy Hahn, Craig Heale, Helen Littman, Doug Martin, Steve McClure, Scott McDonald, Verne McDonald; no these two are not related, and Glen Sanford. And this is the story. Once upon a time a turd was running around the barnyard telling everyone that he should be king shit again. "But you're a shit head," everyone yelled. "That does not matter," the shit yelled back, "you elected me once before." "But," the masses yelled back, "your competition consists of a frog leg and a socialist slug." So the free enterprising turd dumped his show at UBC. Everyone came out to watch him make a spectacle out of himself. What he said was that the other guys were bad and that he was good. Then he got confused and did not know what he was doing. Fortunately he had a shitter to tell him what to do.

Haphazard funding leads to censorship

Whether or not environmental groups should receive government funding, and if so, which ones, has been a contentious issue for the provincial government since they came to power in 1975. To date, funding has been haphazard, with the monies allocated to certain conservation groups at the discretion of the environment minister.

By Lori Thicke

Without any legislation acting as a guideline for equitable allocation of funds the current discretionary system leaves itself open to potential abuses. Some environmental advocacy groups believe the government is not above "playing favorites."

"There is nothing to prevent cabinet from issuing money to whoever it chooses," says B.C. Wildlife Federation spokesperson Terry Simmons.

Among the environmentalists the consensus is that the solution to this dilemma is for the government to set up a fund that could be impartially administered. Tom Waterland, the low profile B.C. forest minister, believes the answer is to cut government funding of environmental lobby groups altogether.

According to the minister, funding lobby groups leads the government down a "treacherous, slippery path." Members of citizens' lobby groups should be willing to volunteer their time and not rely on government handouts to support them says Waterland.

Waterland's statements have not received a warm reception from B.C. environmentalists. Ken Farquarson, the Outdoor Recreation Council chair and founding member of the Run Out Skagit Spoilers (ROSS) committee says he "resents the implication that public interest groups are acting in self interest."

Sierra club chair Anna Buffinga is concerned the minister's statements "put environmental groups in a bad light. People will think they are opportunists who misuse public funds." She adds, "he must have stepped into the wrong department and made a mistake."

Although most environmental organizations in the province receive some funding from the governments in addition to public donations, for most conservationists the work is a "labor of love."

Dr. Tom Perry, a ROSS committee member, estimates the value of the time (not to mention the out-of-pocket expenses) donated by volunteers such as himself, Farquarson and others (including several UBC professors) is worth in excess of \$100,000.

According to Maury Mason, Greenpeace educational coordinator "to get government funding you have to comply with regulations and ideas." Greenpeace, which frequently criticizes the federal and provincial governments operates without any government funding.

Mason believes the government disbursements are not without some obligations. "They like to keep organizations under their thumbs, and we're not about to be dictated to — especially when they're allowing such atrocities to continue."

Many B.C. environmentalists believe that if they wish to receive funding from the government for their organizations they cannot afford to be too critical of government environmental policies. Some

organizations practice a form of self-censorship which can be, in Simmons' words, "more powerful than direct censorship."

"Sometimes it (knocking the government) will cost money, Simmons says. "There's always that danger."

MLA Bob Skelley, the NDP environment critic says in some instances the government has funded private citizens' research groups to submit briefs opposing proposed government projects like the Kemano Dam. But by and large the government's policy is to "support the prosecution and not the defense," Skelley says.

In their fight against the dumping of 2,4-D in the Okanagan Lake system the South Okanagan Environmental Coalition was unable to obtain any government funds and had to invest thousands of dollars of their own money.

When the government does allocate money to certain citizens' groups it is invariably on a project basis, usually for research (which is then used by the government) or to hire workers for projects like con-

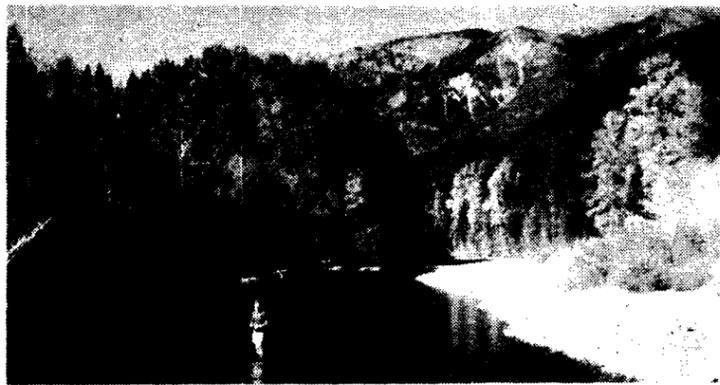
structing hiking trails and not for operating expenses.

Grants, Simmons says, are dispensed to the environmental groups to perform specific tasks such as researching and submitting proposals to the provincial environment ministry. "The government is not giving away money but is distributing public money to do a certain class of activity that should be done anyway."

freestyle

The two government grants ROSS has received have been used to pay legal fees for court action taken against the Seattle City Department of Lighting for its plans to flood the Skagit valley.

B.C. is the only province that doesn't have a citizens' advisory to the environment ministry. That environmental concerns are not a high priority of the present government is evidenced by the environment ministry's budget, considered sadly inadequate by conservationists.



SKAGIT . . . conservation a 'labor of love'

Simmons says the fish and wildlife branches has not had a budget increase in five years, with the result that they cannot do the work they should. They are chronically short staffed and cannot form conservation patrols to investigate abuses of the environment.

Buffinga says the shortage of funds means that environmental groups end up doing the legwork for the fisheries and wildlife branch.

Outside conservation groups are essential to make the public aware of potential abuses of the environment and to protect our non-renewable resources when the government itself does not have an internal regulating mechanism.

"Somebody has to act as a

monitor and a conscience," says Buffinga.

Skelley emphasizes the government must recognize the importance of environmental watchdogs, especially in the absence of its own controls, and should make increased funding available to advocacy groups on an indiscriminate basis.

It is essential, he says, that the fund be impartially administered so that groups wishing for support won't be placed in a compromise situation with the government.

Freestyle is a column of informed or otherwise opinion, comment and analysis perpetrated on an unsuspecting public by staff members of The Ubyssy. Lori Thicke has worked for the NDP in Tom Waterland's riding and is press secretary for Don Olds, Waterland's opponent.

Letters

Columbian exploits immigrant labor

Last week in Coquitlam, a number of immigrant and national minority workers set up an information picket line at the gates of the Columbian newspaper. The workers, who pick crops in the Fraser Valley in the harvesting season, deliver flyers and newspapers published by the Columbian door to door at other times. They are employed by United Flyer Distributors which has contracted to deliver these Columbian publications.

The information picket went up to support the workers' demand for over \$3,000 in back pay which their employer was wrongfully withholding. These workers, many of whom are of East Indian origin, are among the most oppressed and exploited of the Canadian working class.

Their wages are \$3.65 per hour. Often they are given only a few hours work per day, and they do not learn this until after they check in for the day.

