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SRA calls for park report

By JULIE WHEELWRIGHT

The UBC student representative assembly voted last night to ask the board of governors to make regular progress reports concerning the development of the proposed 58-acre research park.

The SRA approved motions asking senate to forward recommendations to the board. Student senator Anne Gardner said the proposed reports would ensure students know what developments will occur in the park.

Another recommendation asks that students and other members of the university community receive full representation on a board of management.

"The main problem with student politicians is that they don't look into issues until it's too late," said student senator Chris Niwinski.

The third recommendation asks that any further expansion of the research park not take place without a full public hearing.

"Nobody has stated that it will expand, but we're looking to the future," said Niwinski.

The recommendations clearly state a desire to see a more open process in any further decisions concerning the public and research park, said Niwinski.

But Russ Kinghorn, engineering undergraduate society president, said engineers expressed their support of the research park at the last EUS meeting.

In other SRA news, student representative Bruce Armstrong said plans for a yearbook, "Campus Life" are proceeding. The yearbook will contain 140 pages with 24 color pages, a soft cover and will use corporate advertising, said Armstrong.

"It's really quite the thing," he said.

Another motion concerning a change in academic appeal procedures was approved and will be forwarded to senate. The motion asks that students be allowed to review their final exam within two weeks of their request to see it. Currently there are very few appeals procedures at the university, said Niwinski.

— ross burnett photo

M — I — C, SEE YOU real soon's sister Minnie looks up from work to smile for admiring fans. Food services administration, finally giving in to students' opinion of cafeteria as Mickey Mouse operation, decided to dress staff to fit image. Grinning onlooker seems impressed by cheescake show, but changed opinion after ingesting lunch. If new uniform does not improve customer attitudes toward food, cafeteria will try giving away free chairs.

Book sale botch steams students

By KEVIN FINNEGAN

The fate of students studying in 85 double carrels in Brock Hall will be decided today at a hastily called meeting.

The students are facing temporary eviction to make room for the annual book sale to be held Nov. 19-30. Signs telling carrel occupants to remove personal belongings from Brock 200 by Nov. 1 were posted late Tuesday afternoon at four hall entrances, say students who study there.

The students have signed a petition asking that they not be evicted.

Michael Shaw, administration vice-president for academic development, said bookstore manager John Hedgecock and physical plant space director Rudy Jahelka would meet today to try to find alternatives.

Hedgecock said that Erich Vogt, administration vice-president for student and faculty affairs, told him last spring that the space would be available. He said it was "rather a shock" to find out about the controversy.

"I just heard about it and I still haven't recovered," he said. "We have a few tons of books here. We've started the wagon rolling and it's too late to say stop."

Students studying in Brock reacted strongly to the notice telling them to leave. Besides the petition, signs have appeared saying "We won't be moved" and "Try the armories, buddies."

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"I think they should have a book sale, but not at the expense of students," said Murray McCartney, who has studied in Brock for three years. He said the eviction notice came at an especially bad time.

"I have three midterms this week," he said.

McCartney said he would probably move out by the deadline to protect his belongings.

"I guess I'll have to leave because if I don't my books will probably end up being sold."

Shaw said he had asked physical plant to ensure all students' belongings were protected.

Illicit student suites saved

Vancouver city council decided Tuesday afternoon to shelve a report that could have resulted in many students being evicted from their homes.

The report, written by the city's department of permits and licences, would lift a 1974 moratorium on 800 illegal suites in the Vancouver area, subjecting them to city housing by-laws.

But zoning department spokesman Roger Hebert said a city council committee, will now review the situation and could change the whole policy towards illegal suites.

Dave Johnson, UBC off campus housing director, said students live in many of the currently exempt illegal dwellings. He said a real problem would result if the by-law exempting illegal suites from housing by-laws was lifted.

If the report were implemented students would have to ask their landlord to declare the suite illegal and then apply for a hardship permit in order to prevent eviction, if a complaint were registered. (A student can apply for a hardship permit and remain in the dwelling for reasons of physical handicap, health or income.

But Johnson said many landlords would stop renting instead of declaring their suites illegal, reducing the number of suites and aggravating an already critical housing shortage.

"It would upset a lot of landlords. Some would rather not rent than go through the process."

But Hebert said the recommendation was made to try and equalize zoning regulations in the city. He said it is unfair to exempt 800 illegal suites from by-law enforcement, while forcing other illegal suites to comply with zoning regulations.

"The report was made to get everyone who has an illegal suite to be treated equally," said Hebert.

Alderman Harry Rankin said the council moved that no action be taken on the report because, "it would be a held of a bad time to put pressure on people in suites."

"What it means is that it (the report) will be ignored for the time being. We're going to be reviewing the whole matter at a future community services meeting," he said.

UBC residence administrator Mary Flores said more than 1,000 students are still on the residence waiting list and the vacancy rate is low.

"We have about half the vacancies we had last year. We don't have many off campus housing listings right now," said Flores.

Printing all moos that fit

By VERNE McDONALD

Until last year The Ubyssey was the only campus outlet for students who wanted to farm out their journalistic skills.

Now there's an udder contender.

A course sponsored by the B.C. Farm Writers' Association is teaching eight undergraduate students in agriculture how to write articles for farming journals.

According to an advertisement for the course the agricultural students "will learn to interview people for articles and write stories for Country Life in B.C. — the monthly paper read by every producer in the province!"

Ubyssey Cavalier Mermaid, a prominent B.C. milk producer, declined to say whether she got her moos from Country Life.

Students who enrolled in the course last year, however, harvested some lettuce for their efforts. Country Life accepted all submissions from the inaugural course, instructor Carol Paulson said Wednesday.

Paulson, editor of Butter-Fat Magazine, said work submitted by students in this year's course was not in by Country Life's deadline and none has been published so far. The course began Oct. 4 and will continue until Nov. 22.

Another crop of budding agricultural journalists can be expected next year, she said.

Ubyssey co-editor Heather Conn said Wednesday the time was ripe for a journalism course at UBC.

"I hope the idea bears fruit," she said.

Conn said she hoped agricultural journalists could be used to fatten the staff of The Ubyssey. "We get too many new reporters who don't know a pig-knuckle from a hamhock," she said.

