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Berger quits BoG over McEwen Report

by Matt Thompson

Fomer BC Supreme Court justice Tom Berger is resigning from UBC's Board of Governors (BoG) over the university's alleged mishandling of the McEwen Report.

In an Oct 12 letter to BoG Chair Barbara Crompton, Berger said the University had "acted hastily and unwisely" in adopting the report and had "failed to observe the principle of due process" in its treatment of the political science department.

"I do not want to be understood as joining the bandwagon of those denouncing 'political correctness.' Too often this is simply a label used to turn aside legitimate concerns." Berger wrote, "But there is a right way and a wrong way to inquire into such concerns. We chose the wrong way, and we have yet to acknowledge it."

Berger was also critical of a letter written by UBC President David Strangway last August, arguing that it failed to adequately assure the public of the university's commitment to due process.

But political science graduate student Scott Pegg says that students, not the department, suffered most from the university's violation of "due process."

"If there is an issue of due process, it seems to me that issue most seriously involves the students that filed complaints," Pegg said.

"I don't think they've ever received due process."

Student BoG representative Michael Hughes agreed, citing the list of unresolved student complaints in the department dating as far back as 1991 outlined in McEwen's report.

"Due process hasn't been followed from the beginning," Hughes said.

If the report is flawed, Pegg argues, the reponsibility for those flaws rests with the report's terms of reference– terms set primarily by Dean of Arts Pat Marchak.

Berger's letter does say that the report was flawed "not least because of the mandate Ms. McEwen was given" by the University.

When asked how the university should have responded to the report, Berger refused to elaborate on the statements made in his letter.

"The second step that Berger doesn't say," Pegg said, "is if this inquiry is flawed then when are we going to get a real one? When is there going to be one that is conducted according to due process?

"Either the McEwen report is legitimate, at which point its recommendations should be followed and actions should be taken on that basis, or if it's not, it seems to me the next logical step is that there ought to be a proper inquiry."

Michael Hughes says the Board of Governors will continue to closely monitor the situation in political science.

"I know in a lot of people's minds [the decision to reopen graduate admissions in political science] ends it, but it shouldn't, and people in power at this university should continue to watch the situation in the department," Hughes said.

"I definitely don't think it's over. And I hope the board and administration continues to follow up and monitor what's happening in the department."

Berger's BoG term is scheduled to end November 18.

Tuition fees on continual up-surge

by Samer Muscati

OTTAWA (CUP) –Times are tough for university students in Canada, and according to a new report by Statistics Canada, the future does not look any brighter.

Tuition fees have more than doubled over the past decade, and student leaders fear that the situation will worsen as financially strapped universities look for ways to cut costs and increase revenues.

Last year alone, tuition fees for university students nationwide increased on average by 7.3 per cent . Alberta and Ontario led the way with average hikes of 10.7 per cent and 9.8 per cent respectively, according to Statistics Canada.

In British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, fees rose between 5 and 6 per cent while in Atlantic Canada the hikes ranged from 6 to 8 per cent. Quebec fees rose on average only 0.3 per cent, despite massive hikes in the province's previous 5 years.

The figures come as no surprise to Michael Mancinelli, national deputy chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students. He says if current trends continue, only the rich will be able to afford a decent university education.

"It's a pretty bleak announcement," said Mancinelli. "There's no cause for optimism. The hikes will have repercussions which will result in a system of elitism that will reduce accessibility to universities."

Federal Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy told the Canadian University Press that tuition fee increases are "a constant problem."

"What we're now trying to do, is to provide a solution," Axworthy said. "We've introduced a new student loans and grants program, and we hope to be in a position to continue to provide more assistance to students who need it."

Under the Canada Student Loans Program announced in August, a new student debt strategy will provide $50 million in extra grants by 1998-1999 to students with special needs.

"I hope that we will be able to raise that [amount] substantially," Axworthy said.

Axworthy says there is not a lot more he could do to help students, since ultimately each province decides how much funding it will provide its universities.

As part of last year's federal budget, however, the Liberals created the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST)– a cheaper, no-strings-attached replacement for current federal transfer payments for health, welfare, and education.

And the federal government plans to cut $7 billion in transfer payments to the provinces by 1998.

Guy Caron, chairperson for the CFS, has said the CHST will shoot tuition fees through the roof.

The CFS has planned numerous campaigns to raise awareness on the CHST and its ramifications on post-secondary education.

Mancinelli calls the new federal government grants a drop in the bucket and a cop-out. He says the government's priority should be reducing the heavy debt-loads students must carry from high tuition costs and unemployment.

The Statistics Canada report also shows that tuition fees have soared in every province since 1986, and have far outstripped the rate of inflation. While the inflation rate went up 34 per cent from 1985/86 to 1994/95, university tuition fees increased by 134.4 per cent during the same period.

The biggest jump occurred in Quebec, where fees have more than doubled since 1990.

The document states that a decline in federal and provincial funding has increased the importance of student fees as a source of income for universities. It does not, however, draw any implications or conclusions on the impacts to students due to a lack of hard evidence, says the survey's manager Mongi Mouelhi.

ROBERTA CARTER HARRISON singer for the Wild Strawberries expresses herself Thursday night at the town pump. REVIEW p.4 ALAN KRISS PHOTO

UBC and Coke ready to sign monopoly deal

by Matt Thompson

UBC is just a few signatures away from becoming an exclusively Coca Cola campus.

After months of negotiations between Coca Cola, university administrators and the AMS, a final draft of the controversial Cold Beverage contract is now ready for final ratification.

