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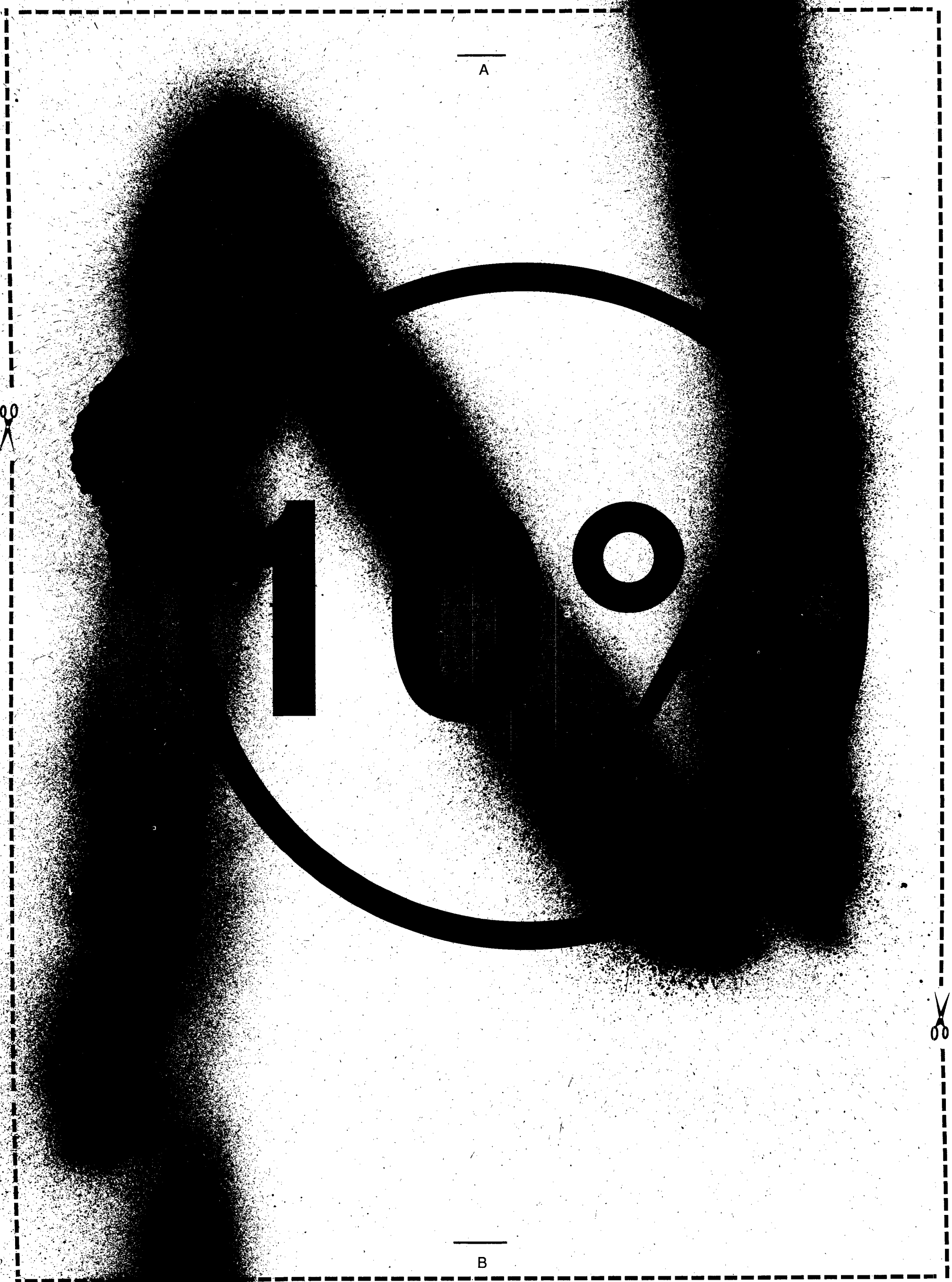

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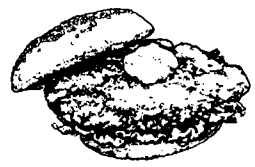

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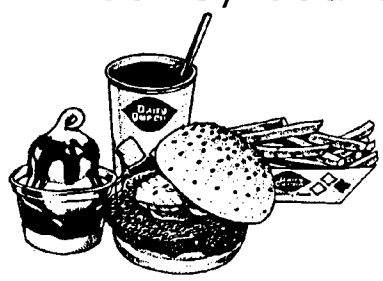

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Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Hillel Famous Hot Lunch, 12:30 pm, Hillel House.

WEDNESDAY

Anglican Faculty/Staff
A New Year Event: Anglican Eucharist and Breakfast and to hear the Rev. Michael Green, the well known evangelist. A special invitation to students, and also to Faculty/Staff. 7:00am - 8:20am, Lutheran Centre, across from Administration Buildings.

UBC Social Anarchists
Organizational Meeting, Noon, Meet at RM 241K SUB.

International Development Club
Lecture: John Gates, Executive Director of Vancouver's United Nations Association will talk on "Global Perspectives, Local Responses". 12:30 noon, Angus 413.

Gays and Lesbians of UBC
General Meeting, 12:30, SUB 215.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Jewish Studies Discussion Group, 12:30 pm, Hillel House.

Pacific Rim Club/Travel Cuts
Lecture: Mr. Li Yan Tan who has worked in China International Travel for 25 years, on "Historic China". 12:30, SUB 207.

Amnesty International
Discussion of the state of human rights in Central America. 12:30 pm, SUB Rm. 212.

REC UBC
Dancefit - the fun of dance and the rewards of fitness all rolled into one. 12:30 - 1:30 every Wed. and Fri. Gym E (Osborne).

UBC Personal Computer Club
ATARI Meeting, SUB 211, Noon.

International Development Club
Weekly General Meeting. 12:30 - 1:30, Angus 413.

United Church Campus Ministry
Dinner and movie night. All welcome. 6:00 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

Graduate Student Society. Peter Huron Quartet LIVE JAZZ FREE. 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Cinema 16
Film Showing. Dostoeyevsky's "The Idiot

THURSDAY

Chinese Christian Fellowship
Come to our CCF featuring a dynamic guest speaker! Noon, Scarfe 204.

UBC Personal Computer Club
Mac Meeting, SUB 111, Noon.

Amnesty International
Urgent Action Letter Writing, 12:30 - 1:30, SUB Concourse.

Pre-Dental Club
Mr. Ian Ross - Administrator of the R.E.A.C.H. Community Clinic will discuss Community Dentistry. Noon, Woodward IRC 5.

UBC Stamp Club
General Meeting. Come get your newsletter. Noon, Angus 221.

Lesbian Discussion Group
Meeting, 12:30 pm, Women's Lounge, Brock Hall.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Hebrew classes, 12:30, Hillel House.

Amnesty International
Presentation of the film "Missing", $2.50. 12:30, SUB Auditorium.

UBC Circle K
Meeting for those interesting in community work and fun! 12:30 pm, Angus B 321.

Baha'i Club
General meeting with a speaker, slide presentation included. 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Scarfe Bld. Room no. 1021.

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International Development Club
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Museum of Anthropology
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Graduate Student Society
Double Bill Videos: Who Has Seen the Wind/Calling the Shots (Canadian), 6:30 and 8:30. Fireside Lounge, Graduate Student Centre.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Israeli Dancing, 7:00 pm, SUB 207/209.

UBC Film Society/SUB Films
Film: "Who Framed Roger Rabbit", 7:00 and 9:30, SUB Theatre.

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Muslim Students' Association
Friday Prayer. Non-Muslims are welcomed to discuss about Islam. For more information phone 224-8590. Noon, The International House Lower Lounge.

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Lutheran Student Movement
Friday Flicks - "Cry Freedom", 7:30 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

Minister talks tuition

By Lisa Purdy

"We are making some progress" was B.C. finance minister Mel Couvelier's standard response to the approximately fifty students who asked questions about the state of post-secondary education funding in a noon question and answer period yesterday.

Couvelier initially said he "takes no position on the tuition fee increases." But when presented with a petition with over 2,000 signatures, he said he would be happy to pass on the copies "to one of the nine ministers in charge."

Agreeing with the audience that there was not enough money going to higher education, Couvelier added there "will never be enough (to fill the) insatiable needs of society."

He added that "we are moving—(but) not quick enough for you in this room today."

When a student asked if Couvelier could name the exact dollar figure that the provincial government gives to post-secondary education, Couvelier said he chooses not to "give exact figures" in danger of falling into an "accountant's trap."

Couvelier questioned whether UBC actually had the highest tuition fees and concluded the question and answer period by saying the university must be a very worthy institution if the prices were so high.

When a student asked the minister how he could quantify education, he said he "measures education by your market value when you get out of here."

Couvelier dismissed accusations of underfunding and skimming the top off transfer payments by saying it was "absolute hogwash," and said post-secondary education has had "the largest percentage increase from the provincial expenditures budget, surpassing health expenditures."

