

Socred hacks usurp Dailly

Education minister Eileen Dailly is being controlled by a department of Socred bureaucrats who effectively undermine her few definite policies, two of five fired education department researchers said Sunday.

Jean Burgess and Marguerite Reed said Dailly has allowed herself to be controlled by the bureaucrats and her advisors because they represent the same educational elite to which she belongs.

And this means she has allowed a wedge to be driven between her and the public she was elected to represent, the fired research and development division members said.

"She (Dailly) said recently she was beginning to learn real educational change can only come about in 10 years," Burgess said.

"The implication was that you have to prepare the public well for any change and you have to try to slip something through on them."

"But our investigations have

shown that the public — the parents, teachers and kids — are wanting some sort of change because the current system is so unsatisfactory.

"So what she's saying is the bureaucrats have told her the public won't accept ready change. That translates into a statement that the bureaucrats will only accept gradual change."

"And, in saying that, she's reneging on a promise she made to all the people of the province to represent them and fight for them. Instead she's representing a small elite of higher-ups — those on top."

This blind reliance on the

bureaucrats hired during the previous Social Credit administration under former minister Donald Broders allows them to control whatever information she is given, Burgess said.

But the Socred bureaucrats have a stake in seeing that past education policy continues, she said, because change is an implicit admission of wrong policies in the past.

And they are unable to grasp newer and more modern methods of applying the few policies Dailly has forwarded, she said.

"So things go wrong," Burgess

said. "And the bureaucrats go to Eileen and say they have had this and that problem in implementing policies."

"The minister then says she doesn't know what to do and the bureaucrats can't help her, because they have applied the only solution they see. Even though it's been applied to totally different ends than intended."

"So the minister backs off in confusion, afraid of adverse public reaction."

Reed said the recent confused abandonment, of the provincial policy to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio is one prime example.

She said the program was first started after representations from the B.C. Teachers' Federation and its president Jim McFarlane. The BCTF urged, generally, more individualized attention for certain school children.

Reed said the federation wasn't referring to lower class sizes for every B.C. school child.

"They were saying there has to be a judgment made about there individualized attention — which can be translated as smaller class size — is needed," she said.

They actually meant more attention had to be given to materially-deprived children in the East End in preference to materially and culturally provided children in West Vancouver, she said.

"But the old bureaucracy has one basic policy and that is we serve all the people equally, so we should apply all the money equally across the province."

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TOO MUCH GREENERY seems to be the operating procedure for physical plant as yet more vegetation returns to its maker. Recently green around SUB was torn up for dirt and shrubs and cement

walkways. Workers here look like they're digging a large grave but whether it's for this tree or not wasn't known to fotog.

Big budget doesn't expand programs

By MARK BUCKSHON

Next year's multi-million dollar university budget increases won't bring expanded programs or benefits to students, several university officials and students said Monday.

The provincial budget released Friday proposes a threefold increase in student aid — to \$12 million next year from \$4.5 million this year.

It also says universities will get \$150.2 million for operating costs, a 26 per cent increase from this year's \$119.1 million operating grants.

But the officials and students say the increased figures partly represent book-juggling and will be largely absorbed by large enrolment increases and increases in wages and material costs.

They also expressed concern about restrictions in capital (building) grants which will only increase \$1 million to \$12 million from \$11 million this year.

Specific budget figures for UBC, Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria will be decided by the B.C. Universities

council at meetings later this year. The new universities act gives the council the power to apportion the total government grants to the three universities as it wishes.

Byron Hender, UBC student financial aid officer, said the \$8.5 million student aid increase mainly represents a provincial government underbudgeting last year and may come with a tightening of aid rules next year.

"From where we sit, there seems too many students who are not making as substantial an effort to pay their own way as they might," Hender said. He said Victoria officials are becoming concerned that students are using bursary money to buy expensive cars and take European vacations and said they may begin a crack-down on loan applications.

Jake van der Kamp, Alma Mater Society president-elect, and Bob Buckingham, president of the National Union of Students, both said they are pleased with the financial aid budget increases but did not dispute Hender's less positive explanation.

Van der Kamp said he doesn't like the restrictions of capital budget increases. "It's just not enough money," he said. "We'll be stuck with all kinds of shipshod arrangements."

The universities had asked for

about \$35 million for new buildings, including student residences at SFU and UVic.

Van der Kamp said UBC's administration is forced to build unattractive buildings such as the

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Students dispute Rohringer

UBC housing director Leslie Rohringer has told provincial rentalsman Barrie Clark that most UBC residence students support his proposed 18 to 25 per cent residence rent increases.

Fourteen hundred residence students say he's wrong.

A group of residence students armed with a petition bearing 1,424 signatures will urge the board of governors at its meeting today to look for alternative means of financing the proposed increases.

The petition, signed by almost half of UBC's residence students, urges the board to investigate

alternative means of funding student housing.

Rohringer's statement to Clark came in a letter to the rentalsman dated Feb. 21 which said most students prefer to be exempt from the Landlord and Tenant Act and the 10.6 per cent rent increase ceiling. A copy of the letter was received by The Ubysey Monday.

The letter was also read out at a Monday night general meeting of residence students attended by about 20 people who decided to take the petition to the board.

The letter states that "the feeling of the duly elected student

governments in the single areas (of residence) is that the present arrangement under the Board of Governor's Act and the existing advisory committees with my Department, provide an input for them, which they seem to prefer."

"They are also concerned that the rate increase proposed, ... should not be limited to 10.6 per cent as they feel that the low increases in the past was (sic) in part responsible for the present no reserve-deficit situation ... If dissident groups force the issue, and your office would need to rule

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Rent 'blackmail' cited

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limiting our proposed increase, this would only aggravate our deficit situation for a longer period."

Rohringer was unavailable for comment Monday.

Brian Dougherty, a member of the joint residence committee, told the meeting Rohringer had overstated student opposition to the act in his letter, though he did concede there was opposition.

He said Rohringer had told the committee that if the 10.6 per cent limit was applied to residences, students would have to pay a year's rent as opposed to the eight month's rent they currently pay.

"It was more or less a blackmail situation," Dougherty said.

McClelland offer spurned

Publisher Jack McClelland's offer here last week to sell his company to the students of Canada was greeted unenthusiastically Monday by a spokesman for the National Union of Students.

NUS general secretary Bob Buckingham said that as long as McClelland offers no editorial control to students, NUS isn't interested.

"If students owned it and all it was doing was producing trash, there would be no sense in owning it," Buckingham said.

In offering to sell McClelland and Stewart Publishers to Canadian student societies for \$3 million, McClelland told a UBC audience Wednesday the company management would retain editorial control.

"If he doesn't want that (for students) then I guess he isn't serious," Buckingham said.

McClelland's proposal was for students to raise about \$3 million for a deposit in a non-profit foundation. McClelland would then give the company to the foundation.

Nadine McDonnell, a committee member and former Place Vanier residence association president, said the committee didn't really want the act to apply to residences, at least until members have studied the implications of the act.

According to Dougherty, "everything here (in the letter) is true, it's just that he forgot half of it."

"He changes things a bit," he said.

Hossein Jalali, an organizer of the petition, said an 18 to 25 per cent increase is simply too much for students.

"Whether it is justified is a whole other issue," he said.

"From the point of view of students, we don't want increases. They are too much for students," he said.

"If the rates keep going up we'll go back to the good old days where only the rich could afford university," said one residence student at the meeting.

McDonnell said the increases would be harmful because they may set a pattern for off-campus rent increases.

"It would be difficult to hold the 10.6 per cent limit off campus if there was a 25 per cent increase on campus," she said.

She said the eight months rent students pay actually pays for 12 months of the mortgage on residences.

"Should students be penalized because the university is not operated to economically run residences all year round?" she said.

Jalali said it was up to the board to find whether other means of funding student housing were available.

Meanwhile, a letter to the board

of governors from the Gage liaison committee, consisting of 14 students, claims rents would actually be higher if the 10.6 per cent ceiling was applied to student residences.

The letter claims students would have to pay for eight months of residency, even though few students stay in residence during the Christmas break. Under the act, students would be paying \$737 per month, while under the proposed increases of 17 to 25 per cent, rent would only be \$710 per month, the letter says.