The contract would give Coke exclusive control over the university's cold beverage market in exchange for a $100,000 premium paid yearly to the AMS for ten years.

The deal still requires final ratification from the Board of Governors (BoG) and AMS before taking affect.

The Board will give final consideration to the contract at its meeting this Thursday, and the AMS is expected to hold a special meeting to review the deal November 22. Council could conceivably ratify the deal as early as this Wednesday, however.

The Student Environment Centre (SEC) is currently collecting signatures on a petition protesting the Cold Beverage deal, and the University Commission is circulating petitions calling on the AMS to hold a plebiscite on the agreement.

The SEC also plans to hold a protest information and strategy meeting this Wednesday, November 15 at 12:30 p.m. in SUB room 212A.

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thursday, november 16
Political Science Students' Association
Lecture: Hedy Fry, Liberal MP for Vancouver Centre
12:30 - 1:30 pm
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thursday, november 16
Students for Forestry Awareness
Speaker: Linda Coady, Vice President Environmental Affairs, MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. "Women in forestry/Clayquot Sound"
12:30 pm
MacMillan 166

friday, november 17
Alma Mater Society
AMS Open Mike -- Topic: Referendum '96 "in search of quorum"
12:30 - 2:00 pm
SUB Conversation Pit

does your club have an event coming up that you want everyone on campus to know about? drop by SUB 241K and fill out a 'tween classes deadline -- 3:30 pm two days before publication

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wednesdays at 12:30pm
in SUB 241K

this week, the agenda is:

- chair & minute taker
- vs. an alternative
- CUP 58 delegates
- editorial screenings
- production deadlines
- officefiles and maintenance
- board meeting prep
- why letters must be checked...
- colour connected
- other business

The next UPS
(Ubyssey Publications Society)
Board of Directors meeting
has been scheduled for
Wednesday, November 15 in
SUB room 211 @ 4:30-6:30pm.

vs. an alternative

the newspaper, by, for and about women is putting out a call for submissions, news, views, poetry and stories about violence against women. special categories include poverty and violence, and colonization and violence.

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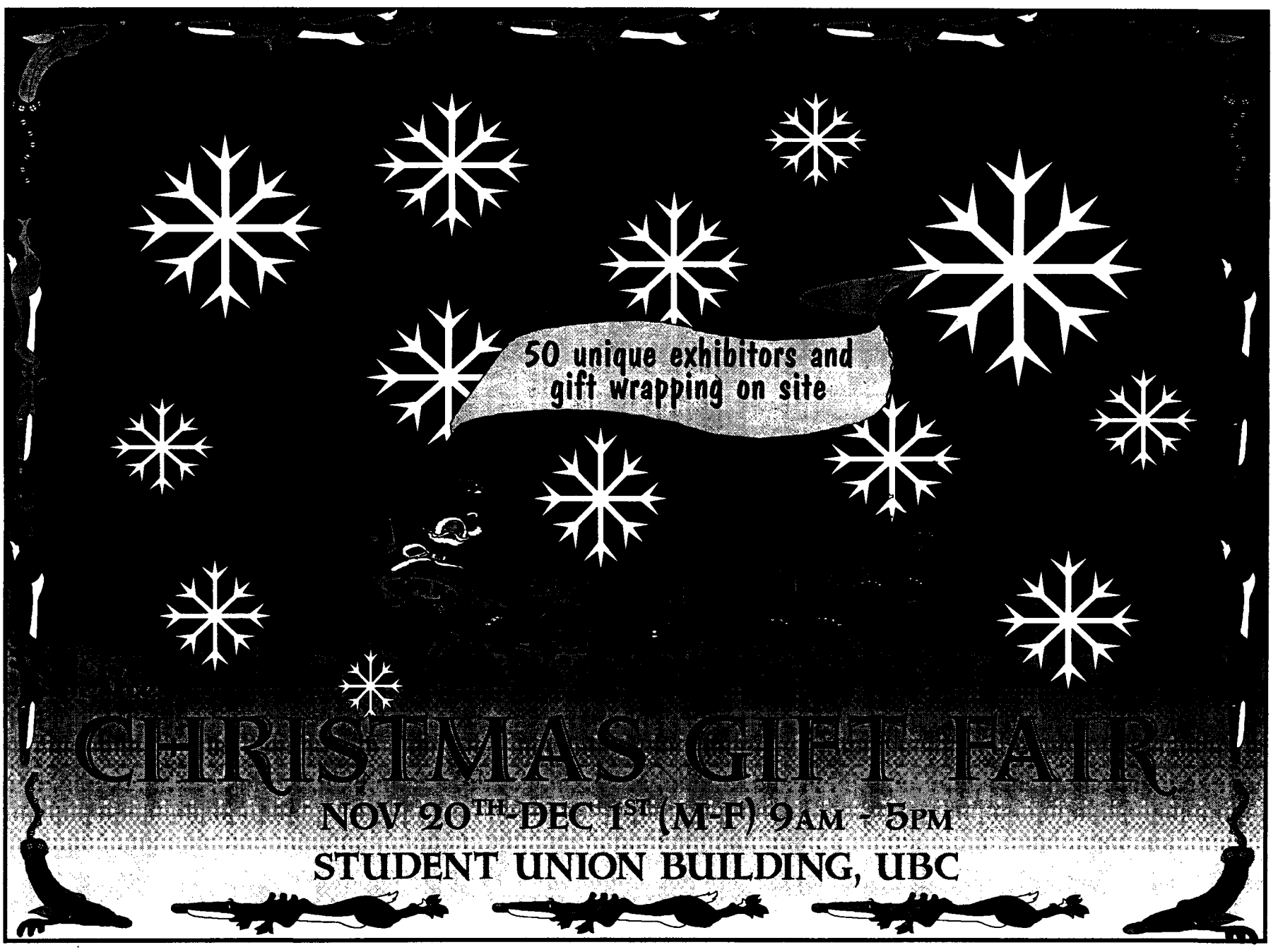