Cohort Tom Hawthorn, The Ubyssey's other co-editor, said he agreed. "All we get is turkeys who produce bullshit. Maybe now we can diversify and break new fields for planting the seed of socialist capitalism."

TAs run into brick wall

TORONTO (CUP) — Teaching assistants having difficulty negotiating contracts at two Toronto institutions think their administrations might be working in collusion to force a bad contract on the TAs' union.

TAs at York University and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute have broken off separate talks in the last two weeks when administrations at both institutions refused to bargain in good faith, said Michael Michie, president of the graduate assistants' association at York.

He said the association suspects the administrations might be in collusion on the contract talks.

"It's possible," he said. "I'm sure that they're conferring. I'm sure that advice is being given."

Michie said the York and Ryerson administrations know the fledgling union, with a total membership of about 4,000, has a very small strike fund and are taking a hardline bargaining stance because they feel the TAs are in a tight spot.

Both TA union locals have requested conciliators from the Ontario labor relations board to keep talks from totally breaking down. If the conciliation process is unsuccessful, the TAs will be in a legal position to strike.

The York University attitude towards the contract talks was made known during the last bargaining session when chief administration negotiator Don Mitchell said: "The union is under the mistaken impression that negotiating means that the university has to change its position during negotiations."

The administration at York has offered TAs a 5.9 per cent wage increase, well below the Canadian inflation rate of nine per cent.

Michie said cutbacks in education funding are a contributing factor in York's tough stand.

The York TAs are holding an information picket line at the university Wednesday to rally student support and inform them of the TAs' contract trouble.

"The kind of things we're struggling against are the same things that are hurting students — cutbacks, oversized classes, etc.," Michie said.

At Ryerson, the administration negotiating team has refused to respond to six of the TAs' 16 proposed contract articles. Steve McBride, chief association contract negotiator at Ryerson, says TAs are definitely going to consider strike action if progress is not made soon.

Both union locals have successfully negotiated contracts in the past with their administrations. The association also represents TAs at the University of Toronto, Lakehead and McMaster Universities.

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Dirt pile still plagues profs

By PETER MENYASZ

Physical plant's mountain of dirt is becoming a mole hill, but it's a slow process.

"It's moving slowly," plant sciences head Victor Runeckles said Wednesday. "My field manager said they (the department of highways) were making a start."

Runeckles said the main concern now is that the data collected by the climatology station return to the specifications set by the atmosphere environment service.

But the slow movement of the dirt pile that fouled up his experiments does not change things much, Runeckles said.

"It's a bit late in the day and it doesn't undo the damage," he said.

Runeckles said he is unsure of receiving compensation for the money spent on the ruined experiments. But he added the agriculture dean had sent a letter to the president's office on the matter.

Dean Warren Kitts said Wednesday he sent a letter to administration vice-president Chuck Connaghan.

"I just wanted him to have it on record," said Kitts.

He added he wanted Connaghan to have an official report that Runeckles' experiment had been ruined.

And he said the letter suggested the administration discuss the matter of compensation with Runeckles.

"I think they should discuss it," Kitts said. "I think it's serious enough for that."

One experimenter whose work is influenced by the dirt pile said Wednesday his research is continuing.

"But we're not sure how big the effect is on our project," said associate geology professor John Hay.

Hay added the dirt pile was disappearing very slowly, but said the amount of material and the dependence on perfect weather conditions were likely the cause of the delays.

He said physical plant was telephoning him about every three days and added that he wished the pile was gone so they wouldn't have to keep calling.

The incident began when the provincial department of highways dumped a large pile of dirt, destined for road repairs, near an area where several experiments were in progress.

The experimenters alleged the dirt pile interfered with the accuracy of their results, ruining a great deal of work and wasting about $20,000 in labor and materials.

— curtis long photo

FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT takes out frustrations by performing lobotomy on obviously unwilling victim. "I can't stand punkinheads," the student was heard to mutter while carving pulpy innards. But really, student is furiously clawing at insides of pumpkin during home economics-sponsored pumpkin carving contest. Thrifty home ec. students spent remainder of afternoon cooking pumpkin pies and spitting pumpkin seeds.

Dirks dispute bores students

UBC medical students do not appear overly concerned about a teaching dispute at Vancouver General Hospital.

They say they only care that they get good instruction, regardless of who is conducting clinical sessions, a former president of the medical undergraduate society said Wednesday.

The former president, who declined to be identified, said students are not worried about recent reports that medicine department head John Dirks has increased the influence of full-time university staff at VGH at the expense of part-time clinical instructors.

But he admitted some of the instructors Dirks hired from outside Vancouver were poor teachers.

"I know that he (Dirks) has brought in some awfully good and some awfully bad people from outside Vancouver," said the former president.

He refused to comment on allegations that non-Vancouver doctors are currently filling positions that could be filled by local doctors. But he said it is important to keep part-time clinical instructors at VGH.

"It is very important that there be a good mix of full-time university staff, and part-time clinical instructors.

"The current situation is a good one for the part-time clinical instructors because it keeps them on their toes. When dealing with questioning students, they must be abreast of current methods," he said.

The former president said he believes that having doctors as part-time clinical instructors provides a good, alternative education for medical students. He said doctors with private practices are able to bring in some of the less usual cases which VGH doesn't handle as often.

Trident protesters face jail

At least 21 people will be jailed for civil disobedience after jumping the fence at the Trident nuclear submarine base Monday in Bangor, Wash.

Pacific Life Community spokesman Ron Irons said Wednesday that 18 of the 103 people arrested for trespassing were repeat offenders and three were arrested in a high risk area.

"Those people will definitely be doing jail time," he said.

Irons said he doesn't know what will happen to the other protesters who were first offenders, but added he suspects they will receive suspended sentences with one to three years probation and community work service.

He said that at a June 9 protest in Bangor, those who jumped the fence received only one year's probation.

"It depends on who we get as a judge."

He said protest organizers had planned a possible second wave of fence-climbing Tuesday because in the past arrests did not take place the first time. But Irons said the law has been changed and all the protesters who climbed the fence were arrested Monday.

He said three protesters entered a high risk area very near the nuclear missiles, but said he is not sure how they reached the area, which is heavily guarded.

