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SUB, Brock become forums for dialogue

UBC feels APEC heat

by Emily Yearwood

Panel discussions usually draw more yawns than students at UBC, but a series of APEC discussions organised by APEC Alert members pulled in hundreds of attentive students and onlookers in an 'occupied' SUB and Brock Hall Monday.

The students plan to continue the teach-in today.

The sessions, dubbed "Free University" by organisers, were designed to educate students about issues not addressed at APEC, like globalisation and women's rights. Speakers included Sunera Thobani, past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women; Isabel Galhos, an East-Timorese exile in Canada; Maude Barlow, Council of Canadians chair, as well as students and Vancouver-based activists.

"The idea is to reclaim space on campus where people will be free to come out and participate...we're basically doing what should have been done a long time ago, which is students taking over campus and talking about things in a serious way," said APEC Alert member Aiyanas Ormond.

The audience was receptive to the speakers' messages. In the SUB students filled the conversation pit and overflowed into the concourse.

Staff in Brock Hall complained that they couldn't hear people on the phone because students there were clapping so loudly. But they didn't complain that the students were there, saying the students had a right to use the building.

Most students cited the high visibility of "Demo-Village," where a growing number of activists are camped outside SUB, and APEC Alert posters as their reason for attending the event. A fourth-year linguistics class voted to cancel their regular meeting and came to the event together.

APEC Alert members visited classrooms last week to inform students about their stance on the APEC conference and to encourage attendance at the panels. Monday morning, four teams of APEC Alert activists visited classrooms in Buchanan, Henning and Hebb buildings urging students to walk out at 9:30.

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by Douglas Quan

An intense confrontation between anti-APEC protesters and RCMP erupted on campus late Monday afternoon following the arrests of three activists for minor offences.

At 5:00pm, about 200 students at the Rose Garden plaza started chanting "Shame on the police!" as RCMP officers hauled APEC Alert members Jaggi Singh and Aiyanas Ormond away.

The two had tried to make their way to the Museum of Anthropology to extend the 'APEC Free Zone.' The museum is at the heart of the APEC security zone and is the setting for today's APEC Economic Leaders Meeting.

Singh yelled, "We're peaceful protesters!" as officers jostled him to the ground.

The arresting officer, Inspector Larry Kalaly, explained that Ormond was arrested for breaching the peace, and Singh for breaching the conditions of his release. Singh was already arrested earlier Monday for allegedly assaulting a police officer by yelling at him through a megaphone during a protest November 7.

One of the conditions of Singh's release was that he not return to campus. But "I signed knowing I was going to come back," said Singh at Wyman Plaza shortly before his second arrest.

Singh then tore up the release affidavit in front of a cheering crowd. "This is not grandstanding, this is something we really believe in."

Many of the onlookers at the Rose Garden Plaza appeared shaken by what had happened.

Over 75 RCMP and Vancouver police and four police dogs stood in the way of the crowd as the activists shouted "Free Jaggi!" RCMP tried to move the crowd back with the barking dogs, letting them jump within centimetres of students. One protester was in tears when a police dog bit him in the arm.

"Is this the way the police are going to deal with peaceful protest?" asked Lilian Chau. "I feel like this is a [prison] camp!" she said, pointing at the 12 foot barricades marking the security zone.

One woman tried to calm the crowd, yelling into her megaphone, "This is confrontational! We should consider breaking off!"

Emotions were already running high following the arrest of David Malmo-Levine a short time earlier. Witnesses said police used pepper-spray on Malmo-Levine and a small crowd in the incident.

According to an RCMP officer, Terry Hewitt, a small crowd had congregated around the flag pole at the plaza. When one person tried to climb up the pole, police moved in. Malmo-Levine interfered, Hewitt alleged, so police used pepper spray on the crowd before Malmo-Levine was arrested.

BURNED BY THE HEAT: Jaggi Singh and Aiyanas Ormond of APEC Alert get arrested Monday afternoon. PRICHARD LAM PHOTO

Following word of Singh's noon arrest, furious anti-APEC protesters mobilised an impromptu demonstration.

Over 200 students chanting "Free Jaggi, Junk APEC" temporarily halted traffic on Wesbrook Mall as they marched from the centre of campus to the RCMP detachment where they demanded answers from Lloyd Plante, a campus RCMP Staff Sergeant.

"The allegation is this: Jaggi walked up to the security officer with a blow horn and shouted in the security guard's ear. There was serious medical treatment. As it turned out, there was breakage of blood vessels," Plante told the crowd.