The working conditions are extremely bad. Dog attacks and icy steps are commonplace hazards. The workers are not covered by compensation, so that if one slips and is hurt, he is out of luck.

Many of these workers are men past retirement age, grandfathers who have spent a lifetime at hard work. They are organizing themselves into a local of the General Farm and Allied Workers' Union and have filed a certification application with the Labor Relations Board.

The big capitalists like the newspaper and its advertisers, the big

corporations such as SuperValu, Sears, and Safeway have tried to avoid responsibility for this exploitation under the legal fiction that the drivers are "independent contractors" and the door-to-door walkers are employees of the drivers. With this legal fiction, the reality of the ruthless exploitation of immigrant and national minority labor is masqueraded as a "contractual" matter.

In their statement the workers said, "The Columbian feigns concern about the rights of workers. They have even made mention of the plight of farmworkers in the Fraser Valley. But their hypocrisy is exposed by the fact that many of the distributors for United Flyer are these very same farmworkers. Right under the nose of the Columbian and very profitable for them operates a system of bogus "contracting" to exploit the workers and drivers to the maximum.

For all of this posturing by the Columbian that this was merely a "contract" matter, shortly after the information picket line appeared at the newspaper gates, the United Flyer company handed over the back pay owed to these workers and

signed an agreement recognizing that the protesting workers were indeed employees of the company, not "employees" of the drivers.

The struggle of these workers is not over, it is just beginning. The company is threatening to repudiate this agreement, and it is by no means certain that the provincial Labor Relations Board will grant them certification as a local of the GFAWU.

The General Farm and Allied Workers' Union is an organizational member of the People's Front. This union, militantly and steadfastly, is putting into practice the slogans of the People's Front: One for all, and all for one! An injury to one is an injury to all! The UBC Committee Against Racist And Fascist Violence supports the struggle of the United Flyer Workers against racist and class oppression, and calls on the democratic people at UBC to give these workers their full support too.

Allen H. Soroka
UBC committee against racist and fascist violence

Soroka vs. Trots

The Trotskyist League's principled defense of Allen Soroka against anti-communist attacks (The Ubyssy Jan. 6) has elicited an invitation to join the People's Front. In the 1930s Comrade Trotsky said the labor movement should "acquaint the fascists with the pavement." Naturally we welcome the opportunity to join with anyone in concrete action who genuinely wants to put a stop to the fascists.

Such an action depends upon a suitable relation of forces, as we have no wish to engage in adventurist action, substituting ourselves for powerful labor/minority mobilizations. As our comrades in the Spartacist League (U.S.) demonstrated in Detroit and San Francisco when the Klan and Nazis were prevented from marching, such united front mobilizations are the only answer to the growth of fascism.

However, when concrete action was posed, CPC(ML) and its various front groups abstained, refusing to respond to either the murders of the Greensboro anti-fascist demonstrators or the acquittals of their Klan/Nazi killers.

In fact, one CPC(ML)er actually complained that the TL's

demonstration on Nov. 21, 1980 at UBC against this racist "justice" was "diversionary." Of course this position reflects CPC(ML)'s slogan "KKK and U.S. Imperialism out of Canada," which implies that the KKK is okay in Greensboro but not here.

Furthermore, the People's Front strategy of communal self-defense dangerously and unnecessarily isolates ethnic and racial minorities from their most valuable allies: the labor movement. Only labor/minority defense guards, backed by the strength of the union movement, can defend victims of racist attacks.

Finally, CPC(ML)'s well-deserved reputation for gangsterism within the left makes a mockery of their invitation to join forces. And Soroka himself, only a few months ago, denounced as a "fascist" the very same B. Campbell who he now invites to join the People's Front!

This outrageous slander echoes the bourgeoisie's equation of the fascists with their militant opponents, the very thing that we have defended Soroka against.

B. Campbell
Trotskyist League Club

Bookstore rip-offs

What's old news at the bookstore besides high text prices? Theft! On Friday, Jan. 16 I entered the bookstore to buy a textbook, and left my Samsonite five-inch briefcase, as required by bookstore rules, outside the turnstile. After purchasing my text, I went to retrieve my briefcase and found that it was gone.

The briefcase contained nothing of value to anyone but myself, and it saddens me to think that a student would steal another student's briefcase and notes. But what is more annoying is that the bookstore enforces a rule which means that students must leave their possessions in an area which is unguarded and easy to steal from.

A bookstore employee told me that there wasn't room for a proper, more secured area for leaving valuables. When the new bookstore is built, I hope that it will have provisions for security of books, bags, and briefcases for those students who wish to leave their valuables secured. Pay lockers with removable keys, such as those found in airport terminals, seem to be the best system.

I'm offering a reward (and no questions asked) for the return of my briefcase. I can be contacted at 980-1306. Let's hope that the new bookstore has better security measures; but meanwhile, keep a close eye on your books!

Brett Coyle
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SUB PLAZA MALL

When SUB was built a large underground space between SUB and the present site of the Aquatic Centre was left for future development. To use this space, a proper floor must be laid, heat, light and mechanical services put in, and exit-entrances to SUB and outside installed.

Since the height of the Mall is restricted (9½ ft from the ceiling to the base of the pillars), the heating and air conditioning would skirt around the outside walls and under the floor in order to provide the necessary services. In addition, some plumbing and other specialized services would be required for the PhotoSoc Darkroom and some meeting/multi-purpose rooms.

So, all in all, this would result in approximately 16,000 square feet that would be used for photographic darkrooms and studios, meeting rooms, club offices and possibly a couple of retail shops relevant to student needs, at an estimated cost of \$328,000 for the basic upgrading. The basic upgrading cost does not include the internal separations within the mall. The cost of this space works out to approximately \$22/sq. ft., substantially below the cost of building such a project from scratch today.

If you are interested in obtaining more details, concerning either project, please contact Bruce Armstrong, AMS President or Craig Brooks, Director of Administration.