ALMA MATER SOCIETY
STUDENT SOCIETY OF UBC

Prepared by your student society

Student societies clash over anti-calendar

by Sarah O'Donnell

The Alma Mater Society's (AMS) dreams of a campus wide anti-calendar are floundering now that one of UBC's largest student organizations says it doesn't want to take part.

In an October 31 memo to the Dean of Science, the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) asked that "the Faculty of Science not release its statistics on science professors to the Alma Mater Society."

Namiko Kunimoto, AMS vice-president and anti-calendar organizer, says she finds it "highly un-usual" that SUS is pulling out of a project intended to give students access to information about professors and classes.

"When we passed the anti-calendar through council, SUS actually supported it," Kunimoto said. "They were quite willing to become involved and they were one of the first to agree to hand over their stats."

Kunimoto says SUS never officially informed her of their intentions and is concerned the pull-out is being staged for political reasons completely unrelated to the anti-calendar.

"If this isn't political, then why didn't [SUS] talk to me about it," asked Kunimoto, "why didn't [SUS] talk to anyone in the AMS about it if [they] did have a big problem with it?"

"The university's totally devoid of teaching statistics and we don't mind a little duplication."

Trevor Presley
Anti-calendar editor

SUS Director of Publications Blair McDo-nald says the decision has nothing to do with politics. "SUS has always supported the idea of a campus wide anti-calen-dar...the reason why we're con-cerned is be-cause we don't think all the issues have been resolved yet."

McDonald says his main concerns are distribution, availability and a useless duplication of information. SUS publishes their own professor evaluations in a booklet distributed to all science students known as the *Black and Blue Review.*

Anti-calendar editor Trevor Presley says McDonald's concerns are unwarrented. "Some people might say it's redundant," said Presley, "but the more information you have out there about professors and their teaching abilities, the better."

Presley says Arts, his own undergraduate society, is going to allow the AMS to republish its statistics because "the university's totally devoid of teaching statistics and [they] don't mind a little duplication."

But McDonald insists the AMS doesn't have the infrastructure in place this year to put out an anti-calendar for the three big faculties of arts, science and engineering.

"Whenever you make a transition from one publication to another...the transition is going to cause problems. I mean how do you guarantee that the stats are typed in correctly, how do you guarantee it's out in time?" McDonald said.

Despite the problems between the two student societies, Kunimoto says she still hopes to get SUS on board.

"We really want to work with SUS and we're willing to accommodate the calendar so it accommodates them," Kunimoto said, "but they're not our ultimate approval."

People of colour get connected on campus

by Sarah O'Donnell

Students at UBC could have access to another campus resource group as early as this Wednesday.

Colour Connected Against Racism, a student club for people of colour, is asking the Alma Mater Society (AMS) for resource group status at the next council meeting.

The AMS currently sponsors four other resource groups including the Women's Centre, the Global Development Centre, the Student Environment Centre and Gay, Lesbians and Bissexuals of UBC. Resource groups are given exclusive office space to accomodate their equipment and an annual budget so they are financially capable of accomplishing their goals within the year.

Shazia Islam, a member of the Colour Connected collective, describes the group as "an organization fighting against racism at the institutional level."

"But it's also an organization to empower people of colour from different backagrounds," Islam said. "It's a celebration of their cultures without the influence of white supremicist thought."

Colour Connected was originally created out of the need for a support group on campus for people of colour who have experienced problems with professors and peers because of racial politics.

Islam says Colour Connected has become more activist-oriented by sponsoring speakers such as Yvonne Brown, screening films, hosting open mikes and holding information forums on various topics including a recent presentation on Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Colour Connected is asking the AMS for a space exclusively for people of colour like the Langara Student Union's Third World Alliance. But Islam says they still have to work out whether their library resources will be open to the entire student body at certain times during the week since "the kinds of literature [they] want are not necessarily acceptable in the main market."

Currently, Colour Connected has about 45 members in its collective. They encourage anyone interested in supporting them to attend the council meeting on November 15 at 6 pm.

International students face huge tuition fee increase

by Rachel Russell

Tuition fees for international students could rise as high as $15000 next September.

International students at UBC currently pay 2.5 times the corresponding amount for Canadian citizens and permanent residents. The university plans to move to a "full cost recovery" program for foreign students that would drastically increase that amount.

Board of Governors (BoG) Student Representative, Michael Hughes worries that most UBC students are not aware of the new full-cost tuition policy to be implemented next year–and, ironically, is concerned that many of the Board members who passed the policy may not be fully aware of it either.

When the issue of full-cost tuition for International students was presented at a Board meeting in May of 1994, the proposal received little support from BoG members. But at the July 24 Board meeting, Hughes said proponents of the policy passed the change "in a really sneaky way."

"They put it in the budget, about a 300 page document, which was only discussed for about two hours at the board meeting. There was no time for questions or anything," Hughes said.