But Singh, calling *the Ubyssey* from the Richmond pre-trial centre, said the only reason the RCMP arrested him was to prevent him from taking part in "Crash the Summit" a demonstration scheduled for today.

"Why didn't they charge me there? Why didn't they charge me a week after? [the alleged incident]" he asked. "It's obvious...to put me out of commission for anti-APEC protests. This is repression of political dissent."

"They just grabbed me, no badges, no ID, and I was resisting. They put me on the ground, cuffed me and threw me in the car face down," Singh said.

Witnesses had similar accounts. Bob Everton, an SFU communications professor who was on campus to attend an anti-APEC panel discussion, said he walked passed Singh outside the SUB, then heard a scream.

"I turned around and saw three RCMP officers, plain clothes, wrestling Jaggi to the ground.

"A black car with tinted windows...came racing up, opened the back door, threw him in. They sped off. It looked to me like an out and out assault."

At 6:45, the RCMP declared the area north of Buchanan Buildings to be within the security zone. Several dozen protesters who were still there peacefully walked away and five more had to be carried from the area by RCMP. No arrests were made at this time. They all vowed to return today to protest the leaders meeting.❖

T-Birds take Vanier Cup

by Wolf Depner

When Mark Nohra came back to UBC for a fifth year, he wanted to do one thing: win a Vanier Cup.

Mission Accomplished.

Nohra played like he never missed two games with a knee injury and Aaron Roed kicked four field goals as the UBC Thunderbirds cruised to an easy 39-23 victory over the Ottawa Gee-Gees in Saturday's Vanier Cup at Toronto's SkyDome.

The game was played in front of 8,184 fans—an all-time low.

Nohra carried the ball 29 times for 166 yards and scored two touchdowns to be named most outstanding offensive player of the game, adding yet another trophy to his burgeoning case.

Nohra also won the Hec Crighton trophy as the most outstanding football player in the

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country last Thursday on the count of 1,216 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns.

But the Hec is just the icing for Nohra, only the third player ever to win most valuable player honours and the Vanier Cup in the same year.

"Story book—you can't ask for anything better," said Nohra about his season as teammates around him emptied champagne bottles and puffed on cigars.

"You gotta give him the ball and let him carry it," said UBC quarterback Shawn Olson about Nohra, a 24-old native of Toronto. "We just rode Mark's back today."

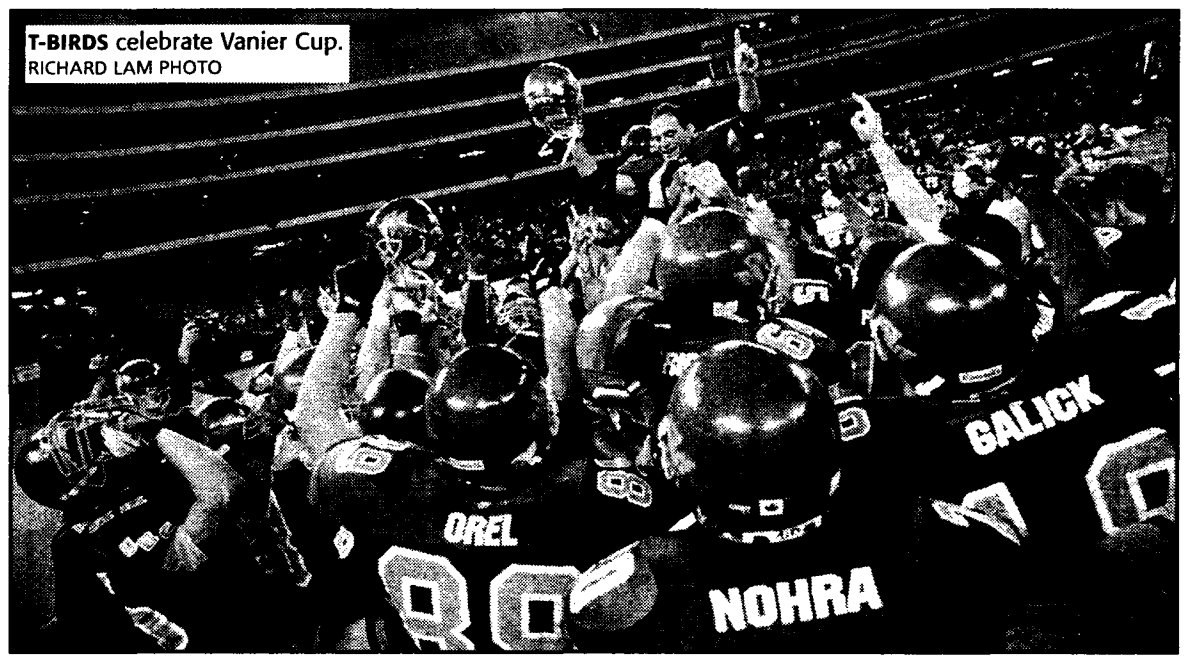
But if Nohra is the most obvious hero in the Birds first championship season since 1986, Aaron Roed is the most unlikely.

