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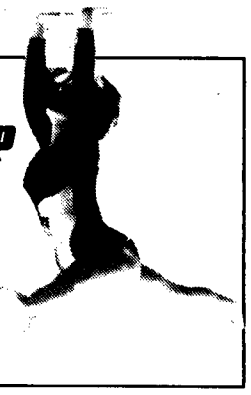


T.A Union threatens strike action

By Joe Altwasser

Strike action by UBC's Teaching Assistant Union may loom in the future, according to local co-ordinator John Dafoe.

A resolution presently before the Canadian Union of Public Employees local union executive states "the T.A union will go on strike unless the tuition fee is rolled back to last year's level," said Dafoe.

Graduate students who do not complete their degrees within three years for a masters and two years for a PhD will see an almost 50 percent rise in fees next year as a result of a Jan. 26 Board of Governors' decision.

A Thursday meeting of all T.A's will open debate on the possibility of a strike, said Dafoe. "We have left it all up to the membership to decide ... no executive direction at all."

Dafoe said the executive will follow whatever decision the membership takes despite the fact strike action "is tricky," because the T.A's just signed a new contract. It could be we (the executive) would end up in B.C. Supreme Court."

While uncertain whether or not the members would vote for an illegal strike, Dafoe is certain the T.A's will "definitely be taking some action, as there has been a lot of concern expressed."

Other options may include work to rule, meaning any additional hours worked would be done only if they are paid directly for them, or calling study sessions in which T.A's would take time out from classes to have discussions on the situation according to Dafoe.

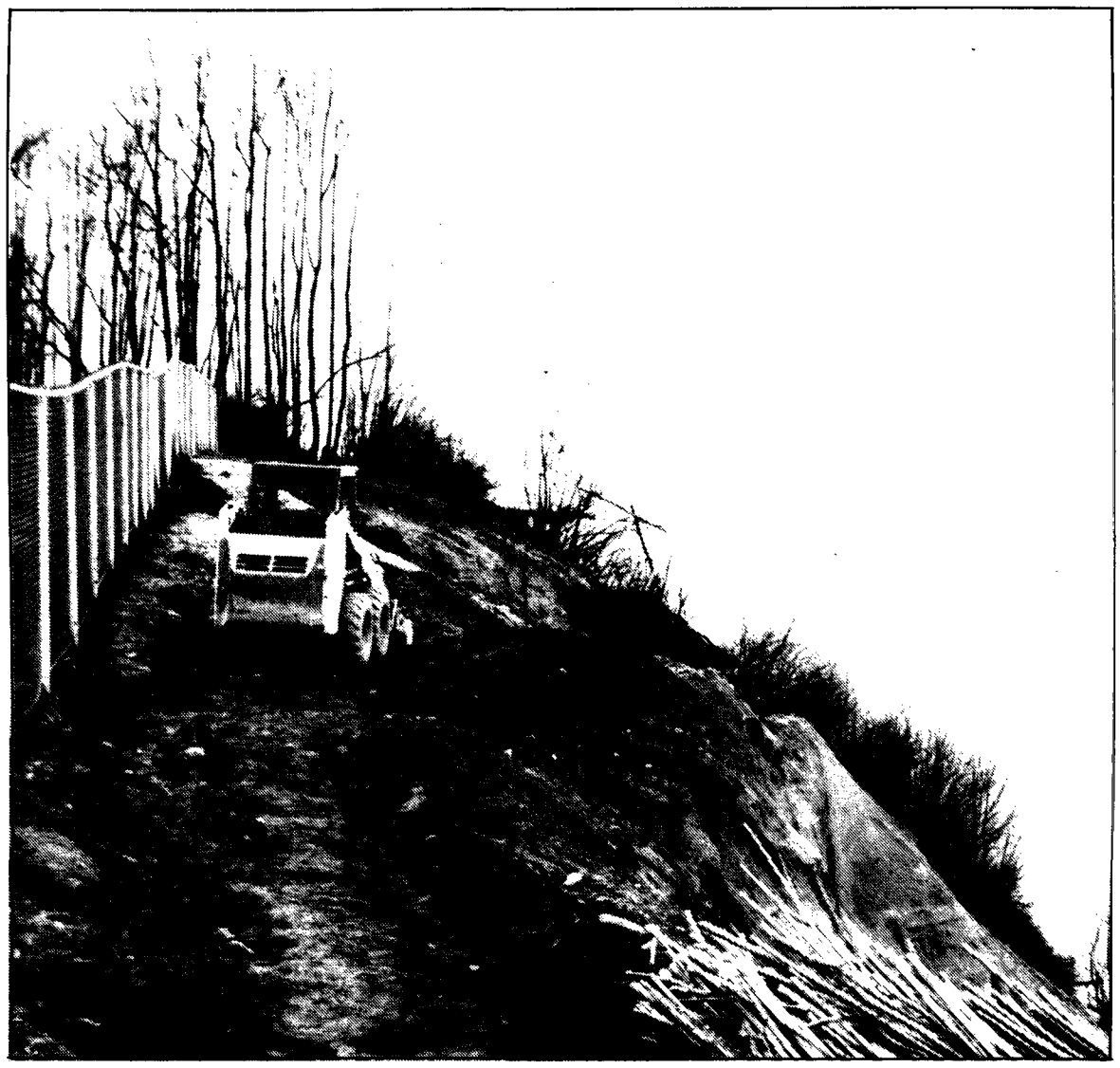
The study sessions, said Dafoe, are less likely to provoke the University.

The final option for the T.A's is to just work harder to ensure they get out of here sooner to avoid paying the continuing fees said Dafoe.

The T.A. union reached a contract settlement with the University in November, 1988 which gave them a five percent salary increase but not the tuition fee waivers they had sought.

Dafoe said he was pleased tuition did not increase for graduate students who complete their program in the alloted time but said most students need longer. Dafoe himself is now in his fifth year of post-graduate work.

UBC Administration spokesperson, Maureen Simons, was unavailable for comment.



UBC's cliff erosion protection plan angers Wreck Beachers - see story page 5 JON TREICHEL PHOTO

Prince George feuds over university

By Deanne Fisher

Lobbyists for a degree-granting institution in the B.C. interior city of Prince George are beginning to squabble over the model of university they want.

The Interior University Society—an independent lobby group—advocates a free-standing university focussing on professional and graduate programs with several "satellite" campuses at some of the areas smaller towns.

But the Faculty Association of Prince George's College of New Caledonia is ready to accept the popular "university college" model which would see CNC grant degrees through one of B.C.'s three existing universities.

"We see (the IUS's model) as being educationally unsound," said Faculty Association president Kathy Conroy, who cites logistical problems of satellite campuses, the added cost of the IUS model and a lack of basic arts and science programs as the main problems with the model.

"(The IUS) has let everybody fill in their idea of what a university is and most people supporting the IUS anticipate a UVIC with a centralized campus," said Conroy.

But IUS president Elsie Gerdes said their model will include a core of arts and science and that people are "jumping to conclusions" when they assume arts and science will not be offered.

The university should be free-standing, said Gerdes, to ensure federal funding and research facilities are more available. "You can do research at a university that you can't do at a college," said Gerdes. "A college would not provide us with what we need."

Gerdes said the independent university would specialize in health sciences, natural resources, social work, education, Native language and culture, business administration, and fine and performing arts management.

The IUS hired a Swedish consultant to make recommendations for the university last summer.

Despite some initial concerns as to the autonomy of the college and security of funding, Conroy said the Faculty Association would prefer the university college model "if the funding was going to be coming to the college and not to the university."

Ministry of Advanced Education spokesperson David Reilley would not speculate as to the likelihood of funding going directly to the colleges. A grand scheme of increasing access to education in B.C. is expected within the next few weeks.

Three other B.C. community colleges are pushing for degree-granting status through the university college model.

Seeman hits campaign trail, sparks AMS donation debate

By Deanne Fisher

See Bob run.

As expected, UBC law student Bob Seeman officially announced yesterday he will run as an independent candidate in the upcoming Point Grey by-election.

On a platform of increased funding to post-secondary education, Seeman, a former student representative to the UBC Board of Governors, said "much more than lobbying and student protests are necessary to affect the direction of policies and the priorities of government."

The campaign is being run "on a shoestring budget" Seeman's campaign manager Tim Bird said at a press conference yesterday.

For that reason, Bird, who is Seeman's successor as a Board of Governor's representative, has put forward a motion to student's council to have the AMS donate $200 "for the publication and copying of a Bob Seeman campaign pamphlet which will outline the need for university funding increases in B.C."

The motion caused a stir within the AMS executive who voted to withdraw it from the agenda of this Wednesday's council meeting. But AMS president Mike Lee, who holds the ultimate power over the agenda, put the motion back on. "I don't think (motions) should be screened out by the executive," said Lee.

Lee said the concerns of the executive members included arguments that "council shouldn't be supporting anything that's political" as well as the endorsement of Seeman in particular as a candidate.

But Lee thinks supporting Seeman is different than supporting a party, adding "that doesn't mean I think council money should be spent on this."

The motion states that Seeman is running "for the sole purpose of increased University funding" but Seeman said in his press conference he was not just a "one issue candidate".

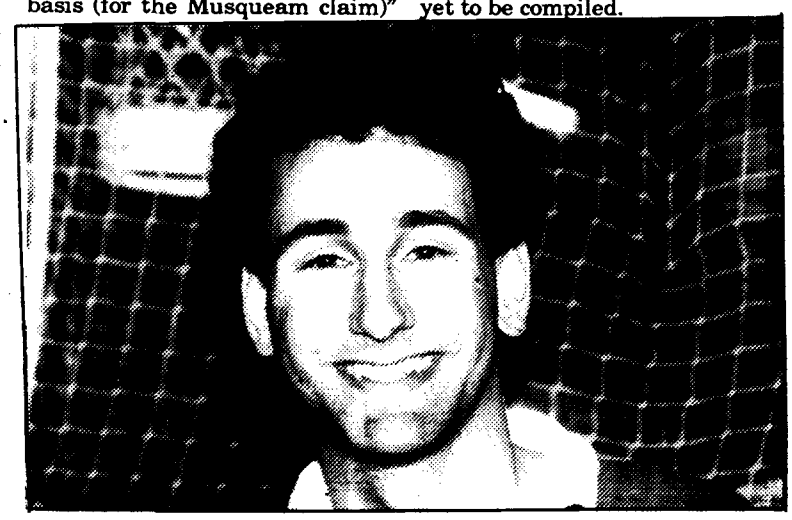
Seeman said he will announce "a solution to the illegal suite problem" at Wednesday's all-candidates forum in the Student Union Building, but would give no hints as to his plan.

When asked for his opinion on the Musqueam Indian Band's claim to the University Endowment Lands, Seeman said "as far as I've read I haven't found any basis (for the Musqueam claim)" but added, "I'm sure the Musqueam Indians could present me with documents that would change my mind."

And Seeman said he isn't "particularly impressed" with the other candidates running in Point Grey, and suggested the major party candidates may be committed to university funding only to gain votes.

Seeman said many students have already expressed support for him and estimates 10,000 students have registered to vote in the Point Grey riding.

An Elections B.C. spokesperson said yesterday that 1654 people filled out voter registration cards at the SUB registration table, roughly 20 percent of whom have registered since the by-election was called. The total number of previously registered voters has yet to be compiled.



Bob Seeman

Between Classes

Note: "Noon" = 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Falafel Lunch, 12:30, Hillel House.

Japan Exchange Club
Information Meeting: Japan Exch. Summer Program/Van. Program, noon-12:30, Rm. #119 - thru cafeteria SUB.

In Context
Arts & Entertainment News: Theatre and the Vancouver Playhouse. 3-4pm, CiTR 101.9 fm.

UBC Sailing Club
Exec. Meeting: Sailing week planning meeting to all members interested in getting involved. 5:00 pm, SUB rm. 58.

Underwater Hockey
Practice, all welcome. Bring your own swimming suit. 7 pm, UBC Aquatic Centre.

Jewish Students' Association
Israeli Movie - "The Trek - March of the Stretchers" 7:00 pm, SUB Auditorium.

Dept. of Hispanic and Italian Studies.
Spanish Play (dialogue in Spanish) - 'La heroica villa' by Carlos Arniches, Thursday and Friday March 9 and 10, 1989, 8 pm, International House.