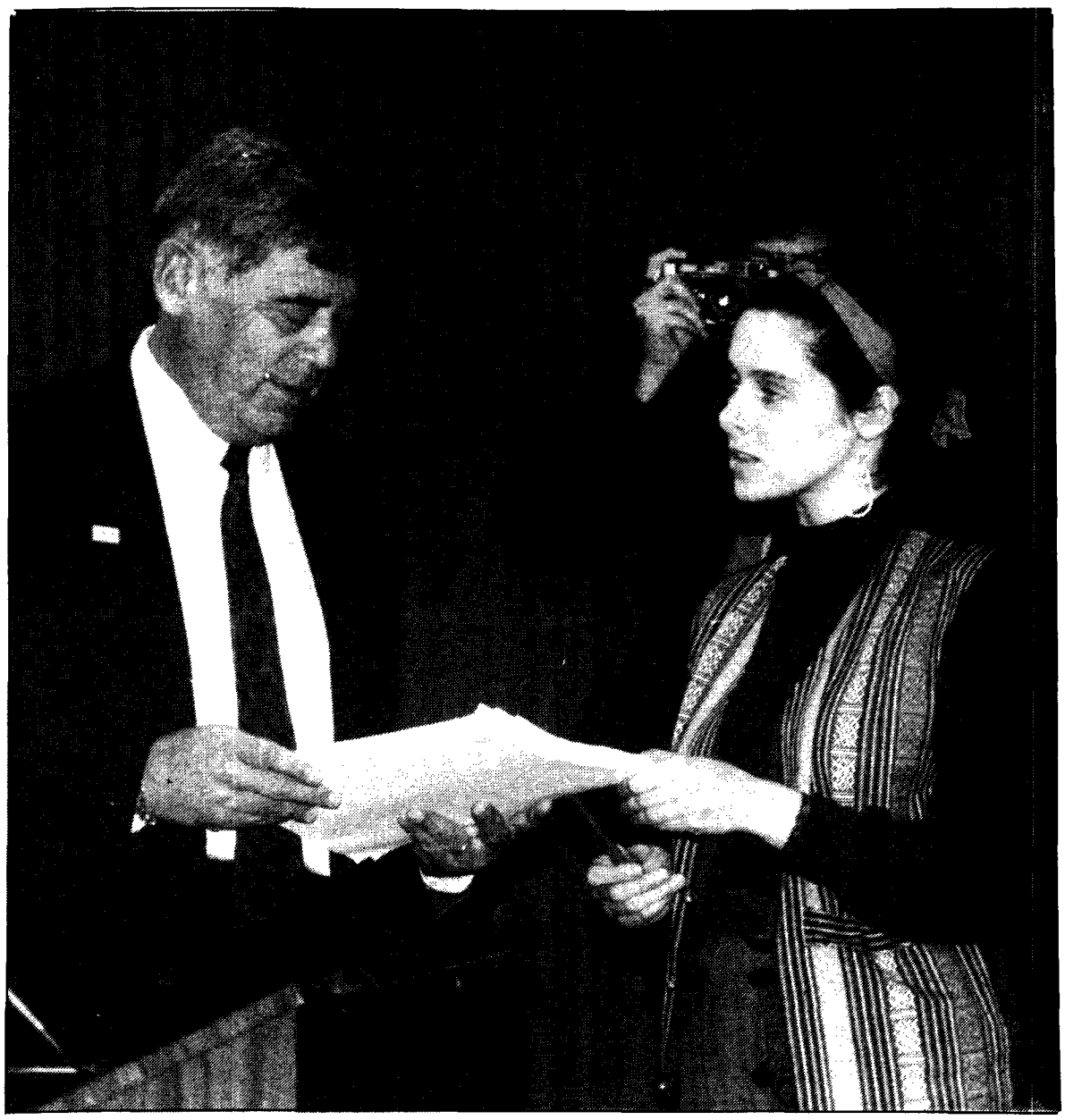
"The federal government does not distinguish between health and education" when it addresses federal funds to B.C., but delivers them in a lump sum which the provincial government then distributes, said Couvelier. He added that the provincial government spends more money on post-secondary education than the federal government.

Couvelier opened the event with a fifteen-minute speech outlining the achievements of the Social Credit party in the past two and a half years, and credited Socred export policy for "a vigorous rebound since the recession of the early 1980's."

Couvelier said changes were coming in government relations on the federal and provincial levels as a result of a new emphasis on Canadian-Asian trade, with B.C. as "the gateway to the Pacific."

Part of the government's commitment to increased trade with the Orient is to be the only province in Canada teaching Mandarin and Japanese in High Schools, so young British Columbians would be "best able to understand the lifestyles, business practices, and morays of our neighbours in the Pacific."

The finance minister's appearance in the Student Union Building was sponsored by the UBC Young Socreds.



Vanessa Geary presents tuition fee protest petition to finance minister Mel Couvelier. HARVEY CHEUNG PHOTO

UBC club takes wind out RVYC's sails

By Stephen Lazenby

After 18 months of choppy seas, the UBC sailing club finally has a clean breeze and full sails.

Last week the B.C. small claims court ordered the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club to pay $1500 plus interest and costs for a July 1987 incident where the RVYC failed to pay off a $500 contract for renting several of the Sailing Club's boats.

Not only did the RVYC fail to pay, it failed to provide replacement boats for the three day period and then returned the boats in worse shape than when they borrowed them, according to UBC Sailing Club Treasurer/Secretary Winfred van der Sande.

"Instead of fixing up our boats as they had agreed to do, the Yacht Club returned them without their masts and lines. One of the boats was out of commission for ten days," said van der Sande, who was club Commodore at the time of the incident.

"They never paid off the original contract until we served them with a writ several months later." By then, however, the Sailing Club was after damages as well as the price of the contract.

"We had offered to settle out of court, and at one point the Yacht Club said they wanted to as well, but we never heard back from them," van der Sande said.

Eventually the two parties ended up in court, and on January 9 a decision was made in favour of the Sailing Club, although the award was not as large as the Sailing Club had hoped for.

The $1500 won in the case will go toward buying new boats for the club.

Mock political prisoner highlights Amnesty International week in SUB.

AMS lobbies in lieu of rally

By Laura J. May

While UBC students are organizing rallies and protests against next year's proposed tuition fee hike, the Alma Mater Society is lobbying the provincial government and board members to stop the hikes.

"Everyday I'm in contact with both (the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training and the Ministry of Finance). Between now and the board meeting, I'll be meeting privately with a number of the board members," said AMS president Tim Bird Friday.

"I'm sure a number of the board members will approach (the tuition issue) with an open mind and quite possibly support the student plea. The worst thing (students) can do is lose hope. If we could ever affect this sort of decision, it would be this year," Bird said.

The Board of Governors may vote against the proposed tuition increase because they're a new board with no precedent of approving large increases, he said.

The AMS is doing everything it can to keep tuition down—sending representatives to lobby Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen and Finance Minister Mel Couvelier, starting petitions, organizing a letter-writing campaign, and presenting a report denouncing fee increases to the board—except organizing demonstrations.

The AMS's role is not to organize demonstrations but to lobby politicians and board members, Bird said.

"A demonstration is far more significant if it's individuals and small groups joining together rather than if it's one huge organization like the AMS manufacturing a demonstration."

"A peaceful rally and demonstration are terrific follow-throughs for our efforts," Bird said, referring to the January 18 rally and January 26 demonstration, both organized by the Students Opposed to Tuition Fee Hikes. "The demonstrations deserve the AMS support and encouragement."

But the AMS is more likely to be successful in fighting tuition hikes if they organize demonstrations themselves, according to Paul Mendes, President of Simon Fraser University's Student Union.

"Student organizations must take a leadership role on an issue like this. We have the skills and resources," Mendes said in an interview Friday.

Lobbying and reports alone will not persuade a board to keep tuition down, according to Mendes.

"In years past, we've gone the traditional route—written briefs, well thought-out, coherent arguments, suits and ties. We've been very polite. Nothing happened. They've said: Thank you very much. We appreciate the work you've done. But we have to raise the fees," he said.

Last year, they tried a new approach: a demonstration during SFU's Board of Governors' meeting.

"We made the board very uncomfortable," Mendes said. He attributes all the concessions the board made last year to the demonstration. (Last year, SFU's board lowered fees for co-op students and reduced the proposed fee increase for graduate students.)

"We're still reaping the benefits of the actions we took last year. They only proposed a six percent increase this year," he said, noting that SFU usually proposes the same increase that UBC does. (UBC's proposed increase is 10 percent this year.)

Bird said that while student union-sponsored demonstrations may work at SFU, demonstrations alone won't work at UBC.

"UBC's Board of Governors and administration is more research and corporate-oriented. SFU's caters more to the needs of B.C. students. Consequently, the way you approach one board is different from the way you approach the other board. It seems like a middle-of-the-road, wimpy type of approach, but you've got to tailor your presentation to the group of decision-makers," Bird said.

Mendes disagreed that SFU's board is more sympathetic to student needs: "Our Board is not different. If anything, our's is of a much harder line."