Seven weeks ago, Roed was just trying to get through his classes after he quit football to concentrate on his studies. One day he bumped into UBC head coach Casey Smith. Desperately needing somebody to kick and punt the ball, Smith asked Roed to return. Roed agreed and the kicking game once considered the team's biggest weakness, has been solid ever since.

"Aaron Roed is an outstanding individual," said Smith. "He came into a situation where he didn't know where his feet were. But the end of it, he showed where his feet are. He is a winner."

Roed's four field goals were one shy of a Vanier Cup record. He also helped shut down Ottawa's much talked about return duo of Ousmane Tounkara and Chris Evraire.

Deliberately punting the ball out of play or bouncing it off the astro-turf on kickoffs, Roed limited Tounkara to 30 return yards while Evraire had only 13 on four returns. Evraire also fumbled once, injuring his hamstring on the play and setting up a UBC touchdown.



T-BIRDS celebrate Vanier Cup.
RICHARD LAM PHOTO

Evraire didn't fare much better catching the ball. UBC cornerback Curtis Galick harrassed Evraire like an overbearing nanny, holding him to zero receptions. Tounkara finished with 99 yards on three receptions, one of them a 64-yard reception in the second quarter.

But that was the only big play UBC's defense gave up against Ottawa's offense, which went two downs and out on five of eight first half possessions.

"I knew we could take them out of their offense," said UBC defensive coordinator Dave Johnson. "I knew we could take [Tounkara] and I knew we could take [Evraire]."

Ottawa scored 16 points in the last two minutes to make the score more respectable. But it was too little too late against UBC's defense. UBC linebacker Stewart Scherck, who led the defense, was named most outstanding defensive player with seven tackles.

Things went UBC's way from the start when Olson guided UBC to a 22-yard Roed field goal on an almost perfect eleven play drive.

Ottawa punted the ball after their first two plays, giving UBC the ball on the Ottawa 54. Olson then put together another near flawless drive for 54 yards and scored from one the yard line.

The Gee-Gees came within five points early second quarter. But an exhausted Ottawa defense had no help from their offense and couldn't stop UBC's multi-attack offense that scored on four of nine first half possessions to give UBC a 19-7 lead at half-time.

Two touchdowns by Nohra (one yard and 19 yards) and two Roed field goals (34 and 24 yards) finished off the Gee-Gees in the second half. In fact, the Birds were so sure of victory they gave Smith the traditional Gatorade victory shower with more than three minutes left in the game.❖

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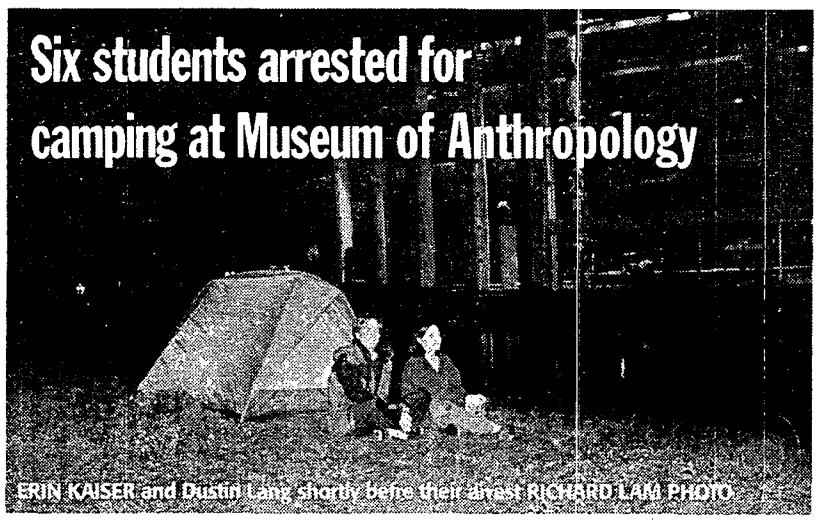
Six students arrested for camping at Museum of Anthropology



ERIN KAISER and Dustin Lang shortly before their arrest RICHARD LAM PHOTO

by Sarah Galashan

The Museum of Anthropology has been a centre of protest since Thursday with student anti-APEC activists twice setting up tents and being arrested in the spot where 18 APEC leaders are expected to stage a photo-op Tuesday.