WEDNESDAY

History Students' Association
Lecture on Machiavelli by Dr. C. Stocker (History), 12:30, Buch A205.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
"What is Israel Doing for Peace?" - by Gary Brenner. 12:30 pm, Buchanan A100.

Institute of Asian Research
Brown Bag Seminar: Prof. Frank Langdon will discuss "Current Economic and Foreign Policies in Japan". 12:30 pm, Room 604, Asian Centre.

UBC AMS
Point Grey-Vancouver by-election. All candidates debate and question-answer session dealing with post-secondary education. 12:30, SUB Ballroom.

Lutheran Student Movement
Worship. "Lighting the Easter Fire", 12:40 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

United Church Campus Ministry
Lenten worship service, all welcome. 12:40 pm, Lutheran Campus Centre.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
"Jewish Students and Israel: Can the Dream be Recovered?" - a discussion. 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Hillel House.

B.C. Folk
Listen to the thoughts and music of BC folk artists. 5:30 - 6:00 pm, CiTR 101.9 fm.

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

CINEMA 16
Film: "Miss Julie", based on the play by August Strindberg. 7:00 and 9:30, SUB Auditorium.

International House
Foreign Film "Decline of the American Empire" (Director: Denys Arcand.) FREE! Everyone Welcome. 8 pm, International House - Gate 4 Lounge.

THURSDAY

UBC Student Ministry
FOCUS: "What Happens when you Pray?" Speaker: Sheila Jones. Noon, Angus #417.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
Guest speaker: Professor Dennis Danielson. Noon, Brock Hall Rm. 351.

Pre-Dental Club
Dr. D. Nitkin, Asst. Dean of Admissions, University of Detroit, will discuss dental school options in the United States. Noon, Woodward IRC Room #5.

Environmental Interest Group
Speaker - Gordon Price, NPA Alderman on "The Municipal Government's Environmental Policy", noon, Geography 229.

Chinese Christian Fellowship
Presenting ... "Not Quite Broadway!" Join us as we sing, dance, and rap our way into the Kingdom of God! 12:30 pm, Scarfe 204.

Lesbian Discussion Group/Dykes Unlimited
Meeting, 12:30, Women's Centre, SUB, Room 130.

University Christian Ministries
People are affected by resentment and unforgiveness in more ways than they are aware of. Learn why and how to be free of it. 12:30, SUB 119.

UBC Circle K Club
Meeting, 12:30 pm, Angus 321.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
"Dual Solitudes: An Anthology of Israel", 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Freddy Wood Theatre.

Moving Images
A Whirlwind Tour through the larger than life realm of the silver screen. Today: UBC Sub Films. 4:30 - 5:00 p, CiTR 101.9 FM.

It's Just Talk
Phone In radio talk show; listen to vitriolic host RJ Moorhouse ambush his guests. 5:30 - 6:00 pm, CiTR 101.9 fm, 228-2487.

Jewish Students' Association/ Hillel
Pizza Dinner, 5:30 - 7 pm, Hillel House.

SUBfilms
Film: "Alien Nation", 7 pm, Sub theatre.

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

UBC Scottish Country Dance Club
General Meeting and Dance Class. 7:30 - 9 pm, SUB Plaza South.

SUBfilms
Film: "Child's Play", 9:30 pm, SUB Theatre.

Dept. of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Spanish Play (dialogue in Spanish) - 'La heroica villa' by Carlos Aniches. Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 1989, 8 pm. International House.

FRIDAY

Environmental Law Group
Sylvaine Zimmerman, Oceanographer with Greenpeace will speak on Greenpeace's approach to environmental issue, the South Moresby settlement and the oil spill. Noon - 12:30 pm, Law Building 157.

Alma Mater Society\
Input? Criticism? Meet with Mike Lee (AMS President) and voice your concerns. 12:30 pm, SUB Concourse next to Speakeasy.

The Radio Show
In-depth art analysis and a general miscellany of commentary on the local arts scene with a concentration on theatre. 5:30 - 6:00 pm, CiTR 101.9 fm.

The Original Radio Show
A comprehensive look at the Vancouver theatre scene. Hosts: Andrea Lupini and Keith Damsell. 5:30 - 6:00 pm, CiTR 101.9 fm.

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship
Life in Community with the Handicapped ... Speakers from L'arche Shiloah Community with an invitation to experience it for yourself. March 3-4 at 12:30 pm. SUB 215.

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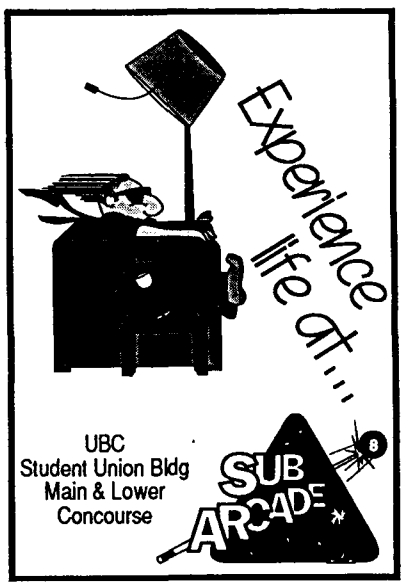

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All interested staffers should post their papers in SUB room 241K.

CLUBS & CONSTITUENCIES

Biosoc

Biosoc: is selling tickets to the Biology/Zoology/Botany Grad Dinner Dance, Friday March 17 at the Vancouver Public Aquarium for $30. TIX: Available from execs ot the Biology program office. GET THEM SOON. Limited number available.

The Greeks

The Greeks: ALPHA DELTA PHI Fraternity presents the 13th Annual Frontier Daze party with Brockton Oval, Friday, March 3 at 8:00. TIX: $4 (includes one FREE drink) available at door. For tix or info, phone 224-9866 or 224-6690.

Housing crunched

By Laura J. May

Affordable housing for students will continue to disappear from Vancouver's west side unless housing policies are changed immediately, according to Tom Perry, NDP candidate for Point Grey.

"It's crazy the way we're forcing students further and further away from UBC," he said at a press conference Monday morning. Perry was joined by NDP leaderMike Harcourt, and Darlene Marzari at Dogwood Manor, a three-storey apartment building scheduled to be torn down and replaced by condominiums.

Susan Alexander, a recent UBC graduate now working downtown, lives at Dogwood Manor but plans to move in with her parents when the building is demolished. Alexander said she "feels a loss of power" over her life and community: "I want to live (in Kerrisdale). I don't feel like I should have to move away."

Perry said the government must act immediately to solve what he described as a "housing crisis."

"It's not good enough for the government simply to say: we'll think about (the housing problem). Or, worse yet, (to say) that's not really our problem—it's yours if you don't have enough money," Perry said.

Public land should not be sold but used for subsidized housing, he said. The government should include "provisions for students' housing" on land made available in Point Grey if the Jericho School for the Deaf moves to Burnaby.

Also, the government "should be encouraging secondary suites" rather than letting them be demolished to make room for "fancier dwellings," he said. Many students have been hurt by the demolition of secondary suites on the west side, he added.

Perry proposed an anti-demolition bylaw as well as a tax on profits from "flipping properties." The tax on profits would apply to "sellers of all residential properties not owner-occupied."

Harcourt said a new owner of property has a "responsibility as a good corporate citizen" to "help tenants find alternate accommodation" when a building is going to be demolished.

Perry and Harcourt both said they supported the return of the "Rentalsman to control unjustifiable rent increases."

Green goes for Point Grey

By Mike Laanela

Valerie Parker, the Green Party of B.C.'s candidate for the Point Grey by-election insists that she is not a one issue candidate, but is optimistic that residents will use the strategically unimportant by-election to make a statement on the environment.

"Ecology and economy both come from the Greek word household. The economy must be based on the ecology otherwise it will just dry up," said Parker.

"Ecology actually affects the economy, the health of the province, the air we breath, the contaminated food we ingest, the dioxin laden milk, and the carcinogenic fish in the waters," said Parker.

"Ultimately poor ecological practices will affect our health and economy even greater by destroying the ozone layer and increasing the greenhouse effect."

Parker also feels the Green's stand for environmental protection is better than other parties. "Unfortunately, the NDP caucus would like to log the Stein [Valley] although Dr. Perry (the NDP candidate) has been campaigning against it. They want to protect IWA jobs."

Parker, a Vancouver school teacher, who ran and lost for the Vancouver Park Board in the November civic elections, has been a Green party member for about one and a half years. She was recently involved in the efforts to save the University Endowment Lands as a forest and hopes to see it remain undeveloped.

When asked in a telephone interview about education she said, "I'm ashamed it is so grossly underfunded and horrified that UBC no longer has its high reputation internationally."

Specifically, Parker said she would like to see a department or faculty of environmental studies established at UBC which would unite the fragmented work currently being done in separate areas.

The popular conception that the Greens are a left wing party is denied by Parker, who insists they are in the center. "I'd like to see more support for small business in B.C. rather than the multinational approach."

On the issue of Vancouver housing, Parker said, "We need a rentalsman again. The hue and cry to close [secondary suites] is not logical if people are looking for accommodation and if other people are willing to share. I don't believe in ripping down three story buildings to build high-rises."

Rushdie rushes from shelves

By Dennis Selder

If you've finally realized that Slam Hit Rushdie's first printing of The Satanic Verses might be a collector's item in two months, and you want to buy a copy—forget it.

"The book sold out five minutes after the news hit," said a tenth avenue bookseller. "But since then we get about 50 to 60 calls a day. Some people ask simply 'Do you have that book?' and when we say no they hang up."

Usually conversations are longer. In fact, people are more fascinated by their own motive for wanting the book than they are by the book itself.

One woman said that she felt "so naughty about ordering it."

Another staunch Kerrisdale matron: "Do you have that . . . Devil's Verses? I want to buy one just on principle."

The aforementioned local bookseller finds the plethora of reasons some compensation for all the telephone and press harassment.

"Most people don't know anything about the book. It becomes a symbol for anything you want it to be."

Guesses as to its contents range from Communist conspiracies to anti-Semitic to—not surprisingly—devil worshipping.

One woman told the bookseller that he should study auras. "One could clearly see on TV the white aura around Rushdie and a black aura around Khomeini. I knew it would happen."

So if you feel as if you're being watched as you saunter among the bookstore aisles looking for that juicy title, or as you casually stroll up to the front desk to place your order, you're not alone. It's a thrill, no mistake. The thrill of actually buying Satanic Verses will have to wait, however.

"Try in three weeks to a month," says the local bookseller. "We should have some copies by then."

UBC's John MacKlesky preps for upcoming CIAU championships at UBC this weekend.

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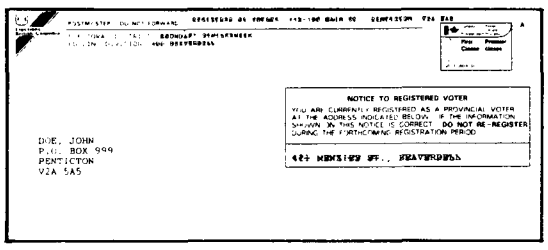

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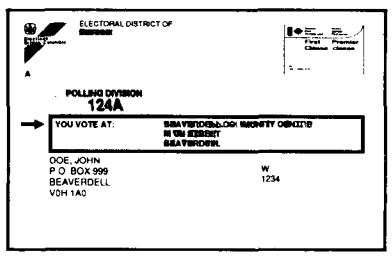

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3 How to vote.

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Once you are in a polling booth you must remember two things.

- Mark only for the candidate of your choice
- Mark the ballot with an X

Special Voting

1 Early Voting.

Anyone who was a registered voter as of February 15 and who is not able to vote on Election Day or at an Advance Poll may vote during the Special Voting times below at the office of the Returning Officer. Special voting March 3-March 7, 4-8 p.m.

2 Advance Poll.

If you have a valid reason why you are unable to vote on Election Day, or are unable to enter a polling place unaided, you may vote at an Advance Poll. March 8-March 11. Hours 1-9 p.m.

3 Disabled Voting.

Those of you who are physically disabled in any way may vote at an Advance Poll. Here, special facilities are available to help you exercise your right. If you are assisting a blind person, please inform them that they may vote at an Advance Poll. If you are unable to leave your residence because of a physical disability, contact your Returning Officer regarding a mobile poll or postal ballot.