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Birds split

By Joe Altwasser

The 'Birds pulled themselves out of the mire of controversy to play some of their best ball of the season, splitting a double-header in Edmonton this past weekend.

The 'Birds won Friday night by one, 76-75, to the Golden-Bears led by Jason Leslie's eighteen points. Coach Enns was very pleased with Leslie's play, the second weekend in a row he has put in a sterling performance.

Saturday night the 'Birds also played well but due to foul trouble came out on the bottom side of an 84-79 score.

Despite the loss Enns was pleased with the play of the team, in particular the bench which, led by strong play by Diego Marchese, Gord Matson, and Paul Cohee, kept the 'Birds in the game.

Enns feels the Thunderbirds are ready for the Vikings this weekend when they travel to Victoria to face the UVic squad. "After this weekend I have never been happier with the team this year," said Enns. Enns noted that with the exception of the Vikings UBC has split every series this year.

UBC needs lots of support in Victoria where the match has been sold out for two weeks. There are some tickets available through the UBC Athletic office for any UBC students interested in going.

Field Hockey

The varsity women's field-hockey team began the indoor season with an arm-wrestle—tying for first with the Vancouver Doves in the UBC invitational indoor tournament at UBC last weekend.

UBC went through round-robin play undefeated with victories over North Vancouver 6-1, Burnaby 3-2, and Vancouver Doves 4-2.

In semi-final play the 'Birds hammered Simon Fraser 5-1 to advance to the final. Strong goal-tending by Darcy Vogel and a two goal effort by Melanie Slade propelled the 'Birds past their cross-town rivals.

The final saw the T-Birds in a rematch with the Vancouver Doves. The match was an exciting one that ended in a 2-2 tie.

The tournament did not provide for a tie breaker leaving the teams technically in a tie for first place. Both teams, in the true spirit of competition, decided to play a five minute over-time which the 'Birds lost.

The 'Birds play next on January 28th and 29th in the B.C. indoor tournament at Windemere high school.

UBC ranks

UBC Athletics has proven to be a force this year in the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union having five out of eight teams ranked.

The UBC hockey team is the biggest suprise of the season and is at present fighting for top spot in the Canada-West conference with the Calgary Dinos, hardly a position that most hockey experts would have predicted at the start of the season. The Birds were ranked eighth in the country in the last CIAU poll.

The UBC volleyball teams are also a national powerhouse this year led by the men who are ranked fourth. And the women are also in the top ten nationally placing sixth. Both teams will hope to improve their rating when they host the UVic Vikings this weekend at War Memorial.

Lastly the swim teams, which are always competitive, complete the list of varsity ranked clubs. The women are ranked fifth and the men seventh in the nation.

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Thunder-Volley

By Franka Cordua-von Sprecht

Forty volleyball teams from B.C., Alberta, Washington and Oregon descended on UBC this weekend to participate in the 22nd annual UBC Thundervolley '89.

Coordinated by UBC headcoaches Dale Ohman and Donna Baydock, and umpired by the Thunderbirds, the tournament featured top level club, college, and junior varsity teams.

"It's a good tournament for junior teams. It also gives us the opportunity to do some scouting for potential varsity players," said Ohman. "And it's a source of fundraising for the UBC volleyball program."

In the men's pool, Seattle's Super Jock and Jill waltzed to gold over Nanaimo's Zulu: 12-15,15-11,15-8.

In the first game, the Jocks raced off to an 8-2 lead but fell asleep and lost the game to the spirited Zulus.

But Jock's power-hitter Mike Toakley, deemed the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament, and setter Mike Clark, selected as an All-Star, led the up-hill battle to victory.

"'Beat the Canadians!' was the goal we set at the beginning of the season," said the Jocks' off-side hitter Steve Richmond. "This is the first time we've beaten them (the Canadians)."

"We put the ball down well, worked harder than they did and only had one three-game match. They were tired," Richmond said.

Physical fatigue figured in the Zulu loss.

Zulu power-hitter-coach Brian Beach said, "We had a close semi-final against our arch-rivals Blue Zone (from Victoria) and it was hard to get up for this one."

Beach added that his team hadn't practiced since half of the team lives on the Island, and the other half on the Mainland.

Another American team—Club Dead—from Spokane, Washington knocked off a broken Blue Zone in straight games: 15-11, 15-3.

Club Dead also surprised Kelowna's Air BC and handed them an untimely loss in the preliminaries.

In the women's pool, Vancouver teams Game Point 'A' and 3rd Debut slipped unscathed into the gold final.

But it was Game Point with a quicker attack and tighter defence that rolled to victory in straight games: 15-5, 15-8

"We played crisp volleyball. They did what I told them—it was a textbook game," said Game Point's coach Betty Baxter.

Baxter credited setter Kelly Miechan, one of many UBC ex-varsity players on the team, with a fine performance: "I give the setter a lot of responsibility. Miechan can take pressures and keep control of the game."

Voted women's MVP, Miechan was pleased with the tournament but felt participation by the UBC varsity teams could have still raised the calibre of competition.

The women's counterpart to Super Jock and Jill, Jock and Jill carried south the bronze medals.

Voll-umni

Many UBC ex-varsity and Canadian ex-national volleyball players slipped on their kneepads last weekend to participate in the UBC Thundervolley tournament.

An All-Star of the tournament, 27-year old Paul Thiessen is a former UBC varsity and two-year national team player. After the national team failed to qualify the Olympics last June in Italy, the specialty spiker retired.

Working as a school teacher in the Nelson school district, Thiessen now plays with highly competitive Air BC, but is looking for a professional contract in Europe.

Another former Thunderbird, veteran Carol Bishop played nationals for 13 years and now plays with club team 3rd Debut.

Working on her doctorate of psychology at UBC, Bishop meets three times a year with her long-time volleyball friends, all of whom have varsity, junior or national experience.

An anomaly at the tournament, Bishop was not lured to Thundervolley '89 because of the high quality of competition: "We do this for social reasons. This is a long tradition for us."

"No practice, no warm-up are the criteria to play on our teams," she joked, "but we still have the skills from before."

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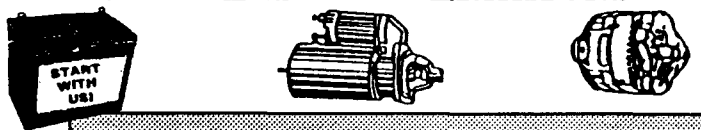

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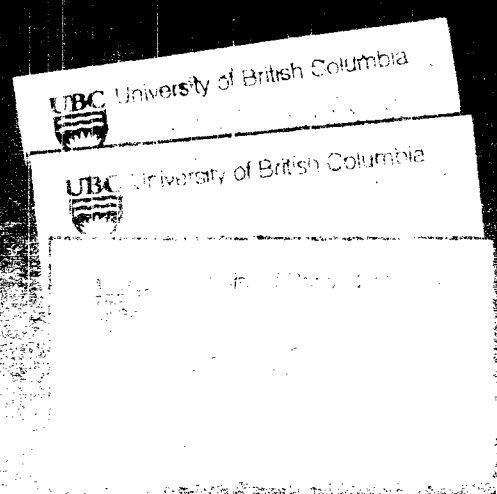

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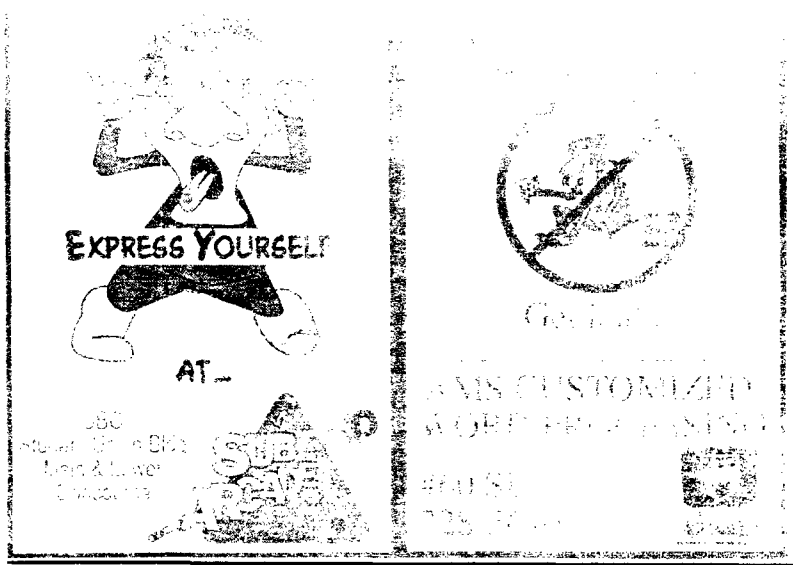
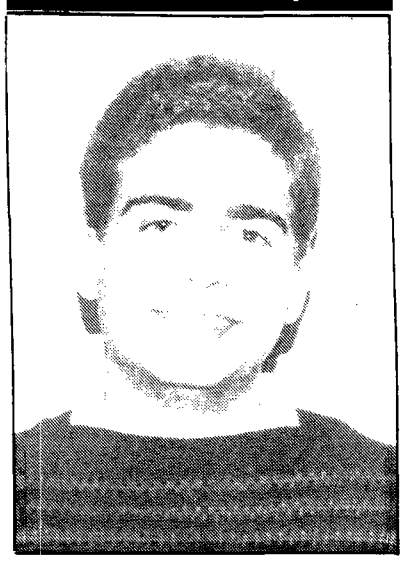