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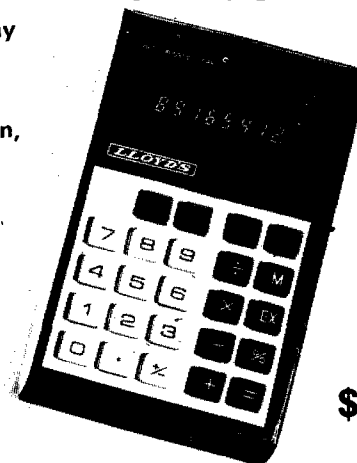
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Fearful Dailly dropped programs

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"That's ridiculous, because it in effect widens the gap between the poor and the rich," she said.

But Reed said the decision meant a \$20 million budget was divided evenly among the school districts, which had to scramble among their upper echelons to allocate the money.

Most came up with the obvious



Brothers . . . he set it up.

solution of hiring more teachers, which meant also they needed more classrooms, she said.

Dailly was therefore swamped with proposals asking for increased capital budgets — a fiscal impossibility — to pay for classroom construction.

And she subsequently, abandoned the decreased pupil-teacher ratio in horror at the increased requests, Reed said, leaving the school districts and university education facilities which had planned to turn out more teachers, in the front.

"This is what happens when the bureaucracy tries to deal with new policies," she said. "It fucks them up and dumps the mess on Eileen."

"She's afraid of adverse public reaction and is screened from any alternative solution by the bureaucracy, which has explored the only method it sees of operating the policy and tells her the policy has failed. So she abandons it and screws everyone up."

Reed said another example of the bureaucratic bungling was the whole provincial universities policy. She said Dailly originally intended to draft an act which made the universities more accountable to the community and the students, faculty and staff at the universities.

She hired advisor John Bremer, but abandoned him when he

clashed with old-style bureaucrats and raised some flak.

She then allowed the act to fall into bureaucratic hands, and her desire for public accountability was translated into an other lever of bureaucracy, Reed said.

"She made it worse than before by putting in another level of governance — the universities, council, which is made up of more of the same."

She said they also instituted tokenism on the boards of governors through election of some student, faculty and staff representatives.

And finally, her call for more relevance at the university, to be effected through increased grants to "progressive programs," allows the bureaucracy to determine which program is progressive.

Burgess said the best example of the separation between Dailly and her policies is the research and development division itself.

She said Dailly originally set up the division to research proposals in her white paper into educational reform.

It would be answerable to deputy minister Jack Fleming and con-

But first the division was removed from Fleming's control and placed under the supervision of the provincial management committee, made up of Fleming and the seven department superintendents.

This move came after pressure from the superintendents, who told Fleming they wanted to be involved in division research which might conceivably affect their policy, she said.

Rather than reflecting the bureaucracy's suggesting, which was motivated by a desire to control the division's research, Fleming knuckled under to the pressure, she said.

"He obviously, in this first case, let them direct him," Burgess said.

So she said division research was stifled by the other bureaucracy, which rarely allowed their information to get to Eileen Dailly.

"In the final months she in fact avoided hearing anything about us because of the controversy over Stan's (division head Stanley Knight's) firing.

"She heard only through rumours of our activities."



Barrett . . . what to do.

education in a "socio-economic context."

She said the group insisted on investigating the relationship of housing, the law, health and jobs to school in the province.

But she said bureaucrats within the department are long-time specialists who look at education in isolation from the rest of society.

She said the division was investigating the relationship between high unemployment among the young and skipping out in school. They found students often don't attend classes because they feel the classes won't prepare them for a job.

But when investigating discipline and attendance problems in school, the other bureaucrats insist on a "back to the basics" program, she said.

She said the whole situation eventually deteriorated to an "us-them" relationship between the bureaucracy and the research division.

And Dailly, she said, allied herself with "them."

"And 'them' certainly isn't the people of this province," Reed said.

"There's a clear separation."

Two ed researchers plan union appeals

Education department researchers Ken Novakowski and Jack Hutton will appeal their dismissals through the B.C. Government Employees Union, union spokesman Cliff Andstein said Sunday.

Andstein said the two will file appeals against what he termed their "wrongful dismissal" from the education department's research and development division last Thursday.

He said reasons given in the dismissal letters from deputy education minister Jack Fleming are "incomplete."

"There are charges made in the letter, but they have not been substantiated in any way," Andstein said in an interview from his home.

He said no precedent exists for government workers appealing

dismissal at the end of their six-month probationary period, as Novakowski and Hutton will do.

But he said the union's first contract was only signed last year "and there's really been no similar case since then."

The two cannot discuss their firings or the case will immediately be lost under government appeal regulations which prohibit consultation with a lawyer or the press, he said.

But three other researchers — George Smith, Marguerite Reed and Jean Burgess — have said they will take their case to the public.

Division head Stanley Knight was fired six weeks ago from his management position as research and development division head at the end of his probationary period.

Because of his position in management, appeal procedures have not been established.



Bennett . . . it started under him.

duct field research about progressive educational methods, she said.

These activities were threatening to the bureaucrats because of their different direction than past research, she said.

The old bureaucracy dealt with the high-level educational establishment, including school superintendents and principals, she said, while the radical division interpreted the white paper to mean it should deal with the public.

"We were in a situation where the bureaucracy wanted to know what changes we conceived of as being necessary at first," Burgess said.

"We answered that precisely what these changes were to be should be established by the people in the school districts.

"We said we were prepared to tell them how we were going to go about asking people and where we were to go, because some very specific priorities were outlined in the white paper.

"But we couldn't anticipate what the response would be."

She said the group also alienated the bureaucracy by tackling

'Hot' LG faces TV, concert cuts

A B.C. Federation of Labor declaration of strike-bound radio station CKLG as "hot" will probably mean 'LG-FM will stop being broadcast on cable TV channel 8, a Fed spokesman said Monday.

But apart from that the declaration has little practical effect except to increase pressure on the station, said Fed researcher Clive Lytle.

However, a spokesman for striking local 686 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees raised the possibility Monday that the 'LG-sponsored Led Zeppelin concert scheduled for March 19 and 20 at the PNE Coliseum could be cancelled as a result of the declaration.

"If the declaration of CKLG as 'hot' continues, the concert will not take place," union business agent Richard Hughes said.

"I'm not saying it's (definitely) going to be cancelled," he said. "All ('LG general manager) Don Hamilton has to do is sit down for a conciliatory compromise agreement."

PNE public relations director Jack Lee said the effects of the "hot" declaration would have to be discussed with Concerts West, which is promoting the concert with 'LG.

"We don't want to become involved in a strike," he said.

The declaration, made Friday, does not cover 'LG advertisers, and Lytle said he was not in a position to comment on whether such a declaration might be forthcoming.

However, he said the Fed has formally asked advertisers to withdraw their spots from 'LG and "it would be an intelligent guess to speculate that there might be some kind of campaign against those that don't."

Lytle said the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which does technical servicing for the various Lower Mainland cable TV companies, has asked the companies to withdraw 'LG from channel 6.

But he said that because a radio station does not use outside union labor other than postal and telephone workers, a hot declaration, in which union labor refuses to service the "hot" company or product, does not have a far-reaching effect.

Management personnel have been picking up 'LG mail and B.C. Tel has been sending supervisors to service the station since workers have not crossed picket lines, Lytle said.

30 OFY ideas go to Ottawa

UBC students have submitted to the federal government about 30 Opportunities For Youth summer project ideas, an increase over last year, an OFY spokesman said Monday.

Bob Freer said several of the applications came from the music faculty and about three were from law students. But he said it is "impossible to say right now what they are all about as they have not all been summarized and filed."

The spokesman said the project ideas will go through provincial selection committees and then to Ottawa where MPs and a selection committee will make the final decisions.

He said UBC students should know whether their projects have been approved or rejected by the third week of April.

The Pit and the . . . Hic hic

Just think of all the bad puns you could make out of the new name for the SUB hard-liquor facility.

"That's the Lethe of your worries," a friend could console.

"Lethe we forget," War Memorial Gymers could intone.

Why even Joni Mitchell cum Francophone freaks could glide about mumbling "I would walk out those doorth and wander/down the Champth E-Lethe. . ."