"I bet if you asked most Board members, they would have no idea it is in there, although they technically approved it."

The result, Hughes says, is that the measure has been approved "with no student input what-so-ever."

"Students don't even know about it because the document is not public yet, and won't be for a couple of weeks."

Winnie Chung, Executive Director of International House, first became aware of the planned changes in international student tuition in late October when University President David Strangway released a draft form of the policy. Full-cost tuition for international students will dramatically increase their fees, she says, even though they already pay 2 and-a-half times the amount of most UBC students.

Cheung worries there will be no opposition to the fee hikes for the international students. "These students are not very organized and they have no vote," Cheung said.

"They often have no way to get information about these things before it is too late".

The policy will contain a "grandfather clause,' which means only new international students will be affected by the tuition hikes. This may further discourage student opposition to the new fees, since if current UBC international students are not affected by the changes, they may be less motivated to try and stop them.

The full cost tuition policy for international students is scheduled take affect in September 1996.

A Student Executive Meeting

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The British band Reef, fronted by lead vocalist Gary Stringer, made its North American debut at the Town Pump on Wednesday night to an expectant crowd. The group has sold over 65,000 copies of their first album in their native England; it is due to be released here in January. The show was nearly cancelled after three of the four band members came down with food poisoning from a pasta dinner in Gastown. The show was short but the audience was impressed with the band's enthusiasm and sound.

Strawberries go Wild at the Pump

ALAN KRISS PHOTO

WILD STRAWBERRIES' Roberta Carter Harrison joins the Nettwerk family.

Wild Strawberries
Nov 9 at the Town Pump

by Jenn Kuo

Stealing their name from the 1957 Ingmar Bergman film, this band is the husband/wife duo of Ken and Roberta Carter Harrison. *Heroine* is their second full-length CD, following the success of *Bet You Think I'm Lonely* in 1994. In one year, they have put out another excellent effort with the help of David Kershaw who did some mixing and additional recording. Another Nettwerk family effort, Sarah McLachlan and other members of her band also contributed to the CD.

"Has everyone tried the jello mould?" asked Roberta as she proceeded to open the Wild Strawberries set at their recent CD release party. She then commented on the role that jello mould once played in the lives of homemakers and how this tied into the album cover's strange '50s/'60s theme.

At the show, Harrison was decked out in a cute little blue/green retro dress, and the vacuum cleaner that she pushes on the album cover was there beside the stage. At one point in the performance, Harrison brought the device onstage with her and started to go through the motions of vacuuming while singing a song.

Singing flirtatiously to the crowd, undulating her arms and occasionally doing a bit of vacuuming, Harrison sings with a wonderfully strong voice that sets her apart from most other female vocalists. The combination of instruments – which range from the 808 kit to the minimoog to some brass and strings – and intriguing lyrics make the Wild Strawberries an act that stands out. Not annoying, soft or whiney, Harrison's voice makes the difference between a trite album to something with a little more substance. Somehow, the sound is like an odd cross between PJ Harvey and conservatist pop.

As for the album title, it is not *heroin*, as in the drug, but *heroine*, as in "the main female character who usually has admirable qualities" (as per the Collins dictionary). And admirable qualities are definitely there to be found on the prolific Wild Strawberries' new CD.

"Woman of the Year" visits Vancouver

Mercedes Sosa
Nov 18 at the Queen Elizabeth Theater

by Chris Chiarenza

Vancouver will be visited by one of the most extraordinary musical performers to come from the Americas. United Nations "woman of the year" for 1995, Mercedes Sosa, will appear in her only Canadian concert for one night only.

Born in Argentina, Sosa brings to Vancouver a rare chance to experience the sounds and culture of Latin America.

Sosa uniquely combines musical forms from all over South and Central America including traditional folk and Andean, contemporary Cuban, Brazilian, tango and samba. In this way, she combines the different cultures of Latin America into one single culture.

On top of all this, the power of her voice has stirred people from all over the world. The result is a highly effective and lively medium for her politically motivated songs.

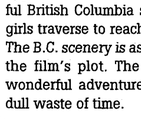
Mercedes Sosa is not just a musician, but a humanitarian. She associates herself with the entire Latin American culture, and her songs go out to all those who have suffered the kinds of injustices that she has.

Her indigenous roots subjected her to racism and in 1979 she was exiled from Argentina for fear that her left wing ideals, apparent in her music, might lead to social unrest.

Despite this, her songs are never angry but remain peaceful and poetic. For her role as a voice for movements silenced by injustice, Sosa has been called "the voice of hope and justice." Her songs are meant to join us together.

Accompanying Sosa on Saturday night will be Nicolas Brizuela on vocals and guitar, Popi Spatocco on piano and keyboard, Rueben Lobo on percussion, and Carlos Genoni on bass.

Beautiful British Columbia gets the (mine)shaft



Gold Diggers:
The Secret of Bear Mountain
at the Granville 7 theatre

by Rick Hunter

The somewhat promising premise of *Gold Diggers* revolves around the new girl in town (Christina Ricci) befriending the town's odd girl out (Anna Chlumsky), who quickly embroils her new friend in mystery and adventure.