Student Senators-at-

Michael Libby



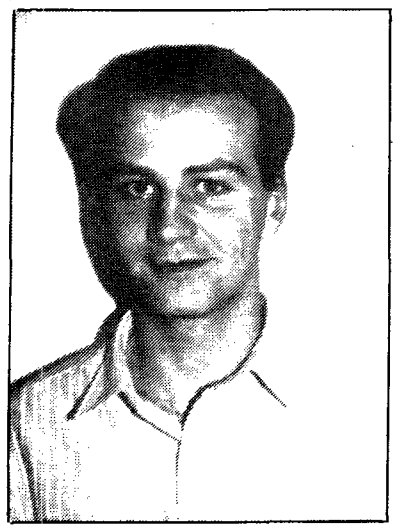
My name is Michael Libby and I am a candidate for the position of Senator-at-Large. I have had executive experience on several campus bodies and I'm hoping to apply this to Senate.

The Senate consists of 87 members, only 17 of which are students. It is often easy for the other 60 members not to take into account the needs of the majority of this institution—the students. My associations with a diverse range of student organizations allow me to keep in touch with all facets of campus life, and to bring their concerns and ideas to the Senate. At the forefront of these concerns are the 10 percent tuition hikes. While Senate does not have a mandate to abolish these, as a member of Senate, I would be in an position to better voice student concerns to the appropriate authorities.

UBC's present grading system is in need of a review. Although it has functioned sufficiently for some time, it is quite unique and distinct from other, more conventional systems. A review would provide a second look at our system and allow for evaluation as well as comparison to other systems. This would make clear to more students the rationale behind our system and allow them to assess its effectiveness and its reflections of the student's efforts.

A change to UBC's schedule does not seem to be a matter that needs immediate attention. Most students would appreciate an extended reading break but this could only be the result of compromising the schedule at other times of the year.

Brian Taylor



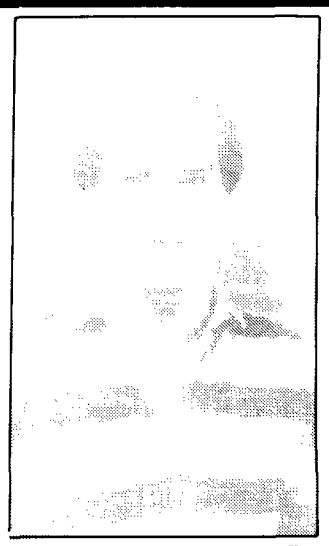
As an undergraduate, any decisions made by the Senate or Board of Governors will most likely directly affect me (and all other undergraduates) now and for some years to come. While having political experience is a virtue, it should not be the sole consideration in choosing a representative. If elected, I would apply myself with enthusiasm and diligence to the position of Senator-at-Large.

I would like to accurately represent the concerns of the student body on matters of academic importance, such as the President's Mission Statement. I think the goals of the university should be two-fold: increase accessibility to university education and strive for excellence. I would also like to be on the committee that assists the President in preparing the budget so that the present tuition hikes are not repeated next year.

I am in favour of establishing a committee to examine courses with unusually high or low average marks. It is exasperating to put in significant effort and be rewarded with an unfair mark. I think there should be an additional mark on transcripts representing percentile standing identical to the system used in the SAT, GMAT or LSAT exams.

At the moment, I do not see the need of a reading break. It is a euphemism for a spring break holiday. The four month-plus summer break is plenty of time to have a holiday. On other schedule matters I am open minded and if elected I would actively canvass the opinion of students on all matters.

Edward Berry



3rd Year Social Work, President of the Social Work Students Association

As a relative newcomer to the UBC political scene, I believe that I bring some fresh blood to a tired and familiar race. I bring a commitment to socially responsible government and strong democratic representation. I believe that groups who continue to be under-represented need a new voice in campus politics and might find that in me.

I hope to press for a more open and friendly institution. The power of the senate is felt in every instance of your dealings with the university. We need representatives who are aware and effective in lobbying on your behalf. Although I will be only one voice of some eighty-odd senators, you can be assured that my voice will be heard.

Coming to UBC from Langara, I find this ludicrous and archaic grading system difficult to stomach. We need a new grading system. The trick will be whether or not the system will be better for students. We need a system which is flexible enough to reflect the difference between a first class and a second class but have some relevance, say between the Arts and Science faculties. This is not necessarily an easy task when you consider the faculty and the administration each have their own agenda. What I would hope for is a mediated system which would be acceptable to everyone.

Again I would like to see changes which would benefit the students, both socially and academically. A reading week would be nice, but honestly how many of us would read?

David Orchard

At present, I am a member of the EUS council and the president of the Sigma Phi Delta fraternity (DAFWAT). These posts, as well as several key posts in the past, have given me the experience needed to act as a responsible representative on the Senate.

I'd like to remedy the fact that many program changes are occurring without student consultation. In addition, Telereg will be entering its sophomore year and a few problems with it, such as the early tuition fee payment due dates, still need to be addressed.

At present, UBC is the only university in B.C. that still operates under the 1.5 unit per term system. It is an archaic system which is long overdue for upgrading.

The UBC schedule at present is silly. We are the only university which has less than a week midterm vacation. This isn't long enough to go to the bathroom, let alone take a break. As well, we are in class a week earlier than before. This should allow us to have a Christmas vacation of more than eleven days.

Philip Wang

I am currently in 3rd Year Computer Science, having just transferred in from Computer Engineering. Many of you from both Science and Applied Science may already know me. After taking courses with you in these faculties, including the arts, I have a broader view of the academic problems faced by students. I understand the (un)fairness of courses, teachers, and marks.

I want to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to pursue their dreams and ambitions, help right the injustices caused by finances, teachers, peer-pressure, and even the (ir)relevancy of courses. I believe in a balance between a rounded education with a curriculum of relevant career-oriented courses. When a student fails half of his/her core courses, he/she must have someone to turn to; someone who can explain the available options, from a talk to their instructor to a formal appeal to Senate.

UBC needs a new grading system; ours is outdated and unfair. We first need a comprehensive examination of grading systems at other institutions, including effects on student moral, employment opportunities, etc. A system that takes into account the difficulty of the course involved puts too much weight on class standings, and encourage students to select easy courses. A university education should expose a student to new ideas and experiences, but must be fairly graded.

Many will agree that they would like to see a longer Christmas break. Also, exam schedules should be available at the beginning of each term so students can plan their examination load. Students would thus be able to either study intensively for a few weeks and then have all their exams over with, or spread their exams over the entire exam period.

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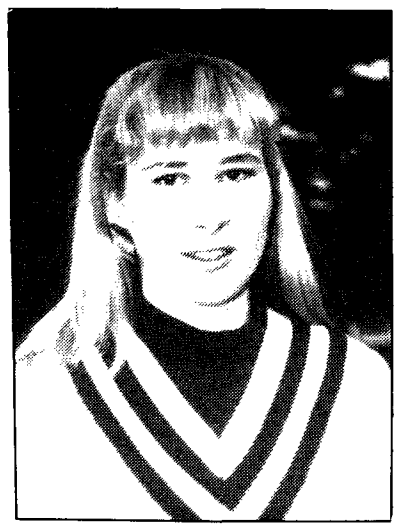
Large

Below are your ten candidates for Student Senator-at-Large, of which you vote for five.The candidates were asked to give a brief introduction, outline their goals, and answer two questions–1.What do you think about a new grading system? Or do you? and 2. Would you like to see any changes to the UBC schedule, ie. Reading week?

Wendy King



As an open-minded student running for Senate, I am concerned about the direction of the university and I want to have some input. I am an undergraduate and I think it is necessary that some of the decision-makers represent the majority of students that will be affected (i.e. undergraduates). It is important that 50 percent of the student body have a voice in the Senate-at-Large position.

I would like to influence the university decisions about future tuition hikes, ensure that the academic quality of the university is maintained (both teaching quality and research), and address proposals in the President's Mission Statement such as decreasing undergrad admissions. I would also like to examine the system of professorial tenure.

It is important that there is standard grading practices so that students do not feel hard done by when their work is not rewarded with a fair mark. A committee should be formed to examine courses with abnormally high or low average marks. There should also be some indication on the transcript of relative class standing.

The present schedule is fine as it is. It would be nice to have a reading break—however, not at the expense of exams being crammed together. On this and other matters I will endeavor to find out the concerns of students.