That's what everyone could say. But they probably won't because a) who'll remember the name and b) who outside of Malcolm McGregor can pronounce it?

So the staff of The Ubysssey, being sensible souls, has decided to call it hereafter by the logical name of the Pendulum.

Apart from the catchiness of the name, its inherent tonal qualities and general all-around memorability, one of our staffers was among the 20 who submitted the name in the first place.

And if his name is the one drawn, he'll treat us all to a beer. After all, it is the Lethe he could do.

Letters

Feeding the hungry

David Wilkinson addressed a letter to what he called the "humanitarians" who are trying to find ways to feed all the people on the earth.

His main complaints were: feeding the hungry of the world will only permit the procreation of more mouths for us to feed; and: the Western world should get out of the third world and nature should not be tampered with, so it can take care of the problems there.

The idea that nature should be set free to take care of the problems of the world seems a falsely nostalgic kind of sentiment.

In a world in which man can harness so much power and technology and in which nature has in fact been tempered with in order to make it life-supporting, the idea of "not tampering with nature" seems an empty kind of thought and a shallow skirting of the issue.

The other aspect of this argument was that the Western world should remove itself from the third world in terms of its aid and development programs.

Now here it is a lot easier to agree with you. A lot of the feeling of the third world is that it must learn to function without depending on the West.

The problem that you overlook is that the Western world has been and is exploiting the third world by creating a situation in which the third world functions as a kind of open pit of raw materials for Western consumption.

For example, great areas of land which could be growing practical foods are being used for the production of coffee and cocoa, non-nutritious luxury items for the West.

It is produced because the West has control of the world trade market. And the West's control of trade has been largely exploitative, based upon a system where the fickleness of supply and demand can totally ruin the infrastructure and life of a village or area.

And it is based on a code of self-interest in which personal affluence is more important than everyday eating.

In other words, I would like to suggest that, initially, the world food problem has been created by

Western trade policies and practice.

Your complaints are based upon the one great fear that the world will be overrun by an exploding population. You suggest that the third world be taught how to stop population growth.

Well I think they know, but being told by the wealthy white West might be a bit offensive to them.

Anyway, right now in their agricultural community situation there is more security in producing children so the family can survive as an economic unit.

Instead, perhaps if the death rate were lowered because of better living conditions, we will also see the birth rate go down.

In the industrialized wealthy United States the birth rate has levelled off at zero (to many people's consternation.)

As it has been said many times throughout the Bread for the World conference, perhaps it is the unjust distribution of wealth which creates shortages, not overpopulation.

The waste in the West should point quickly to the reason for shortage in the third world.

Perhaps the "humanitarians" you are so angry about are those who are uncovering the myths we create about the problems of this world and in this case perhaps they may be able to help us release ourselves from a fearful, protective society and a hoarding mentality.

Doug Todd
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Solution

I was disappointed by your reply to both David Wilkinson's letter on the "solution to the population problem" and your editorial reply.

"Effective birth control" is one of the oldest and most worn cliches on overpopulation in developing countries.

Do these science students not realize that even if birth control were instigated in every hamlet in the world, and resulted in zero population growth, these overpopulated nations would still be overpopulated and starving?

In fact overpopulation merely implies that the nation is unable to provide for its indigenous population, but that does not mean we as a world community could not provide for these starving people.

One of the more unfortunate attitudes that has developed in our history was the Malthusian system of population growth.

Thomas Malthus, a young English monk, theorized that the only impediments to human overpopulation were death, disease and warfare.

Note that this was in an age without modern technology and, yes, contraceptive devices.

This system has since been taken up by innumerable people as self-justification. They say we cannot feed them, as they will only breed further, resulting in ultimate starvation.

Bullshit. The truth is at this point we have the resources to feed them!

This has become shockingly clear, especially in view of the past Bread for the World conference.

Have these people who are willing to suffer the personal anguish of "letting the poor, suffering wogs die rather than letting them breed to starvation in any case," ever bothered to show any interest or human concern by even attending the conference, debates or panels, or even to read The Ubysssey?

The problem is one of maldistribution and we must face this fact.

If we are truly as concerned as we pretend, we will have to give up our high standard of living since the entire world could not live at our standard at this time without exhausting the world's resources.

We easily consume four or five times as much energy as the average Pakistani or Bengali,

certainly eat nearly twice as much and have a more negative effect on the earth. Who is really overpopulated in these terms?

We need to devote more time and money and sacrifices on a personal level to solve this problem, and whether you consider yourself a visionary, humanist, Christian, Utopian, socialist or communist, you have an implied responsibility in the solution of this problem.

Now is the time that we will decide on the future of this world.

Will we remain the well-armed rich?

Or will we develop a more humane approach and not fear for our wealth and style of life?

Will there be a new sense of global community, or disaster unprecedented in our time?

You decide.
Mason Dixon
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Kimball

By Chomsky, I do think it quaint that the profs we want tenured just ain't.

Yet a prof that is poor
And miserably rated,
Whose course is a bore
Cos the content's so dated,
Is tenured although
The students cry, "No" . . .
I B damned if I don't think that's quaint.

a complaint
from linguistics
name withheld

Grad class

Suppose there was an organization on campus that had over \$20,000 in student funds. Further, suppose that the students who contributed to this fund had no choice in the matter; that it was obligatory to pay into the fund in order to register in fourth year here at UBC.

Finally, suppose in addition that in order to protect said students, the organization was not allowed by its constitution to spend any money without the majority consent of a written secret ballot of those students, excepting if the money was earmarked explicitly for a social event of some kind.

Now, answer three simple questions:

(1) Do you believe that for expedience this organization should take it upon itself to spend \$5,000 of that money without the consent of any such ballot?

(2) Do you further believe that a meeting of approximately one-half of the legally required quorum of 10 per cent of those students (i.e. about 5 per cent in all) should, in addition to approving the \$5,000 expenditure, carry out constitutional amendments which allow them to spend an additional \$5,000 and then seize on these amendments at the same meeting to spend an additional \$3,000.

(3) Given that both of the above acts were unconstitutional and hence illegal and that they were both carried out in full knowledge of such by a small group of whooping, cheering members of what I might call the 'fraternity faculties' would you tacitly approve these actions by 'looking the other way'?

If you answered 'no' to any of these questions, then you understand my feelings as regard the grad class. If you answered 'yes' to all three, then you don't. It's that simple.

Fortunately, at a special meeting on Friday, the grad class council voted to accept an offer of compromise which I feel protects students' interests without unnecessary obstruction. This was a responsible decision and the Council is to be commended for taking such action.

However, I hope that the basic point which I intended to make concerning the rights of an individual in an organization will not soon be forgotten.

Ron Walls
ams science rep

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Social democracy

Can they ever meet?



300 leftists flay social democracy

By JAN O'BRIEN

Social democracy will not lead to socialism.

This, if anything, was the consensus of the 300 leftists of various leanings including the left wing of the New Democratic party, Trotskyist parties and the different independent left positions who flocked to the second conference of the B.C. Committee on Socialist Studies last weekend to examine social democracy in power.

Early in the conference it became apparent that the central question — can social democracy lead to socialism? — had been answered in the negative. But conference participants failed to go on from there to discuss what other means would bring about socialism.

"We've analyzed social democracy but we haven't come up with a solution . . . of how socialists in the NDP and out can work together for socialism," concluded left wing NDP MLA Harold Steeves.

"It is very easy for everyone to agree that social democracy is bankrupt," noted conference organizer Phil Resnick.

In answering the strategic question of the conference, Resnick said, two views of social democracy had come forward in the social democracy in power workshop.

"The NDP is a good deal better than nothing. In some sense the NDP represents capitalism with a more human face," Resnick said in summing up the feelings of some of the workshop participants.

On the other side, "social democracy is the furthest thing from socialism and even as capitalism with a human face it didn't go far enough and capitalism still has an ugly face," he said.

Reports from the other seminars indicated that much the same discussions had gone on and similar conclusions were reached.

The trade union seminar attempted to resolve three questions: the relation between trade unions and social democratic governments, the nature of the trade union movement and the role to be played by socialists within trade unions.

The NDP represents all people therefore it represses the working class at times and all the trade union movement can expect and demand is to be left alone, reported Steve Garrod.