"It's a shame that it takes things like breaking the law to make people aware of what's going on."

More than 2,000 people, including 75 Canadians, demonstrated at Bangor. On Sunday demonstrators met at a farm near the base and marched up to the fence, where they set up a "peace conversion city."

Irons said the city was a collection of tents, booths and a stage where displays for alternative technologies were assembled.

Irons said the demonstration was very successful. Organizers had anticipated a turn out of 1,000, and were pleased when more than 2,000 showed up, he said.

Irons said he feels optimistic about increasing public awareness of nuclear technology. The next demonstration at Bangor will probably be in March, when protesters will walk from California to Bangor over a one month period, he said.

CTV won't give away report

OTTAWA (CUP) — CTV is refusing to release transcripts of a controversial report on foreign students despite its satisfaction with the program's accuracy, according to CTV executive Don Cameron.

This follows an earlier CTV statement to the National Union of Students that transcripts would be made available at $10 a copy.

NUS is asking for a transcript of a W5 report called The Campus Giveaway, which stated that foreign students were costing Canadian taxpayers millions of dollars annually. The program also reported that qualified Canadian students were being denied access to universities because of an influx of foreign students.

Cameron said CTV was not trying to prevent the transcript's distribution, and added that a lack of staff and facilities hampered its release.

But according to one CTV employee, the network told staff that the transcript should not be released.

"When they say you can't release it I don't question their reasoning," the employee said.

When asked why the transcript was not being made available, Cameron repeatedly denied that the CTV was trying to suppress copies of the script.

"There is nothing to hide here. We're not throwing them out on the street, but they are circulating," he said.

Cameron pointed to the fact that the Canadian bureau for international education had mailed a copy of the transcript back to CTV as evidence that the transcript was in public hands.

When informed that the bureau had gotten its copy from a private recording of the program, Cameron said that other copies had been returned as well. He said that he could not name other groups which had returned copies of the transcript because the file was not available to him at the time.

Cameron said CTV could have handled a few requests, but received too many to deal with.

"We are not the CBC you know. We do not have the people to do all that paperwork. If we give copies to one we will have to give copies to them all," he said.

NUS and the Canadian Association of University Teachers are considering asking the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission for equal air time to refute what they say were misrepresentations in the original program.

Cameron said CTV is already working on a follow-up program on foreign students to be broadcast within two months.

Boss gets his lumps

TORONTO (CUP) — On Nov. 1 last year, York University secretary Ingrid Dagis was told by her boss, the director of the university bookstores, to bring him a cup of coffee from the cafeteria.

Now, thanks to an arbitration board ruling, he'll have to get it himself.

Dagis, after reluctantly carrying out her boss' request, filed a grievance through her union, the York University staff association.

And in mid-October an arbitration board called to hear the grievance ruled that "the grievor (Dagis) not be required to perform duties of a personal nature not connected with the approved operations of the university."

The ruling also stated that the request was "for the incumbent's own convenience and . . . not in any way related to the affairs or the objectives of the bookstore or the university."

"This decision shows that sex stereotyping can be broken down," said association president Lauma Avens. "It raises men's social awareness as well as women's."

The case was a test of strength for a new contract clause in the association's collective agreement which states: "If an employee is required to perform any duties of a personal nature not connected with the approved operations of the university, he/she may file a grievance."

The arbitration board disagreed with the university's argument that a "secretary should carry out any order given by her boss except an order that is illegal, immoral or unconscionable."

Bitter suite

Vancouver's city council is being wishy-washy again.

But, for once, students are benefitting from their vacillations.

If council decides to lift the moratorium they established in 1974 the occupants of 800 illegal suites will be out in the cold. Literally.

But city council is absolutely right. It's not fair that there are 800 illegal suites in the city immune to zoning laws while the occupants of the city's countless other illegal suites live in fear of instant eviction.

Everyone should get the same deal. Either illegal suites are illegal, or they're not.

And the city can't very well make all illegal suites legal. The suites don't have to conform to building or sanitary codes and the city acts only if a complaint is lodged against the landlord.

So for the safety of the tenants, illegal suites should be precisely what their name implies. Illegal.

A large number of illegal suites are occupied by students. With exams to write and essays to work on, those students don't have the time to go looking for other suites that just don't exist.

City council should closely examine this problem. There is certainly a housing shortage in Vancouver. But this should not give landlords God-like powers over their tenants.

Students, or anyone else, should not have to live in unsanitary conditions even if the prices are low.

So let's not bug city council about their wishy-washyness for now. It's working to our advantage.

Biguth wazzeths

Shortus Augustus presided at the local Hallowe'en party.

Bruce Armstrong came as the $3,055 Mexican bandit. With a nod to the ongoing debate on sexuality taking place on these pages, a couple came in drag.

But perhaps we shouldn't go on.

The student representative assembly might accuse us of not taking them seriously.

"Just the usual. A couple bills . . . notice from the ladies' auxiliary . . . and a half dozen letters from six NDP supporters named Nesterenko, who gave the address of an abandoned feed lot, attacking their own party policies."

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Nuclear Awareness Day started off with a big bang in the splendid Ubyssey offices, as the staff started on their own invasion of the Pooftah front. Soon-to-be-married chief wazz Peter Menyasz found himself deserted and waged a one-person war with himself, and the person he loves most won. Chief wired officer Verne McDonald peppered the demilitarized PF zone with B.C. Tel anti-personnel weaponry. Heather Conn and Ross Burnett and Curtis Long and Glen Sanford played foxhole. As they say, she's rotten to the corp but great to the army. Chris No-name went missing in action and is presumed in the dog house. Geof Wheelwright and Julie Wheelwright dreamed of creating their own Latin American family dictatorship, but soon gave up that silly notion when they discovered they could fly there for free just by pretending to be interested in a conference. Erica Leiren spent the better half of the war trying to figure out why they called those funny little things dog tags, especially since dogs don't wear tags and her daddy works with Bill Bennett, so there, nyahhh. Kevin Finnegan lived out his baseball fantasies becoming the staff's best fireman. And chief scout Tom Hawthorn went off to find that teeny little, oh-so-cute mouse.