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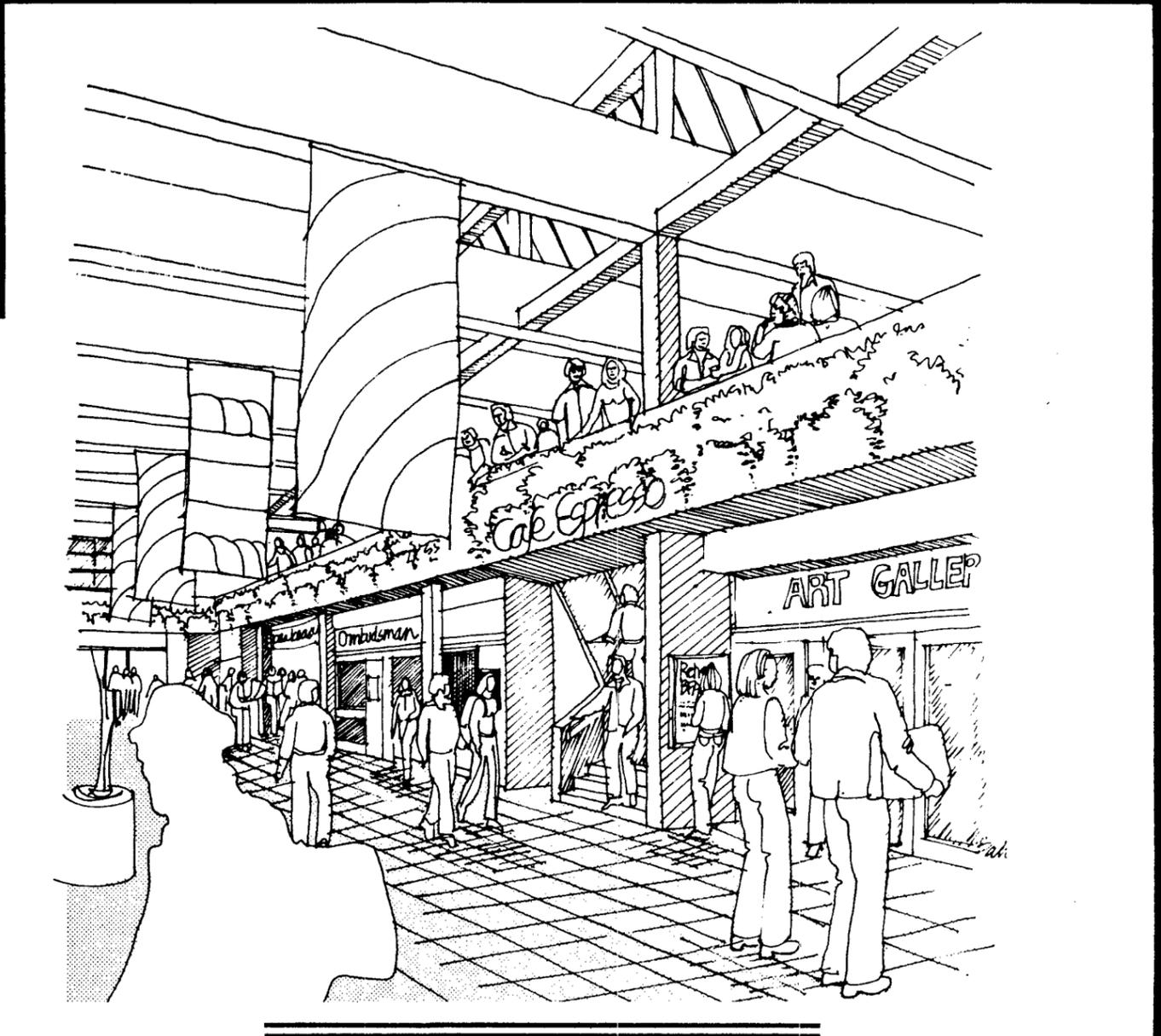
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SUB COURTYARD

When the Student Union Building was constructed a large outdoor area on the second floor was initially designed for an outdoor courtyard. However, due to changes in fire regulations, this area now must remain closed until appropriately renovated.

In order to make this space conform, three stairways down to the lower floor must be constructed. Two of these would be strictly for emergency exits, while one would be for access to the second floor area from the main concourse.

The present courtyard would be roofed over, partially with glass to provide a skylight effect. The eastern half of the courtyard would be removed, exposing the main concourse to a two floor high ceiling with a skylight roof.

The other half of the courtyard would be renovated into a conversation lounge. The new conversation area would serve as a non-alcoholic social area during the day. It would offer a variety of coffees and other 'coffee-house' style goods. The area could be licensed for special occasions by student groups for beer gardens, etc. Eight new club offices would be constructed facing west onto the second floor corridor, thereby enabling many more clubs to obtain adequate office space.

The estimated total cost, including renovations to Speakeasy, the Proctor's Office, Art Gallery and the Ombudsperson's Office, is approximately \$725,000. Much of the cost of this project is upgrading the area to fire standards. These modifications have already been approved by the provincial fire marshal.

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Student assistance

Aid plan in doubt

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force should be making recommendations that will be leading to a stronger and accessible post-secondary education system, not maintaining the status quo."

The report lists five federal aid program options which could replace the current CSLP. They differ in cost and emphasis on objectives, with three costing \$400 million, 15 per cent more than the cost of existing programs.

The most conservative alternative resembles the current plan with revised and standardized criteria to determine eligibility and need. Another proposal increases the proportion of grants during the early post-secondary years and switching to loans in later years.

A loan-first plan is also recommended in which aid is given first as a loan to a specified level of need, then as a grant, and finally as half loan and half grant. This plan is similar to the one now in effect in B.C.

The income contingent repayment plan would use a student's income after graduation as the basis for loan repayment, and costs more than the first three options.

An all grant program is the fifth, and most expensive, option.

Both NUS and BCSF are disappointed because the report does not

strongly recommend an all-grant program.

"We are hoping it (the report) would lead directly to implementation of a federal grant program," Shallhorn said. "We're happy that it leans in the direction of some sort of federal grant system, but leaning isn't enough."

"We have to continue to press for an all grant system," Doherty said. "Students have to force the government to work at breaking down financial barriers to education with a good student aid policy."

Student aid programs vary widely from province to province. In B.C. the maximum aid available is \$3,500 per year, of which the first \$600

is a loan while the remainder is split into half grant and half loan. Federal CSLP loans make up \$1,800 of the total.

But Alberta provides over \$7,000 in grants, to a maximum of \$12,000 total award, to some categories of students.

Shallhorn outlined the BCSF demands for changes to the provincial aid program. "We want to see the \$3,500 ceiling increased by increasing the grant portion to at least 50 per cent of the total."

"The loan ceiling should stay at \$1,800, the loan-first system removed and the total aid ceiling raised to at least \$4,800, which would only keep up with inflationary increases since the ceiling was instituted."

Staff to follow faculty

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AESES already represents support staff workers at the University of Manitoba.

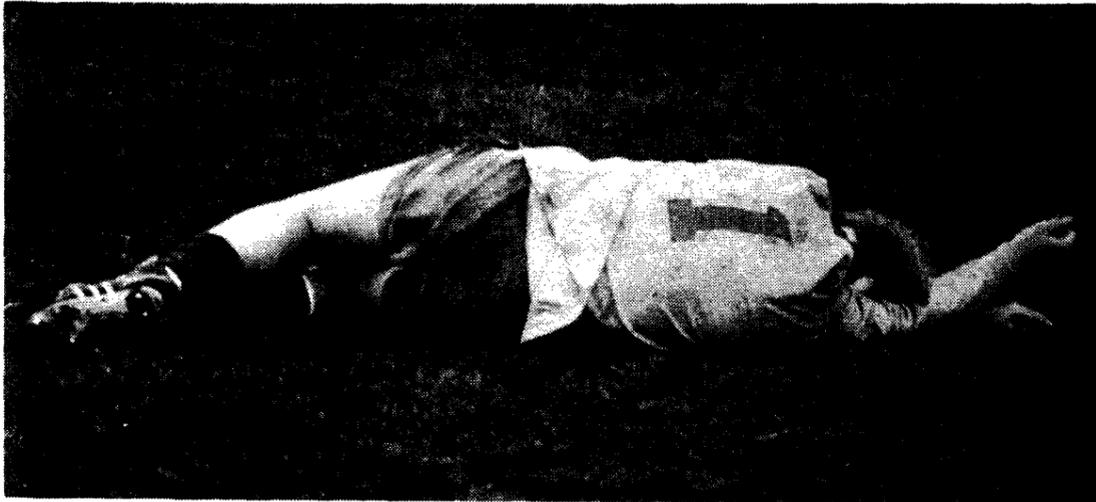
Ryan believes a unionized faculty and support staff "should strengthen our hand in getting funds from the provincial government."