On the nature of the trade union movement the group concluded that it fought only for its own membership, was in favor of capitalism over nationalization of industry, along with social democrats mediated the fight between capitalism and working class and strong unions and organized labor were making high wages at the expense of unorganized workers.

The five or six socialist tendencies represented at the workshop were able to agree that a revolutionary has an obligation to work within the trade union movement, Garrod said. However, no conclusion could be reached on the most effective strategy.

The feminism and socialism workshop bogged down and was unable to overcome a basic dichotomy. One group, in the main members of the NDP, believed that women formed a separate class and working for legislative change through a social democratic party was the most effective means of beginning to bring about women's liberation and another believed women were part of other classes and the only way to achieve liberation was by changing the power structure of capitalist society.

The health workshop concluded that the

NDP had in practice been oppressive to many health workers and little progressive change in social terms had occurred within the health field.

This group decided it would carry on discussion and attempt concrete action by forming the Vancouver Health Group which will meet March 15 at 1 p.m. at 1456 Gravelly.

The law seminar also got down to discussing actual policies and steps taken by a social democratic government by examining the Justice Development Committee of the B.C. NDP government, the Landlord and Tenant Act, the Human Rights Act and the Trade Practice Act.

The justice committee gives the pretext of change but in effect simplifies the job of the government, court and police, said Bob Bellows of the law union.

There were certain features common to all the legislation, he said. They emphasized mediation by the government bureaucracy, an inability of individuals to compel bureaucracy to move, ineffective or no appeals and atomization of the individual.

"The role of lawyers at this time is to educate and assist other groups in the community," Bellows said. "Social democracy diffuses the struggle and clarifies issues."

This tired theme had been repeated time and again throughout the conference.

Social democratic governments have not and will not alter the power structure of capitalist society and in fact are an obstacle to achieving socialism, panelist Mort Briemberg said.

A dictatorship of the proletariat is the only alternative to capitalism, he said.

"Revolution is the easiest way," he said several times. "Social democracy sees that

the move to socialism can be made peacefully. It misleads people about the nature of the change.

"It is an obstacle which must be systematically exposed, attacked and an alternative communist party must be built," Briemberg said.

However, the conference participants and in particular disillusioned New Democrats failed to take up his point. The NDPers present did not try to explain why as socialists they continued to work in a party that was not socialist and instead fell back on the argument that party policy was different from government policy.

UBC chemistry professor Norm Epstein summed it all up when he said at the end of the conference: "Everything has been left hanging. Strategy has not been discussed."

"Everyone has disassociated from the reformism of social democracy. But it is important not to disassociate from the democratic aspects of social democracy," Epstein said* attempting to provoke discussion.

He said democratic centralism and the theory of the vanguard as developed by Lenin had been the ideology of a whole series of events since Lenin's disassociation from social democracy.

Epstein warned that even if Leninism abolished private enterprise it didn't abolish class society but reproduced the hierarchy of capitalism.

"The critical thing if committed to socialism is how to develop organs of dual power," Epstein said.

However, the socialists at the conference could get no more critical than was necessary to uncover the deficiencies in social democracy.



Briemberg . . . revolution easiest way.

NDP no friend of the worker

By RICHARD YATES

Social democrats such as New Democrats are not able to further the interests of the working class was the common agreement of a weekend Socialist conference session on the working class and social democracy.

The two panelists differed only in what attitude to take toward social democracy.

Mort Briemberg, one of the members of a collective that publishes the local left-wing paper, Western Voice, asserted that social democracy is not even a step in the direction toward socialism. It is an obstacle to the achievement of the interests of the working class.

As he put it in one of his colorful epigrams: "Backdoor socialism no more meets the need of the workers than backstreet abortionists meet the needs of women."

Sharon Yandle, a union organizer, did not take a militant socialist stand like Briemberg's. Instead she asked some very serious questions about the realism and intellectual honesty of the people participating in the conference.

Principally she attacked the stereotypes generally used by socialists. The phrase "the working class" is used far too often with far too little critical thought about what it means. Too frequently it is taken as referring to male, blue-collar, skilled, organized, and class-conscious males. Put this way it is immediately obvious that it leaves out many in the work force, especially women, she stated.

Yandle also attacked the view that "social democrats were men in expensive suits doing politics in the back rooms and who, by their presence on the political scene, keep the working class from going to the barricades to obtain real social change."

She pointed out that contrary to how socialists wanted the working people to see the situation, the working people by and large still do believe in social democracy. In the light of this, the revolutionary rhetoric and the self-beknighted title to being the "vanguard" of the proletariat, which various factions of socialists take up, are misguided.

In a very crucial piece of realistic analysis, Yandle pointed out that the people choose their own leaders. All talk of leading or misleading the workers misses the point. As she sees it, until there is more real knowledge of what the working class encompasses and what social democracy does and how it appeals to the workers, the socialists will make very little real progress.

It was quite interesting that throughout the conference very little real discussion went on. Most speeches were full of socialist platitudes addressed to a congregation of the converted. From time to time someone in the audience would point out that the conference was not getting down to specifics.

This observation applied especially to the panel discussion on the working class. Nobody defended or attacked Yandle's

criticisms. Despite the very real differences of opinion between Briemberg and Yandle, they did not attempt to argue their positions in public.

This failure to communicate cut right to the bottom. The conference was meant to address the theme social democracy in power, but almost no discussion was made of what the NDP governments have or have not done. What little that was said came from members of the government and was greeted by a knee-jerk reaction of scepticism and cynicism.

In the panel discussion on the working class and social democracy the only reference to the NDP government was made by Yandle.

She restricted herself to two quick observations: they have not recognized the reality of women's lives, and under government legislation, women are treated as equals only so long as they live and act as men.

Clearly this is inadequate. Both statements are left at the level of general observation instead of being brought down to specific laws, government actions, or statements of intention by government representatives. Without more analysis and more specifics, it is unclear that these two problems are inherent in social democracy.

If the NDP is an obstruction to the realization of the interests of the working class, then a real nuts and bolts discussion of

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Shopkeepers fool theorists

By LESLEY KRUEGER

Social democratic parties are on the rise in developed countries throughout the world, which should make traditional theoreticians blink, according to Simon Fraser University prof Mike Lebowitz.

Lebowitz said social democratic parties are held to be the political organs of the petit bourgeoisie.

And, the past New Democratic Party policy chairman said, the petit bourgeois shopkeepers are gradually becoming extinct in the face of growing corporate control of the economy and the encroachment of a chain-store mentality.



Resnick . . . social democracy bankrupt.

So what explains the contradiction of the rise of social democratic parties and the extinction of the bourgeoisie? Lebowitz asked about 300 people attending the socialist studies conference in SUB last weekend.

The problem lies in peoples' habit of getting hung up on these traditional definitions, Lebowitz said.

"People say if something looks like a duck, it must be a duck, even though reports tell us the duck is extinct," he said.

Instead, he said a new petit bourgeoisie is being secreted by the corporate technosstructure currently controlling society.

The new petit bourgeoisie is in fact the technicians and managers who run the large companies but don't own them, he said.

They have assumed the middle position in society between the workers who are totally alienated from what they produced and the capital itself, Lebowitz contended.

And he said social democratic parties are natural outgrowths of this newly-formed class.

The parties, which are leading the way to state capitalism where the government controls the means of production, reflect the needs of this particular bureaucratic class, he said.

The parties pose no threat to the continued existence of the companies themselves and thus to the jobs and economic security of the new petit bourgeoisie, he said.

In fact they support it, Lebowitz said, by making what John Galbraith has tagged the "technosstructure" more palatable to workers through support of basic human needs.

The human rights policies of social democratic governments — including the B.C. NDP's Mincome and Pharmacare policies — in fact serve to keep workers in their place by granting them their bare minimum needs, he said.

This means the petit bourgeoisie also gets to stay in its comfortable niche, he said. Workers aren't

encouraged to revolt against the technosstructure supporting the petit bourgeoisie because of outrageous living and working conditions.

So he said the basic contradiction in society isn't the traditional Marxist one between the capital — the means of production — and the workers, but between the petit bourgeoisie and the workers.

But another contradiction exists, said Lebowitz. This is the one between the petit bourgeoisie and the technosstructure itself.

He said it is also in the petit bourgeois' interest to push for community control, which will give it a greater say in the running of the corporations.