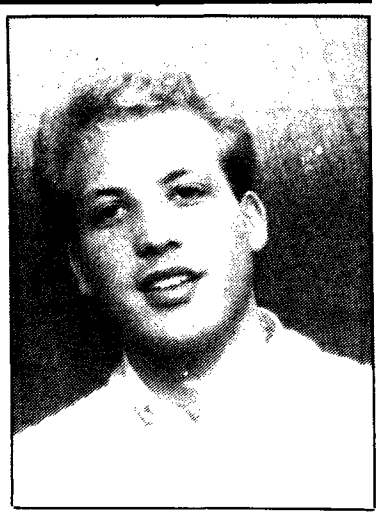
Sean Haffey

I am running for re-election as a student senator at large because I feel that I am a well qualified candidate. Having been in the Senate for the past year, I have learned what the Senate does and how it does it. I am involved in providing student input into library planning and other issues, such as Telereg, and we are having great success in these areas. It now looks like the University will be raising money for a new library soon. I have also been working with the AMS External Affairs committee and other campus organizations to improve students' lives at UBC. As well, I have spent, and will continue to spend, a good deal of time explaining to people what the Senate does.

I would support an improved grading system, such as the one proposed in The Ubyssey recently. It is often hard to simply judge how well a student does on the basis of a straight percentage and some other information could be helpful to employers and students. It is important to make sure that a new grading system would be thought out before it was introduced or we could end up with a system which is worse than the present one. This applies to changing the University calendar too.

Later dates for fee payments are a priority, but any other changes, like an extended reading week, shouldn't be at the students' expense by cutting down the summer break and our earning potential.

Derek Pettingale



Derek Pettingale, 3rd yr. Commerce, Urban Land Option.

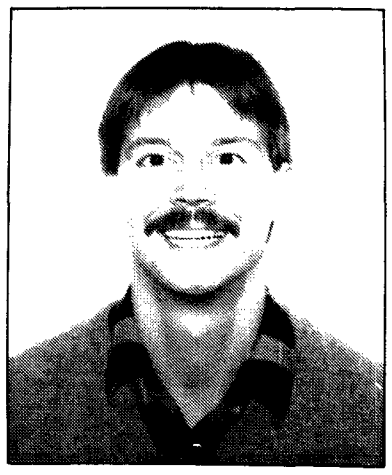
I have been a student Senator at-large for the last two terms during which time I was a member of the Academic Appeals Committee (2yrs), Academic Building Needs (1yr), Chairman of the Student Senators Caucus (1yr) and the Student Senator's AMS representative. I have at one time or another been active with the Arts and the Commerce undergraduate societies and am an active member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

If re-elected, I hope to have tuition fee payment dates changed—I want the first installment to be due in September not August because I feel that this would be a great benefit to students and of little inconvenience to the UBC administration. My second hope is to ensure that the proposed policy concerning medical leave for students is fair and protective of their rights and academic needs. The biggest concern of the upcoming session of Senate will be the Mission Statement and I will be very interested to see what the fully resolved direction of UBC will be.

A new grading system for UBC is overdue. Hopefully the issue will come before Senate after the Mission Statement is finished and the fundraising campaign has begun. A new system would be welcomed, but is in the future.

Changes to the academic calendar are needed. However, under our current academic year it would be difficult to make small changes. We would have to make major changes. I think the extra time gained with the use of the Telereg system will be more apparent next year. Unfortunately, the way this year's calendar meshed with the academic calendar was terrible.

Tony Fogarassy



Experience: 1987-1989 Senator at large.

As a current student Senator I am fighting for students on academic policy and admissions issues. President Strangway's Mission Statement proposes to reduce undergraduate enrollment by 2000 students. Think about it; 2000 students. Faculties most affected include Arts, Science and Applied Science. Minimum admission standards will rise from 2.5 to 3.0 gpa. Ramifications of such reductions are enormous. Ultimately, we will have even more increases in tuition (8%+). With regional colleges bursting due to overenrollment, more B.C. students will be denied the opportunity to pursue higher education in their home province. If you have a little brother or sister, nephew or niece, they'll be directly affected by this academic policy. 2000 students; please allow me as an incumbent Senator to continue the fight and we will force the administration to forgo enrollment reductions.

Two years ago a President's Task Force proposed a major restructuring of grading practices at UBC. Senate has adopted the policy which is very fair to all students.

Payment of 1st term tuition fees are due August 31st because of Telereg (instead of late September). Students with summer jobs traditionally work until Labour Day and are discriminated against by such a policy. Please read the first paragraph—it's the most important academic issue this university has faced in decades.

Tom Kaweski

The Senate does not receive as much press or raise as many tempers or eyebrows as does the Board of Governors. Tuition increases, daycare, and abortion are issues that affect us immediately and things such as admissions and curriculum are less contentious and therefore less newsworthy. The Senate, however, sets the academic and intellectual direction for our university. I believe the mandate of UBC is not to be a waterboy for government or partial interests but to lead the province in ideas and initiatives.

The quality of the faculty and the curriculum must be maintained or improved. If you go through four, or however many years of work/hell/etc. you want to graduate with a degree that means something to you and others—potential employers, your parents, whoever. The program of honorary degrees should be re-evaluated and there should be serious efforts to further develop the Asian Studies programs.

A new grading system is a must. The current use of classes and passes is too broad to mean anything, too confusing to those from other universities using the more sane letter-grade system. Just try explaining to an American university that "An 83 at UBC actually equals a ninety at Alabama." We should consider using a system where the students are ranked according to their placing in the class.

The starting date for fall classes should be pushed forward or the deadline for fee payments pushed back. We should not have the situation where a student's registration is cancelled by Telereg before that student has even set foot on campus.

The reading break is an issue that is not as cut and dry. I would like a full week to catch up on reading and restore my sanity, but others have told me they would rather finish classes a week earlier. It's a trade-off.

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Candidates from which Two are to be elected:

Tim Bird (Fourth Year Education)
Gord Hohensee (Third Year Arts)
Kurt Preinsperg (Ph.D. candidate - Philosophy)
Jim Shepherd (Third Year Engineering)

SENATORS AT-LARGE

Candidates from which Five are to be elected:

Ed Berry (Third Year Social Work)
Tony Fogarassy (M.Sc. candidate - Geological Sciences)
Séan Haffey (Third Year Arts)
Tom Kaweski (Third Year Arts)
Wendy King (Third Year Arts)
Michael Libby (Third Year Arts)
David Orchard (Third Year Engineering)
Derek Pettingale (Third Year Commerce)
Philip Wang (Third Year Science)
Brian Taylor (Second Year Arts)

SENATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDIVIDUAL FACULTIES

APPLIED SCIENCE

(One to be elected)

Patrick G. Goodwin (First Year Architecture)
Geoff Porter (Fourth Year Engineering)

(Voting will take place in the Computer Science and C.E.M.E. Buildings Only.)

ARTS

(One to be elected)

Lothar Boensch (Third Year)
Joanna Harrington (Third Year)

(Voting will take place in the Buchanan Building only)

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

(One to be elected)

Michael Cheung (Third Year)
Wendy Fox (Third Year)

(Voting will take place in Woodward/IRC only)

SCIENCE

(one to be elected)

Janine Benedet (Second Year)
Reg Peters (Third Year)

(Voting will take place in the Chemistry Building and Hebb Theatre)

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SENATE ELECTIONS

Arts

Senatorial elections in the faculties of Arts, Science, Applied Science and Pharmacy are contested races with two candidates running in each. As with the Senators-at-Large, the candidates were asked to give an introduction, an outline of their goals and answer two questions–1. What do you think about a new grading system, or do you? and 2. Would you like to see any changes in the UBC schedule, ie. Reading week?

Lothar Boensch

As a Senate representative for the faculty of Arts, I hope to achieve a number of goals. I believe that the Arts faculty has been under represented on the UBC campus as a whole and many needs of the students must be met. Telereg, as efficient as it is, must be upgraded. Classes become full too quickly and often, and even if space still exists in the course, it is next to impossible to register in it. There must be an overiding system implemented. I also feel that the "eliteness" of UBC must be altered and the doors open to more variety of students.

I feel the grading system that is presently used is too general. The range between a 1st and 2nd class standing must be narrowed and an intermediate grade put in place. In addition, the pass standing is too high and many students find their transcripts plagued with P's, even though they may have a 64% average. Lowering the pass standing to 60% may have a positive effect on the student body.

The UBC schedule, as it stands now, is pretty mediocre. I feel the workload of Arts students requires additional reading breaks, of two or three days each, to allow students to catch-up on work. If someone belongs to a club or Fraternity/Sorority, it very difficult to maintain a steady pace of work. After all, isn't the social aspect as important as the academic aspect?

I feel my past experience working on various councils in school and in the Greek system merit me for this position. I feel that I can give the Arts students of UBC a strong voice in the Senate. Although I am a newcomer to the UBC political scene, I know that you can count on a strong and reliable voice in the student senate.