Wage settlements will now be legally binding on the university, Ryan said, and thus the university cannot

be pressured by the government to roll back a settlement.

However, W. C. Lorimer, chair of the university grants commission, said if a university makes a settlement "higher than the going rate of wage settlements," the university will have to look at other areas where they can make a cut.

McQuarrie said certification of support staff will likely happen in April.



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A plume of yellowish green gas rises from the crippled factory, falling heavily in the dank air, and seeping into hollows. It's the still hour before dawn, and the October day promises to be clammy and overcast, low clouds sealing in the cold fog.

The Vancouver sea breezes are fitful, and at dawn they swing inland. The gas wafts with them, acrid and corrosive. It bleaches the grass into white straw.

Maybe an alarm is raised, maybe not. It doesn't really matter because there is no evacuation plan for the neighboring communities and no evacuation route anyway.

by Helene Littman

Canadian University Press

This scenario is taken from data in the controversial Beak report, which North Vancouver district council once refused to release to the public because it feared "unnecessary panic."

According to the report, if one hundred pounds of chlorine escaped from Hooker Chemicals' North Vancouver plant in this hypothetical accident, 13 people in nearby Maplewood would die.

If four hundred pounds of chlorine escaped, 29 people would die in Maplewood, 21 in Seymour and 18 in Lynmour.

If 1,000 pounds were lost, 53 people would die in Seymour, 98 in Maplewood and 45 in Lynmour, all from suffocation caused by destruction of lung tissue.

Hooker Chemicals' North Vancouver chlorine plant sprawls over an outcrop of reclaimed seashore just east of the Second Narrows bridge. These sandflats below Dollarton highway are prime industrial land, centrally located and served by rail and sea. Hooker shares this splash of industrial utopia with a branch of Erco Chemicals, a sawmill, warehouses, and a drydock. This strip of functional blight is a sharp contrast to the pleasant and semi-rural suburbs that adjoin it.

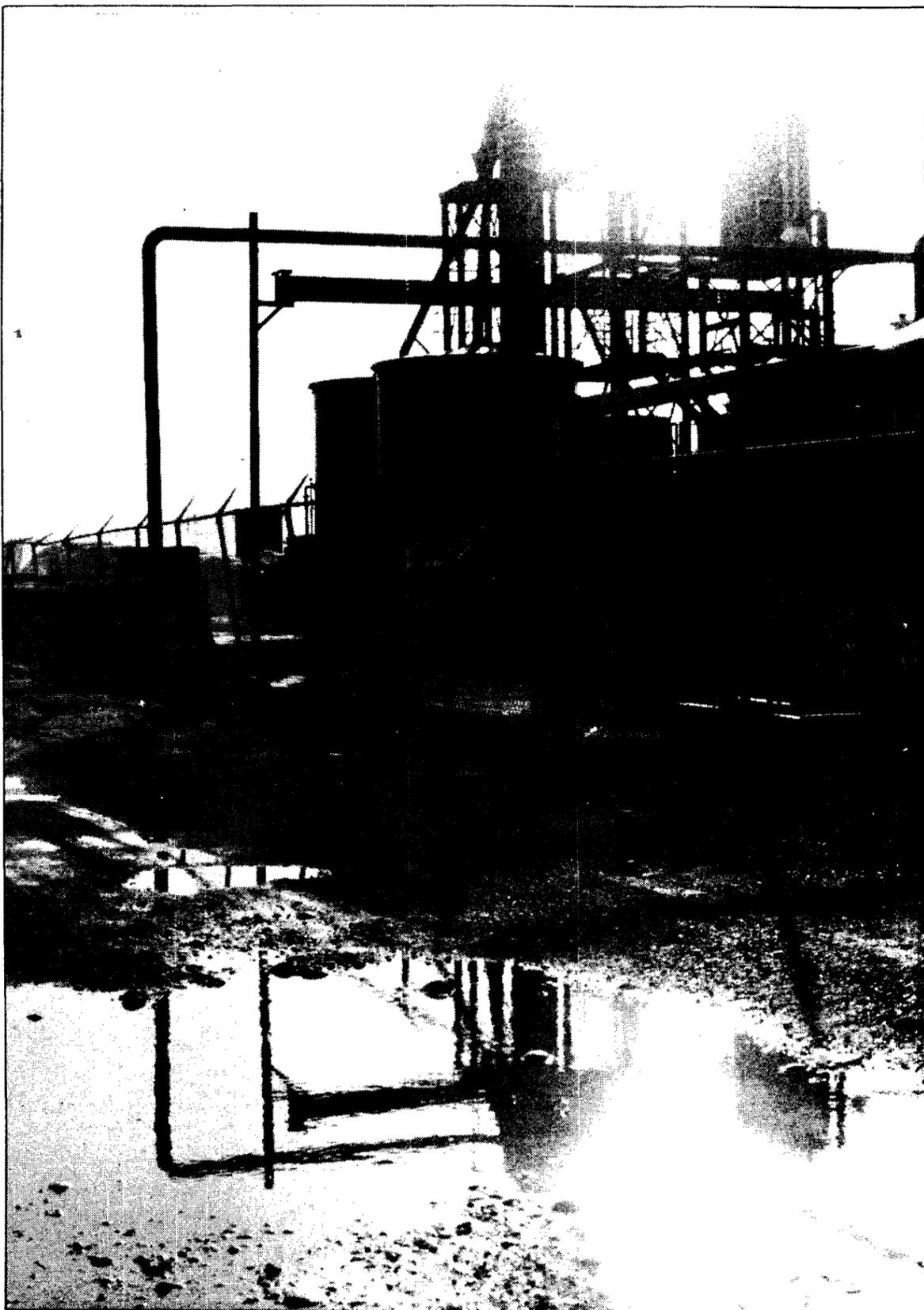
Although Hooker's been in operation at the Maplewood site since 1957, it's only a miracle that an accident of major proportions hasn't yet occurred, since the Beak report quotes statistics from the chlor-alkali industry that predict an accident involving 100 or 400 pounds of chlorine once every eight years at any given plant.