No safety found in home ec. numbers

By CHARLES SCOTT

You'd be surprised at people's reactions when I tell them I'm studying home economics: they believe me. I often wonder if they will.

Usually, they find it slightly unusual (only slightly) that I should be pursuing such a course of study, but by the time I have finished giving a Glowing Account of What it's Like to Be a Home Ec. Student, these same folks will nod their heads and say: "Well, that's just great, really great. I think it's just fine for a guy to be studying HMEC." And that's nice to hear, especially if you feel the same way.

perspectives

So, there I was last year, the only guy in the class, and I had the unique honor of being omitted from the year's enrolment figures published in the calendar. Some of the more militant of my female peers felt that I should come down with fire and brimstone on the administration for such an omission, but no, I didn't feel much of a need for that. The universe bears witness to my presence and actions, as it does yours. There's no need to worry.

"How and why," you're wondering, "does a man end up in HMEC?" Well, the following is one small tale.

After several years as a gardener, I decided to return to school. But I had a problem in that I couldn't decide what to study. Somehow, I wanted to study psychology, english, philosophy, biology, and a number of other subjects, and find a way to integrate and apply them in a practical way. But I couldn't quite put my finger on what exactly I was looking for.

One day, however, while leafing through the UBC calendar, I happened upon the pages which describe the HMEC program. "HMEC as a profession," read the description, "is concerned with the ways it can benefit both the individual and the family . . . " Further reading disclosed that the program included courses such as: human development, family resource management, the contemporary family, parent-child relations, problems in family finance, housing for the family, etc., not to mention all the nutrition, textile, foods, and clothing courses too numerous to mention. This was it. I had finally found something that seemed to "fit the bill." My worries were over.

Well, almost over. After all, HMEC is for women, right? Now, it doesn't say that anywhere, but I mean . . . Nevertheless, I assured myself that this was the age of liberation, that I had nothing to fear, that there probably were men studying HMEC at UBC (there were and there are), that there would be no problem. It didn't work. The male ego is such an incredible creature.

I still remember that day when, while at lunch with the guy I worked for, I decided to phone the school of HMEC and resolve my quandry: were men in HMEC a plausible reality? My friend had a good chuckle as I asked over the phone: "I'm sorta interested in your HMEC program and, uh, I'm kind of wondering, y'know, if you have ever, uh, had any men enroled out there?" Silence. That was my answer: silence. I'd been put on hold.

This brought what appeared to be a general expression of unrestrained mirth from my friend. I, on the other hand, felt like some sacrificial goat — helpless and vunerable, my ego naked, exposed, and tied to a post by a dangling, coiled black rope. Finally, an answer came. The name of one of the male professors was given to me: "phone him," I was told. Evidently a man-to-man talk was in order. As if against my will, I relayed this latest information to my friend. Amidst the ensuing raucous laughter, thigh-slapping, choking and coughing, I sensed a general increase in the general expression of mirth. I could only stand mutely, feeling that my destiny lay in the hands of a fate which seemed to be enjoying a bit of merriment at my expense. But I had to go on, or I'd never hear the end of it.

So I picked up the phone and called the professor. Diffidently, I posed my question. "Oh, sure," came the unconcerned, yet lively reply, "there are lots of men who go into HMEC."

So, here I am. I decided to come and the experience has turned out to be far more rewarding than I had originally anticipated. In a word, it's exciting. The various courses and the kinds of research that are going on here are really interesting, relevent, and exciting.

And just what is HMEC? Along the dark and hallowed halls of the HMEC building, this query is known as the "Ultimate Question." It is as if you had asked: "What is the meaning of life?" (Indeed, in one sense, it is exactly that.) Many have been the despairing HMEC students who have sought the answer. Just when you think you have finally grasped it, you open your hands to find that once again it has, like the elusive quicksilver, escaped your grasp, to leave you with only the all too concrete question in your upturned palms, gazing up at you mutely, eloquently.

As a beginning, we have a definition: HMEC is the study of the laws, conditions, principles, and ideals which are concerned on the one hand with man's immediate physical environment, and, on the other hand, with his nature as a social being, and is the study specially of the relation between these two factors.

HMEC is a synthesizing discipline. Its investigations into both aspects of human existence require it to draw upon and integrate knowledge from the physical and social sciences, the arts and humanities. This leads me rather conveniently to another definition: HMEC is the synergistic study of the social, psychological, and physical needs of human beings throughout their life span. It is a field of study that provides the necessary knowledge for guiding and assisting each human being toward a more self-rewarding, fulfilled life, compatible with society.

The knowledge that the profession synthesizes from various sources, becomes, when properly combined and applied, synergistic in nature, giving a greater overall perspective on human nature, as well as its proper maintenance and enhancement.

Another unique feature of HMEC is that the family, in its many forms, provides focus for application of the knowledge acquired and synthesized by the profession. All aspects of family life are considered, as well as the reciprocal relationships between the family system and the other systems — social, political, and economic — of society. The family is regarded as being an integral part of a larger ecosystem.

The most recent mission statement of the profession states: The mission of HMEC is to enable families, both as individual units and generally as a social institution, to build and maintain systems of actions which lead to a maturing in individual self-formation, and to enlightened, cooperative participation in the critique and formulation of social goals and means for accomplishing them.

The authors continue: To fulfill this mission, home economists engage in the provision of services (directly or indirectly) to families. These services involve the solution of problems about what to do in the areas defined by the purpose or mission.

Hmmm. This seems like a lot more than muffins and sewing stitches. The only comment I would make here is that, as far reaching in its implications as this statement is, it concerns all the activities of home economists. From assisting the introduction of legislation directly concerned with family welfare, right down to baking that blueberry muffin — and the statement provides a focus for the evaluation of these activities.

What is important is that the profession and its members strive to remember the reasons why they are involved, for example, in family and household management; why they are involved in textile, nutrition and social research; why they teach cooking and sewing skills; why they study the many facets of human growth and development, of consumer affairs, of housing and of design; why they research, teach, practice and counsel in these and other subject areas. Those reasons are contained in the mission statement.

Without this mission, without the orientation such as the mission provides, all you have is a collection of specialties, of distinct and diverse areas of study. But with this mission, with the understanding that it brings, a focus is provided, synthesis is possible, allowing a holistic approach to be adopted, and you have the field we have come to call home economics.