Joanna Harrington

I believe the main issues facing Arts students next year will be tuition fee increases, UBC's financial aid system, Telereg and the inadequate funding of UBC's libraries. With ever-increasing tuition, UBC must allocate more funds to scholarships and bursaries. A responsive and effective student voice will ensure that Senate policies reflect the needs of students. I can be that voice.

As an Arts Senator, I would hope to improve the awareness of Senate decisions and affairs. Student concerns regarding curriculum, academic policies and overcrowded classrooms need to be voiced at Senate meetings so that the administration is aware of the problems. I believe that commitment, experience and a willingness to listen to student concerns, rather than personal agendas, are necessary in the Senate.

The grading system in Arts suffers from a lack of consistency between departments. In that respect, changes to the grading system are necessary. Yet, the quality of our education can not be measured by the grades of students. Of greater concern is the state of UBC's libraries.

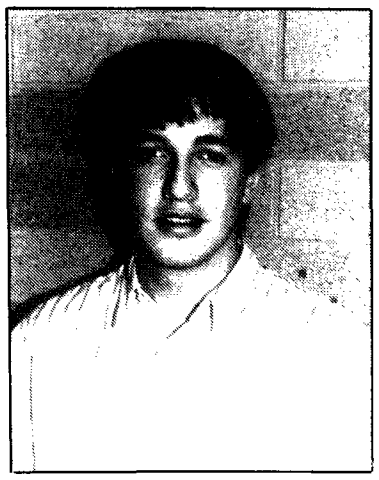
A longer December break is needed to allow students to go home for Christmas. Two days in February can not be called a Reading Break. Many of this year's problems with the scheduling of courses and exam breaks were due to Telereg. The August Telereg deadline was far too early and, as a result, over 750 registrations were cancelled. Voicing student concerns in the Senate can help solve the problems with Telereg deadlines and allow the Registrar to schedule breaks that meet the needs of students.

SENATE ELECTIONS

Science

The Ubyssey kindly, politely and pleasantly requests that you vote in the Board of Governors and Senate elections this week. Furthermore, we demand that you vote in the AMS executive elections next week. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Vote for one of these two candidates



Reg Peters

As a 3rd year Science student, I have been involved on the SUS and Senate. I continue to play an active role for Science students representing them on the Academic Appeals Committee as well as the Selections Committee for the new dean of Science.

As a Senate rep, I plan to continue providing Science students with an active representation of their concerns. I want to push for student representation on the Telereg Advisory Committee, allowing for input from the over 26,000 student users. I also want to increase student input on Science curriculum changes.

A careful look needs to be taken at our present grading system which warrants improvement. The present unit system needs some vital changes allowing for accurate indication of the course work and load.

I would like to see some improvements to the UBC schedule such as revising the Christmas exam period to allow students to finish earlier. Students have expressed much concern over the lack of a reading week during the spring semester. As a student Senator I will push to have these concerns addressed.

Janine Benedet

My name is Janine Benedet and I'm running for Science Senator. I do have a face but circumstances beyond my control left me pictureless. I am a second year student doing a chemistry/biology double major and hope to eventually enter the faculty of law, focussing on environmental issues. I am an active UBC debater and would be a strong voice for Science students.

I would like to restructure the amount of work students have to do, the number of hours science students spend in classes and labs, and increase the number of choices. In certain programs, science students virtually get no electives. I'd like to make it mandatory for profs to publish the course materials and texts two weeks in advance because textbooks are very expensive and the current set-up leaves little time for people to get used books. Finally, I would like to make exam procedures more uniform because in some 3-unit courses exams are 2 hours, some 3 hours, sometimes all sections write the same exam, sometimes they don't. It is difficult to derive any meaning when exams are not uniformly administered.

It is time to expand the grading system we have. It makes sense to change the numbers to something other than 75 or 150—perhaps something more normal like 100. I also like the idea of ranking students according to a letter grade and a grade in relation to their class or course.

I think a reading week would be effective if profs decided to give all the exams before or after the break. That should be the first objective. In Science it would be helpful to have, instead of 2 huge sections, more sections with fewer students so that it's easier to arrange a timetable. It costs more money but since we're paying an extra $150 in tuition next year, they can put it towards that.

Applied Science

Vote for one of these two candidates

I am a 4th year Mechanical Engineering student running as the Engineering representative for the position of Applied Science Senator. I am presently involved in the Mechanical Engineering Club and am the Chairman of the UBC Chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. I believe that this opportunity to get involved in the political process here at UBC would be a new challenge for me and I will make every effort to fairly represent Applied Science.

I would like to get involved in the areas that directly affect Applied Science, in particular, new VGH/UBC Nursing program and the new Engineering/ Commerce program. Applied Science is very dependent on changing technology and we must be very aware of this when we are creating new programs or modifying old ones.

A new grading system that takes into account the relative difficulty of the course is long overdue. The present credit system only takes into account the amount of hours spent at the university and does not take into account the number of hours spent doing research, preparing assignments, and writing up labs.

A second problem in the grading system is that grades are assigned on a professors judgement and do not show your relative ranking in a class. A system that takes these problems into consideration would be of great benefit.

I feel that the present schedule puts more emphasis on the April exams than the December exams. This is fine in a faculty that offers full year courses, but as an Engineering student, I know that there are many courses for which the December exams are final. In this regard, should be given equal length exam periods.

The lack of full week reading break is unfortunate as many young students at UBC really begin to feel the pressure of university life around midterms. A break long enough for students to visit their families and have a chance to catch up on unattended problems would be beneficial and result in higher overall marks.

Geoff Porter

A Senator for Applied Science should analyze the issues and see them as they affect every engineer, architect and nurse. I am prepared to address broader issues such as tuition fee increases, as much as the specific concerns of the Applied Science community. I feel my degree in physics is representative of the three parts of our faculty, and this makes me the best candidate for the job.

The reason for which I was approached to run for Senate was that the School of Architecture has been plagued by problems that have not been addressed by Senate in the last few years. I propose to represent every Applied Science student democratically and voice their concerns in the Senate.

The issue of a new grading system is an important one because of the present discrepancies with other Canadian universities. I think grading should be on the same standard in all universities, to facilitate transfer procedures.

I want to ask every Applied Science student what he or she would like to see changed in the schedule. The issue of the reading (or break) week should be seen as just adding three days to the calendar to help what I consider to be a majority of students who suffer from the winter blues. Two days is not enough.

Patrick Goodwin

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Editorial

Just the facts, Mr. Couvelier

Yesterday Mel Couvelier, god of finance in the current Socred pantheon, came down from on high to talk to students and maybe even answer their questions.

This appears to be a very noble gesture on Mr. Couvelier's part as it quickly became clear that there was no real purpose for his visit. Unless of course you wanted to know about the latest Socred insurance scheme, or what tête-a-tête the minister had next on his agenda.

Maybe you wanted to know about government funding of post-secondary institutions...

Well, he said he wouldn't "get into anybody's bed" until he knew the facts.

Mr. Couvelier, here are the facts:

In 1986 the federal government made Post-Secondary Education a priority—strangely enough, the Socred government followed suit, and takes credit for being the last one to straggle in through the doors of higher learning.

Last year the provincial government increased student aid, but it is still well behind the national level.

Mr. Couvelier boasted about the ceilings on student loans, but for those who had to deal with the restraint programs of the early eighties and now have as much as $20,000-$40,000 debt loads, all Mr. Couvelier could say was "it's not a perfect world, is it?"

Mr. Couvelier's compassion was echoed in his noncommittal stance on 10 percent tuition hikes: he has nothing to say to the increase.

Then he told the assembled crowd how difficult his job was and how well he was performing it, but stopped himself mid-sentence and said "I sound like a politician, don't I?"

Good guess.

When Mr. Couvelier asked for questions, it became glaringly apparent that the finance mime-ister either:

A) does not know much about post-secondary education; or

B) was pleading ignorance to avoid exposing just how little he does know about post-secondary education.

It seems absurd that a provincial finance minister speaking to a group of university students would be so incredibly unprepared to answer questions regarding student assistance and university funding.

Perhaps the minister's lack of preparation could be explained by his opinion of the students' concerns—he said most students just want to "do as little as possible to get through."

This is the kind of sympathetic voice all students hope to find in Victoria—he was "not surprised" that students were opposed to the proposed 10 percent tuition increase.

Evidently Mr. Couvelier forgot that large numbers of students have experienced first hand just how tough life can be by being forced to enroll in STUDENT AID 101.

By the way, when will the Young Socreds invite Stan Hagen to visit?