The Beak report was commissioned by district council several years before chemical hazards became a matter of public concern. Beak Consultant's Ltd. was dispatched in October, 1977 to draw up a report on hazards in industry "to assist the planning department in making its recommendations in the Seymour Plan."

"The technical study was never intended to be a public document," council said, much later in March of 1980. But a good deal had happened in the interim to bring chemical hazards into the limelight: on Sept. 20, 1978, 78 people were hospitalized after six chlorine canisters tumbled from a flatbed truck and spilled open during rush hour on Vancouver's busy Main Street.

The Beak report had been presented to district in June 1978, and brief mention of it was made in the press a few days after the October accident. It was dismissed with a comment by North Van district mayor Don Bell to the effect that his staff were "analyzing the dangers revealed in the consultant's report." It had not yet been presented to council, he said.

Then-mayor of Vancouver, Jack Volrich, limited his response to the recent catastrophe by muttering that chemical companies ought to submit to a voluntary embargo on transporting dangerous chemicals pending new stiff federal regulations.



—helene littman photo

The local branch plants scoffed, not too politely, and the subject died.

But hazardous chemicals made the national news again 14 months later. Mississauga was the media glamor catastrophe of the year. There were no fatalities, but 250,000 people were evacuated from the Toronto suburb for up to a week while firemen feverishly pumped 10 tons of chlorine from a derailed and spewing tank car. In all, 25 cars, all but six carrying dangerous chemicals, derailed Saturday, Nov. 10, 1979 and made Mississauga a byword for disaster.

North Van district council, by all accounts, never had any intention of making the Beak report public in its complete form. Back in January and February of 1980, they were debating releasing a watered down version for public consumption.

Then newly elected reform minded alderman Ernie Crist erupted with an open letter to mayor Bell posted to the North Shore News. He accused Bell of cavalierly dallying with the health and safety of North Shore residents, and called for the release of the report to the public.

Past and present members of council lashed back at him in print, calling him opportunistic and self-seeking, accusing him of making "political hay" out of the issue.

The battle raged among the sunshine girls and ads for diet studios, but the public caught on and pressure mounted against Bell and his supporters. Crist was denounced in council for his letter, but the report was finally released in late February, at a cost of \$100 per copy, "because of special printing processes."

Alderman Mike Lakes asked that a list be kept of all people who applied to see the public copy on view at district hall, to see "just who is interested" in the report. It turned out a lot of people were interested. Until the Beak report broke surface most of the comfortable middle class residents in the immediate danger zone had no idea they were living in a potential disaster area.

The report is scary. There's no question of that, and nobody besides company spokesmen and a few North Shore politicians deny its validity.

Chlorine emerges as the most immediate danger although Hooker has a relatively good safety record. Beak reports a total of only 37 days lost time due to chlorine exposure in Hooker's 21 years of operation in Maplewood.

But tugboat employees working in Burrard Inlet near Hooker were gassed in two separate incidents in 1972. Two men spent the night in hospital in April, and four were treated and released in October.

And as Erco plant manager William Kier pointed out last April after five Nova Lumber sawmill employees were overcome by hydrochloric acid fumes from his plant, gassing other companies' workers doesn't show up on your own official in-house safety record.

Historically, chlorine accidents occur as a result of a combination of structural failure and human carelessness. Neither of these variables can be ruled out at Hooker North Vancouver. In fact, certain geographical and atmospheric conditions actually compound the danger.

Chlorine is a yellowish green gas, two and one-half times heavier than air. It's highly irritating and caustic, and is the main ingredients in bleaches and some disinfectants. But on the west coast it finds its biggest customers in the pulp and paper mills who use large quantities of it in their manufacturing process.

Chlorine itself is manufactured by a complicated procedure involving the precipitation of chlorate from sea salt by the use of large batteries.

It is lethal at 1,000 ppm (parts per million) in the atmosphere, "highly intolerable" at 100 ppm for less than a minute. At 15 to 20 ppm it causes coughing, headaches, bleeding and sputum from the lungs and nose. At 3 to 6 ppm it causes acute irritation and at one ppm it irritates and disturbs.

After the spill on Main Street in 1978, grass growing near the site was bleached and lifeless.

A lucky breeze can divert disaster, as it did in Squamish and Baton Rouge, La. But chlorine is heavy, sinking rapidly into bottom lands, a fact which is of no comfort to residents of the Seymour valley.

See page 11: EVACUATION

'Tween classes

TODAY

UBC SOCIAL CREDIT CLUB
General meeting and workshop, noon, SUB 230A.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Gordon Fairweather speaks on Canadian human rights, noon, Law 101/102 and 201.

LSM
Rev. Clifton Monk of the committee for Project North speaks on the church and northern development — is our relationship to the north patronizing and oppressive, or is it one of solidarity? — 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
CSA's magazine *New Shoot* is looking for contributions, including prose and art, to be dropped off in SUB 236 before Feb. 19.

TOASTMASTERS
Guest speaker on chairship, all welcome, 7:30 p.m., MacMillan 278.

AQUASOC
General meeting, noon, SUB 212.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
Stammtisch, German conversational evening, 7:30 p.m., International House 401.

AMNESTY UBC
Forum with Richard Alarcon, ex-Chilean prisoner, noon, SUB 224.

DEPT. OF FINE ARTS
Tom Sokolowski speaks on Allegories in the Galleria Spada, noon, Lasserre 104.
Canadian artist Alex Wyse speaks, noon, Lasserre 102.

COMPUTING CENTRE
Self-guided machine room tour, noon to 4 p.m., Computer Science building 100.

INTRAMURALS
Drop-in co-rec innertube water polo, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Aquatic Centre.
Women's floor hockey league begins, 7 p.m., Gym F.
Club meeting for all basketball, volleyball and hockey referees, newcomers welcome and needed, noon, War Memorial gym 211.
Drop-in co-rec volleyball, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., WMG.

CUSO
Dialogue on development session on Nicaragua, 7:30 p.m., International House upper lounge.

CCF
Topic: Sharing on how to study? Noon, SUB 125.

IVCF
Naomi Hersom speaks on reason and hope, noon, Chem. 250.

FUS
Red Cross blood donors clinic, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, SUB 207/208, 213 and 215.

POTTERY CLUB
General meeting, noon, SUB 261.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Jeffrey Hopkins, University of Victoria, speaks on Death and Dying in Tibetan Buddhism, noon, Lasserre 102.

AWARDS OFFICE
Information for those in financial crisis, noon, Speakeasy.

PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY
Robert Mann speaks on orthodontics, all members please attend, noon IRC 4.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting, noon, SUB 230.

FRIDAY

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

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Skeena-Terrace welfare rights group presents skits and discussion on issues facing welfare women, noon, Graham House, School of Social Work.

ISMAILI STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Question/answer period with Dr. Hassam, noon, SUB 119.

UBC PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CLUB
Joe Clark speaks, 11:30 a.m., SUB ballroom.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
Friendship dance, 9 p.m., International House upper lounge.