Four students were arrested for refusing to leave the newly-landscaped area behind the museum on Saturday, two days after they set up a few tents there. And two more students set up a tent on Sunday night and were arrested shortly afterwards.

The students, members of APEC-Alert, said they pitched camp at the museum to reclaim space that has been taken away from the UBC campus-community for the benefit of the APEC leaders. The activists particularly oppose UBC's welcoming Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Indonesian leader General Suharto, both known for atrocious human-rights abuses.

And on both Thursday and Sunday nights, the students setting up camp said they knew that eventually, they would be arrested and taken off the property.

"I think it's atrocious that they should be arresting UBC students instead of real criminals like Suharto," said Erin Kaiser, a UBC Arts student on her way to the museum Sunday.

"I'm worried they're going to arrest us but I knew that was an option when I walked into this in the first place," said Kaiser. "I think [arrests] will bring attention to the issue of human rights in APEC."

Kaiser, as well as Dustin Lang, a first year Science student, were arrested that night. The two were charged with criminal mischief, as were the four students arrested Saturday, Jamie Macaulay, Anna Lewis, Lindsay Davis and Matt Law.

Trevor Thompsett, an RCMP superintendent, told the students Sunday that they would be arrested if they didn't leave the museum grounds.

"You are not permitted to protest on this property," warned Thompsett. "The end result is the people who are arrested may be confronted with criminal charges and you don't look like the type of people who want criminal records."

But while most of the activists were willing to leave, some of them decided earlier to risk arrest.

The students were released after signing affadavits that promised they wouldn't take part in any more anti-APEC protests. "[The student] will not participate or be found in attendance at any public demonstration or rally that has gathered together for the sole purpose of demonstrating against the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum or any nation participating in the so named conference," read the affadavit.

"We see it as an outrageous breach of the students' Charter right under section 2B, because they're guaranteed under the Charter, freedom of association and freedom of expression," said Craig Jones, a UBC law student and executive member of the BC Civil Liberties Association.

Jones said the federal government and RCMP are dictating what protesters are and are not aloud to say.

Additionally, the names of all reporters present for the Sunday arrests were taken by the RCMP. When asked for what purpose, the RCMP said only that it was for their records.

Museum grounds were closed off to all but police and work crews Saturday, 48 hours earlier than police had said they would close the area. Previously, RCMP said the area would not be declared a security area until Monday November 24 at 6pm.

The change to the security zone was made in a revised licence signed by the university and the federal government, taking the museum and Norman MacKenzie House ,the university President's official residence, from UBC control and ceding it to the federal government until after APEC.

RCMP and APEC organisers came under criticism for the way they handled media during the arrests. A special media pool was bussed from downtown Vancouver on Saturday and several media organisations, including *the Ubyssey* weren't told about the shuttle.

According to Shane McCune, a reporter for *The Province*, media were told on Saturday they could not attend the student arrests unless they were in the pool. Journalists who arrived on foot were met by RCMP and police dogs.

"We felt it was quite bizarre," McCune said of the media pool. "But on the other hand it's better that there be media scrutiny, and [the RCMP] made it quite clear that if we went down there on our own we were not going to get close."

On Sunday however, media were forced to leave the museum before RCMP arrested the two campers, and while they were waiting for an RCMP comment police took down the names of some 12 reporters and camera operators who went into the museum area behind the protesters.

And Andy Rushcall, an RCMP corporal on scene, threatened that the reporters could be censured for entering the area. The RCMP later announced the reporters would not face any consequences though.

UBC and RCMP representatives said activists camped outside the SUB will likely be allowed to stay there during APEC.❖

Civil Liberties Assn. challenges student arrests

by Chris Nuttall-Smith

A member of the BC Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) has been attending campus anti-APEC protests to make sure police respect the activists' civil rights.

"I have a long-standing interest in the human tradition of political protest and they [the BCCLA] thought that it would be good if we have an observer to make sure the conduct of police is appropriate," said Craig Jones, a third year UBC law student and a member of the BCCLA board of directors.

At a protest last Thursday night when some of the activists living in the tent-city outside SUB moved their tents to the Museum of Anthropology—sight of today's leaders retreat and a high-security area since this weekend—Jones said he worried the students would be arrested and jailed as soon as media left the sight.

"My fear is they'll just let them [the protesters], go there and haul them away in the middle of the night—that's my fear," said Jones. In fact, the RCMP arrested four of the protesters on Saturday night with media present and two more on Sunday after media were forced to leave.