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Upon discovering an open window at the Faculty Club late one evening, Paul Dayson climbed through and opened the doors for the remaining members of the anarchist cell. Laura J May planted the flag of the Groucho Marxist Liberation Front on the bar. Katherine Monk liberally distributed John Lennonist propaganda while Jon Treichel sought out the rumoured storeroom of Crown Royal. Greg Davis cried "more booze, I demand to have more booze". Olivia Zanger ate cucumbers dipped in cream of wheat as Robert Groberman pondered how Sartre could be such a Marxist and an existentialist. Chung Wong scrawled Bono quotes on the corridor walls. Monica Brunner asked the time and Michael Vaney insisted that existentialists don't wear watches. "I'll keep an eye out for the Campus Cowboys," said Michael Booth as he loaded his AK-47. "Don't fire till you see the red in their eyes," ordered Lisa Purdy as Barb Wilson began to construct a barricade out of empty beer cases while Joe Altwasser liberated the beer kegs. Michael Leduc filled up on the condiments while listening to Robin Muehlebach expounding on the principles of pure capitalism and Keith Leung blasting Crass over the newly christened Radio Free Faculty Club. "Down with the Svet Kontic Gorilla-Imperialist government" screamed Steven Lazenby, and Laurie McGuiness utilized the newly discovered People's Long Distance Telephone Network... In the distance sirens wailed! Deanne Fisher bolted for the door carrying as much booty as possible.

news: Deanne Fisher
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Letters

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It's time for a demonstration

It is becoming apparent that a lot of students don't know why people keep getting upset about the tuition increases. People are angry because the provincial government gets money from the federal government that is supposed to be spent on education. The federal government doesn't do anything if the province doesn't spend this money on education, even though it's wrong. Because no one really complains, the province continues to use the money for whatever it thinks is important, which isn't education. It's up to us to show that we want them to give the money back to the universities.

Some people say that the increase is only about $200. For most people that is a lot of money, especially when it's added to all the other increases of past years, making education even more out of reach.

Others mention the States, where school is much more expensive, to show that we could be worse off. It's a terrible situation there, but we're not in the States. The problem here is that because we're told it is, we continue to think of education as accessible. It is becoming more inaccessible. The student loan program does not provide equalization for people who couldn't otherwise afford to go to school.

I live on a student loan. They're hard to get, hard to pay back, hard to live on, and mostly come from the federal government. The couple of hundred bucks I get for the whole year from the province is approximately equal to one month's rent. The other thousands come from the feds. Besides, very few people are willing to plunge themselves into years of back-breaking debt for an abstract education that can't even help get the worst paying job after all that hard work. It's a big gamble to play.

You are all in a unique position because you can actually make a difference. We are allowed to fight for the rights of others, if not ourselves. Please join our demonstration on Thursday, January 26 at 11:30 at the faculty club.

Marketa Kosman
Arts 4

Costs for degrees rise too high

Tuition fees and AMS fees are both fees which students are compelled to pay if they wish to attend UBC. In the wake of the debate on tuition fee increases, the AMS must not only fight excessive tuition fee hikes, but also excessive AMS fee increses.

From past elections and referenda, it is evident that the student body in general (or call it the silent majority) couldn't care less about voting on student issues on campus. Furthermore, it may be almost unprecedented, but not suprising, that the voter turnout for the RecFac referendum was as high as it was. The 'high' turnout was not surprising because it shows that when money is concerned, more students (especially the poor) will speak up.

Perhaps that's why there were so many votes against RecFac. On other issues, the only students who bother to vote are the ones who directly benefit from the proposed changes, be it financially, politically, or otherwise. to clarify my point: most students really don't care about what future students will pay or how they will benefit. They only care about what it is costing them to get a University degree. The so-called large number of students who voted in the RecFac referendum must be seen in this context; in addition to the small clique of those who like voting away other people's money, a lot of students voted against it because it is merely another increase in the total cost of attending university. I am not dealing here with any other arguments for or agianst RecFac, but purely the financial aspect.

The opinion of most students is rarely reflected in elections and referenda. Doesn't it seem odd that 'the student body' would welcome increasing their AMS fees by more than 30 per cent for mostly entertainment purposes, yet balk at a 10 per cent increase of tuition fees?

If the AMS wishes to fight the increased cost of getting educated, it should start by running its affairs not as a business, which must always expand, but as a service to the students, so that when students pay AMS fees; they in return receive services valued precisely at the amount they pay. Note that any students project to which the university contributes affects tuition fees as well. Aside from government funding policy, the issue here is that students are not against tuition hikes per se, they are against the rising cost of getting a degree.

Cos Vanwermeskerken
Law 2

The West waged the Cold War (alone)

Making a wry face in Christian Champion's direction, Hai Le lectures that "all that language of the Cold War is part of yesterday's frozen nonsense that was based on rited, old thinking." Here's question-begging on the grand scale. The assumption is that a view is false simply because it is tired and old - as if truth lay only with freshness and novelty.

Christian earns the last laugh, because Hai Le's own nonsense, "Cold War" is, itself, as frozen as anything he fancies he can attribute to Christian.

Specifically, "Cold War" can be historically traced as part of the immensly successful Stalinist jargon from after the World War. Along with "warmongering" and "sabre-rattling", the cliche "Cold War" was popularized by Andrei Vyshinsky, Stalin's representative at the UN.

Ironically,"Cold War" exemplifies exactly what Hai Le elsewhere dismisses as "laden with emotions" – his wrong assumption now being that emotions exclude knowledge.

Hai Le can't have it both ways, first criticizing someone's language, and then indulging in it himself. A writer to The Province shrewdly noted that the so-called Cold War is the oddest "war" in history, since only one side, the West, is ever said to wage it.

Greg Lanning
Law 2

OOOPS....

In the January 4 issue of The Ubyssey a letter was printed regarding a disgruntled cyclist, and his/her quest for axles.

The bicycle shop in question, West Point Cycles would like to get in touch with Jan Palaty, and help him/her rectify the problem.

The Ubyssey does not normally print letters regarding business practices. These should be addressed to the firm, or to a government agency. When that fails, the press has a responsibility to act.

West Point Cycles has a reputable name in the cycling community, and has provided professional service for bike enthusiasts for years. They would like to apologize for any staff member, if they were not as courteous as they should have been. Sometimes people just have a bad day.

Student priorities out of line

As UBC students we have a sorry situation on our hands. Our tuition could increase by 10 per cent, but the Dukes Cookies issue has taken precedence over the cost of our education.

Does this seem a little odd, or am I just out of touch with student priorities? Who is responsible for such a ludicrous issue being at par with tuition fees?

For the most part two very successful businessmen have made it an issue in order to pursue their $100,000 per year incomes (combining their salaries and their profits).

They've made it an issue through a petition (with one-sided information), through proper timing (just in time for the Alma Mater Society elections), and through the media (exploiting the fact that it is a cute issue).

And so far everyone is playing right into their hands—they're sharp.

Here are a few questions: Where is the logic when a tenant signs a lease agreement and afterwards attempts to change that agreement, and then turns around and points fingers at the Alma Mater Society because the Alma Mater Society won't agree to that change?

Why SHOULDN'T that one or two hundred thousand dollars per year go into an emergency relief fund for needy students, rather than into the pockets of two very well-to-do businessmen who are playing the parts of paupers in the media and using the students as pawns?

Whose ethics should we really be considering here?

And as students, are we sending out the correct signals to the public and to the government by getting all fired up about cookies and writing editorials about cookies in the midst of a tuition crisis?

This election lets concentrate on the real issues, rather than on a manufactured one.

And please show up for the tuition rally tomorrow at 12:30 at SUB.

Tim Bird
AMS President

Bad, Bad Duke

In a dark corner of the winding dungeons of castle SUB, there resides an evil capitalist pig called Duke. He exploits his slaves by forcing them to bake and sell cookies for $5.00 an hour. All day he tortures them with the gruesome sounds of CiTR blaring from behind the counter.

Now that the lease is expiring for the hole by the elevator, Duke's shady business has moved into King T-Bird's surveilling hawk-eyes, which leave no injustice unnoticed in his empire of the AMS.

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Yes, it is time to expell the last unpure spirits from the domain of the purest and holiest collective in the universe(ity): the UBC student body and its just and caring leaders in the AMS. Yes, we, the students, can achieve what so many humanitarians and collectivists have dreamt of: the total extinction of slave-drivers, capitalists, egotists, and greedy money-hoarders on our campus.

What will happen to Duke when he gets banned from castle SUB (which beares striking political similarities to Fantasy Gardens and architectual notions to the palace in Bejing's forbidden city)?

I propose he gets deported to what Ronnie once called the Evil Empire. There, he will be able to enhance Gorby's Perestroika with his privately baked cookies. Maybe, Duke will be able to compete with MacDonald's on Red Square. Meanwhile, castle SUB will become a haven of equality, where "needy" students will bake cookies for the well-endowed students. And, thank God, the AMS has a sexually balanced administrative body, which will ensure that our new collective cookies will have that special Sarah Scrumptious Cookies touch (my suggestion for our new cookie-joint's name).

And once we have successfully cleaned out the Duke's sweat-shop we can take on the remaining treat-mills of slave-labour in our SUB. Let's give Travel Cuts a transit coupon to Surrey, prevent fashion crimes by banning Dress for Less, put SUB Way in a bottomless pit, clip the wings of that T-Bird Shop, foreclose on the TCU Credit Union and the Bank of Montreal, and give High-Tech Video Games the Final Lap.

Robin Muehlebach

There's no such thing as a fair mark

In response to the article entitled "Marking System Suggested" (Ubyssey, January 10th), L. Robson is to be commended for his/her valiant efforts to offer some improvement to the present system of grading.