4 Voting if you're away from home on March 15.

If you are going to be out of British Columbia on Election Day you should cast your ballot at an Advance Poll or apply to your Returning Officer for a postal ballot.

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Erosion prevention plan angers beachers

By Deanne Fisher

Attempts to keep the UBC Museum of Anthropology from falling into the Pacific Ocean have devoted Wreck Beachers outraged.

The University has embarked on a cliff-erosion control plan but the Wreck Beach Preservation Society says UBC is not only operating beyond its jurisdiction but is ignoring a 1985 study that recommended different tactics for the area.

The tops of the cliffs belong to the university while the faces and toes are under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Parks Board, according to Judy William, WBPS chair.

The 1985 study by a shoreline engineer recommended leaving the Trail Four area—the second most popular trail—in its natural state. But Williams said the University plans to continue blanketing the beach with berm materials—piles of rocks which protect the cliff toe from wave action.

"They made (this decision) in private, without our consultation," said Williams, adding that a 1979 Cliff-Erosion Task Force decided not to continue the berms to the Trail Four area.

Vegetation has been cut and the cliff-face shaved near the Museum to make way for planted willows, intended to hold back erosion but Williams said the destruction is unecessary. "Why remove vegetation that's doing its job in retaining things?"

The cliff face serves as an "ethnographic site" for the Musqueam Indian Band, according to Williams and "to those of us who use the beach area, this beach is part of our heritage."

Williams said the WBPS will do "everything (they) can to persuade authorities (to halt the action)" and, as a last resort, will even "form a human chain."

But the first step is a meeting between the two sides and the Parks Board March 6. The meeting is open to the public and promises to be "heated" according to Williams.

UBC Physical Plant director Dennis Haller was unavailable for comment.

Stanford professor analyses American/Canadian societies

By Laura J. May

Americans are beginning to regard their country as a cultural mosaic like Canada rather than a "melting pot," said Stanford sociology professor Seymour Martin Lipset in a lecture Saturday at UBC.

Canadians developed the mosaic idea to preserve two cultures, French and English, and "other cultures rode on their back." Similarly, Americans are using the "language of mosaic" to explain the survival of a distinctive black culture, he said.

But that's the only area where Canada and the United States are growing more similar to each other, Lipset said to the crowd of about 300, attending one of the 1989 Cecil and Ida Green spring lectures.

"I'm certain that these two countries will never become one," he said.

Canadians first rejected American values during the American Revolution and have continued to reject them ever since: during the War of 1812, during the MacKenzie and Papineau rebellions of 1837, and in Confederation in 1867, a move to "pre-empt American expansionism," he said.

"Canada is the country of the counter-revolution, the contras of the 18th century," Lipset said. Quebec is also a counter-revolutionary society which rejected the anti-clericalism of the French Revolution. While the United States became a liberal society based on the Whig tradition, Canada became a conservative country based on a Tory tradition.

Paradoxically, Canada's conservatism "has facilitated support for social democracy," he said. Conservatism and socialism can co-exist because they share fundamental assumptions about the existence of classes. Canada has a significant socialist party, the New Democratic Party, while the U.S. has none. Unions are also stronger in Canada than in the U.S.

Canadians "respect the state" but Americans "suspect the state." Consequently, the RCMP is celebrated as a national Canadian symbol. "It is hard—almost inconceivable—to imagine the U.S. celebrating the FBI," he quipped.

Canadian values and culture will not be affected by free trade with the United States, he said. Scotland and England have retained their distinctive cultures despite their close economic ties. Furthermore, distinct cultures often survive even "within the same polity."

Lipset said free trade could not possibly increase the already enormous exposure Canadians have to American popular culture. Before free trade, American television, magazines, newspapers, and music were all readily available to Canadians: "On a level of mass culture, it's hard to conceive of how much more 'American', Canadians can become. At the same time, Canada has been having a cultural rebirth."

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NEWS

Native culture and forest management linked

By Gordon White

Contrary to popular belief, native logging operations are not at conflict with traditional native values, according to Chief Earl Smith of the Ehatteshaht Indian Band.

"People are under the impression that we were never harvesters of wood, but we were. The difference is that we worked with nature, not against it," said Smith.

Speaking to approximately 100 people attending a Tuesday afternoon lecture sponsored by Students for Forestry Awareness, the hereditary Chief emphasized how sustainable forestry practices are part of the Band's approach to logging with modern forestry technology.

Smith pointed to past decisions made by the Band to refrain from logging close to salmon streams and sensitive wildlife habitats as evidence of their unique forest management policy.

The native approach is different, says Smith, because it is equated not just with money, but with the total surroundings. "Everything we do on our mountain tops affects our seashores especially those with rivers," said Smith, adding, "you must be aware of the chain effect of logging, otherwise fish habitat and wildlife are threatened."

Smith stressed that central to this management policy is decision-making on the local level. "Decisions cannot come from outside of B.C. They must come from local people," said Smith. "What concerns us is decisions made by multinationals who are not responsive to local needs."

The lack of community-based decision-making in the management of B.C.'s forests has meant overcutting, deforestation, and destruction of many of the other resources, said Smith.

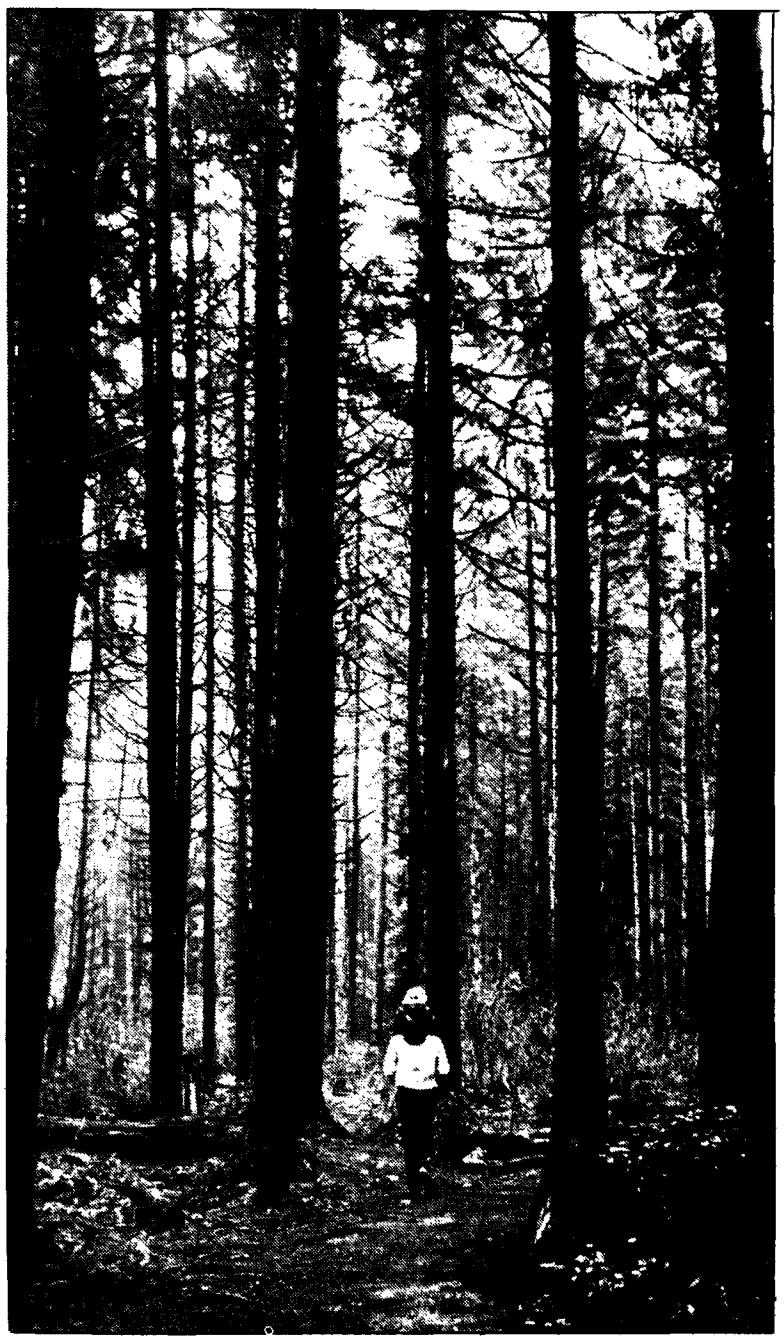
"If our forests were being managed sustainably, MacBlo would not be doing all the advertising it does. It (proper forest management) would be evident," said Smith. " Our forests are not sustainable at the rate we are going at right now," he added.

Smith also commented on how the smaller operators such as his Band's company are victims of the major companies' stranglehold on timber prices. "One major change we require is that more holders are permitted so that timber prices are market driven rather than what we call a Vancouver market," said Smith.

More smaller companies not only would mean increased competition and fairer pricing, according to Smith, but also more efficient allocation of allotted timber cuts. "I know of some companies who have the size of land we have and yet are doing very well. Fletcher Challenge, however, is not making do with the lands it has," said Smith.

When asked to explain what specific guidelines his Band's company follows in its logging practices, Smith was short on specifics, preferring to reiterate the native philosophy towards forest management.

Similarly, Smith did not indicate if his Band is willing to forgo logging specific areas to allow for recreational needs or future harvesting. "Every time we go into another valley we are told that we should not log it because it is the last old-growth left. There is more timber out there than some would like us to believe," said Smith.



UBC Asian study launched

By Rick Hiebert

A UBC associate sociology professor is launching a study to look into the Vancouver area's reaction to the recent wave of Hong Kong immigration and investment into the community.

Graham Johnson said much has changed in the Chinese community on Greater Vancouver since he began studying it 20 years ago. He hopes the study will shed some light on how the community has changed and how the Vancouver community at large is responding to these changes.

"Really in the last few months, there's been a lot of concern about the changing composition of the population of Greater Vancouver, especially the growth of what you could call visible minorities. The Greater Vancouver population is becoming more Asiatic than it once was," Johnson said.

Johnson said an economic boom in countries like Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan has resulted in Asians buying significant amounts of commercial and residential real estate downtown and in the western part of Vancouver, as well as moving in themselves.

"It's an old pattern to look at such racial growth in a negative way. Now in the '80's, some old patterns are reasserting themselves in Vancouver," he said.

"I think I'll find an increase in negative attitudes towards Vancouver racial minorities. It's always been behind the scene in Vancouver, but the latest events in Vancouver have brought this tendency to the surface," said Johnson.

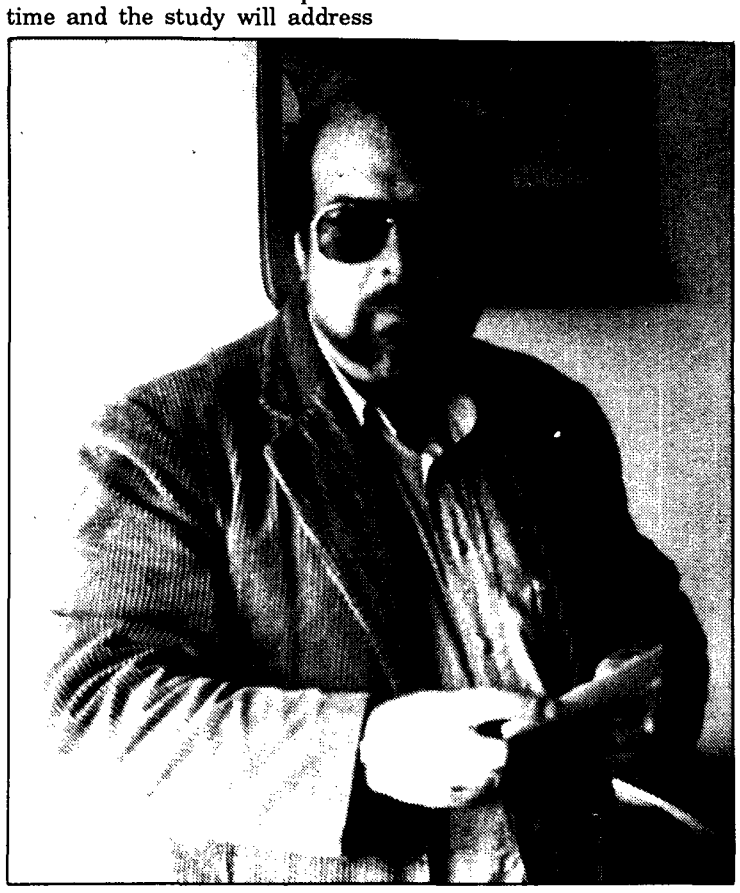
"We'll have to look at this issue rather carefully and we shouldn't be carried away by emotional impressions. We need some scholastic distance, if you like, as this is an emotional topic," he said.