That's why this policy is part of the basic social democratic demand, he said.

But the policy is not in the interest of the technosstructure itself, which functions most efficiently under a total state-capitalist system, he said.

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Therefore, leftists should work for community control to try to widen the gap between the technosstructure and the petit bourgeoisie, Lebowitz said. This will obviate the contradiction between these two groups and help in the creation of a truly socialist society.

However Lebowitz didn't tackle the topic of the essential contradiction in society as outlined by theoretician Karl Marx, said to be

between the workers and the capitalist class.

In fact, he didn't explore the existence of the capitalist class, preferring to speak of a Galbraithian technosstructure run by technicians forming the petit bourgeoisie, rather than discussing the ultimate owners of the capital.

In this way, he rationalized the basic New Democratic policy thrust to community control of the means of production, saying this could solve the basic contradictions in society and lead to socialism without a revolution.

The whole speech, from a lengthy but necessarily abbreviated text, was read at a speed speaker Walter Young said later would "be the envy of every sportscaster in Canada."

Lebowitz in fact seemed in direct competition with UBC political science prof Phil Resnick, who proceeded him with a paper on the history of social democracy in power read at a comparable clip.

He said investigation has shown social democratic parties make policies that are nationalist rather than class-oriented.

Any reforms made by the parties once in power tend to be toward human rights legislation and minor redistribution of wealth.

But the policies tend to be egalitarian above all, Resnick said, and merely allow "a more humane functioning of capitalism."

In important areas, social democratic governments fail totally. He said nationalization of corporations is kept to a minimum and institution of worker control in factories taken over almost non-existent.

Foreign policy usually shows no change whatsoever from previous Liberal or Conservative parties in power, he said. In Britain, election

of a Labor government led to a more rapid de-colonization than that carried on by the Tory administration.

But that's only because they saw "handwriting on the wall," he said.

On the whole, social democratic governments tend to continue exploitative foreign policies needed to maintain their standard of living and social service policies, he said.

Provincial social democratic parties like those in B.C., Manitoba and Saskatchewan face special constraints because of their relationship with the federal government, Resnick said.

But on the whole, contradictions tend to disappear as social democratic parties in power move into a bureaucratic system of government which discourages possible unacceptable policies, he said.

In all cases this tends to lead to breeches between the parties in power and the party memberships, he said.

But Young, former UBC political science prof and current head of the University of Victoria polisci department, accused Resnick and Lebowitz of using "easy throw-away, left-wing lines" in their analyses.

He said neither appreciate the problems of social democratic governments arriving in power inexperienced in the systems of government. These well-meaning people fall prey to a well-developed bureaucracy, he said.

"As long as you feed yourselves this pre-digested left-wing paper you will accomplish nothing," said Young, exhorting speakers to further specify their objections to social democratic governments.

He didn't further specify the reasons for his support.

Meet lacks substance

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how to open people's eyes to this reality was needed. If the NDP could be seen as an aid to the working class but not the final goal, then a discussion of tactics that would elucidate how to move the NDP as far as it will go and how to prepare the people to push beyond the parliamentary politics of the NDP was in order.

None of this was done.

The conference was unreal for more than just the above reason. On the crudest level, I found the sessions to be a form of intellectual masturbation.

The attempt to tie politics to real people, the great numbers who were not there, was almost non-existent. Yandle was the only panelist who seemed to be realistic on this point. The others kept pushing their line: the "correct" line.

Another complaint I have to make is that the critical faculties

of the participants was either dormant or dead. One issue that needed discussion was workers' control.

Surprisingly enough, this issue which is of crucial importance to many in the working class was not discussed at all in the panel discussion on the working class and social democracy. Also, it was not mentioned in the report from the workshop on trade unions.

The issue did get a fleeting mention in one of the papers read at the opening night of the conference.

The whole of modern labor negotiations is moving from placing demands for more wages to ones that emphasize better workplace conditions. And the latter is more and more seen by the workers to translate into the need for them to see themselves as the ones who must be responsible for production. In its most radical manifestation this means the end to the legal prerequisites of capital.

A discussion of how the socialists at the conference felt toward workers' control would have been very enlightening. This is especially important since it is a well-documented fact that the Russian expression of workers' control, the soviets, were manipulated by the Bolsheviks and finally subjugated to the central control of the party bureaucracy.

Marxist economics desires to rationalize the economy. This too often finds expression in an economic centralism. The socialists at this conference did not address themselves to this problem of the tension between an economic centralism and real workers' control.

What was needed were clear statements by the participants at the conference of what they saw as the role of workers' control within the goal of socialism. It was the failure to answer real and immediate questions such as this that deprived the conference of real substance.

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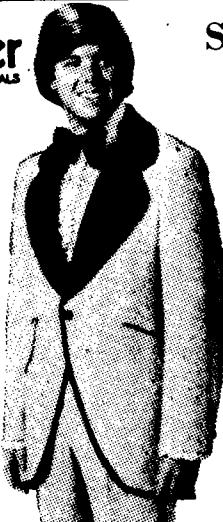
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NDP second defence of capitalism

By KEN DODD

Social democratic governments have leaned too heavily on capitalist institutions and bureaucracies.

Except for a B.C. cabinet minister, participants in a socialist studies conference, seminar Saturday, entitled Economic Policies of Social Democratic Governments, concluded this led to social democratic parties becoming satisfied with reform only.

Panelists Cy Gonick, John Richards and Cliff Andstein agreed that social democratic parties, using NDP governments in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and B.C. as examples, are not achieving a socialist-oriented base from which to build a socialist society — which is supposed to be the basic goal of a social democratic party.

Economic development minister Gary Lauk disagreed, saying such a base is being laid, in B.C. at least.

The major criticism offered by Gonick, Richards and Andstein in their presentations



Lauk ... on the battlefield.

and in subsequent discussion, was basically that the NDP in Canada, and social democratic governments elsewhere, allow themselves to be too dependent upon capitalist institutions and capitalist bureaucrats.

The result, is that the parties are becoming increasingly oriented toward and satisfied with implementing reforms within the capitalist state. They are happy to work within the structures of the state rather than trying to fundamentally change the nature of it.

In this light much criticism was directed toward the fact social democratic parties follow and promote the "economic growthmanship" — the material motive — of

Lauk lashes armchair socialists, defends NDP as socialist party

Gonick, Richards and Andstein all attributed the co-option trend of the NDP at least, to the party's failure to properly develop grass-roots support. They said by using different examples that the party is spending too much time and energy in parliamentary-oriented activities such as electioneering, and not enough doing "extra-parliamentary" work.

Gonick, as did Mordecai Briemberg in another seminar, called for the establishment of a new "socialist-communist-oriented" political party in Canada, which would work toward a revolution, stressing such basic organizing, though also participating in electoral process as a forum to put across their program. Unfortunately, no discussion ensued along this line.

Gonick is the publisher of Canadian Dimension magazine, a University of Manitoba economics professor and a former Manitoba NDP MLA who resigned out of professed disgust with the provincial government headed by Ed Schryer.

He pointed to the manner the Manitoba government's Autopac legislation was implemented in a few years ago as a classic example of the impotence of an NDP government.

Gonick said the legislation is in his opinion "the best thing the Manitoba NDP government has done" to lay some sort of foundation for socialism.

But he said the legislation has indirectly led the government to shy away from trying to legislate any other significant legislation since.

"The government proposed the action then debated it in the legislature," he said. "The government believed it could out-talk the opposition, that they had the numbers and would vote it in and that would be the end of it. But the capitalists know more about extra-parliamentary organization and they organized the largest demonstration since the Winnipeg General Strike to protest the legislation."

The NDP's reaction to this, he said, was classically Parliamentary rather than socialist, trying extra-hard to keep debate limited to the legislature, rather than trying to organize public support of their own.

The result was the government "won the battle but lost the war." They underwent so much trauma introducing the legislation that it has restricted the state from moving into more fields of interest.

He said the government could have weathered the clash if it had placed more emphasis on tapping and developing areas of support within the community that would provide it with initiative and ideas and popular support when needed. Instead he said, party organization withers between elections, the same as in more capitalist-oriented political parties.