It is an exciting field to be in, and I'll be proud to be a part of it. The profession has got something tangible to offer, both to the person who enters it, and to those who receive its multifarious services. It is a field where one can (and should, I think) have one's head in the highest clouds of "abstract" philosophy, and at the same time have one's feet planted firmly on the ground, one's energies involved in the most "nitty, gritty" affairs of everyday life. It is a field in which, along with the functional gifts of the hand, there is room to provide the creative gifts of the head, and, just as importantly, maybe even more so, the lasting gifts of the heart.

Charles Scott is in second year family sciences. Perspectives is a column of analysis and even utter dribble open to all members of the university community.

Letters

Sexual come-on was simply just a put-on

I had not expected to create such a furor with my suggestion that UBC students not patronize the Back to Eden health food store. It even seemed to me at the time that since most UBC students have never even seen the place (unless recent controversy has made it a tourist attraction) that some might take the suggestion lightly. It is easy to forget, sometimes, the power that the subject of homosexuality has to set the hornets buzzing.

The controversy has recently developed several ugly aspects, which must be addressed. First store manager Clifford Morris, who obviously believes people are still as gullible about gays as they were in 1952, has come up with a charge that Goldstein, after applying for work and being turned down, chose that obviously opportune moment to make a pass at him. A la Frankenstein, yet. This is a charge Morris has not thought to level before. For example, during an extensive interview broadcast Oct. 4 on CFRO, Co-op radio, he made no mention of a sexual come-on. Obviously, it is a bare-faced lie. Hearing Morris talk about "healthy minds" is like hearing Somoza talk about democracy.

Irene Plett's Oct. 30 letter ("Gays will never gain total acceptance") is a typical example of the thought of someone who has not learned the distinction between normal and average. Acceptance of gays by society does not even remotely connote a decrease in heterosexuality — at least no more than an acceptance of left-handedness as normal behavior means a decrease in right-handedness. Feel free to be straight, Irene. A major reason acceptance is desirable to us is that, while sexual acts do not have an absolute requirement for an accepting environment, and may actually become more exciting when they are forbidden, the ability to form loving relationships can be seriously hindered by prohibition. Our position is that willingness to be ostracized by society is an unreasonable requirment to impose upon a pair of people who wish to have a relationship more enduring than a single, easy-to-conceal sexual event. We're sure that although Plett herself may prefer to remain abstinent, she can see the wisdom of this.

Fred Banning's letter in the same issue of The Ubyssey ("I agree — your're wrong") shows primarily that its author has an extremely odd concept of "nature." If it is unnatural for me to wear clothes, is it equally unnatural for caddis-fly larvae to wear casings made of stones and twigs? If homosexuality is unnatural in humans, is it also so in porpoises and more than 20 other kinds of animals where it has been shown to occur under normal, uncrowded conditions?

At least Banning has the clarity of mind to realize his own reactions to the thought of two men "necking" (whatever the current definition of that is) together are based on personal taste. Most people dislike watching others becoming sexually involved, especially when the form of sex being contemplated is foreign to their own personal perferences. This sort of distaste is not something we object to. One gets the impression, though, that perhaps Banning and certainly the orange juice-drinker to whom he was responding would even find non-sexual expressions of affection between gay men disgusting. This antipathy is identical to that felt by white South Africans against interractial affection, and is reprehensible.

R.C. Summerbell
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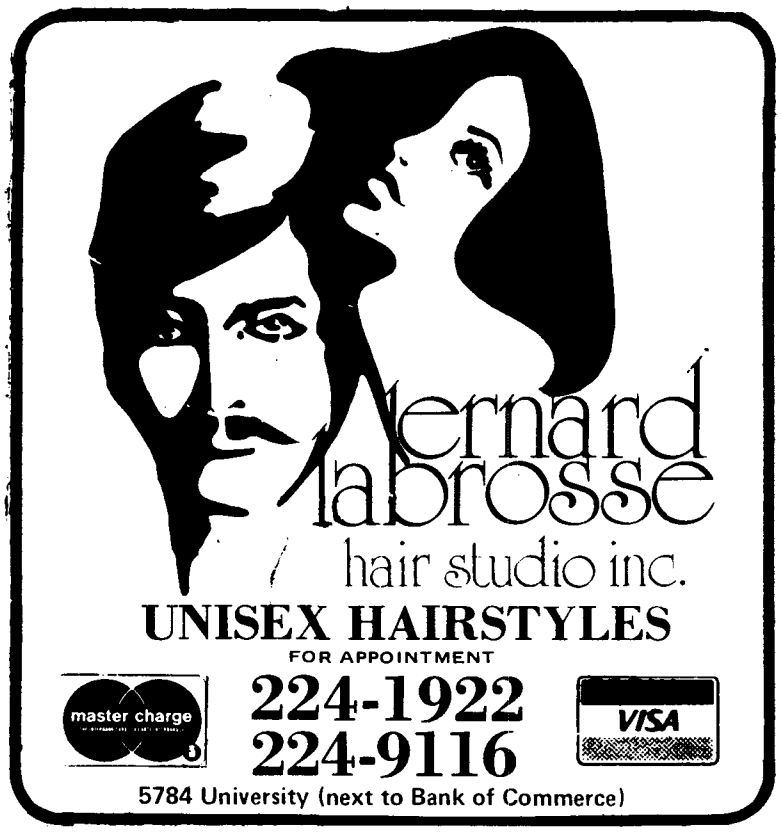

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NOV. 6	**Applied Science**		
	Community & Regional Planning	Engineering	Computer Science
NOV. 7	**Faculty of Arts**		
	Architecture	History	Communications
	Recreation	Journalism	
NOV. 7	**Sciences**		
	Zoology	Aquatics	Oceanography
	Ecology	Fisheries	Biology
NOV. 8	**Commerce and Business**		
	Economics	Commerce	Public Administration
NOV. 9	**Faculty of Education**		
NOV. 13	**Forestry**		
NOV. 14	**Agriculture**		
NOV. 15	**Human and Social Therapy**		
	Psychology	Child Care	Community
	Social Work	Counselling	Development
NOV. 16	**Law**		