However, Robson's solution is far too simplistic and undoubtedly smacks of sour grapes. The essence of Robson's scheme– indication of the standing of a student in relation to others in the class– assumes that some unknown third party who assesses grades for whatever reason will brilliantly conclude from the student's standing relative to the rest of the class, whether the course taken was easy or difficult.

In my opinion, evaluators have enough criteria to assess pertaining to a student's progress without resorting to some litmus test which entails the responsibility of rating the difficulty of courses.

Instead, rather than reveal a fairer marking system, Robson's scheme glaringly reflects a bias that is more concerned with undermining the achievement of students with higher marks than elevating the impression made by students with lower grades.

Since Robson is an English student, some suggestions on how to improve the arbitrary world of essay marking would be a more appreciated service for all concerned.

Too frequently, hours of research and effort are rewarded by searing comments that suggest that the paper must have been written by a total moron.

Other times, our essays are subjected to the "OOTA" (out of thin air) approach to fine marking, which after little commentary outside of the rare check, or occasional "?", or disconcerting "No!", reveals a grade affixed to our work. Either way, we do not benefit from constructive criticism; we are left with little recourse other than to avow to do better the next time, uncertain as to how to accomplish this end.

Let's assume that Robson is a university student par excellence, and as such, is a disinterested party to the scheme, then the rest of us do not need a crusading sympathizer to shore up bruised egos after the Christmas exams.

We need to take responsibility for our results and learn from our experience; for wallowing in pity and excuses over the difficulty of courses, and the plaudits accumulated by some students and not others is a waste of energy. Our time is better spent assessing our own efforts than the standing of 35,000 other students.

So come on, Robson, "kwitcherbeefin", and by the way, you would not happen to know any easy English courses, would you?

C. Beattie
Arts 3

And another thing that pisses me off ...

I have many concerns regarding the attempt by the Alma Mater Society to dismiss Duke's Cookies from its present location and replace it with an Alma Mater Society cookie outlet. Dukes has spent time and money establishing a customer base which the AMS now proposes to assume.

In my humble opinion this is analogous to the "Nationalization" of industry by Fidel Castro in Cuba.

If the AMS does this to Duke's, why would any other private company want to risk time and money locating a new venture in SUB knowing full well that sometime down the road the rug will be pulled out from under its feet. This is a dangerous precedent.

One AMS concern is that the wages paid at Duke's Cookies (about $5.00 per hour) were too low. Doing some checking myself, I found that both Cookies by George (at $4.50 per hour) and Patti's Cookies (at $5.00 per hour) have similar wages.

In other words, Duke's wages are not out of line with similar jobs at similar businesses, with the added bonus that UBC students can work there and not have to pay transportation costs to get to work from school.

In the same vein, I want to complain about the "Cookie Poll", to determine which cookie is the best tasting, that is located in the SUB foyer. This poll is run by a number of AMS staff. When I asked if it was an "impartial" judging, I was told that the word "impartial" could not be used in conjunction with the poll.

Upon tasting the cookies, I found that one cookie was significantly warmer than the others which added to its texture. Gee, I bet I'll be really surprised at the results of this poll!

Finally, and most importantly, the poll location in the foyer is in direct competition with the Amnesty International display in SUB.

By diverting attention onto themselves, it seems to this writer that the AMS thinks it is more important for people to think about cookies than about Human Rights.

Mike Sewell
Econ 4

Cold turkey to stop smoking

The Assignment: Cold Turkey Day, Wednesday, January the 18th. My job: publicize it!

For the next week, I walked all over campus looking for smokers to talk to, nice people who would gladly give me insight and knowledge into this favorite of pastimes. My real deep-rooted hope was that with the increased social pressure for smokers to give up their weed, I would find certain interesting behavior patterns among those who still clung to the habit.

Maybe, somewhere on campus there is a dimly lit, dingy, underground room where cards are dealt and packages and packages of cigarettes are chainsmoked to the grooves of a cheezy jazz combo. Perhaps on my way to class I would encounter a group of smokers huddled together in a protective circle, while passers-by who proffessed their virginal purity of life and lung, hurled a barrage of insults at this sad and lonely group. If I was really lucky, I would be asked to join a rebel group that cling to their traditional smokers values, but on Saturday nights just go crazy running around the city ripping down posters proclaiming the city's new anti-smoking bylaw, and spray painting adulations to Rothmans and Winston. Unfortunately for me, nothing quite so dramatic happened. I actually did talk to a smoker. The perspective I got from her was that she could stop smoking tommorrow if she wanted to, but she had no reason to, so why bother? I could tell that she wasn't really interested in my theory about a world-wide underground tobacco conspiracy, so I didn't tell her that she only had a short time to live out her dream that "I could quit tommorrow if I wanted to," before her

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cigarette world crumbled to dust. It wouldn't be fair, she seemed to be enjoying it so much.

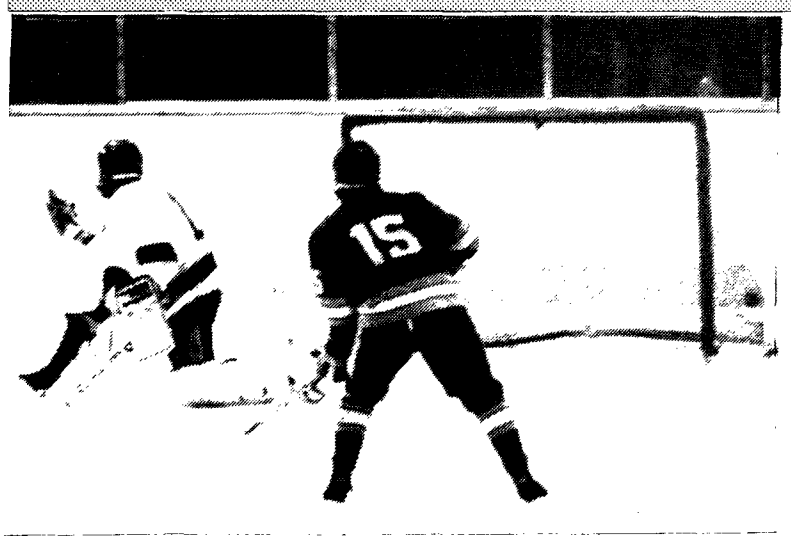
It has only been recently that the North American fitness ethic has gone beyond its own sphere and extended its reach into the non-fitness persons world. No longer is it socially acceptable to simply light up at will without consulting those around you. Most buildings on campus are now non-smoking areas, and it has become increasingly difficult to find a place to smoke. This is primarily because of an espousal of collecive social conscience. Now, instead of just having pressure on smokers to quit for the sake of their own health, the onus is on the smoker to quit or smoke elsewhere for the health and comfort of non-smokers around them.

Yes indeed, it is healthy, and even trendy and cool, to stop smoking in 1989. This of course alienates all those smokers who consider themselves rebels against societal trends, and those who just enjoy it too much to give a damn about their health, but for those who are into it and are interested in saving over $60,000 over the course of their lifetime (based on an average smoker and current tobbacco prices) Wednesday, January 18th may be the first day of the rest of your life.

In addition to simply promoting better health by non-smoking on this day. UBC Student Health will be doing a number of programs on actually quitting, and also coping with the inevitable withdrawal symptoms that follow years of addiction. These programs will be held from 11:30-1:30 January 17 at the IRC, January 18 in the SUB, and January 19 in the lobby of Sedgewick Library.

Yes, it will be difficult, but hey, so is getting a degree; it's only painful for a little while, but the end result is a healthy, happy person that can run with the average of them.

Michael Leduc



Calgary scores winner with 2 seconds left JOE ALTWASSER PHOTO

Birds drop two

By Laurie McGuiness

The UBC men's varsity hockey team lost two tough games to the University of Calgary over the weekend, dropping Friday and Saturday games by identical 4-3 scores.

The Dino's won both games in dramatic fashion, Canada West scoring leader Barry Bracko getting Friday's winner with just under three mintues left, and Mike Kardash repeating the feat for Calgary on Saturday, drilling home the winner with only three seconds to play in regulation.

UBC deserved better. The games could have gone either way, Saturday in particular. Neither team gave an inch, with both teams trying to force errors with some hard hits. UBC's Grant Delcourt, Charles Cooper, and Dave Cannon were particularly obstreperous in the Calgary zone.

By the end of the second game it was obvious the Calgary defencemen were tired of being hit, and had the game lasted into overtime, the T-Birds' forechecking might have paid off. But with only ten seconds left in the game, the 'Birds defence was stripped of the puck at their own blue line, and Kardas walked in and ended it.

On Friday, Scott Fearens scored his 50th career goal in his 100th game in a T-Bird uniform.

The losses dropped UBC from 2nd to 4th, while everyone in the league but 6th place Brandon has two games in hand on the 'Birds. UBC is in Regina next weekend, then returns home to host the Golden Bears of Alberta on the 27th and 28th of January.

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