Johnson plans to begin the study, after some summer preliminary work, next September. He wants to interview 500 representatives of randomly selected Vancouver area Chinese households to guage changes in the community and then interview around 1,000 representatives of non-Asian households to see how everyone is responding to these changes. As these are random samples, he'll extrapolate the data to examine the city's attitudes as a whole in these areas.

He anticipates that he'll have five to seven organizers and around 20 "foot soldiers" helping with the project. The interviews will be conducted in a brief space of time and the study will address how length of residence in Vancouver, occupation, education level, gender or the area one lives in affects racial attitudes. He's asked for funding from the federal Secretary of State for Multiculturalism.

Although the study will likely produce a book and some scholarly papers, Johson said he wasn't aiming for academic glory with the study.

"I hope it will contribute to a sprit of tolerance and understanding," he said. "I think it's important to know and understand this subject. A lack of knowledge in this area contributes to social disharmony, which I don't think we want in Vancouver."



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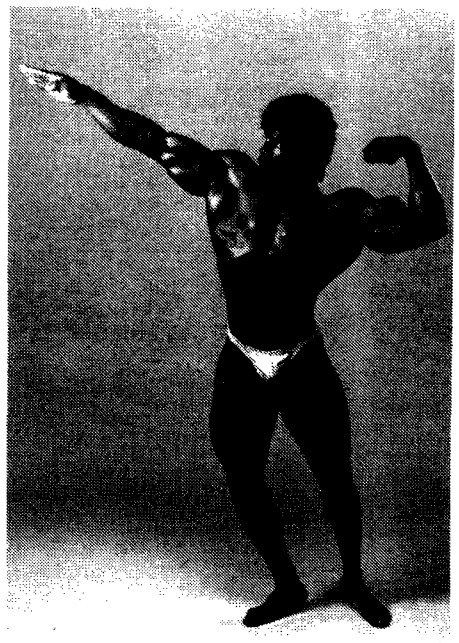

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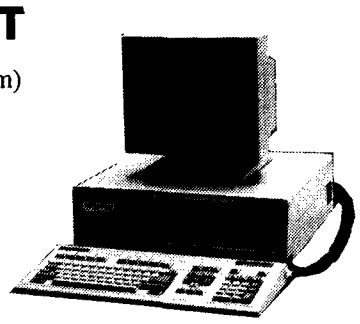

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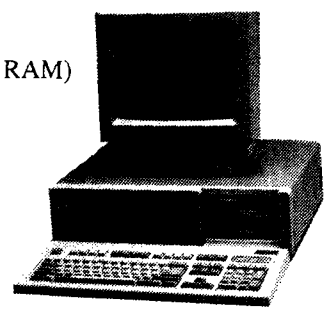

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No middle ground

by Charles Lugosi

"Once you begin to give rights and status to a fetus, you are saying to women: you will give birth against your will," said leading feminist Nancy Morrison to the Vancouver University Women's Club Friday.

Morrison, a Canadian lawyer, slammed the Canadian Law Reform Commission's report released last week, "Crimes Against the Fetus," by calling it "unfair, illogical, and intellectually dishonest." Even the title of the commission's report disturbed Morrison, who turned down an invitation to sit on the commission.

Morrison says she would like to see a world in which every child was planned and wanted, but her years of experience as a social worker, a provincial court judge, and a matrimonial lawyer leads her to believe that there are irreconcilable differences between the rights of a fetus and the rights of the pregnant woman.

Morrison said her solution is to give rights to the pregnant woman, and no rights to the fetus, which she says is not human until birth.

Morrison's speech covered a wide range of topics from artificial insemination to invitero fertilization, surrogate motherhood, donor selection, abortion, and vasectomies.

While Canada is not a world leader on laws in these areas, Morrison said the Government of Canada should be commended for moving in the right direction. She said she encouraged her listeners to lobby both the Federal and Provincial governments to enact appropriate legislation, similar to that of Australia and West Germany.

Morrison said the law must move quickly to prevent illegal trafficking in embryos where traders can sell for up to $75,000 Caucasian blue-eyed, blond haired, fertilized embryos.

Morrison gave an example where there might be 20 fertilized embryos of which two would be utilized by the mother and the remainder would be permanently stored.

Morrison also said surrogate mother contracts were "the cruelest hoax" she could think of, and it was just "selling flesh".

With over 1,000,000 babies born annually by means of artificial insemination, there is an urgent need for legislation to enable or to deny children born of this method to trace their roots and to discover their ancestries.

Morrison told a story of one woman who had resigned herself to being single for the rest of her life, desired to have a baby and asked her three best male friends to donate sperm, which she mixed together and inseminated herself. When she eventually applied for social assistance in Ontario, she faced a legal battle from bureaucrats who insisted on knowing who the father was.

Morrison predicted the day when children would be given special legal rights. These rights would include quality of life lawsuits.

Later, Charles Lugosi had an opportunity to speak some more with Nancy Morrison about her views on the issue.

Charles Lugosi: You say there's no middle ground with respect to the issue of legislating abortion.
Nancy Morrison: I don't think there is.

C.L.: When do you see human life beginning?
MORRISON: At the time of birth.

C.L.: Then you disagree with those who say human life begins at conception?
MORRISON: It's a theological-religious-philosophical argument and I don't pretend to be a philosopher or a theologian. I don't recognize it as murder to abort a fetus. I know we don't give burials and have religious ceremonies when there is a miscarriage, so it's a tough decision—it's a tough thing to say—but that is something I have been comfortable with.

C.L.: What about atheists who look at strict biology, and say that human life begins at conception?
MORRISON: Well, that's really an argument that can go around the maypole, and has been, and will continue to. The great philosophers and the great theologians will argue that one as they have for thousands of years, and that really isn't my field. I'm a pragmatist. I'm a lawyer. I've been involved in women's rights for about 26 years, and I look at today's world and ask: "What will work with the most equality and equity today?"

C.L.: What's your view as to where the law should be at with respect to abortion?
MORRISON: The only restriction is that abortion should be performed by a medical doctor, and the only thing I would like to see in the Criminal Code is that any abortion by someone other than a medical doctor would be illegal. Other than that, no restrictions. In other words, keep abortion out of the Criminal Code; it's a medical procedure, and if it's done, like any other medical procedure, by someone other than a doctor, then I think that there's already legislation in place saying that that's against the law.

C.L.: Once a fetus is aborted let's say after, say, 25 weeks, some people will say that this is a viable child outside of its mothers womb. It may or may not survive, but with the help of technology and care it could.
MORRISON: Then I think it should. I cannot conceive of deliberately killing a child which you believed would be aborted as a fetus that did not have life, and yet was born and had life. Then I think the obligation on the medical profession attendant is to preserve life.

C.L.: Do you see any absurdity in the fact that a woman might undergo an abortion after a specific number of weeks and the fetus is actually aborted alive and therefore according to law it is a baby and its life is worth preserving according to medical ethics. Don't you see an inherent absurdity in that?
MORRISON: None at all. For one thing there may be a mistake in the woman's and the physician's mind as to how far along she is. Some women show a great deal after only 3 or 4 months, some women don't show until 8 or 9 months. She may have miscounted, so they may believe that they are aborting a much earlier fetus and what may happen is that a live child may be born. And if a live child is born, then that child should live. To kill a child after birth, that is murder.

C.L.: There are some people who know after a certain number of

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weeks in their pregnancy that their child will be born without a head—yet they keep these babies for the sake of transplants later on. What's your view on that?
MORRISON: I find that...bizarre...and I find it a very tough choice for a woman to make. If a woman makes that choice, that she is prepared to carry that child to full term, then I think she is very courageous. She has shown an extraordinary sense of not only courage, but love to help others out. That's her decision and I respect her for it.

C.L.: As a lawyer, do you see any ethical difficulties where unborn fetuses are preserved simply because they are going to provide body parts for other babies later on—such as a baby heart transplant.
MORRISON: I'm not sure about that. That's a question that I haven't resolved in my own mind.

C.L.: Another issue that arises with invitero fertilization, is that in Canada the procedure is to implant a number of embryos that have taken, let's say six, and let's say four of them take in the woman, yet the woman wants to carry only one of them to term, and she wants a male. And so this process, called "selective reduction", is basically terminating the lives of these other embryos. What's your view on this procedure?
MORRISON: That disturbs me. If they are as far along with in vitero as many say they are, and they know the woman only wants one, then I would think that implanting more than two, for example, would be almost irresponsible, unless her history showed that she tried again and again. But to implant six would seem to me to be irresponsible, and to then deliberately go in and kind of weed them out as you do weeds in the garden, that's unnecessarily cheapening human existence. When I talk about unwanted pregnancies, those are pregnancies that have occurred without planning. What you are talking about are pregnancies that are occurring under medical and scientific conditions with a great deal of planning. And then to deliberately select, there is genetic engineering at its worst in there. That frightens me a little. I think there's a great deal of difference between the unwanted pregnancies and the superbly planned pregnancies.

C.L.: What's your view upon embryo experimentation?
MORRISON: Well it just terrifies me. I really have a lot of trouble with growing people in test tubes, because if you can grow them for 7 days, then you can grow them for 14 days, then you can grow them for 7 weeks, and so on, and I don't want to live in a world where the science fiction comes true, where we have the floating baths full of growing people. Where they pop up at some point, and meanwhile we've engineered them the way we think people should be. Because that's really what the Nazis were doing: they didn't like the Jews, they didn't like a lot of other races, so they engineered the perfect Aryans. And that temptation is always there and that kind of engineering—genetic engineering—frightens me, and that's why I think we need laws.

C.L.: When we talk about genetic engineering, do you feel that sometimes when we try to play God with human life we open a real Pandora's box that none of us can solve?
MORRISON: Absolutely, absolutely. That's what I tried to convey in my talk. It's a minefield out there.

C.L.: Yes, you've pointed out the difference in our society where we have thousands of children aborted every year, and yet on the other hand there are over one million artificial inseminations in the world...
MORRISON: A year!

C.L.: In a year?
MORRISON: Yes, a million a year! 6000 a year born in Canada alone.

C.L.: By artificial insemination?
MORRISON: Yes, there are millions [that have been done] in the world.

C.L.: And there are 6000 abortions—just in Vancouver—a year, from the figures we heard tonight.
MORRISON: That's a lot of unwanted pregnancies.

C.L.: There seems to be another absurdity there: a society where on the one hand we're eliminating human life, and on the other hand there are people who are craving to have human life.
MORRISON: Well, we cannot and we must not have a society that says, "We need children, and you ten women over there with the unwanted pregnancies, I'm sorry but you've got to carry to term because those ten couples over there want a child. So you're now part of the baby farm." I don't want to live in a society like that.

C.L.: Again it points us back to a society where we look to ourselves and our own personal needs—either I'm going to have an abortion because that's where I'm at, or else I'm going to have an artificial insemination because I want a child. It comes back to the "I"-centered individual unit, which I am suggesting exists today.
MORRISON: Oh, sure, it's always existed. The only thing that's different today is that men and women are both allowed the equality of saying "I, I", "Me, me". Whereas, up until 50 yrs ago it was just the man who was allowed that luxury. Now it's both.

C.L.: You had mentioned that sperm can be sold at thirty to forty bucks a "pop". That smacks of male prostitution, in a sense, if one stretches the analogy. What do you say to that?
MORRISON: I think it's irresponsible to be an anonymous donor. If you're being paid for your time and for your inconvenience, I don't have any inherent objection to that. But if you're going to work your way through college, I would prefer to see you do it some other way, rather than be a donor to 100 births.

C.L.: What about women who choose to have a contract to make money as a surrogate mother? What do you say to them?

MORRISON: I think they need a fair amount of counselling, I really do. I think they are misguided, I think they are doing themselves and their own families a great disservice, and primarily I think they are doing the child an enormous disservice.