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TODAY

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Chinese painting workshop, noon, SUB 113.
AMNESTY UBC
Letter writing workshop, noon, SUB 212.
GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
General meeting, discussion of gay/lesbian awareness week at UBC, noon, SUB 212.
MY JONG KUNG FU
Practice, 7:30 p.m., SUB 125.
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Lesbian drop-in, 1:30 p.m., SUB 130.
LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting, noon, International House.
Soiree vin et fromage annuale, 7 p.m., Gage towers Mary Murrin lounge.
UBC LIBERALS
General meeting, noon, SUB 213.
Social evening with Gordon Gibson, Doreen Lawsen, media, faculty and Liberal executive, 7 p.m., faculty club ballroom.
LSM
Karl Erdman of UBC physics department speaks on Scientific education, noon, Lutheran campus centre.
UBC DEBATING SOCIETY
Practice debate on the resolution: That the Canadian government retain ownership of economically profitable crown corporations, noon, Buch. 204.
Supermouth organizational meeting, 1:30 p.m., Buch. 204.
HOME ECONOMICS
Obstacle race, noon, SUB plaza.
LSLAP
Free student legal advice on debts, landlord/tenant, family and other problems, noon, SUB 111.
YOUNG ALUMNI CLUB
Live music and bar, open to fourth year and graduate students, 8 p.m., Cecil Green park.
NDP CLUB
NDP candidate for 1979 provincial election, Jean Swanson (Vancouver-Little Mountain) speaks on Poverty, noon, SUB 119.
AWARDS OFFICE
Keith Gilbert will provide free information, advice on financial aid, loans, scholarships, etc., noon, SUB Speakeasy.
EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General meeting, noon, SUB 224.
IVCF
Stacey Woods gives a personal history, noon, Chem. 250.

FRIDAY

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Beginners' Mandarin class, noon, Scarfe 200.
GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Beer night and Rocky Horror Picture Show movie, 6:15 p.m., SUB auditorium.
DEPARTMENT OF SLAVONIC STUDIES
Prof. Willis Konick, department of Russian and comparative literature at Seattle's University of Washington, will speak on the Theme of brotherhood in late Tolstoy, noon, Buch. 2230.
Konick will give a seminar on D. H. Lawrence and his relationship to Leo Tolstoy, 3:30 p.m., Buch. penthouse.
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Subcommittee meetings, noon, SUB 130.
LE CLUB FRANCAIS
General meeting, noon, International House lounge.
MUSSOC
Lunch hour variety show, noon, SUB auditorium.
UBC DEBATING SOCIETY
General meeting, noon, SUB 215.
HOME ECONOMICS UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY
Boat races with milk, noon, SUB plaza.
Thyme to dance, featuring Jade, 7:30 p.m., SUB ballroom.
NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTRE
Volleyball night, 7:30 p.m., phys. ed. centre unit 2.

SUNDAY

MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY
Chinese classical songs and folk tunes, 3 p.m., Museum of Anthropology.
EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Lectures, slides, tapes on different religions of India, 5:30 p.m., International House.
GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Hike to Garibaldi park, 9 a.m., meet at Safeway parking lot, Broadway and MacDonald.

TUESDAY

MY JONG KUNG FU
Practice, 7:30 p.m., SUB 125.
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
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WEDNESDAY

AQUA-SOC
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non conference game

SATURDAY
Intramurals
Snooker tournament,
10 a.m., SUB games room

Men's football
WIFL playoff
UBC at Edmonton

Men's ice hockey
UBC vs. Alberta, 8 p.m.,
winter sports centre

Men's basketball
UBC vs. G.T.C.,
8:30 p.m., mem gym
Junior varsity
UBC at Capilano College,
8:15 p.m.

Women's basketball
UBC vs. Seattle,
6:30 p.m., mem gym

Men's rugby
UBC vs. Kats, 2:30 p.m.,
Camouson park

Women's field hockey
UBC vs. JV's, 1 p.m.,
Warren field

SUNDAY
Intramurals
Snooker tournament,
10 a.m., SUB games room

Women's basketball
UBC vs. Kirby's
1 p.m., mem gym

Women's soccer
UBC vs. Poco, 10 a.m.
Aggie grounds

Women's ice hockey
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11:15 a.m.

Somewhere between the Compugraphic and the camera, we lost a correction.

You might have realized we told you Tuesday about Barry Kokotilo of the University of Alberta football team who went 197 yards for a touchdown. You might realize further that would have him scaling the south fence in Thunderbird stadium and ending up somewhere on 16th Avenue. We actually meant to say he went 107 yards for a touchdown.

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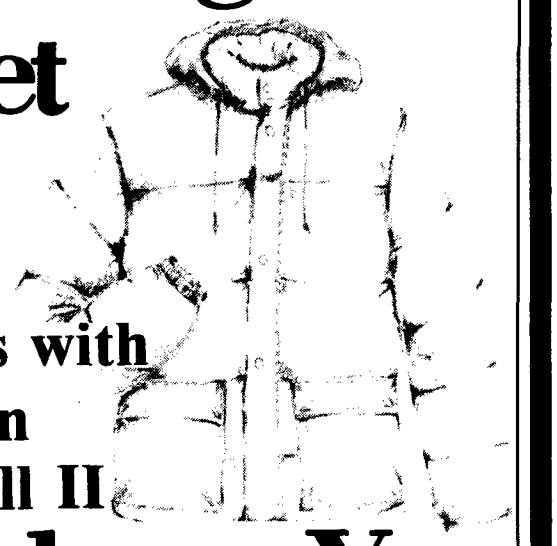

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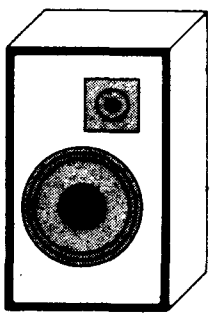

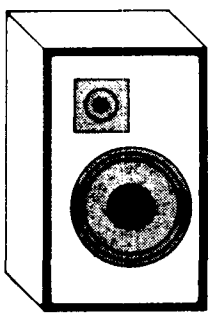

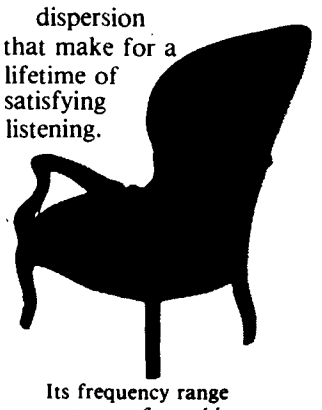

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Do you bank on apartheid?