Lauk agreed that more grass-roots organization is needed, but defended his government's efforts to establish a socialistic, state-oriented basis in B.C., lashing out at "armchair socialists" who he

"The NDP can now move with more freedom because we have a consensus in this province — something to take over the multi-nationals. It emphasized the point that we will not tolerate any flim-flam from them."

He added that he believes the same impression has been made on multi-national corporations affected by the government's mining and forest legislation.

"The armchair critics say these are minor moves and they are, but they aren't seen as that in the Granite Club or the Vancouver Club, and that reaction is important."

Lauk took a verbal swipe at many of the delegates, criticizing this "armchair" approach to socialism, calling them "self-righteous, doctrinaire," implying they are indulging only in academic exercises while the NDP is at least trying to do something constructive.

He said he believes "the battle ground of socialism versus capitalism" is in electoral politics.

"I believe that we, in the political sphere are the most practical socialists in this frame of reference in Canada," he said to a crowd that often heckled him.

He said he does not think armed revolution, which the other panelists either said or hinted is ultimately needed, is viable at this time, and the "armchair critics" could better spend their time than just "sitting around marking me out of 10 on my performance in the field of battle."

Lauk did seem to agree with the sentiment



Richards ... left NDP floundering.



Gonick ... job meaning drained.

offered often in this seminar and throughout the conference, that a more "non-elitist" structure is needed to "educate people" to understand how to better deal with and understand power when they get it and generally just to retain grass-roots strength and contact.

Richards, a member of the Saskatchewan Waffle Movement, who has split with the NDP and now sits as an Independent Socialist MLA in the legislature, centred his comments on the repeated inability of social democratic governments to expand "the constraints" capitalist society places on social democracy.

He said one key failing of the NDP in this way has been their inability to overcome the stifling influence of capitalistic "technocrats", who social democratic governments always seem to have to rely on for expertise, rather than developing their own.

This, he said, subverts the process of laying a socialist foundation.

He said he is concerned that the left of the NDP is "floundering in a void" since the general purge of the Waffle from the party three years ago.

Sounding a warning he said "God forbid that we take power in the next 10 years before we are able to sort out and formulate our ideas."

Yet his seminar, like every other seminar in the conference stopped short of suggesting how this should be done, instead only defining some of the problems then making a rather amorphous and academic call to arms.

Andstein, a researcher for the B.C. Government Employee's Union and former NDP candidate, summed up a common tone of disillusion among many past and present NDP party workers at the conference, when he stated "my enemy for the last year or so has been social democracy."

Giving more power within the structure to community groups and workers is essential if any sort of socialistic base is to be established, he said, and lamented that it is here above all other places that the NDP government in B.C. has failed.

He continually stressed the role of a social democratic government in laying the groundwork for a socialist revolution.

To this end: "A socialist program must be built within unions. People must formulate socialist demands, build a transitional program within their locals."

But: "I know of no group exercising this leadership at this time."

Unfortunately this was another very interesting area that should have received more investigation at the conference but did not.

He said that the expansion of the B.C. civil service by the NDP "has created 15 to 20,000 new jobs, including mine," but is ultimately just streamlining and reinforcing the system — very definitely acting as a "second defence" of capitalism.

"Jobs are organized in a fragmented way, the meaning is drained out of work."

capitalism rather than forcefully advocating programs to significantly lessen alienation of man from his fellow man, his community and his work — fundamental Marxist tenets.

Said Gonick: "Jobs are organized in a fragmented way, the meaning is drained out of work."

"Capitalism has been able to raise wages by 10 to 20 per cent a year in western capitalist countries and most people in these countries are not living in poverty today. But they cannot reduce alienation by even one per cent per year."

"This is what socialist parties must address themselves to because social democratic parties have shown they can't."

said criticize constantly but take no constructive action.

Lauk named the government's takeover of the automobile insurance industry in B.C. and the establishment of the B.C. Petroleum Corp. as two ways the NDP has built a socialist base in B.C.

In contrast to Gonick's description of implementing Autopac in Manitoba, Lauk claimed the establishment and apparent success of Autoplan in B.C. as a "gargantuan" success, which has provided the government with a psychological victory over opposition critics who said it would fail.

He said the formation of the B.C. Petroleum Corp. "has for the first time put fear into the multi-national corporations."

Capital grant not enough—Gage

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new library data centre at unsuitable locations because it doesn't have enough money for better facilities.

UBC administration president Walter Gage, SFU president Paulene Jewett and UVic president Howard Petch said they will be happy to receive what money they get, but what they get won't be enough to meet all their needs.

Gage said in a press release Friday he is "pleased to learn" about the operating budget increases but also noted there is a shortfall of \$11.5 million between university operating budget requests and receipts.

Gage said the total capital grant for all three universities would not even meet UBC's own need. He said UBC had been authorized by the provincial government to commit \$10 million for current building projects.

A UBC administration spokesman said he is not certain what will happen if the universities council authorizes less money for new construction than the provincial government had earlier authorized.

Jewett said the new operating grant would be "just about enough" to enable to keep the facilities and support staff we have, to say nothing about trying to fulfill our plans for off-campus programming."

She said SFU will have serious problems meeting a projected 13.5 per cent enrolment increase and still provide new programs on-and-off campus.

Petch said crowded classrooms in makeshift UVic buildings aren't going to disappear next year and, with enrolment increases, they will become more crowded.

Premier Dave Barrett emphasized in the budget speech that the number of part-time students is increasing and the trend "has been encouraged by government funding."

He praised UBC's summer program of free courses for senior citizens and said he hopes it will be repeated and expanded next year.

"It is my view that our educational system should continue to develop in the direction where students of all ages and backgrounds can more in and out of our educational institutions in

response to their needs and to society's needs," he said.

Barrett didn't provide specific recommendations for part-time programs (such decisions are, under the Universities Act, made entirely by the universities council and universities) but provided a chart showing part time enrolment is increasing at the three public universities.



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This symposium aims to inform people and create discussion about the very dangerous situations brought about by the two superpowers, and to initiate an organized form of opposition to the two major imperialist powers today.

Speakers: 12:30 p.m.

Wed.: JACK SCOTT—

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THE POSSIBILITY OF A THIRD WORLD WAR.

Thurs.: PROF. MIKE WALLACE—

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Chairman of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).

And PROF. PAUL MARANTZ

Professor of political science at UBC.

THE SOVIET UNION — AN IMPERIAL POWER.

7:30 p.m.

Wed.: PROF. BARRY BUZAN—

Post-doctoral fellow in the Institute of International Relations at UBC.

SUPERPOWER POLITICS AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCES.