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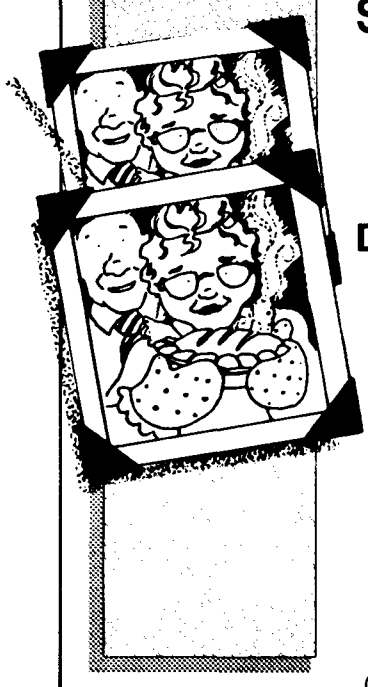

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ENTERTAINMENT

AMS art is fabulous

by Rhyl G. Hannah

Unless you think you'll still be here in 2013 working earnestly towards that undergraduate degree, go see the AMS Art Collection at the Vancouver General Hospital Eye Care Centre—now.

The student art collection, which spends most of its time hidden away in the AMS vaults, has been temporarily unshrouded in celebration of its fortieth anniversary.

VISUAL ARTS
The AMS Art Collection 1948-1988
at VGH/UBC Eye Care Centre
2550 Willow Street
Until March 17

The canvasses of such artists as Jack Shadbolt—who still lives and works in Vancouver—Lawren Harris and A.Y. Jackson rub frames with those of lesser-known artists, making the collection a rather democratic sampling of the diversity in modern Canadian art.

Collected over the past forty years, the artworks in this exhibition are of such variety that everyone is sure to find something that appeals, be it in the traditional framework of oil on canvas, or in the innovative bounds of vinyl sculpture and shaped canvas.

Jack Markell's "The Shawl," an oil on canvas painted in 1957, is from his New York period of Experimentation with the move from realism to abstraction. Thus while "The Shawl" maintains a partial objectivity in Markell's bold delineation of the seated woman's silhouette and her tangible solidity, his self-confessed interest lies in the burnt sienna ebb and "liquid flow of pattern and colour."

Another work that is sure to attract attention is Ian and Ingrid Baxter's "Inflated Landscape with Water," a sculpted canvas from the late 1960's. And although incredulity may best describe one's initial reaction to the placement of "Inflated Landscape" with works by Harris and A.Y. Jackson, its self-deprecating humour (it looks like a cross between an air mattress and water wings) and overt commentary on our increasingly pre-packaged, plasticized environment make this piece difficult to ignore.

The space in which the AMS collection is displayed, however, is less than ideal. The narrow lobby of the Eye Care Centre is an atrium-like space filled with shrubbery and waiting room divans, leaving a narrow aisle along its side walls. As individual artworks are hung on these surrounding walls, it is all but impossible to view them from a distance of greater than four feet. Step back too far and you're liable to trip over a tree.

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Run ... it's the teen movie from Hell

by Rick Hiebert

Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure is cute. It isn't, to borrow a phrase, "awesome" but it is occasionally imaginative.

FILM
Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
Granville 6

Bill and Ted are in deep trouble. Not only are they incredibly stupid, they are in danger of flunking out of school. If they don't do well in their upcoming history presentation, Ted (Keanu Reeves) will be shipped off to military school. Their band will be destroyed.

Enter Rufus (George Carlin), a visitor from the future. He appears in the parking lot of a Circle K store, stepping out of a time machine that resembles a phone booth. He tells the boys that if they are separated, with one of them in military school, the civilization of the future will be destroyed. Rufus has brought them a time machine for them to travel back in history to find figures to help with their history project.

Bill, Ted, and Socrates starring in movie from Hell.

This clever premise saves what could otherwise be a boring, cliched teen comedy. There's sexual titilation, stereotyped classmates and a tyrannical father, yet this film surmounts the limitations of its genre.

The film drags in the beginning, yet gets better as Bill and Ted go time travelling. The last third of the film, when historical figures like Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Billy the Kid and Genghis Khan visit modern day California, is the best. The one liners borne of the time travel concept are amusing and clever.

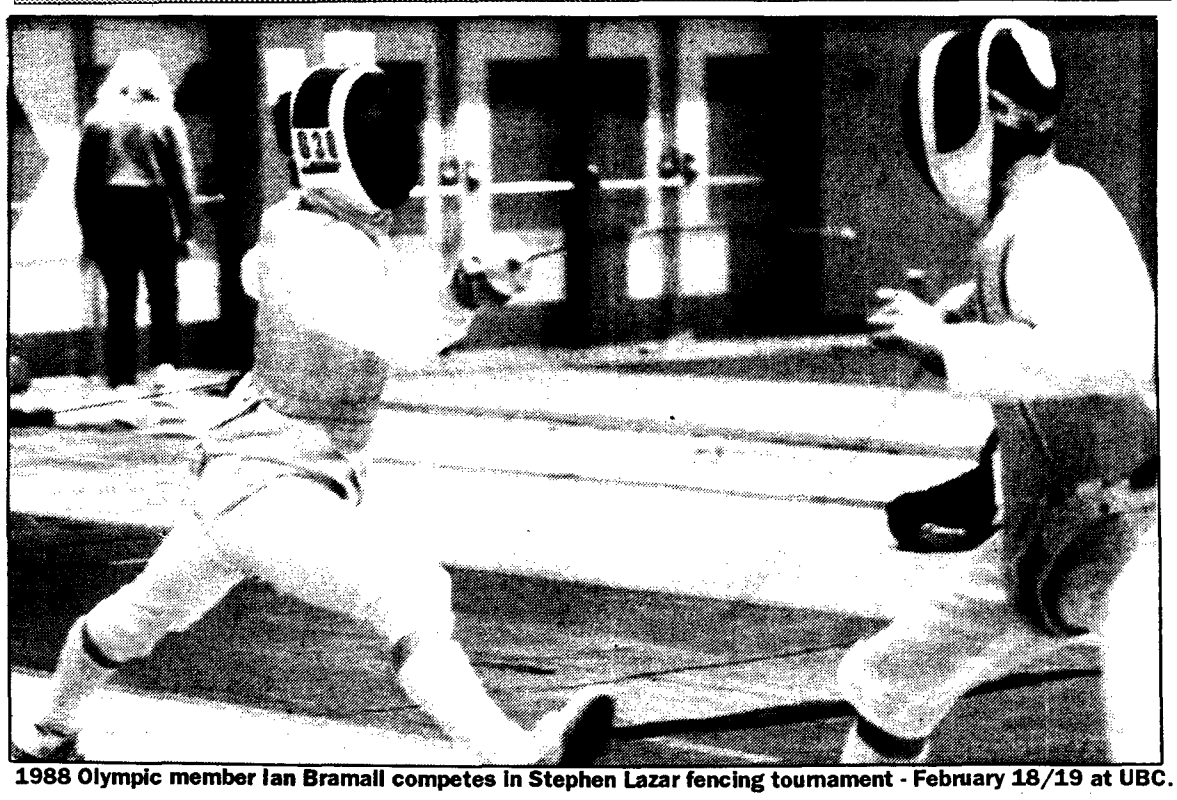
Although the slapstick of these scenes is a little broad, the scenes when the historical figures visit the local supermall are fun, particularly the part where Billy the Kid and Socrates try to "pick up some babes."

The best part of the movie is Bill and Ted themselves. Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves are very good as the teen leads. Their characterizations are well rounded—it's almost as if the directors of the film found them with the other burnouts and headbangers at the Whalley bus loop.

Although they have a tendency to use bywords like "dude" and "excellent" a tad much, Bill and Ted in many ways act like teenage guys would act in these situations. For example, when Bill hugs Ted after giving him up for dead, they both spring back and say, in unison, "fag." The things they say, like Ted's "We're in danger of flunking most heinously tomorrow," although exaggerated for humourous effect, sound like what my younger brother might say.

The supporting cast, aside from Napoleon (Terry Camilleri), is merely adequate.

Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure is one of those movies that is good, but it isn't that good. If the average teen movie is schlock, you could call this superlative schlock.



1988 Olympic member Ian Bramall competes in Stephen Lazar fencing tournament - February 18/19 at UBC.

Dinosaurs extinct

By Joe Altwasser

The blue collar 'Birds mens basketball team were upset winners in Cowtown this weekend as they eliminated the University of Calgary Dinosaurs from further playoff action.

The Thunderbirds defeated the Dinos in two extremely close matches that went,"right down to the wire," according to UBC coach Bruce Enns. The 'Birds edged Calgary 90-89 on Friday and followed it up with a 95-92 overtime victory on Saturday.

"The guys are playing very well as a unit right now," said Enns, "and everybody is doing his job, the starters, the bench, are all contributing."

Defence has been the key to the starless T-Birds who have surged since Christmas, winning nine out of their last ten contests. This weekend was no exception.

"Our defence did it for us," said Enns, "and we shut out their key man Vigna." Perrie Scarlett was given special praise by Enns for his coverage of Vigna, who is arguably the best ball player in the conference. "Perrie would be given the man of the match for his defensive role alone, in addition he scored 24 points of his own."

The Thunderbirds now take their working man's Cinderella story to the final ball in Victoria next weekend to challenge the defending champion UVic Vikings for the Canada West crown. The Vikings defeated the Alberta Golden Bears two straight in the other semi-final match on the weekend.

The 'Birds have yet to beat the Vikings this year but came closest in their last meeting in January when they lost 78-77.

The best of three series gets under-way in Victoria Friday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. with the second match starting at 7:00 p.m. Saturday. If necessary, the third match will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

BIRD DROPPINGS

FENCING FOLLIES

The UBC Fencing team hosted its annual Stephen Lazar Tournament on the weekend of February 18th and 19th with both the men and women standing "en garde" well enough to distinguish themselves with medals.

In the women's University Foil division, UBC took all the medals as Cheryl Parker won the gold, Leanne Schuman the silver, and Anda Phelps the bronze. The women's Open Foil division, also found a gold medal perch for UBC's Cheryl Parker who won the gold while teammate Leanne Schuman placed eighth.

The women's University Epee division saw Cheryl Parker again capture the gold, with Leanne Schuman taking the bronze. In the Women's Open Epee category, Cheryl Parker won a bronze and Leanne Schuman finished sixth.

The men's team was somewhat less fortunate as they managed to stab their way to only one medal at the meet. Morgan Burke earned a bronze in the men's University Sabre competition.

TRACK DIRT

The UBC Track Team met with mixed results while competing in the 22nd Annual Canada West Indoor Track and Field Championships in Saskatoon last weekend.

The University of Manitoba won the Men's overall title with 98 points, followed by the UBC squad with 78, and the home-town University of Sakatchewan with 72.

UBC swept the High Jump event as Andrew Macfarlane took the gold with a leap of 2.07 meters. Graham Day won the silver, and Phil Benson brought home the bronze. The Triple Jump was also a strong event for UBC as Byron Jack captured the gold and Derek Hanson took second.

In the Middle Distance Events, UBC's Rob Lonergan set a Canada West record of 8 minutes, 24.59 seconds in winning the 3000 meter event. Lonergan also won a silver in the 1500 meter event and anchored the UBC Men's 4 X 800 meter relay team.

The UBC Women's track team did not fare quite as well as they finished a disappointing fifth out of seven teams. One bright spot for the Women was Errika Foster's Canada West record setting performance in the triple jump. Foster's winning leap of 11.74 meters enabled her to capture the gold in that event. Foster also competed in the Women's 60 meter sprints and helped the UBC Women's 4 X 200 meter relay team to a third place finish.

Jennifer Manby, also a UBC standout, placed third in the 600 meter event in addition to anchoring the 4 X 400 and 4 X 800 meter relay team to a second and third place finish respectively.

Next action for the UBC Track Team is the CIAU Indoor Championships at Sherbrooke, Quebec from March 11th to 12th.

'BIRDS BOUNCED

The UBC womens' Basketball team's most successful season in over a decade came to an untimely end in Calgary on the weekend. The heavily favored University of Calgary Dinosaurs used their home court advantage to defeat the T-Birds 69-54 in a one game, winner-take-all play-off, ending the 'Birds hopes for further play-off advancement this year.

SWIM MEET

The Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union's national swim championship will be held at the UBC Aquatic Centre this weekend. Action starts Thursday March 2nd and runs through until Sunday. The meet will feature Olympic silver medalists Tom Ponting and Mark Tewksbury who both swim for the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

"This is a big event. Last year this particular event was on Sportsweekend," said Don Wells, UBC Sports Information Officer. Any students hoping to get on TV this weekend, the aquatic centre is the best bet.