Jones has been an asset to the protesters. He challenged Trevor Thompsett, RCMP superintendent, on points of law before the student activists were arrested for criminal mischief Sunday for camping outside the Museum of Anthropology.

When RCMP made a list of media who followed the activists into the Museum security zone, Jones lectured reporters on their rights and on RCMP rights. The media, including reporters for Vancouver radio and television stations, worried the RCMP might prevent them from covering other APEC events.❖

Photos appear to expose atrocities in East Timor

by Sarah Galashan

Highly publicised photos smuggled out of Indonesia appear to confirm the alleged rape, beatings and torture of East Timorese women by Indonesian military officers.

The authenticity of these photos is being verified by Amnesty International, a non-governmental organisation that monitors global human rights. The pictures first appeared in Australia and have since been released in many countries around the world.

The Ubyssey received the above photo accompanied by a written account of the crimes. This report alleges five East Timorese women were taken to the military headquarters in Dili, East Timor where they were tortured, beaten and raped until dead.

According to the same report some of the women photographed had phrases written into several parts of their bodies. The translated phrases "dead like a rat" and "like this, so that you get to feel the consequences" appeared on one woman's right leg and buttock and back.

John Tackaberry, national spokesperson for Amnesty International, says that while his organisation is not yet in a position to confirm or deny the authenticity of the photos, it is the already documented crimes within East Timor that are at issue.

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"The photos provide a focus point for examining and re-examining the conflict within Indonesia," he said.

The documentation is enough to convince Elaine Briere, founder of the East Timor Alert Network (ETAN).

"There are just so many cases of this in East Timor," said Briere, who has documented several similar cases of human rights violations.

Briere believes that Indonesian army soldiers looking for extra income sold the photos on the black market to Timorese civilians, she said.❖

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Tuition-battle decision expected next month

by Chris Nuttall-Smith

BC Supreme Court Justice Holmes said Friday he'll likely decide next month whether UBC followed the provincial tuition freeze and UBC policy when the university raised tuition and ancillary fees this Spring. And the decision could mean students will get a refund for the increases.

Four UBC students, James Pond, Amir Attaran, Michael Thoms and Annette Muttray, took their case against the fee increases and UBC to the BC Supreme Court last week. The students and their lawyer, Cameron Ward, argued that UBC ignored its own consultation policy to increase international graduate student tuition by 210 per cent and by raising tuition for domestic students by 1.6 per cent.

And they argued the 1.6 per cent tuition increase and two ancillary (extra) fees violate the BC Consumer Tax and Rate Freeze Act, which was supposed to freeze tuition for Canadian students at BC schools.

But if UBC students didn't know the university was supposed to consult them before raising fees this year, students shouldn't expect to get those fees refunded, UBC's lawyer said in the third and final day of arguments Friday.

Jim Taylor, defending UBC also said that holding UBC to its own policy on consulting students about fee hikes would hinder UBC's legal responsibility to protect university interests.

"Legislation gave this Board of Governors (BoG) the unfettered legislative right to set and determine tuition fees pursuant to the [University] Act," Taylor said.

He also argued students should have expected tuition increases since the university calendar warns that UBC has the right to raise fees without giving notice.

A cornerstone of the students' case is that they weren't consulted by the university despite a 'legitimate expectation' of consultation according to a strict timeline and process laid out in UBC policy 71 (Consultation with Students about Tuition Fees). Also they argued the two contested ancillary fees are really a part of tuition and so shouldn't be allowed under the provincial freeze.

In UBC's defense, Taylor set out to deflate the 'legitimate expectation' argument. He showed correspondence that suggests students at UBC—even Attaran, the law student and petitioner who prepared much of the case against the university—didn't know about Policy 71 until long after students began complaining about the fee hikes, so they couldn't have a legitimate expectation.

And Taylor said international grad students coming new to UBC couldn't know about the policy.

"If you look at international students who have never attended UBC, I haven't done a survey, but I expect they don't know anything about Policy 71," Taylor said.

The argument also served as an insurance policy in case UBC loses the challenge. If the university has to reimburse students for the tuition and ancillary increases, only students who can prove they knew about Policy 71 last December are eligible, said Taylor.

He also tried to strip some authority from the policy, calling it "internally inconsistent," "vague" and "a statement of principle." He said it is not intended to bind the university. And he said Policy 71, if followed to the letter, doesn't let UBC respond to financial emergencies by raising fees.

But the students' lawyer, Cameron Ward, repeating arguments from his submissions Tuesday and Wednesday, said UBC has a duty to , student opinion on tuition fees during consultation, but it doesn't have to *listen*.