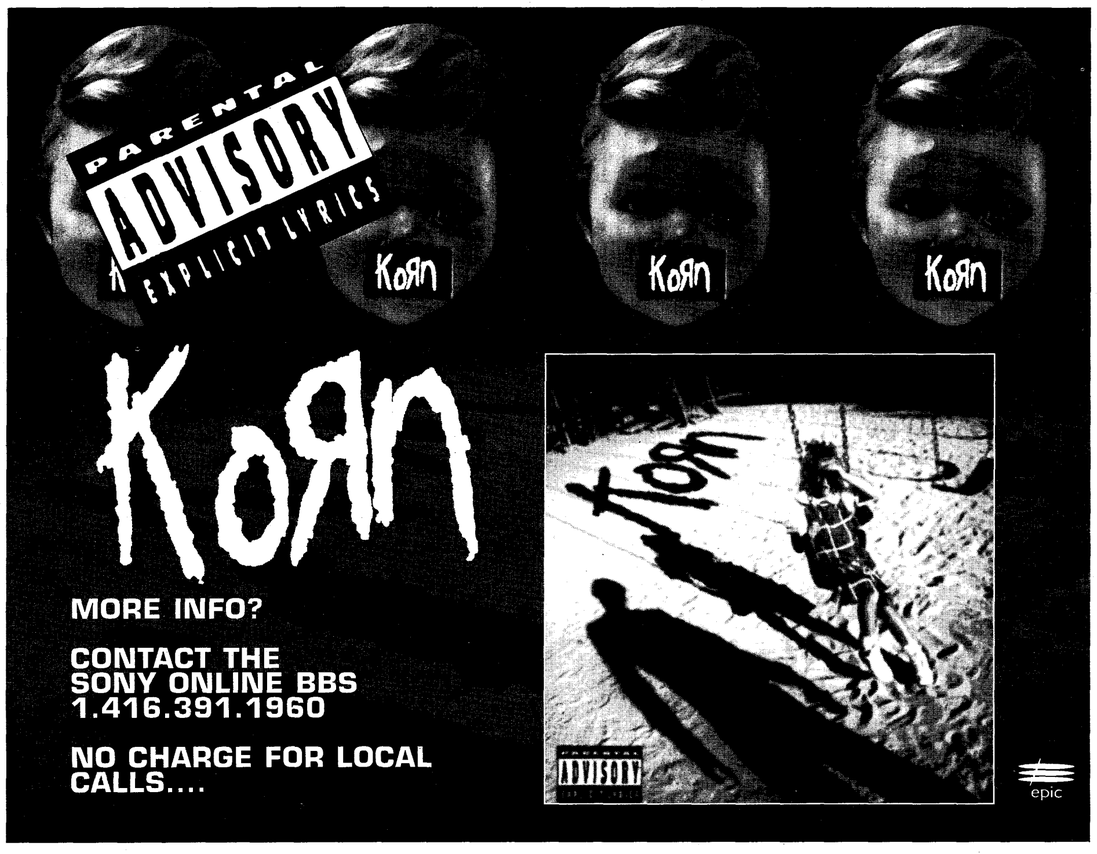
Unfortunately, the girls' quest proves neither mysterious nor adventurous as they look for gold in Bear Mountain, which was first discovered and hidden by a feisty female miner in the early parts of this century. It is obvious and inevitable that both this woman and a bear (it *is* Bear Mountain, after all) will make appearances. The audience awaits with less than bated breath.

To further complicate the story, as well as distract it from the rather pallid adventure, Chlumsky lives in an abusive household. The story's focus shifts from adventure to domestic crisis without interesting the audience in either plot. When the two plots do collide, it is done in a very unconvincing fashion which does an injustice to both themes.

Much of the fault must lie with director Kevin Dobson. Each scene feels aimless and seems to be striving for some form of mediocrity. Instead of building on the film's most interesting aspect – the friendship between the two girls – he always has them doing something and going somewhere. Movement takes the place of suspense, and Dobson never develops the characters properly for the audience to care about them.

Ricci and Chlumsky both give admirable performances in this lacklustre production. In particular, Ricci (most recently seen in *Casper* and *Now and Then*) has developed a flair for being better than her material. It would be nice to see her in more mature roles.

Bear Mountain itself must be singled out for special criticism. The caves in the mountain seem as phony as old *Star Trek* planet sets. This is a real disappointment after seeing the beautiful British Columbia scenery that the girls traverse to reach Bear Mountain. The B.C. scenery is as much a tease as the film's plot. The story promises wonderful adventure and delivers a dull waste of time.



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UBC— a 21st century vocational school?

If planned cut-backs to the post-secondary education budget take place, we may be the last generation of Canadian students to be able to (barely) afford a post-secondary education.

The government's views of post-secondary education are changing–a change most crystallized here in BC with the amalgamation of the provincial government's Ministry of post-secondary education into the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour. In the virtually jobless economy of the 21st century, we are being told, the only worthwhile education is one that gets people to work.

Some herald this as a good thing. Since a majority of students say they're at university to increase their chance of finding a job, maybe they'd be better suited to a more vocational approach anyway.

This attitude is partly a result of the employment situation in the 1990's. Unlike twenty years ago when a bachelor's degree almost guaranteed graduates an entry level position with some chance of advancement, today's youth have had to lower their expectations. While statistics suggest that a university degree does still increase your chances of finding a job, many graduates cannot find work in their chosen field and end up in minimum wage positions with little or no chance of improving their skills.

This leads taxpayers and graduates alike to question the value of that education. If graduates don't have a job waiting for them at the end of their degree, Canadians wonder, why should we bother to fund their education at all?

One response to the shrinking post-secondary education budget is to place a more vocational, skills-based emphasis on education. An approach based on the dubious assumption that there are jobs available for those with the specific skills to fill them.