RADIO WAVES

CiTR Radio has announced the remaining T'Bird basketball games will be broadcast . Station manager Harry Hertscheg said that a broadcaster will accompany the T'Birds to Victoria this weekend. Hertscheg also hopes to secure funding to send a broadcaster to Halifax for the National Championships if the T'Birds qualify.

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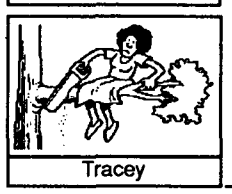

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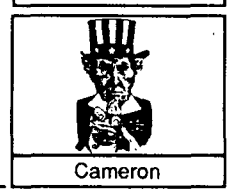

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Volleybirds jet to playoffs

By Franka Cordua-von Specht

The UBC Volleymen's varsity team secured second and final playoff spot in Canada West conference by defeating the University of Saskatchewan Huskies last weekend.

More importantly, the second place finish ensures the Thunderbirds, ranked fourth nationally, a playoff berth in the national—the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) Championships.

On the heels of the number one team in Canada—the University of Calgary, the Thunderbirds were surprised late this season by the Huskies (1988 CIAU Champs) who stalked them and even beat them twice three weeks ago in Saskatchewan.

"The adversity forced the players to refocus," said UBC head coach Dale Ohman, "We've had good practices and games since then."

This weekend, in their last matches of the regular season, the Thunderbirds had to win at least one of the two matches to make the Canada West final. They won both.

The number two spot was decided in a desperate battle on Friday at War Memorial Gym: 7-15,15-11,15-3,13-15,15-13.

In the first set, after the Huskies bounded ahead 6-0, the 'Birds rallied back to lead 7-6 but did not score again until the second set.

"When I sensed we were in control, the Huskies came right back," said Ohman of the unpredictable match. "We have trouble playing with a lead, but we won most of the close games."

In Saturday's 15-13,8-15,15-8,15-13 win, the 'Birds played to maintain their ranking while the Huskies, ranked seventh nationally, focussed on a new goal—a wild card berth.

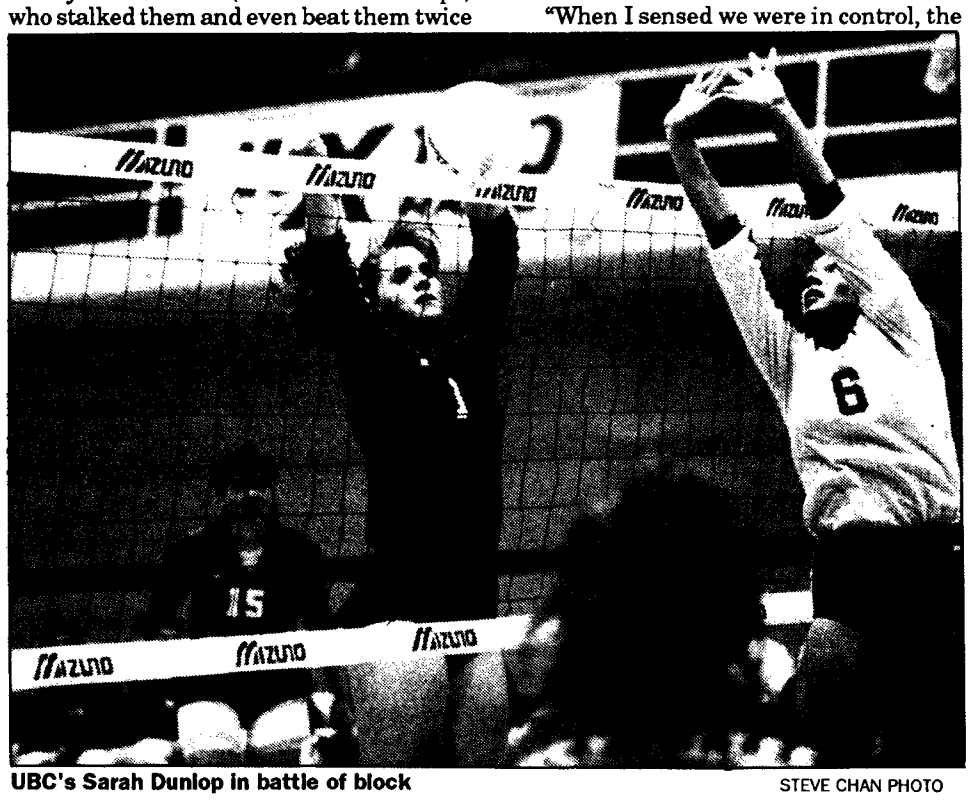
But the match was not as fast as Friday's because, "we had a tough match last night and both teams were tired," said UBC power hitter Rob Hill, whose hard serves troubled the Huskies.

His teammate Greg Williscroft, playing his last home game as a Thunderbird, put in a first class performance (58 kills on the weekend), and was chosen UBC's Player of the Game.

"Greg is someone we look to all the time," said Ohman, "He may be with the national team next year, but we would welcome him back for his last year of eligibility. He could be the dominating player in the country next year."

When asked about the team's play on the season, Williscroft compared it to a parabola, "We're on our way back up, playing better than last month, but still not as good as at the beginning of the season."

If his theory follows through, the 'Birds should be in top form against the University of Calgary on March 10-11 in the Canada West playoffs.



UBC's Sarah Dunlop in battle of block STEVE CHAN PHOTO

Stepping out in style

It was the last time this volleyball season that the Thunderwomen's varsity team stepped out onto their home court at War Memorial Gym.

And they stepped out in style, taking all the bite out of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, winning 15-3,15-6,10-15,15-9 on Friday and 15-9,15-2,15-7 on Saturday.

Yet the victory was dampened in light of the T-Bird's elimination from playoffs three weeks ago.

"I'm disappointed that only the top two (in each conference) get to go to the playoffs. We're third in Canada West and sixth in the nation," said veteran 'Bird Sheila Jones, whose leadership and outstanding play on the court has been key to the T-Birds' success this season.

UBC head coach Donna Baydock also echoed her disappointment with the playoff regulations, in spite of which, she said, her players have shown tremendous intensity and motivation.

In Saturday's win, the Thunderwomen were troubled by tough Husky blocking in the first set. But the Birds adapted their offense by moving the sets to the outside and kept the Huskies guessing for the rest of the match.

With her team leading 9-0 in the second set, UBC's quick, 5'4" setter Amy Ku, a Canada West All-Star last year, moved the attack deceptively and then surprised everyone on the court and in the stands by powering a kill deep into Huskiette territory.

Rookie middle hitter Sarah Cepeliauskas put in a strong attacking and defensive game, collecting ten kills, four stuff blocks, three aces and then UBC's Player of the Game award.

"Sarah communicates well. When there's a broken play, she's calling for the ball, she's always there, ready," said Baydock.

Cepeliauskas' talents will be in demand next season to take up some of the slack as four veterans–Trina Hewlett, Sheila Jones, Mikki Mallette and Amy Ku–played out their last home game in the Thunderbird uniform.

"We had fun out there," said Ku, "I know I'm going to miss playing."

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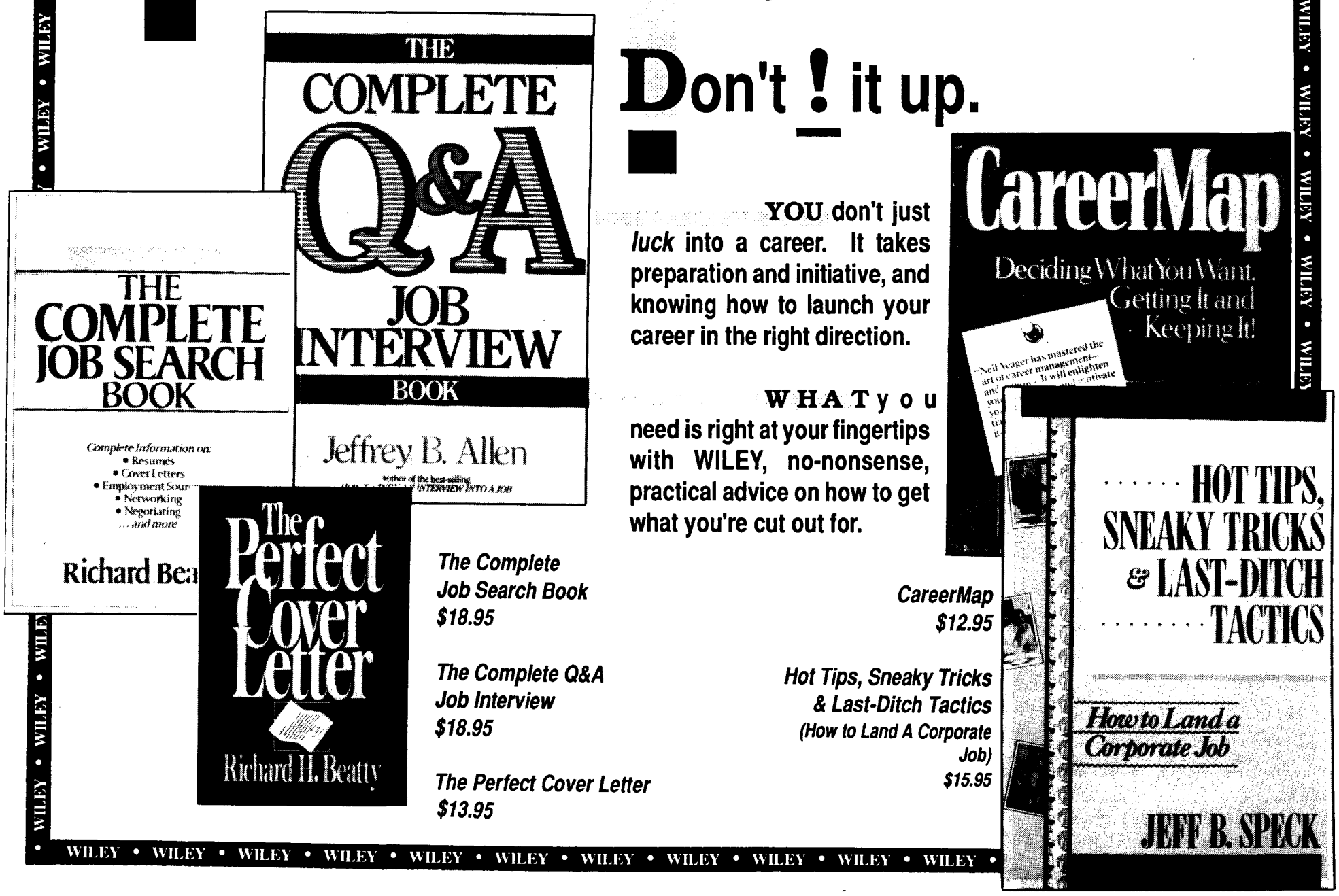

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Editorial

Bobbing for bucks

The Alma Mater Society is being asked to donate $200 to the Bob Seeman campaign based on the fact that Seeman is running "for the sole purpose of increased University funding."

At first glance, this may seem like an excellent idea to ensure student representation, or at least show the grannies in Point Grey that there is a university in the riding.

But no matter how much Mike Lee says sponsoring Mr. Seeman's campaign is not like sponsoring a political party, the end result is the same.

Leaving Mr. Seeman's qualifications for a job in the provincial legislature aside, he is running for a paid political position. Mr. Seeman may not have the support of a political party behind him, but he is seeking office, and this makes him a politician.

The minute the AMS, an organization which receives its operating budget from student fees, supports a candidate—whether affiliated or independent—it is basically saying that all—or at least most—students who go to UBC and pay their AMS fee support that particular candidate.

Regardless of the technicalities, supporting Mr. Seeman could rightfully be construed as partisanship.

The AMS, as a political body itself, must refrain from being seen as partisan when representing students from every point on the political spectrum.

But considering the fact that Tim Bird (former AMS president, and BoG representative) is Mr. Seeman's campaign manager, and Chris Bendl (former AMS elections officer) and Ken Armstrong (a council Arts representative) are campaign workers, the AMS cronies seem to be flexing their flabby muscles.

What about other students who run for office? In the last city council election, another UBC student ran for office on the School Board. His platform was education, but he did not have either the connections or the nerve, or maybe just good sense to ask students to contribute involuntarily.