"Nothing in this university consultation process...is binding or fetters it [UBC] in any way," said Ward.

The petition was heard by judicial review, an informal process that lets 'witnesses' file written testimony and is designed to speed through court.

Judge Holmes said he'd try to make a decision after mid-December, but it might not come in time for the next tuition payment deadline, January 7.❖

T-Bird shop pleads case to council

T-BIRD STAFF still hanging on. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

by Sarah Galashan

The future of the Thunderbird Shop hangs in the balance and the shop's employees are wondering what's in store.

After presentations to the AMS discussing the pros and cons of renewing the T-Bird shop lease, the council chose not to decide whether to renew the lease until a future meeting, likely in January.

John Lecky, T-Bird Shop owner, was given written notification in June 1997 that the lease would not be renewed. But that executive decision was tabled after David Borins, an AMS Board of Governors representative, pointed out to council that they had never voted on the lease.

The council then determined to vote on the lease after they had received a full presentation from both sides of the argument.

"Legally the AMS can do what ever it wants," said Lecky. "Technically I think it's wrong.

"My company has paid over $1 million to the AMS in rent over the past 25 years."

Both Lecky and Bob Gray, store manager, pleaded the case to council, describing a store that is accommodating to its customers in every way.

But Bernie Peets, AMS general manager, says that's not the issue. Peets insisted he could generate more revenue from the space if it were an AMS outlet. He said he intends to keep the space a retail store for now.

He said his background in retail operations will make an AMS retail outlet a success. "These are not guesses from ignorance, these are expectations from experience," he said.

Whether the new store will change places with what is now the Gallery Lounge remains an option for the AMS but Peets stressed to council that nothing has been confirmed.

The Thunderbird Shop has been working to drum up student support and have collected 4000 signatures of students who want them to stay where they are. And store staff say they plan to fight to the finish.

While the future of the lease is presently unknown the initial date of notice will stand should the AMS decide not to renew the lease and the area will be an AMS run outlet by this time next year.

One recent T-Bird shop employee was brought to tears after the AMS meeting. This is her fifth year as a Thunderbird Shop employee. "If it was just the job why would we get 4000 signatures from people who really care about us," Jennifer Deighton said. "Our hearts are in this."❖

Protesters take SUB

by Chris Nuttall-Smith

There may be a festive mood in the SUB concourse Monday and Tuesday this week, but it's not because of the small retailers who were supposed to be there selling their Christmas wares. About 40 anti-APEC activists occupied the concourse Sunday night and they say they won't leave until Tuesday.

The activists, many of them living in the pro-democracy tent city outside SUB said they'll use the space for a teach-in about APEC.

"We feel sort of bad given that these are small vendors [we're displacing] but this building was designed for student use and we're here to talk about issues that concern students, whether they know it or not," said Caleb Sigurgeirson, one of the occupiers.

Bernie Peets, the AMS general manager, was called at home around midnight to attend to the students. He said they would be allowed to stay until Tuesday as long as they didn't do any damage. But Peets said he'd have to deal Monday morning with the small businesses that were expecting to sell their Christmas wares to students.

His decision follows an AMS council decision last week to oppose jailing students for peaceful civil-disobedience. The council didn't consider itself a potential party to the peaceful protest when it passed the motion though.

By the time Peets got to the SUB the students had carefully removed the stalls and extra lighting for retailers and stacked the disassembled parts outside the concourse. Two barefoot occupiers were methodically sweeping the floor.

And the RCMP who had assembled in the SUB left the building around 1:00 am.

By Monday morning students were spilling out of the SUB conversation pit and into the foyer to hear a panel discussion with Maude Barlow of the Council of Canadians and anti-Corporate author Tony Clarke. The occupiers had redecorated the concourse with couches and posters welcoming students to a 'free' university.

APEC PROTESTERS dismantle vendors' booths, Sunday night. RICHARD L:AM PHOTO

A banner in the conversation pit read "UBC is out of corporate control," and another, of a prisoner's hands coming from behind a retail barcode read "The APEC Agenda."

Margaret Rogers-McKay, the SUB proctor on duty Sunday night didn't have much sympathy for the protesters. "It's my job to clear the SUB and secure it, I do it every night of the week and I've been at the university for 31 years," she said.

"I'm staying here all night now and if any one of them, one of them touches anything they shouldn't the fur is gonna fly," said Rogers-McKay.

But the AMS conference coordinator, Terry Fulsom, said Monday that many of the retailers, who pay $75 a day for a booth in the SUB, were understanding. Many of them even supported the anti-APEC cause, she said.