The essential difference, however, between the more broad-based education offered by university bachelor's programs and the applied learning offered at vocational schools is the difference between taking a long or a short term approach to education.

While vocational schools may produce workers qualified to service the existing infrastrucutre, those with a more broad based education will redefine the system, recreate it, and find ways to make it worthwhile. The ability to maintain our highly-touted super advanced communication systems, for example, is of little value if it turns out we have nothing to say.

Vocational training prepares learners to fill a role that probably won't last the duration of their lifetime. Liberal arts or science graduates, while not necessarily trained for a specific task, have the ability to acquire and apply new skills quickly.

A second result of current cutbacks is already being felt here at UBC. Grades required for entry into some programs at UBC actually fell this year.

University administrators are beginning to realize that the demand for post-secondary education is not as inelastic as they thought. As tuition increases, the demand for a UBC education drops. While there is still a sufficient supply of students waiting to get in, that may no longer be the case once tuition costs rise by the thirty to three hundred percent anticipated in coming years.

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"Alan Krim is Wolf Depner and Rick Hunter is Demian Seale and we are all together," droned Peter T. Chattaway to the tune of a passing police siren.

Chris Chiarenza grabbed his guitar and hit a series of piercing chords.

"My God, I think we have a hit!" Joe Clark shrieked. "All it needs now is a catchy line, like that Yabba-Dabba-Doo guy on TV."

Matt Thompson thought hard about this while Siobhan Roantree called up the recording studio. Rachel 'Ringo' Russell waited nervously, wondering what beat she might have to drum to this new rhythm.

Suddenly a lightbulb flashed over Sarah O'Donnell's head. Bureau Boy, reading her mind, knew what to do, and Scott Hayward nodded his head vigorously. "Let's make the song a tribute to Jenn Kuo-kuo-ka-choo!"

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On Wednesday, November 15, 6:00pm, the Alma Mater society of the University of British Columbia will be voting on whether or not to grant the student club, Colour Connected Against Racism, resource group status. A resource group is given exclusive office space in order to accomodate whatever materials and equipment the club wishes to bring in; the office will also be large enough for a lounging area for members. In addition, the club is given an annual budget so that the club is financially capable of accomplishing its goals within the year.

Colour Connected Against Racism is an organization of and for people of colour, bridging any cultural and historical differences we may have, uniting behind a common struggle fighting racism at all levels: economic, cultural, and psychological. We initially formed in 1993 out of a need to provide resources and information in the form of books, lectures, films, discussion groups, workshops... produced, organized, and presented by people of colour. Colour Connected is dedicated to promoting the accomplishments of people of colour in the areas of science, technology, politics, history, art and many more. We are dedicated to promoting awareness of issues concerning racial hatred, race representation and politics, and the histories and cultures of people of colour through our own eyes.

Given our goals, we can not stress how important it is to establish a space accomodating our political and cultural interests. A resource cenre is not only beneficial to the group on campus, but also to the wider global community. We encourage you to show your support for us by attending the above mentioned student society meeing which will be held in the Council Chambers located on the upper floor of the SUB. We need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending so please call Shazia at 327-1172 or Homa at 294-0999 as we would like to compile a list of supporters and answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your time and support.

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Underage discrimination

On the weekend of October 20, many UBC students enjoyed participating in the Day of the Longboat. Most of the participants with who I've spoken had a great time, but many were put-out about one thing: the fact that underage participants weren't allowed to attend the Day of the Longboat Dance that came as part of the package.

We understand that there were strict rules about alcohol at the SRC, where the dance was being held. It was the first dance at the new centre, and was thus being carefully supervised by local authorities. The exclusion of minors from the dance was unfair nevertheless. First of all, Day of the Longboat and the accompanying festivities were advertised as being open to all UBC students. Not all UBC students are of legal drinking age, however, and limiting the dance to non-minors excludes a relatively large portion of students. Secdondly, all participants in this Intramurals event paid the same participation fee: $17 which was to include coaching, the event itself, access to hot tubs after the race, a salmon barbecue and the Day of the Longboat Dance. Minors who were not permitted to go to the dance did not pay a lesser fee than others. Essentially, then, minors helped to subsidise a dance that they weren't permitted to attend. Finally, nowhere on any of the advertisements for Day of the Longboat were participants warned that minors were not permitted to attend the dance. It wasn't until we received the dance tickets from our team captains that we realised that minors wouldn't be able to go to a dance that they had helped pay for. Many of us were very upset at not having at least been previously notified.

I propose that, in future, Intramurals hold the dance in a place where all Day of the Longboat participants may attend, regardless of their ages. If this is not possible, I suggest that participation fees for minors are less than those of people able to attend the dance. If this too is not feasible, at least Intramurals could be honest with participants and somehow let them know when they sign up for the event that they are subsidising a dance which they will not be able to attend.

UBC Intramurals puts on some great functions. All students, regardless of their age, are permitted to attend them and are obligated to pay for them. Why exclude minors from associated dances that they've paid to attend?

Michelle Mulder
Underage Undergrad

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UBC swimmers host Huskies from the south

by Wolf Depner

The UBC women's swimming team accomplished a very rare feat this weekend: it beat the University of Washington Huskies.

Last Saturday's 112-93 victory marks only the second time in 35 years that UBC beat the 'Dawgs' in a dual-meet competition.

Meanwhile, the mens team put up a good fight despite missing two key members, John MacArthur and Graem Geen. The outcome was never in doubt, however, as the Huskies cruised to an easy 123-82 victory in the eleven event competition. With the win, they remain unbeaten against the T-Birds in dual-meet competition.