AMS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Jill Bend speaks on women against prison, noon, SUB 130.

INTRAMURALS
Deadline for men's curling bonspiel, War Memorial gym 203. Spiel takes place Feb. 14 and 15.
West-east mall run (three km) open to everyone, noon, MacInnes field.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting and ticket sales, noon, International House lounge.

SATURDAY

CVC
Chinese new year banquet and dance, 8:30 p.m., Golden Crown restaurant.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS
Soiree de vin et fromage; tickets at AMS box office and Le Club Francais, 7:30 p.m., SUB party room.

INTRAMURALS
Men's bookstore three on three basketball tournament, noon to 11:30 p.m., War Memorial gym.

SUNDAY

B.C. PIRG ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
Petitioner's workshop, all organizing committee members should be there, 11 a.m., SUB 212.

MONDAY

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Spiritual fellowship and potluck dinner, 5:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre
Gay week opening luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., faculty club.

CVC
Roller skating party, 1 to 11 p.m., Richmond Stardust.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS VIEWING CENTRE
Economics series: A sense of place, explores the main issues of human settlements, noon, Library Processing 308.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES COMMITTEE
Ralph Gustafson speaks on the necessary art: poetry and language, noon, Buchanan penthouse.

CCCM
Discussion group on science and the modern world, come and miniaturize science, noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.

TUESDAY

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Gay week '81 features a gay men and women health sciences association presentation, noon, IRC 5.
Worship service, 8:30 a.m., VST chapel of the epiphany, 8050 Chancellor Boulevard.

INFANT
Nancy Hawley speaks on the world health executive meeting in Geneva last week regarding problem caused by multinationals and their advertising techniques regarding baby formulas in developing countries, noon, Education 100.

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The flats Hooker occupies are geographically part of the delta of the Seymour river, which flows into the inlet underneath the Second Narrows bridge. The communities considered at greatest risk by the report are all less than 100 feet above sea level. "The topography of the Maplewood and surrounding areas can best be described as flat," the report concludes.

But behind this populated lowland the mountains rise quickly. There are no roads through them, and the only access to the Maplewood/Deep Cove area is through three lanes of traffic which cross the Seymour river. One of these is a single lane Bailey bridge. Rush hour traffic snarls to a halt every day when a fairly small percentage of the 20,000 residents on the east side of the river try to squeeze into the clearly inadequate access. Emergency planners have admitted evacuation of the area would be impossible.

Stable air temperatures, a culprit sealing in fog and smoke in low-lying areas, are common in North Vancouver. They occur 35 per cent of the time in October, the most dangerous month climatically according to the report. What wind there is, is a shifting sea breeze that often blows inland, and often ceases at dawn and dusk. Its unpredictability could mean that places considered safe at one point during an evacuation could suddenly become swamped with gas.

The Beak report went public, and the public reacted.

Hooker Chemicals vice-president and general manager L. H. "Bud" Schnurstein, who had received his own complimentary copy some time before all this, burst out in a wordy retaliation in February 1980, before the release of the report was even finalized.

He questioned the premises, results, conclusions and validity of the company's "good record." A total of 11 employees were laid off for a total of three days in the past 23 years because of chlorine inhalation, he said in the News. He cited 34 days less than the Beak report.

Then he emphasized the special danger of the transport of chemicals, which, he said, did not really fall under the control of the company. He did not mention that the gassing of non-employees was not reflected in his safety record.

The Chemical Hazards Alert Committee, composed mainly of Maplewood and Seymour residents, began to organize.

In March the transport issue was addressed by a West Vancouver group in true Tiddlycove fashion. They staged a mock evacuation of the expensive and congested Amble-side waterfront area, pretending that a fuel truck was burning on a railway crossing, igniting a propane tanker.

However, they forgot to contact B.C. Hydro to shut down a 60,000

Evacuation impossible say planners

volt transmission line that ran along the tracks. It was dangerous in practise, but if there had actually been a fire, hot wires would have come pitching down on top of the firefighters. The conclusion reached by West Van after the mock accident, that evacuation was practically impossible, had grave implications for the rest of the North Shore.

The north shore of Vancouver is a strip of highly developed residential and commercial areas sandwiched between Burrard Inlet and the mountains. Industry of various kinds stretches along most of the waterfront. Railway tracks cross from the Vancouver side at the Second Narrows bridge and run west along the length of the north shore and up the coast to Squamish, Lillooet and Prince George.

Because of the sheer volume, near miss accidents are common, and blazes, explosions and fatalities not unusual. In fact, West Van's vision of catastrophe came true, in part, several months after the mock accident.

A tank containing 17,600 gallons of methanol went up in a spectacular blaze after a train crash in the rail yards under the Lions Gate bridge. The bridge was closed for an hour, and six rail cars destroyed, on Dec. 22, 1980.

Still, the danger of transport does not make the danger of storage and manufacturing less. That was the viewpoint of the CHAC, which packed public meetings in April in the first burst of community concern over anything in North Vancouver for years.

"Move Hooker!" they yelled at visibly shaken Bell and Schnurstein during a panel debate at Maplewood elementary school. The issue was clear-cut to them. Dangerous industry had no place in a growing

community, and Bell was guilty of a cavalier attitude towards the problem.

The North Shore Chamber of Commerce responded with an "evaluation" of the Beak report that won them points with Bell for being non-alarmist and rational.

Chaired by community leader Derrick Inman, the report de-emphasized the dangers of plants per se, and concentrated on the hazards of transport.

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Transport was a safe subject. The federal government was already examining regulations, the ones Volrich had referred to in '78.

The two sides were lining up for battle, and the politics was beginning to show. In July, Schnurstein sent a noncommittal letter agreeing to discuss relocation of Hooker with federal, provincial and municipal government. It was encouraging, but hardly a strong step.

About the same time, North Vancouver district council granted \$10,000 to hire consultants to look into the costs and feasibility of such a move. That report surfaced in the middle of November. It lashed out at inadequate safety measures, plans and training. Although transport of chemicals was identified as the main culprit, the report concluded that the district should look into relocation.

"The population of the Seymour

area will continue to grow, intensifying the problems created by the presence of Canadian Oxy (Hooker) in the midst of what is already a densely populated area," the report said.

"The task force recommends that the municipal government, in concert with the federal and provincial government, seek a means by which the Canadian Oxy facility can be relocated from the North Shore."

The report also recommended that the chlor-alkali industry be decentralized by moving chlorine plants to the vicinities of pulp mills. But it added that Hooker be compensated \$125 million if asked to move. The new buildings would cost \$59.6 million to erect.

Hooker currently pays \$800,000 a year in taxes to the district. It buys 10 per cent of its \$2 million a year purchases in the district. It makes \$600,000 worth of sales, 1.5 per

cent of ever relocating. The decision was made in Calgary the day after North Van district council agreed to initiate a ban on above-ground storage of dangerous chemicals.