THE UBYSSEY

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Greg Davis walked into The Ubyssey office and declared that, while attending Deanne Fisher's travelling faith healing show, he had been cured of his body's ability to feel pain. "Get out", said Katherine Monk and Mike Laanela in unison. "Sounds kinda neat" said Jon Treichel as he bounced a nearby ashtray off of Greg's head. When Greg did not flinch, Rick Hiebert and Robert Groberman took it as a sign that they should attempt to determine just what Greg's new pain threshold was. "Hold his arm still so I can nail it to the table" said Laura May as Chung Wong and Michael Vaney leaped to comply. "Let's slam his fingers in the door, or maybe staple his socks to his feet" suggested Ted Aussem and Ernie Stelzer helpfully. When this failed to elicit a reaction from Greg, Olivia Zanger and Vincent Sheh promptly pushed Greg down the stairs, with no apparent damage. "This is weird alright" declared Dennis Selder as he tossed exacto knife darts at Greg's chest. "You guys are sick" said Joe Altwasser as Franka Cordua von Specht looked on in amazement. "Maybe if he were hit by a truck..." mused Charles Lugosi, nervously fingering his car keys. Gordon White and Carla Maftechuk then suggested feeding him Pit burgers and Pit fries to see if he was still sensitive to internal pain. Just then, Michael Booth returned from church and told everyone about how the faith healer had been arrested for being a fraud. "OOOW!, Ouch Ouch OUCH! Damn it all, I hurt everywhere" screamed Greg as he pried staples out of his shins and exacto knives from his chest. His hand started to bleed where it was nailed to the table and, upon freeing himself, he hobbled out the door screaming and bleeding profusely, all the while swearing revenge on faith healers and the all too helpful Ubyssey staffers.

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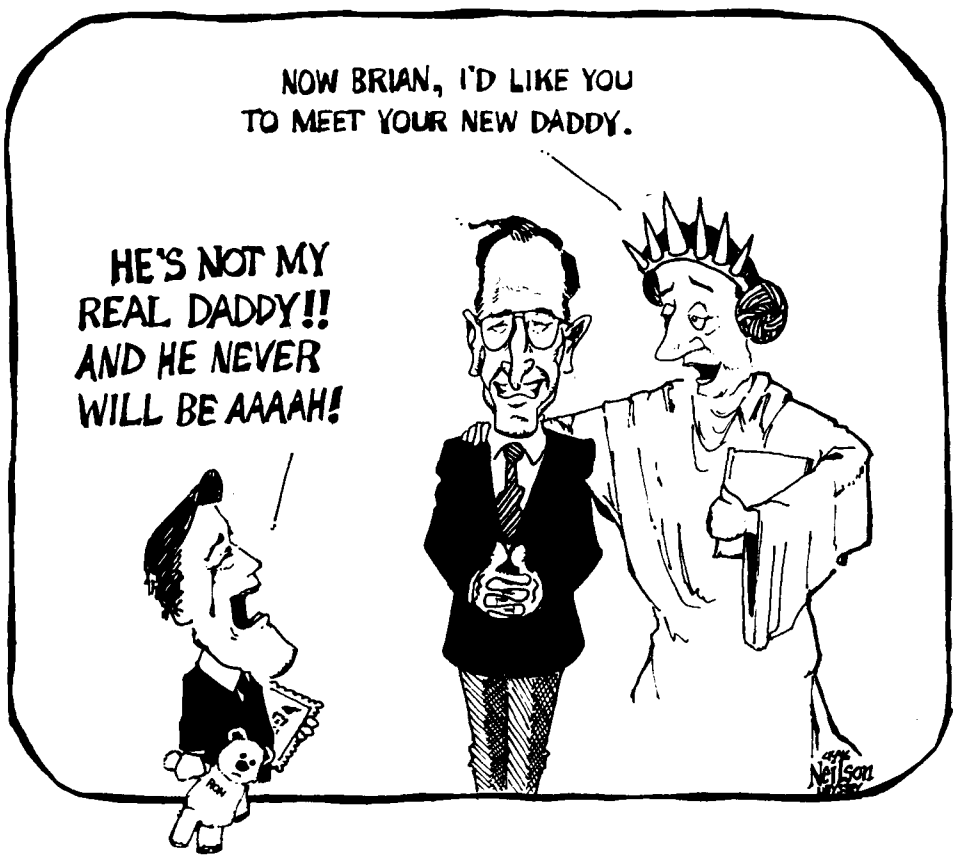

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Seeman weakens Vander Zalm opposition

So. Former Board of Governors student rep Bob Seeman wants to be an MLA. He wants to run in the upcoming by-election in Point Grey as an independent. He wants to run on a solid platform of university funding. He wants to make a difference. That's nice. It's his right.

But did Bob ever stop to consider what effects his candidacy could really have? In the worst case scenario, Bob might actually garner enough student votes away from NDP candidate Dr. Tom Perry to assure that Mike Levy makes the SloCrud team in Victoria. It's simple mathematics. The more we divide the opposition to Vanderscam the more we make certain that a SloCrud candidate wins the largest number of votes in the election. Not a good outcome, if you care about the future of education in BC. And lest we forget, the student vote in Point Grey can make all the difference.

Bob says that he wants to demonstrate to the government and province that the people recognize the importance of education. The most effective way for Bob to do that is to put his effort solidly behind the strongest advocate of quality education in this election: Dr. Tom Perry and the NDP.

Jim Pfaus
Graduate Studies
Psychology

Message of Islam replies

As a member of the Muslim Student Association of UBC, I was pleased to read the letter "Message of Islam Questioned" in the Feb. 24th issue. However the conclusion in that letter that our message is propaganda is wrong. Last year we have a time when some Christians acted violently against the teaching of the churches and Sunday T.V. about love and peace was just a propaganda. Similarly is our message.

The reason for having the series "Message of Islam" is to give the non Muslim majority of UBC the true message of Islam, far from the media propaganda of the west and far from the political propaganda of some Muslim countries as well. We do not expect everyone to believe the truthfulness of our message, but we do it as our responsibility to spread the message. Our "Message" is not the place to argue with others, either Muslims or non-Muslims. But our society has its opinion in many of the current events, especially the death call to Rushdie. The paid few lines of our "Message" is just for the message not for our opinions. We need a larger space for our opinions, say a report in The Ubyssey. But we are still waiting The Ubyssey reporter. Maybe they have more exciting reports.

You respect freedom of expression, we also do; for Rushdie to write against Islam, for Mr. X to write "Last Temptation of Christ" against Christianity. But we also ask for our freedom to reject Rushdie's book and debate it with the Islamic facts. Also we respect the freedom of the whole community to have the answers to their questions from the Muslim community living among them. To your surprize, I do not know ANY Muslim here (including Iranians) who approves of the death call to Rushdie. But it is the media here that prefer to give you Khomeini opinion not the opinion of thousands of Muslims living with you here.

Finally, is it a "Holy Verses" or "Satanic Verses"? Why do not you find the answer yourself. The "Holy Verses" is the Koran, given by God to guide all mankind. ANd the "Satanic Verses" is created by Rushdie. Now after reading "Satanic Verses", why do not you read the "Wholly Verses" and be the judge?

Ashraf Elnaggar
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Fatal sex kicks discouraged

My friend's lover died last Friday. Richard found George's body hanging in their livingroom. As incomprehensible as it seemed, he presumed suicide. However, the coroner advised him differently: the cause of death was accidental strangulation as a result of engaging in the often fatal sexual practice of autoerotic asphyxia.

Having been a sexual counsellor, I feel compelled to educate you about the extreme risk involved in this unusual sexual practice. While many will read this and think how repulsive and perverted autoerotic asphyxia syndrome is, I have agonized over the prospect of some disregarding my words of warning in favor of experimentation for kicks. I am particularly concerned about those individuals who require increasingly stimulating and dangerous sexual experiences to get their needs met. Like other addictions, treatment is strongly recommended.

First and foremost, there is no safe way of engaging in autoerotic asphyxia. Approximately 250 deaths per year in the United States are attributed to strangulation resulting from this practice (1983 study). Few practicers have been studied while alive, most research being based on psychological autopsies. This, in itself, should convey the fatal risk involved in this activity.

So, after all these warnings, what is autoerotic asphyxia syndrome? This practice involves the act of self-asphyxiation, usually by hanging, while masturbating. With teen-age boys, the ritual tends to be solitary, while amongst adults, it is more often practiced in homosexual couples (women are also known to engage in this practice). Despite the often mistaken conclusions, strangulation is generally considered not to be intentional.

Despite the long known history of this practice, it is still an enigma to researchers. Furthermore, little has been publicized about this phenomena. Having attended numerous sexuality conferences and workshops, never once was the issue of autoerotic asphyxia syndrome addressed. I expect this has not been made public for various reasons: 1) people have presumed these strangulations to be suicides; 2) many professionals are not educated about nor aware of the syndrome; 3) the public, and school boards, are squeamish about unusual sexual practices (and sex education in general); and 4) the ethics of educating the public about this practice with the knowledge that the information may be misused and may unintentionally lure individuals to try it.

My intent has been to advise you of the danger of this activity. I would hope that you, or anyone you know who engages in autoerotic asphyxia will stop (or seek professional help) before it is too late—as it was for George.

Cynthia Johnston
Counselling Psychology

Vapid musings of a frosh ...

I'm just a concerned first year science student who is a little boggled by this whole University Deal and who would like to recommend the Subway Chicken Burger. It looks kinda wimpy but it's actually darn good. So where the hell is the "art" in "Arts" anyway?

James Rowley
Science 1

Sensitve artiste critiques lit.

I have a theory on what really makes good writing or, put another way, what makes writing good. Of course, how the words are put down on paper has something to do with it, as does the content of the written work, but in the end what really matters is how the reader chooses to interpret it. Were it enough that grammer, spelling, and diction were correct, and the piece interesting enough, then surely every English 100 class would turn out a few great authors! (Not to mention the keenly honed literary minds coming out of 200 level courses.)

No, I daresay that that which makes much poetry and prose great, is simply the expectation of greatness by the reader. That is to say, if a piece of text were written by a highly respected and accomplished author such as Margaret Atwood for example, who is going to expect it to be anything less than brilliant?

I don't mean to suggest that Atwood would ever do this, but just suppose she were to write a short poem following all proper literary conventions but which was, to her mind, totally meaningless? Why the critics would rave! They could and would read more meanings and moral implications into that short little poem than you could possibly imagine! Yet if that same poem had been written by one of the aforementioned students it would immediately be seen for what it was—nothing!

It is therefore my theory, and my contention, that the prior reputation of the author is the single largest influence on the interpretations of readers of those works written by well known authors. In fact, I suspect that a highly skilled and somewhat devious writer could probably just publish one or two top-notch works and then, after his reputation was firmly established, just crank out a short story or poem now and then; literary afficionados and critics would then build up these subsequent works into the masterpieces they weren't, while said author sat back and rested on his laurels!

While this has probably never happened (intentionally at least), I sometimes wonder why it is that a classroom full of students can study and discuss a short poem for three or four hours, when the poet probably spent less than one quarter of that amount of time it in the first place? Actually, I believe I know the answer to that question—it's really very simple. English literature students are being taught to see things that aren't there—to read in what the author left out (or never intended to put in), and to speak glowingly of works they don't understand or appreciate. The situation is rather like that in the classic story The Emperor's New Clothes. No one wants to be the one to stand up and say "rubbish—there's nothing there!" or "for crying out loud—this doesn't make any sense!"

I once had an English teacher who told his students that while literature may entertain, inform, or provoke thought, it must all the while be both readable and understandable. He never told us that one day we might have to learn to appreciate ambiguity and hidden meanings; I've never figured out why not, after all surely he went to university once too...?

Bruce Gairns
Arts 3

Schizophrenic editorial fails at philosophical consistency

It is difficult to discern any real focus in the editorial "Ignorance breeds intolerance", which, while purportedly about the Satanic Verses controversy, manages to lash out wildly at contras, Americans, the CIA, Christians, the KKK, the Shah, and censorship. It's almost as though the author, inflicted with severe schizophrenia, was told to engage in some stream-of-consciousness editorializing about stuff (s)he didn't like. I'm surprised liver didn't make an appearance.