The women won a total of ten events, led by Alexandra Ruiz, Donna Wu and Sarah Evanetz who won two events each in impressive times. The women also won the 4 x 100 m medley and 4 x 100 m freestyle relay events.

However, the visitors never gave up. After a 1-2-3 finish in the 200 m breaststroke, they still had a chance to win the competition going into the last event of the evening, the 4 x 100 m freestyle relay. It took a strong performance by Marcia Kirby on the second leg to thwart the Huskies' challenge. Wu and Ruiz then put the icing on UBC's victory.

Meanwhile, the men's team won a total five events, with Greg "The Hammer" Hamm and Brett Creed providing strong individual performances.

Hamm won the 200 m freestyle and backstroke and finished third in the 400 m freestyle event which was won by his teammate, Creed. Creed also finished a very strong second in the 800 m freestyle. However the T-Birds lacked the depth to pick up valuable second and third-place points.

UBC coach Tom Johnson is optimistic about the National Championships in Calgary this week. "I think the women have a shot. They will swim hard and probably be able to win the national championship, but we will see," he said.

Bird Droppings

Women's Soccer

The T-Birds brought home the bronze medal at the CIAU championships in Ottawa this weekend.

After losing their first game to Wilfrid Laurier by a score of 2-1, UBC stormed back to beat host Carleton 3-0 to qualify for Sunday's bronze medal match. The Birds beat McGill 2-1 with goals from Leanne McHardy and Tammy Crawford. Heidi Slaymaker and Jessica Mann were named to the tournament all-star team.

Cross Country

The CIAU Cross Country championships were held in London, Ontario over the weekend. UBC's men's team placed second overall, and Jeff Schiebler won a gold medal in the 10,000 metre event with a time of 32:09.

Basketball

The women's team beat the Alberta Golden Bears in Edmonton last Friday. A 25 point effort by Kim Fitz was not enough as Alberta bounced back with a 72-64 victory Saturday to split the weekend series.

The men's team lost 104-88 on Friday to the defending CIAU champion Golden Bears. But they held Alberta to just 79 points on Saturday night, and Ken Morris' 28 points led UBC to a 87-79 win.

Hockey

The struggling T-Birds lost two games to the Calgary Dinosaurs this weekend, bringing their season record to a dismal 2-9-1.

The Birds' jumped out to a quick three goal lead Friday night only to see it gradually deteriorate under the Dinos' constant offensive pressure. UBC led 5-3 midway through the the third period but Calgary scored twice late in the game.

Dino Evan Marble's tying goal coming off a tic-tac-toe passing play to end regulation time. Marble sent Travis Stephenson in on a breakaway at 3:34 of sudden-death overtime to win the game.

Saturday night the Birds spotted the Dinos to a three goal lead before trying to work themselves back into the game. Doug Ast, in a two goal effort, brought UBC to within one at 4-3 but Calgary held on for a 5-3 victory.

Volleyball

UBC's women's volleyball team split the opening series of their CIAU season against the Alberta Golden Bears on the weekend. They soundly defeated the Bears 3-1 on Friday night, but Alberta came back on Saturday to take UBC 3-1.

The men won the first game of their two day series, but lost the next six games to go down 3-1 on Friday night and 3-0 Saturday.

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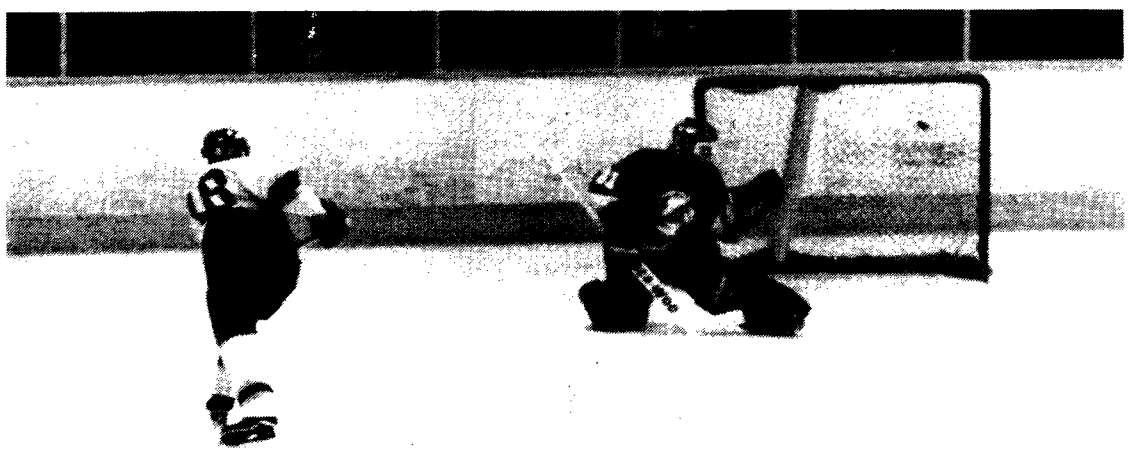
DENIED! UBC'S Joanne Ross and Christine Wohlleben block a Golden Bear spike in their win on Friday night.



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DOUG AST blasts a slapshot past Calgary Dino goaltender John McDonald to give UBC a 5-3 lead Friday night.

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Blood screening may close campus donor clinic

TORONTO (CUP) – York University might be the next battle ground between campus activists and Red Cross blood-donor clinics.