Mohawk Oil's purification plants, which boasted several above-ground storage tanks had just come into use next door to Erco. It had been quietly approved in February.

"There is no justification or rationale for removal of the (Hooker) plant," works manager Brian Thorpe said.

In January, 1981 district council said it was discussing removal of Hooker. A decision is expected within a month.

Hooker's renovations have been blasted by CHAC as expansion in disguise. And North Vancouver aldermen have gone down on record saying that relocation is far too expensive. Why they have to fully finance the relocation has never been discussed.

The Hooker affair is a lasting monument to the futility of fighting the combined interests of big business and small government. For a while, most of the electorate residents certainly did try and fight. But they were mistaken in their simple belief that a majority necessarily wins.

Most of the CHAC affiliates, many of whom have drifted away by now, were the sort of comfortable middle class North Shore people who reacted with genuine astonishment and indignation when confronted with their own total political impotence.

They may never make the connection between their own futile swing at Hooker Chemicals, and the massive multinational company which operates the antiquated plant in Squamish and was at the bottom of the Love Canal scandal in New York.

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Billion dollar rumor true says NUS

By NANCY CAMPBELL

The National Union of Students says rumors of an impending \$1.4 billion cut to post-secondary education are true and can be substantiated by government documents and comment.

"It's gotten to the point that people are scared shitless because the cuts seem so certain," said NUS spokesperson John Doherty Wednesday.

The \$9 billion Established Program Funding plan funds provincial health, social assistance and educational ministries. About \$3 billion is allocated to post-secondary education in cash transfers and tax points, and this is where the biggest cuts are expected.

"It looks like the government plans to eliminate the EPF cash transfers by 1985," Doherty said. "After that they'll work out new funding arrangements to entrench the cutbacks."

Doherty said NUS has been working closely with the Canadian Association of University Teachers and the Association of Universities and Colleges to obtain information on government plans for the EPF.

He said CAUT used contacts within the government to review documents in the ministry of social development which outlines the nature and quantity of the cuts.

Negotiations for funding begin in about two months, well before the April 1982 expiry of the current

plan. Doherty feels the negotiations will be a major part of the current restructuring of federal/provincial relations as a result of the constitutional crisis facing Canada.

"The \$9 billion tied up in EPF is large enough to play a big role in the restructuring negotiations," he said. "The federal government is not going to deal with provincial rights, oil and funding as separate issues — it's going to trade them off."

Doherty said CAUT obtained an internal government document which said the federal government, in its plans to axe post-secondary funding, is most concerned about student reaction and wants to avoid upsetting them.

This attitude ties in with a B.C. Students' Federation spokesperson's view that students can play an important role in preventing large scale cuts.

"Right now both the B.C. government and the federal government are extremely voter sensitive," Steve Shallhorn said Tuesday. "Students have to start working with administrators and faculty to bring the issue to public attention."

Public attention has already focussed on the cuts after Tory MP Tom MacMillan raised the question in the Commons. NDP finance critic Bob Rae has joined MacMillan in a call for a task force to study provincial funding and the effect of cuts before a decision is

made, Doherty said. UBC administration president Doug Kenny and SFU president George Pedersen support the call for studies.

B.C. currently receives \$335 million under the EPF — almost two thirds of the total provincial post-secondary revenue. Provincial government sources and Kenny agree the shortfall will have to be met by students and the provincial government.

News stories last week said tuition fees could triple as a result of

cuts, but education minister Pat McGeer said earlier this week that "we (the provincial government) simply wouldn't allow that to happen."

Kenny agreed. "I wouldn't push any panic buttons at this point," he said Monday. "From an internal university viewpoint I can't see us doubling tuition fees overnight."

In his 1979-80 annual report, Kenny said Ottawa's withdrawal from the EPF scheme would be "short-sighted and gravely damag-

ing to the long-term interests of Canada," and called for universities to be consulted.

Speculation first began about massive EPF cuts when finance minister Allan MacEachen presented the federal budget Oct. 28, saying Ottawa wanted to make substantial savings in social programs shared with the provinces.

One month later health and welfare minister Monique Bégin said cuts would affect only post-secondary education.

BoG okays park

By PAT BURDETT

The UBC board of governors officially announced Tuesday a research park will be built at UBC but refused to release any information on what control will be kept over research.

The preliminary agreement to build the research facility, was reached after months of slow progress in negotiations. UBC spokesperson Al Hunter said a final agreement is within weeks of being signed.

Throughout negotiations students demanded information on the kind of research to go on in the park be made public. It is feared socially unacceptable experiments may be performed.

The board's concern about control over Discovery Park research was a major obstacle in negotiations. Student board representative Anthony Dickinson said recently that the board was interested in getting veto power over research projects.

The board's concerns have been taken into consideration in the agreement according to administration president Doug Kenny, but details have not been disclosed.

The park will be run by a private company, Discovery Parks Inc.

The park at UBC will be one of four research parks throughout the province. Other locations have already been established at the University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University, and the B.C. Institute of Technology.

Plans for major private research centres at the parks at SFU and BCIT were unveiled yesterday by Pat McGeer, B.C.'s universities, science and technology minister. MacMillan Bloedel will be building at BCIT and Microtel Pacific Research at SFU.

MacMillan Bloedel will be doing forestry research aimed at studying more efficient use of wood and developing new products.

Microtel will be doing research for its parent company, AEL Microtel Ltd., a manufacturer of telecommunications equipment.

Anti-gay instructor resigns

WINNIPEG — Dave Dueck, the University of Winnipeg collegiate teacher who recently asked a student to leave his class because the student was homosexual, has resigned from his teaching position.

Dean of collegiate John Vanderstoel cited "philosophical incompatibility" as the reason for Dueck's resignation and denied the recent controversy surrounding the homosexual student incident had been a major influence in Dueck's decision.

"This has been an ongoing thing," Vanderstoel said. "Mr. Dueck has never been comfortable with the collegiate's secular policy, and feels that he can not continue as it stands now. The gay incident was a regrettable error by Dueck, but it is not the reason behind his leaving."

Two weeks ago Dueck asked the leader of the U of W gay students' association, Greg Cymenko, to leave the classroom where Dueck had a guest lecturer speaking.

"I was trying to protect the guest lecturer," Dueck said. "I felt that if Greg, who is gay, sat beside the lecturer, the class might think that he too was homosexual. I didn't think it would be fair to the lecturer."

After the incident was reported in The Ubyssy the Gay People of UBC wrote a letter to Vanderstoel

demanding action be taken against Dueck's "thoroughly inappropriate actions," and "his subsequent uniformed and blatantly prejudiced statements."

Vanderstoel said, prior to Dueck's resignation, he met with members of the faculty to determine what course of action would be taken with Dueck.

"They were shocked," Vanderstoel said. "It hit pretty close to home when one of your peers does something stupid like that."