An effective editorial anchors on one clearly defined topic and proceeds to make some sort of argument about that topic. Like grammar, arguments have rules: logic, evidence for the thesis, etc.

The real issue of the Satanic Verses controversy ought to be crystal clear to anyone who has followed the developments of the last few weeks. It is somewhat amusing to see just how much pressure must be placed on western leaders to encourage them to take a stand on principle. Principle? What principle?

The principle of freedom of expression, something which has been central to western political life since the Enlightenment, has come under attack from another culture. Criticism of its principles does not concern the west—indeed, there are entire industries devoted to it— but active assault, or threat of assault, does. That is the core of the issue.

On the close periphery lies a gamut of other aspects which the editorial could have tackled. Does an institution (i.e., Islam), perceiving a severe threat to itself, have the right to defend itself, and to what extent? Does our valiant defence of freedom of expression extend to neo-Nazi groups who publish materials which question the validity of the historical representation of the Holocaust? What exactly is "hate literature"? Does the idea that western democracies are not willing to go to the extents to promote ideology to which Islam strives suggest that our democracy is vulnerable to ideological attack from without? Is it ethically acceptable to kill in the defence of freedom? Of the principles of Islam? Is there a way of judging whose "reasoning", that of Islam or that of the West, is better in this scenario?

When the representative of a religion whose membership numbers in the hundreds of millions announces that he is prepared to use force against the West to implement the philosophy of that religion, the discussion of philosophical questions in the west should stop being considered lowly theoretical discourse and start to look more and more like urgent practical problems which ought to be solved before we decide how to physically counter the threat. This is not merely a matter of one human being's life hanging in the balance, it is a matter of a challenge to the metaphysical principles which inform our everyday life.

I say "schizophrenia" in the first paragraph, not maliciously, but because there is an inherent contradiction in The Ubyssey's support for sanctions against South Africa and, from what I can make of it, a tacit approval (instead of condemning Khomeini's actions, you say "we will never condone" them) or at least understanding, of Khomeini. Either you're going to be cultural relativists or not. If concepts like freedom, equality, and democracy are valued as being Good, then it is morally consistent to try to export them to other cultures, like South Africa. In that case, The Ubyssey should wholeheartedly condemn Khomeini's action.

But if, as the editorial loosely suggests, Islam's principles are just as valid as those of the Enlightenment and Christianity, and Khomeini's actions are consistent with staving off a threat to the legitimacy of Islam, then the West is wrong in trying to export freedom, democracy, and equality to a region in Africa where inequality and conflict between tribes has merely been shifted to inequality and conflict between blacks and whites. The whites are the "ruling tribe" in S. Africa. If the "rightness" or "wrongness" of Khomeini's actions are culturally relative, then so is the "rightness" and "wrongness" of apartheid in South Africa.

The Ubyssey principles permit Khomeini's actions against freedom of expression, deny the validity of the American attempt to export democracy to Latin America (so far, so good, consistency-wise), but enthusiastically encourage the exportation of western principles to South Africa!

Somewhere in this morass of perplexity, The Ubyssey, as an agent of social change, should take a serious, consistent stand.

The philosophical, not to mention immediately political, angles of analysis to this international crisis are manifold. Re-reading the editorial (for perhaps the fifteenth time) it becomes somewhat apparent that this may be what the editorialist tried to achieve. If that is the case, may I suggest (s)he use the facilities of the university to learn how to express her/himself before trying the reader's patience with half-assed blather?

Chris Wiesinger
past Ubyssey editor, 5 Arts

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Stranded students outraged

TORONTO (CUP)—A group of University of Toronto students stranded in Florida is considering legal action against the Chicago-based tour company that arranged their package-tour reading week trips to Fort Lauderdale.

The 80 Toronto students—and another 30 from the University of Manitoba—were stranded the night of February 18 at a truck stop just outside Jacksonville when their buses failed to show because of bad weather. The St. John's County sheriff's department found the students the next morning and arranged buses to take them home.

Inter-campus Programs, the tour company, refused to help the students after they were stranded, said Patty McNeil, a U of T representative hired by Inter-campus.

"Brad Nelson (vice president of Inter-campus) hung up on us twice when we called from Fort Lauderdale, and then all of a sudden the lines were busy every time we tried calling him."

McNeil said some were forced to fly back to Toronto because they had exams on Monday.

"We'd like to destroy the company. They're taking money from students. I felt like cattle at the end," said the other company rep on the U of T campus, Greg Lowes.

Sharon Cater, a first year student at the U of T-affiliated Erindale College is seeking legal advice. Cater and McNeil are talking to the Ontario ministry of tourism and the federal department of consumer and corporate affairs.

"I don't want them (Inter-campus Programs) to come back onto this campus again," said McNeil.

But Bill Ryan, president of Inter-campus, blamed the Milwaukee-based bus company Designers of Travel Tours.

"We've been dealing with this bus company for six or seven years and I've never seen them perform like that. We paid them $57,000 up front but we're going to have to stop using them for the rest of the season," he said.

McNeil also said Travel Cuts, the licensed representative of the tour company, has agreed to give each student who took the bus back from Florida $50 in compensation.

Dal strike effects linger

HALIFAX (CUP)—Three Dalhousie University law students are suing their school for damages incurred during a 17-day faculty strike last fall.

Mady Brodie, Roger Proctor and Sandra Giffin say the university is worried the three may set a precedent.

"If we win there are 10,000 students who could follow suit, and the fact that they've hired one of the best litigators in the city is, I think, indicative of the fact they are taking us seriously," said Brodie.

Brody is suing for $320 in damages, based on hourly losses. She says she feels it is only fair that she should recover part of her tuition fee.

"I know that the university as a result of the strike has a net financial gain. And that bothers me because the students have a net financial loss."

Spokesperson Brodie said the three who are currently researching their cases, which will be based on the university breaking a signed contract. Even though a disclaimer in the calendar exempts the university from liability in the event of a strike, Brody said the clause doesn't apply to law students.

"We (law students) don't receive a copy of the calendar in our registration materials. We receive a course selection handbook which is generated by the law school and the disclaimer isn't in there. At no point would a second or third year law student have reason to assess the calendar. So our argument is that a disclaimer can't work unless you're given reasonable notice of it," said Brodie.

At the end of the 700-member faculty association strike back in November, Spanish professor John Kirk calculated that each student was owed $150 due to lost course time.

AIDS victim barred from class

TORONTO (CUP)—A third-year York University music major with AIDS has filed a complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission after school administrators upheld a decision to bar him from class.

Ron Kelly received a letter February 20 from the university which stated that the fine arts faculty committee's decision to expel him from his singing ensemble course stands.

"The university has not shown any discrimination against Mr. Kelly on any grounds and it rejects any such accusations," reads a February 22 press release signed by York provost Tom Meininger. "As a matter of policy, York University rejects any form of discrimination based on medical grounds.

York University does not have a policy dealing with HIV-positive students and staff.

"In my opinion," the hand-out continues, "intense media discussion of this very delicate matter and public accusations do not help a resolution of this matter."

"The faculty has sent Mr. Kelly several comprehensive letters explaining its position and offering him every consideration, including compassionate ones. The faculty of fine arts is still prepared to accommodate Mr. Kelly's academic needs in a manner that will enable him to complete his studies on schedule.

Kelly was offered an extra recital by the department for the rest of his mark. But it was bumped up a week to February 23, leaving Kelly scrambling to prepare himself.

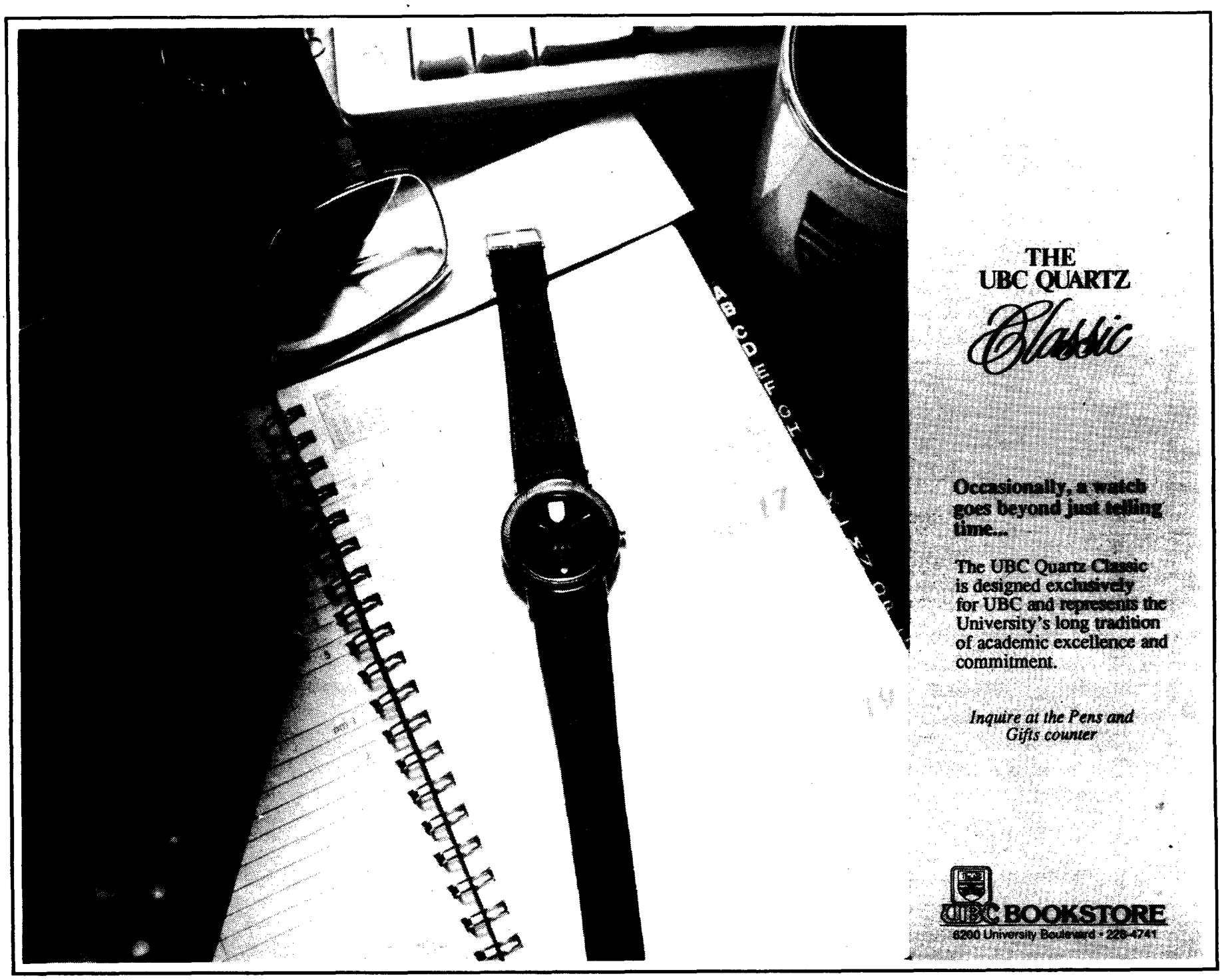
Kelly calculates that the Human Rights Commission won't get to his case for two weeks, and said he is hoping to resolve the matter internally before the hearing.

A nurse who complained to the Ontario Human Rights Commission that he was fired from Toronto Western Hospital because he has AIDS was reinstated in June.

Kelly, who has tested HIV positive, was thrown out of class after he missed five, which music department chair David Mott said were "unexcused". Attendance is vital because the class must work as a group, and a department policy states that three or more absences result in a failure.

"We offered him a chance to make it up (in private) with the vocal teacher," said Mott.

A doctor's note stating a student is "medically incapacitated" is the only allowable reason for absence. Mott said Kelly did not furnish this note: Kelly said he did. On July 29, 1987 Kelly sent a letter to the fine arts department stating he had tested HIV positive. Kelly included his doctors' phone number.

"I made it clear to (the professor) that I was willing to make up the work. At no time was I asked by the course director to submit any form of documentation to verify my absence," said Kelly.

Memorial, Concordia, Carleton and Dalhousie universities and the universities of Toronto, British Columbia, Ottawa, New Brunswick and Calgary have adopted policies which state they will not discriminate against staff and students who test HIV-positive. York's vice-president of finance and administration is working on a proposal, to be released soon.