"This is saying a lot since a lot of these people are small home-based business people," said Fulsom. She added none of the retailers complained that their displays were damaged.

The occupation will put the student union out by about $5,000 in lost revenue from the retailers, said Fulsom.❖

Tibetan flag sends a message from GSS

by Neal Razzell

If it makes it through Monday night and Tuesday morning the Tibetan flag will shake above the Graduate Student Centre like a defiant fist, or maybe a middle finger, to remind visiting APEC leaders of China's invasion and occupation of the Himalayan nation.

The Graduate Student Society (GSS) president, Kevin Dwyer hoisted the red, blue, white and gold flag Friday, executing a GSS resolution to publicly oppose the university's decision to welcome the APEC leaders to a retreat on campus Tuesday.

"Tibet is an example of a nation in the Pacific Rim that has undergone massive human rights violations in the past 40-50 years," Dwyer said, adding that the student union could easily have flown the flag of East Timor or any of the other four Indonesian provinces that have sought independence from that country.

"It is difficult to obtain any of those flags," Dwyer said. "And the Tibetan flag is relatively well known."

The Graduate Student Centre, part of which the GSS leases from the university, falls within the RCMP security zone around the Museum of Anthropology and Norman MacKenzie House, where the leaders will meet.

The Mounties cited national security legislation to legally secure the building, and keep all but a few graduate students away, but Dwyer said he won't let RCMP take the flag down. "The flag may be offensive to some of the leaders of this conference, but frankly, their presence on this campus offends us."

Chris Brown, executive interchange officer for the department of Foreign Affairs looking into the Asia Pacific, and a key organiser of UBC's role in APEC, said the RCMP would probably leave the flag flying since there's little legal basis by which they could remove it.

A Chinese diplomat at the consulate in Vancouver would not comment about the issue. "I'm doing business," he said. "I'm sorry."❖

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AMS Takes Stand Against Jailing of Student Activists

Last Wednesday, AMS Council voted to oppose the imprisonment of students for acts of civil disobedience. Civil disobedience was defined within the motion as "*the refusal, either active or passive, to comply with certain laws as a peaceful form of political protest. Peacefulness shall mean that no individuals should be victims of violence or physical harm, neither should there be any significant or permanent damage to property as a consequence of civil disobedience.*"

This decision reflects the AMS's opposition to limits on freedom of speech. While arrest is accepted as a consequence of civil disobedience, penalties in such cases are generally limited to fines. Pre-trial incarceration and unusually stiff penalties may be used to discourage protest by intimidating students and targetting key organizers.

Taking UBC to Court

4 UBC students (Amir Attaran, Annette Muttray, James Pond and Mike Thoms) and the AMS have taken the University to court. The students are petitioning the Supreme Court of BC to overturn the University's latest fee increases - 1.6% tuition increase for all students and a 210% increase for international graduate students. The AMS has intervened in the case, on behalf of the students. The petitioners and the AMS argued that UBC broke its own consultation policy and violated the provincially legislated tuition freeze. The University completed its argument on Nov. 21, and now we await the judgment. A ruling in favour of the students could have the effect of reversing the fee increases implemented this September and force the University to provide a refund to all students. The decision of the Court is not expected before January.

BOARD OF VP

The AMS, your student society, will be accepting nominations for positions in student government. Nominations will be open from November 25th, 1997 to January 9th, 1998. Nomination forms and candidate information is now available from the Executive Secretary in SUB 238.

All candidates are required to meet with the Elections Administrator once nominations have closed. It is only after the close of nominations that a list of candidates will be released, and campaigning may begin.

General Duties of the Executive:

The AMS Executive are 5 members of Council who are elected by the student body to manage the affairs of the AMS. They ensure that the goals and the duties of the AMS are carried out. Each Executive officer has been charged with specific duties and roles, that fall under their specific portfolio. All Executives serve on several AMS and UBC committies related broadly to their portfolio.

Executives of the AMS are salaried employees of the society and receive as compensation approximately $16, 000.00 per year, as well as 15% of salary as benefits.