By ART KILGOUR
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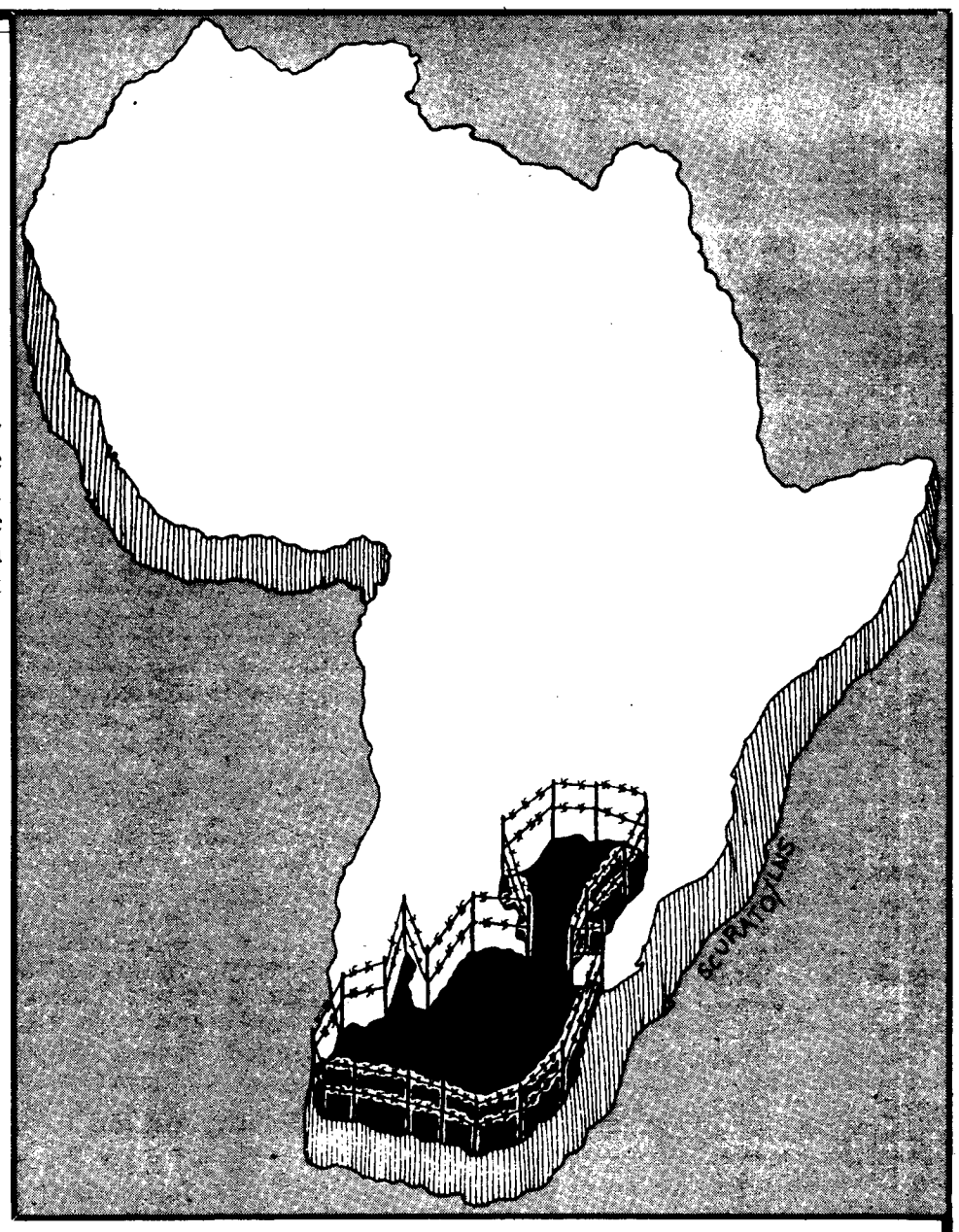
for CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS

South Africa is the chartered bank's best friend.

Like Canada, the republic of South Africa has an economy dominated by foreign capital, and dependent on world trade for economic well-being. The United States alone has between 250 and 400 companies operating in South Africa. Canada's Massey-Ferguson, Alcan, Ford of Canada, Falconbridge Mines and George Weston Ltd. all have branches in South Africa. Canada still obtains 30 per cent of its sugar from South Africa — our trade deficit with the republic is in the millions of dollars.



Bank loans to South Africa have been a very important part of that country's continued stability. An April 1979 United Nations report showed that $5.5 billion in international loans went to South Africa between 1972 and 1978 inclusive.

The top five Canadian chartered banks have all participated in loans to South Africa. Frequent recipients are the government-owned South African Iron and Steel Corporation, the Electricity Supply Commission and the republic of South Africa itself.

These bank loans are crucial to South Africa. As former president John Vorster has stated: 'Each new trade agreement, each bank loan, each new investment is another brick in the wall of our continued existence'.

Moreover, South Africa's economy is not in the best of shape. The central problem is that the South African government, faced with successful liberation struggles in Angola and Mozambique, and growing resistance in the illegally occupied Namibia, and in the republic itself, has increased its military spending dramatically. In 1978, military spending in South Africa accounted for 45 per cent of the government budget, as opposed to a 'mere' 29 per cent in 1963.

This has had dire effects on the republic's economy: the purchase of foreign arms is a drain on their trade balance, and does nothing to stimulate the economy in other sectors.

It is international loans that help keep the economy on its feet, and allow for this military spending. Facing bankruptcy in August 1976, the government received further loans. One of the loans granted that year was a $200 million loan to the state owned Electricity Supply Commission, in which Canadian banks participated.