Over the past year, gay rights activists at both the University of Waterloo and the University of Victoria shut down on-campus blood-donor clinics, alleging that the clinics are homophobic.

The activists are concerned with a questionnaire that all potential blood donors must fill out.

The questionnaire is designed to screen out any potential male donor who admits to engaging in sex with another male at any time since 1977.

This screening process promotes homophobia by questioning a man's sexual preference, and not his sexual practices according to members of the gay community.

"The main problem is that it [the questionnaire] doesn't talk about protection. It doesn't ask if you've had unprotected sex.

"What it's implying is that any male engaging in any [gay sex] is at risk of AIDS, without looking at the activity or the protection used," said Clare Bermingham, coordinator of a gay and lesbian student's society at York.

Bermingham say this question leaves the impression that AIDS does not affect the heterosexual community.

"As long as they continue to have that question, we will continue to see it as homophobia and work against them."

Clare Birmingham
York U. Gay and Lesbian Student Society

The Red Cross does screen out prostitutes, intravenous drug users, regular recipients of blood treatments, recipients of certain tissues or hormones and anyone who has had sex with people who have engaged in high risk activities (including gay sex) or whose sexual background is uncertain.

But no question specifically asks about high risk heterosexual sexual activities, such as anal intercourse.

The Canadian Hemophiliac Society (CHS), a group that has suffered greatly from the tainted blood supply in Canada, agrees that the questionnaire is "unnecessarily lifestyle specific."

CHS spokesperson John Plater suggested that "maybe it [the questions] should be narrowed down to unprotected anal intercourse," which would screen out heterosexuals who engage in that activity as well.

"General prohibition for anyone who's had anal sex is fine with me. My personal opinion is that the question of protection or non- protection is too obscure," Plater explained further.

Health and Welfare Canada's data shows that 81 per cent of Canadian AIDS cases in men are a result of gay sex.

The Red Cross is mandated by Health and Welfare Canada to provide a safe blood supply, and states that because of that statistic, gay men are too high a risk.

"One of the things that we were critical of the Red Cross for is that they did not take a conservative approach in the 80s, when most of our members were infected. What you're seeing now is a response to that," said Plater.

Plater recognizes that the rate of increase is lessening in the gay male community, but points out that in raw numbers they are the biggest group. According to Health and Welfare Canada, men who have had sex with men account for 8,810 of the total 11,529 adult cases of AIDS (children cannot donate blood) in Canada.

"Effectively what they're saying is that incidence in women is so low as to be negligible," said Plater.

UVIC suspended the blood-donor clinics last summer after two students complained about the questionnaire.

After the university determined the questionnaire violated its anti-harassment policy, the Red Cross withdrew from the campus. The matter was then referred to the British Columbia Human Rights Council, which made its final ruling on April 18 of this year.

The council decided the Red Cross did have "a bona fide and reasonable justification" for discriminating against sexually-active gay men.

Bermingham does not agree with the Commission's decision. "Because expressing your love as a gay man involves homosexual activity, it is discriminating against gay men."

"The clinic itself is not problematic, but the fact that it asks that particular question is definitely problematic," commented Bermingham.

"As long as they continue to have that question, we will continue to see it as homophobia and work against them."

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U of M settlement could affect students across the country

by Stu Clark

TORONTO (CUP) – A settlement in the University of Manitoba's faculty strike could affect students all across the country.

The three-week old strike came to an end last Thursday night when faculty members voted to accept a new agreement.

Members of the faculty association were upset with proposals that would allow the university's administration to close classes and lay off professors in times of financial hardship.

The faculty association claimed that such a policy would be an attack on academic freedom, as it would allow administrators to cancel controversial classes and fire controversial professors.

As federal and provincial governments continue to cut funding to education, universities across the country will have to find ways to cut their budgets in times of financial trouble.

Don Savage, executive director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, says that universities across the country will soon have to deal with the same issues that led to the U of M strike.

"The eyes of the country – at least the academic part of the country – have been on the University of Manitoba," said Savage.

"I think it [the strike] shows that faculty associations are prepared to stand up for their rights, and if university administrations think otherwise, life will be very difficult."

John Bear says the agreement in Winnipeg could affect negotiations at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland.

"The people at Manitoba were told across the table that they were a test case," said Bear, the chief negotiator for Memorial's faculty association.

Memorial has had its share of labour problems since last July when the university's administration unilaterally imposed a new contract on faculty members.

Like their counterparts at the U of M, members of the Memorial faculty association are concerned that the university is using budget cuts as a way to attack academic freedom. Members of the faculty association have given their executive the power to call a strike vote at any time.

Paul Thornhill is pleased that the strike at the U of M is over, but he is concerned about how the agreement will affect the situation on his campus.

"There has been a lot of anxiety about what was happening at the U of M and how it may transpose here at Memorial," said Thornhill, president of Memorial's student council.

"My concern is that what has happened to U of M students may happen here."

Thornhill says he hopes the result of the U of M dispute won't make it easier for Memorial's faculty to go on strike. He says the issues are different at Memorial because the university is facing a $15 to $20 million cut in the next provincial budget.

While Thornhill says this massive budget cut should make the administration and faculty association more flexible in their bargaining, he does admit that Memorial could soon find itself in the same situation as the one the U of M just resolved.

"I think the resolution at the University of Manitoba may act as a catalyst to expedite discussions at Memorial," said Thornhill, adding that he doesn't know if the resolution at the U of M will improve negotiations, or push the faculty closer to strike.

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