Thurs.: EAST INDIAN DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

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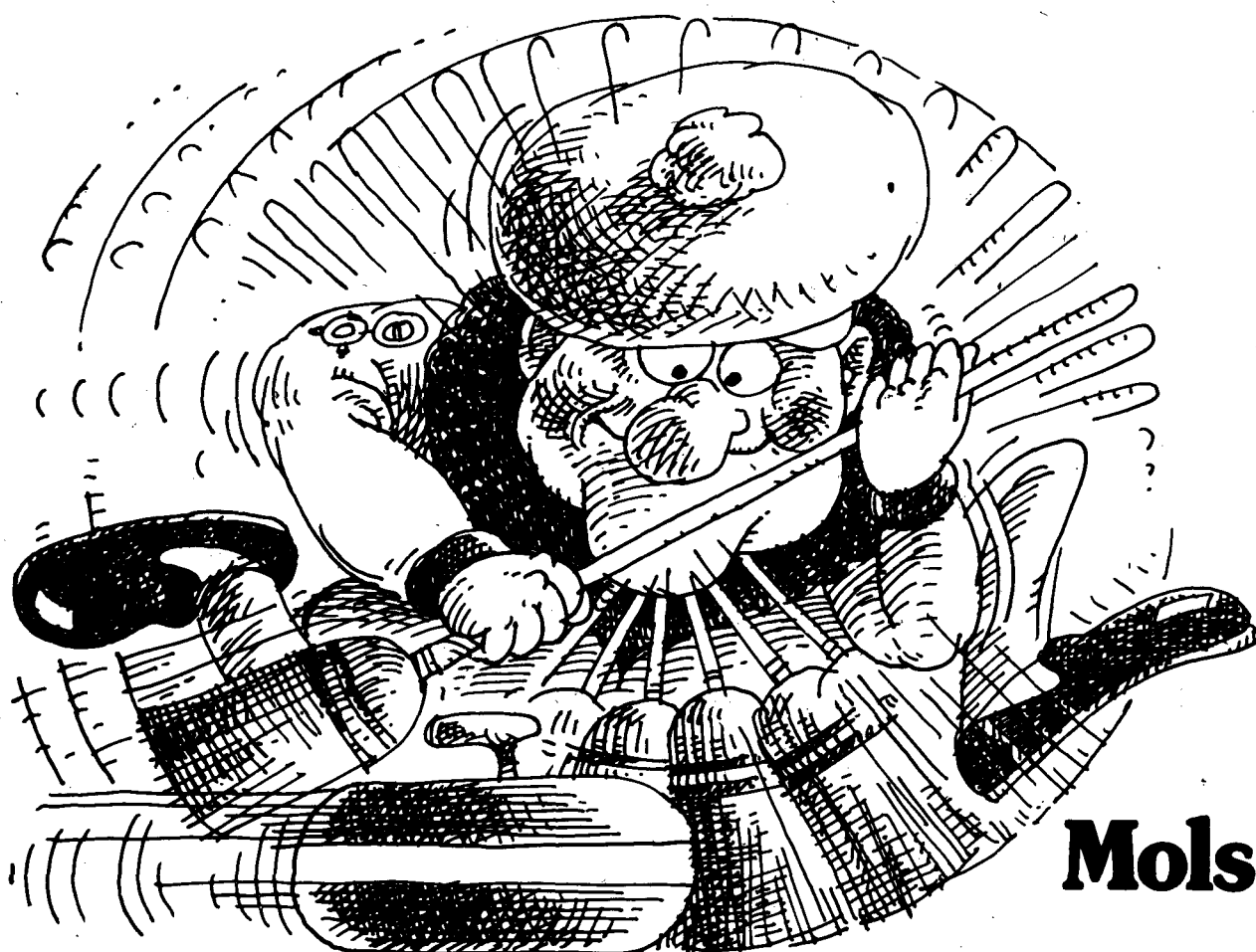
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'AMS lifetime proposal waste of money so far'

An Alma Mater Society committee looking into a proposal for lifetime membership in the society has been "an absolute waste of money so far," AMS president-elect Jake van der Kamp said Monday.

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The lawyer has also been doing some of the committee's work for it, he added.

Sex jumps with storms

SAN FRANCISCO (ENS-CUP) — A meteorologist here reports that he's found a correlation between the rate of human sexual activity and the weather.

Gordon Barnes says a two-year study of sexual behavior conducted at a northeastern university revealed the surprising fact that December and January are the sexiest months of the year — based on the rate of sexual activity. The researchers concluded that the explanation probably had something to do with long, cold winter nights.

But there's another explanation, says Barnes. He found that whenever the rate of sexual activity went up, the barometer went down.

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"There are no concrete proposals (from the committee) anywhere," he said. "It's been an absolute waste of money so far."

The proposal the committee is examining would allow students to become life members of the AMS and have access to student facilities such as the Pit, the winter sports complex, the planned indoor pool and the War Memorial gym.

"The proposal is absurd because these facilities are already overcrowded," van der Kamp said.

AMS lawyer Stephen Dadson attended a committee meeting Monday at which two of the committee's 10 members showed up. Committee chairman Peter Affleck, a forestry rep, was absent.

Affleck presented the lifetime membership idea to council and it established the committee to investigate the proposal.

Arts rep Nancy Carter, who took over as chairman of the meeting, expressed frustration with the committee and said she wants to turn the proposal over to the Alumni Association for its recommendations.

Dadson has already submitted a proposal for amending AMS bylaws to allow life members. The committee turned down the proposal.

Van der Kamp said the committee should have come up with the proposal in the first place and hasn't needed to talk to the lawyer up to this point.

"They (the committee) didn't know what they wanted and the end result was a waste of money for lawyer's fees," he said.

Dadson's rejected proposal defined a person eligible for life membership as being one who has paid AMS fees for seven years or who pays an equivalent sum. AMS fees currently are \$24 per year.

The life member would get the use of the Pit, SUB theatre, the games room and bowling alley, and the listening room, and would get discounts on special events productions.

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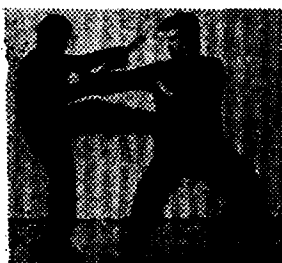
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Kearns reads poetry

Canadian poet Lionel Kearns will read his poems and show two short films at noon Tuesday in Buchanan 217.

Horner

Alberta Conservative MP Jack Horner, nationally known for his anti-Quebecois statements, will

be guest speaker at a meeting of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation, noon Thursday in SUB 119.

Apartheid

Last Grave at Dimbaza, a film sponsored by the Canadian University Service Overseas will be shown at Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard Friday, at 8 p.m. The film portrays the plight of the African people.

Photos

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Dr. Sydney Israels on pediatrics, noon, IRC 1.

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
Canadian poet Lionel Kearns reads, shows film, noon, Bu. 217.

SLAVONIC STUDIES

SS prof Jan Solecki on Siberian forests: competition for B.C.?, noon, Bu. 203.

WEDNESDAY

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Testimony meeting, noon, SUB 212.

DEMOLAY
General meeting, noon, SUB 213.

SAILING CLUB
Film: Fireball Worlds, info on spring cruise and carnival, noon, SUB 200.

PRO-LIFE
Meeting, noon, SUB 105B.

VOC
Executive elections, noon, Angus 104.

SIMS
Group meditation, tape, noon, IRC G65.

CUSO

Info night: renewable natural resources, film, job descriptions, 7:30 p.m., IH 404.

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The Ascent of Man, 12:35 p.m. and 1:35 p.m., SUB auditorium.

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5 — Coming Events

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SPORTS



Ailing 'Birds scotch Viking hopes

By CARL VESTERBACK

The UBC Thunderbirds shook off the flu and the UVic Vikings to advance to the Canadian national championships in weekend basketball action in Victoria.

With several key players mildly under the weather, the 'Birds came up with a big effort on alien ground, sweeping two straight games 61-58 and 57-56 Friday and Saturday.

UBC had to overcome large deficits in both games. On Friday they were behind 14 points in the second half, but managed to retain their poise, chipping away inexorably at the seemingly insurmountable UVic lead.

The key to the comeback in that first game was big Mike McKay. With Steve Pettifer rendered

ineffective by the flu, McKay picked up the slack, scoring 17 points to lead UBC. A strengthened inside game is what the 'Birds need if they expect to advance very far in the national tournament at Waterloo March 7-9.

In the second game, the 'Birds again found themselves in trouble, trailing by 12 points early in the second half.

But by this time, however, Pettifer was feeling better, and came through with a last-minute basket to put the 'Birds in front by one point. A last-second attempt by Viking forward Lee Edmundson for a field goal failed, and the league titleholders found themselves in the netherworld of elimination.

Pettifer led UBC with 19 points,

followed by the increasingly consistent McKay with 12.

If the 'Birds displayed poise in their comeback efforts, the Vikings showed a definite lack of it. Also a young team, they proved to be incapable of standing up under the pressure. Any time a team loses a 12- or 14-point lead to a second place challenger after taking the league title, the word "choke" has to be considered in characterizing the collapse.

UBC will be leaving Wednesday for Waterloo, meeting St. Mary's

Huskies in the first round of the single elimination tournament. The final game will be broadcast Sunday at 11 a.m. on CBC television.

The Thunderettes were also active as they prepare for their national tournament in New Brunswick March 6-8. UBC dropped a 52-42 decision to Vancouver Buzz Bombs, another team tuning up for national playdowns.

"We weren't too concerned with winning," said coach Sue Evans. "Both teams were concentrating

on practising various aspects of their play. The really important games are next weekend."

The Thunderettes go into the tournament favored to repeat as national champs. Everyone is healthy and supposedly frothing about the mouth with desire for a fourth consecutive title. UBC will meet either Winnipeg or Loyola in the first game; these two teams play each other to eliminate one from further action in order to get the number of teams in the tournament down to four. Stay tuned.