Shockingly, that loan allowed ESCOM to purchase two nuclear reactors from France. The purchase of these reactors brings South Africa one step closer to having a complete nuclear program that includes nuclear weapons capacity. Andries Visser, of the South African Atomic Energy Commission, makes clear the importance of this capacity to the apartheid system:

"We should have such a bomb to prevent aggression from loud-mouthed Afro-Asiatic states. Money is no problem, such a bomb is available."

Canadian churches in particular have raised concern about the effect of Canadian bank loans to South Africa:

"It is our considered opinion that bank loans to South Africa at this time strengthen apartheid, and back white minority rule . . . Canadian banks have become partners in apartheid, partners in South African racism," Rev. Timothy Smith told Toronto's task force on churches and corporate responsibility.

South Africa is a large country with enormous mineral resources. Relative to most developing nations, it has a highly sophisticated financial and technical infrastructure.

South Africa accounts for 70 per cent of world gold production, and contains 60 per cent of the world's known gold reserves. It also owns 20 per cent of the world's uranium, 83 per cent of the world's platinum and 74 per cent of the world's chromium. The recent changes in gold trade (with prices higher than ever) and the importance of platinum (used in the manufacture of pollution-reducing catalytic converters) make these figures particularly impressive.

Also, South Africa is seen by the United States as a significant country in the world balance of power. To the U.S. South Africa has a regional importance in stemming the 'communist tide', and in keeping southern Africa as a whole a hinterland to be exploited by the U.S. multinational corporations based in South Africa.

South Africa, then, has quite a few cards of its own to play. Thus, outside peoples and nations are limited in the strategies they can employ in fighting apartheid. Next to an immediate move towards a complete oil embargo to South Africa, the most effective action is probably the cessation of further bank loans to South Africa.

A complete loan boycott would force South Africa to alter its spending priorities almost immediately. In 1976, international bank loans accounted for 32 per cent of total foreign investment. To avoid massive inflation, the government would have to cancel some important projects, slowing the economic growth essential for the health of the South African economy . . . and the survival of apartheid.

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Thus, much of the international citizens protest against apartheid has focused on ending bank loans to South Africa. The task force on churches and corporate responsibility, (an ecumenical interchurch group) held discussions with Canadian banks for more than two years in an attempt to get them to agree on a policy of 'no bank loans to South Africa'.

Yet each of the five banks involved has refused to endorse such a policy. (The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, The Bank of Montreal, The Bank of Nova Scotia, and The Royal Bank have all made loans to South Africa.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has had the ignorance to claim its loans are purely business decisions into which political factors much not enter.

The Toronto-Dominion Bank claims that loans to South Africa liberalize and ease apartheid. Yet this denies the past 30 years of South African history: repression has increased dramatically, as have international bank loans.

The Bank of Montreal points to the statements of black South African church 'leaders' against the disinvestment campaigns. Yet closer examination reveals that many of these 'leaders' are hand-picked puppets of the white regime. Moreover, the government of South Africa considers any attempt to 'discourage, hamper, deter, and/or prevent foreign investment in the economy of the republic' to be tantamount to 'terrorism'.

In protest, Canadian citizens are writing letters of complaint to bank managers, and are withdrawing, or 'disinvesting' money from these five banks.

The withdrawal of one student's savings of $1,000, or the withdrawal of a university account from the offending banks might seem like a small step in the face of the horrors of South Africa's racism. Indeed, even the refusal by a Canadian bank towards a South African loan request would not topple the apartheid system. A bank loan embargo will only be completely effective if the majority of banks participate.

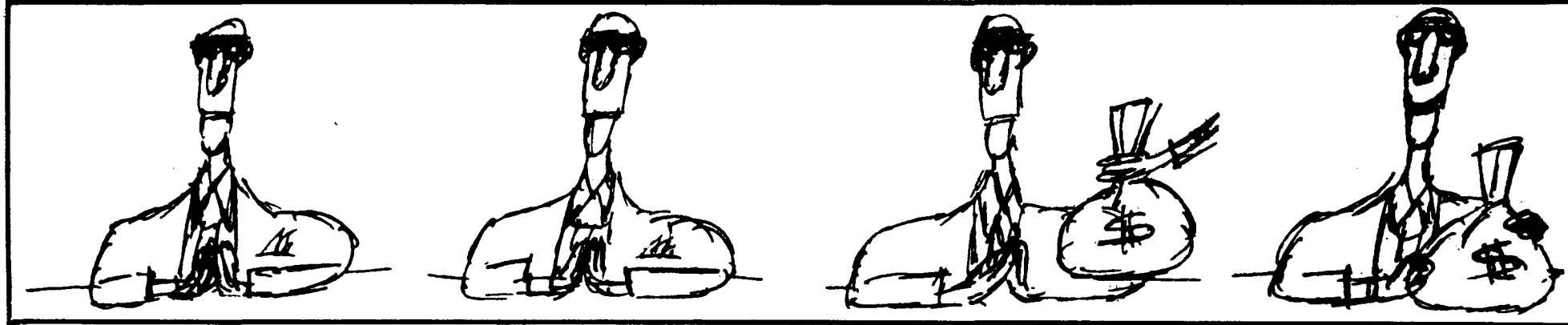
What is at issue here is much more than the domination of South Africa's black people by its white people. The issue at the heart of the disinvestment campaigns is one of control: the banks in which we entrust our money are not answerable to us but only to themselves.

We have little voice in the decisions being made by these managers — decisions which have dramatic effects on people's lives, and on the economic system of the whole world. Moreover, the chartered banks have put themselves in the position of being indispensible to society: many of our large institutions have nowhere else to go for the services that they require.

Thus, as one analyst put it, "the focus of the disinvestment campaign is more domestic and political than international and economic'. The aim of the campaign is the politicization of the Canadian public, specifically the complicity of Canadian banks in South Africa's oppression of blacks, and the role of banks in society generally.

What is called for is clear, moral decision against apartheid and oppression. It is a call for all ethical persons to withdraw their money from the chartered banks, and to place them in the credit unions, where the money is controlled by the customers, and 80 per cent of the money stays in the local area.

Are you banking on apartheid?



As a Canadian I find apartheid abhorrent to my democratic sensibilities.

And, as a businessman I see super-profits a direct result of that vicious system!

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I spend them as fast as I can!