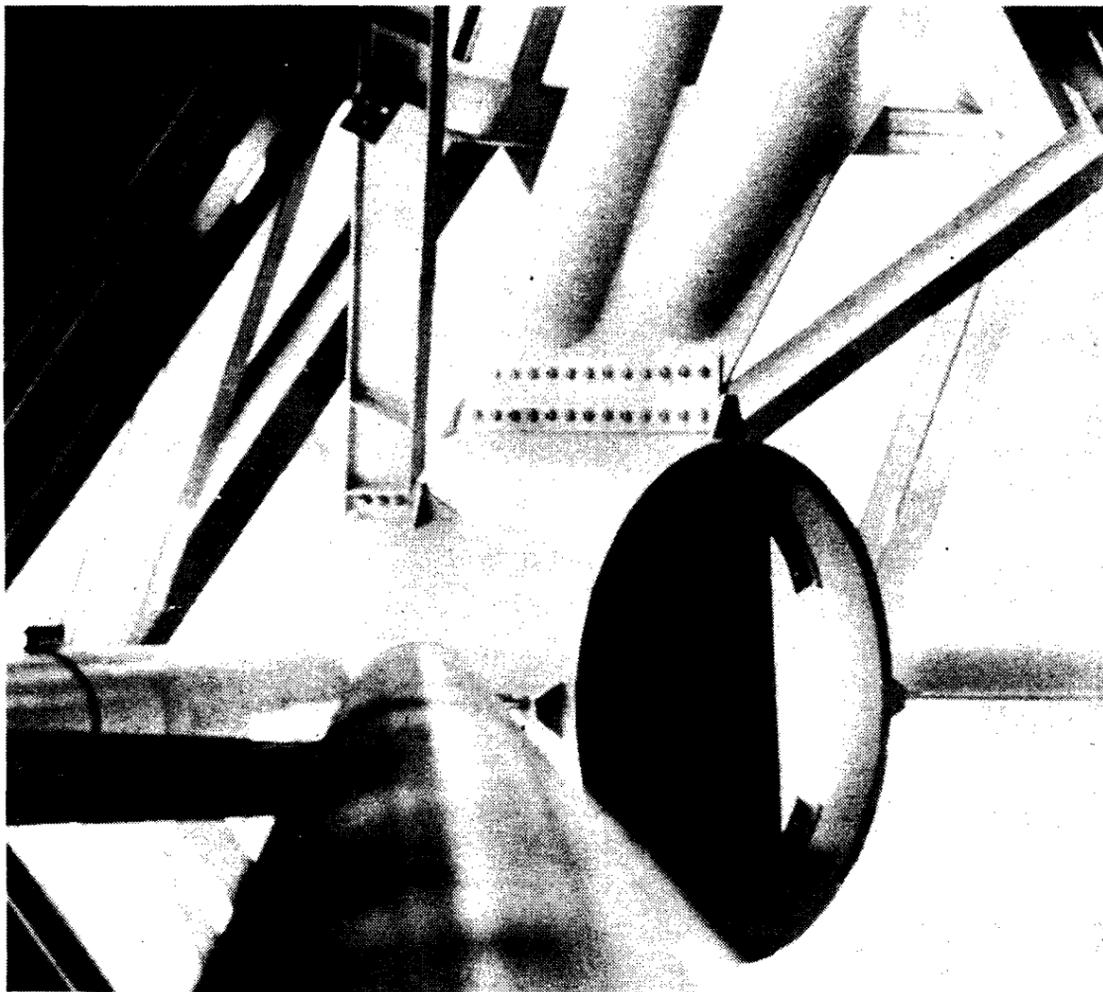
Vanderstoel would not say what faculty decided to do about Dueck.

Dueck insists the incident involving the homosexual student was not discriminatory. "The student was not a regular member of my class. As an instructor I felt it would be in the best interests of my class if the student left. This is not a case of discrimination."

The student in question was originally asked by Dueck to bring the guest lecturer to class and to speak. When the lecturer came Cymenko was then asked to leave. Dueck admits Cymenko was asked to leave because he was homosexual.

Vanderstoel said Dueck will remain on the payroll until August but will not teach.

Dueck has taught math and film studies at the collegiate since 1967.



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OOPS WRONG DIMENSION said mystified photog when transported to entropy duct somewhere on UBC campus. Shift in reality was caused by high-energy vortices emanating from hole in the universe resulting from poor cosmic workmanship. Other dimensional shifts are apt to occur anywhere at UBC but especially in large lecture halls where sanity factor is reduced enough to cause serious spatio-temporal shifts.

Playwright wants passion

Some playwrights set out to be controversial but Quebec feminist playwright Denise Boucher told a UBC audience Tuesday she was "surprised" by the reaction that her play "Les Fees ont soif" received.

Speaking in French to an audience of about 80 students and faculty in Buchanan Tuesday, Boucher said that she was even at-

tacked for the vulgar language in the play, which shocked audiences as Les Fees depicts the Virgin Mary unsympathetically. But in the course of the play the three actresses onstage change roles frequently, playing men in brief scenes. "Every time there's a dirty word it's a man who's speaking," she said.

Boucher is in Vancouver to be on hand for the production of Les Fees at the Centre Culturel Columbian. When it was first presented in Montreal in 1978 its publication was temporarily banned and the Montreal Arts Council refused to subsidize production costs. The case gave rise to the re-emergence of Quebec traditionalists and made national headlines.

She laughed when she was described by French professor Françoise Iqbal as the sorceress of Quebec literature. "The destiny of women is tragic. Many people laughed when they saw my play, but afterwards no one remembered laughing." The title of the play was taken from a bar room cliché in French, she said, that goes "Please give me some more scotch, the fairies are thirsty."

"Every time man creates a god he creates a virgin-woman, too. All women are supposed to be virgins. Society is stifled by religion. I am for passionate love, and passionate love is forbidden for women by men," Boucher said. She named other cultures that created the cult

of the virgin, including native Indians, Buddhists, and Aztecs. Her next play will be about Jezebel, who in the Bible is killed in order to set up a father-god, she said.

Boucher also read a poem called Love is Forbidden by Fascism, which she said is a favored theme of hers. She cited Yoko Ono as an example, who was condemned by the French magazine *Nouvel Observateur* as a vampire for the nature of her relationship with John Lennon.

She said she felt that Quebec society was not much different since the Quiet Revolution of the 1960s, but that younger women will be more liberated than the rest. "Liberation, it's the beginning of the world. Look for the word woman in the dictionary 20 years ago, 10 years ago, and now."

Asked why she dedicated Les Fees to the late Rose Rose, mother of convicted FLQ terrorist Jacques Rose, Boucher said that during the 1970 October crisis Rose considered it a peak of achievement to be put in prison. "She was still capable of insulting (the guards). She was a woman who knew what to do in the emergency. She had such strength, such terrible strength."

On the political scene Boucher said there is a "sort of great sadness" in Quebec after the defeat of the referendum last May. She also fears the popularity of Claude Ryan and the movement toward the revival of the extreme right. "With Ryan and the Liberals, it (this possibility) is clear."