Track team wins medals galore

By CEDRIC TETZEL

The UBC track and field team, which coach Lionel Pugh described as lacking in depth, came away with the over-all team title at the Canada West indoor meet in Edmonton over the weekend.

The UBC women gave their usual strong showing in the middle-distances. Sheila Currie, Lesley Stubbs and Linda Rossetti came up with a grand slam in the 1,500 metres, with Currie setting a new mark for the race, beating Thelma Wright's old mark by almost two seconds. She went on to erase yet another Wright record when she took the 800 metres. Stubbs kept her teammate company and took second place.

The UBC men were not left out of the action and came up with their own 1-2-3 combination in the triple jump. Roland Nickles took first place from teammates Dean Bauck and Rick Cuttel.

Apart from this the UBC men also had their share of new records. Gerry Lister set his own mark for the 1,500 metres, while the 4x100 metres relay team of Dennis Hoy, Rick Cuttel, Lee Southern and Ron Hurley took 0.4 seconds off the old mark.

In the women's sprint events, Janet Laughton and Gail Turney came in third and fourth in the 50 metres. Cindy Roberge was third in the 300 metres, while teammate Penny May gave her own version of the pentathlon, coming in second in the 50 metres hurdles and the long jump and third in the shot put before joining the other sprinters to take second place in both the 4x100 and 4x400 metres relays.

As if this was not enough, May joined Sharon Williams and Wendy Scorgie at the high jump pit and finished fifth. Williams and Scorgie were second and third respectively.

Not to be outdone the UBC men came up with their example of versatility in the form of Rick Cuttel. Apart from being a member of the record-breaking 4x100 metres relay team and coming in third in the triple jump, Cuttel took first in the long jump, second in the high jump and the 50 metres hurdles and fourth in the 50 metres. He then went over to join the 4x400 metres relay team to take second place.

The UBC men 4x800 metres relay team of Gerry Lister, Chris White, John Currie and Duncan Klett also won the 4x800 metres relay, while Dennis Hoy won the 300 metres and Graham Stewart finished second in the shot put.

UBC wrestlers reap hardware

The Thunderbird wrestling team returned from the Canadian Intercollegiate wrestling championships with two gold medals and a silver and four bronzes, by far their best showing ever.

Over-all the 'Birds finished with 211 points, good for third place. Lakehead University pulled in first place with 36 points and the University of Western Ontario was second with 30. Guelph was a distinct fourth with 10 points.

George Richey took first in the 190-pound division. To do so he defeated Terry Paice, three-time defending collegiate champion, twice Canadian champion and gold medal winner at last year's Commonwealth games. Kyle Raymond easily took the heavyweight title, pinning almost every opponent.

Craig Delahunt came in second in the 107-pound division. Delahunt could just as easily have taken first but lost a close 5-4 decision in the final. He had been leading the match up until the final half-minute.

Mike Richey was third in the 158-pound class. Coach Bob Laycoe said that it was probably the toughest division of the tournament. Richey lost 10-7 to eventual winner Clive Llewellyn and then dropped a tight 14-13 match for second place. It was a matter in both cases of scoring enough points to win but giving up too many at the same time.

Jon Davison (118 lbs.), Gus Romanelli (150 lbs.), and Phillippe Markon (177 lbs.) also picked up third places.

Laycoe was pleased with his team's improvement over last year, when they finished fourth and didn't win a gold.

He and his team are now preparing for the Canadian Open Championships which are to be held at War Memorial gymnasium March 14-16.



UBC'S RO HINDSON struggles in the friendly grasp of opponent while striving after ball. 'Birds beat Vancouver Reps 15-7 in weekend action to move closer to securing the coveted McKechnie Cup.

Rugby 'Birds close to title

By TOM BARNES

The game was anything but a classic exposition of rugby but it was sufficient to put the Thunderbird side one step closer to the McKechnie Cup.

The 'Birds turned back the Vancouver Rep side 15-7 on the muddy pitch of Thunderbird Stadium to move safely through the second round. Earlier they had defeated Victoria and now must win or tie their game with the Fraser Valley Reps to take possession of the cup.

Vancouver's scrum gave the 'Birds trouble throughout the afternoon. The Reps continually came up with the ball in the mauls and rucks but couldn't take advantage.

The height of lock Ro Hindson, lock Dave Eburne and flanker Frank Carson gave the 'Birds the edge on the lineouts. Vancouver won but two of their own lineouts in the second half.

Scrum half Preston Wiley put the Thunderbirds up 3-0 at three minutes with a penalty kick. The Reps came back shortly with a penalty kick by Doug Hayes to tie

Throughout the first half, UBC got into trouble with inaccurate passing. Their backfield continued to have problems with Vancouver's tenacious defence.

Just before the half Wiley gave the 'Birds the lead with a 27-yard penalty kick.

The Reps came out charging in the second half and ex-Brit Gary Cartwright neatly got the ball to Hayes who went over for a try at three minutes. The convert was wide and Vancouver was up by a single point, 7-6.

The 'Birds continued to have problems as they were twice forced to turn the Vancouver team back from inside the five-yard line.

UBC finally got a scrum directly in front of the Vancouver posts and the ball was neatly passed back to fly half John Billingsley who scored a neat drop goal to move the score to 9-7.

Although it looked for most of the

game that Varsity was not going to get a try, centre David Whyte finally put one over at 40 minutes. Wiley converted to move the score to 15-7.

One of the keys to UBC's win was the fact that ex-Thunderbird star Spence MacTavish at left wing seldom got the ball. The speedy MacTavish was dangerous on the few occasions he did get possession and could have caused a lot of damage had he been used more.

'Birds coach Donn Spence said he thought Vancouver did not use MacTavish much because they wanted to keep the ball up front in an attempt to wear the 'Birds down. It was a strategy that backfired with UBC gaining the advantage late in the game.

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To fulfill goals

'NUS fee hike necessary'

The National Union of Students' proposal to raise its dues to \$1 per student from 30 cents is necessary to fulfill the organization's goals, NUS general secretary Bob Buckingham said Monday.

Buckingham, currently in B.C. as part of a western field trip, said the extra money is needed to research and organize toward goals decided in an October NUS national conference.

He said NUS-member student societies have until May, 1976 to hold a referendum on the proposed increase or be kicked out of NUS.

No referendum has yet been scheduled at UBC. The 30-cent fee currently comes out of the AMS \$9-per-student discretionary fee.

Buckingham said three of the NUS goals centre around improving the Canada Student Loan

- Including part-time students in the CSL plan on a pro-rated basis;
- Lowering the Canada Student

Loan Act's legal age to 18 to bring the Act into line with other federal Acts;

- Fighting a proposed \$400 raise of the CSL ceiling, to \$1,800 from \$1,400.

"The Canada Student Loan program is a program designed to let students get into debt," Buckingham said. "It (the proposed raise) should be in the form of grants to permit more students from lower income groups to come to university."

With an increased budget, NUS will be able to organize more students as well as conduct research, he said.

"There should be free education as well as a guaranteed annual income for students and all members of society," he said.

But any more post-secondary education financing shouldn't be on the backs of the working class, he said, since "they pay enough already."

And once people start asking where the extra money will come from, "an economic analysis will be necessary," he said.

"That economic analysis will evolve through various issues we will be attempting to be organizing on," he said.

Buckingham said a former NUS goal of lobbying for tax deductions for student society membership fees and textbooks was "too narrow."

"Those goals won't affect very many students," he said. "How many students have a taxable income?"

He said NUS had lobbied and the federal government reply was that students are already receiving

sufficient subsidies in the form of the \$50 per month tax deduction for living expenses.

However, he said NUS will continue to lobby for the deductions.

"I get upset with people that come forward and say NUS isn't doing anything," he said.

Buckingham said one of the reasons for his visit to UBC is that he has "heard through the grapevine" UBC students will be asked at an upcoming general meeting to pull out of NUS.

But after talking with next year's Alma Mater Society executive, Buckingham said he doubts UBC will pull out.

"I think they (the executive) oppose pulling out of NUS," he said.

Buckingham is one of three full time paid NUS workers. His \$130 per week salary comes out of a \$35,000 budget paid for by 125,000 student members in 21 universities and colleges.



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