The President:

Is generally responsible for over seeing the AMS and its activities. Consequently the President had a broad mandate to deal with any issues or business. Duties include:

- Ensuring policies of both Council and the Society are properly implemented and administrated
- Being responsible for public relations for the AMS
- Coordinating the general activities of the Executive
- Acting as the official liaison between the Society and the General Manager

VP University Affairs:

Formally responsible for Student Council, the VP looks after all matters concerning academic and campus issues. Duties include:

- Being versed in the academic issues facing UBC
- Working with Student Senate Caucus, the UBC Senate, the Faculty Association and others to address those issues
- Advocate on behalf of students such issues as university accessibility, student housing, transportation, and childcare

VP of Administration:

Is responsible for looking after matters, which deal with the Student Union Building (SUB), and with AMS sub-groups. Duties include:

- Being responsible for the overall management of the SUB
- Chairing the Student Administrative Commission (SAC) a body of the AMS, that administers Clubs, Constituencies, Bookings and Building and Function Security
- Being responsible for administration and management of AMS Clubs

VP of Finance:

Is responsible for all monetary and budgetary matters of the AMS. Duties include:

- Monitoring the financial affairs of the AMS,
- Develop the annual budget for the Society
- Planning the Commercial Services
- Work on related issues of interest to students

VP of External Affairs:

This is a very broad portfolio; the VP is responsible for affairs with organizations outside the AMS. Duties include:

- Liaison and relations with other student organizations
- Coordinating the lobbying of local, provincial and federal government, with the assistance of the AMS External Commission
- Increasing the Society's outreach to the community at-large

Senate & Board of Governors Nominations are also open.

Nomination forms and further information regarding **only UBC Board of Govenors and Senate Elections** are available from the Registrar's Office in Brock Hall.

The AMS Executive Elections will be held in conjuction with the UBC Board of Governors, UBC Senate, and Ubyssey Publications Society Board of Directors Elections.

For more information, please contact, Kaaren Vlugg, Elections Administrator, c/o Sub Room 238.

The AMS CONGRATULATES THE UBC T-BIRDS ON THEIR VANIER CUP VICTORY. WAY TO GO!!!

The AMS wishes you good luck on your exams. Have a great HOLIDAY & we'll see you in Jan 98!

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Maclean's survey comes under fire—again

TORONTO (CUP)—The *Maclean's* annual university rankings hit newsstands last week and despite the 20 criteria used in determining the winners and the losers, some still feel that the ranking system is flawed.

"York chose not to raise graduate tuition last year, when every other university in Ontario did. But you don't see that in *Maclean's*," said Joel Harden, president of York's graduate student union.

Bruce Hubley, director of institutional advancement at the University College of Cape Breton, said UCCB has been discriminated against in the survey for not having the access to the alumni and corporate dollars that "Ivy League" schools like U of T does.

"We are a young institution without large endowments so the survey's not weighted in our favour," he said.

U of T president Robert Prichard said that the rankings are a useful tool. "The issue of *Nre* , including the rankings, greatly increase the profile of higher education in Canada and is very good for all universities," he said.

Because of the popularity of the survey, however, schools may be forced to participate in a ranking they don't agree with.

"We can't not cooperate without looking very bad and when we do cooperate we're not being judged fairly," said Kerry-Lee Clark, director of enrolment management and institutional advancement at Lakehead University.

Forty-two English language and nine French-language schools participated in this year's survey, the magazine's seventh. ❖

Source: The Varsity, with files from the Excalibur

Students demand more representation on McGill governing body

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill University's undergraduate student union is rallying for increased student representation on the school's major decision-making body for financial issues.

Student union president Tara Newell, who sits on McGill's Board of Governors as a non-voting member, said not only is there a lack of student input at board meetings, but a lack of meaningful debate on important decisions. She said the board merely rubber- stamps proposals made by its committees.

"Usually there is very little questioning of committee reports," she said. "There has never, that I can remember during my time on the board, been a debate between board members."

The Board of Governors oversees McGill's $500 million annual budget and makes all major financial decisions regarding the university. There are currently four elected student members with voting rights on the board of 45, giving students just under nine per cent representation on the board. There are 12 board committees, and students sit on five of those.

Newell said it is especially important for students to have a greater voice at the committee level.

"If students are not on those committees, then [students] are not part of [the decision-making] process," she said. Richard Pound, chair of the board, agreed that most of the decision-making does take place at the committee level, and added that the student union's push for greater student representation is fair.

"[It is] a pretty reasonable request [and] one with which I have considerable sympathy," he said.

Earlier this year, the President of Memorial University said he was in support of getting more students on his school's Board of Regents. Last year the number of student representatives on the University of Manitoba's highest governing body was doubled, to six of 23 seats.❖

Source: The McGill Daily

Misquote angers student demonstrators

VICTORIA (CUP)—Students at the University of Victoria are concerned about an erroneous newspaper account of a campus demonstration which reported that a student leader led 1,000 students in chanting death threats against the school's president.

A news article and editorial, both written by David Lennam, news editor of the Oak Bay News, reported that students shouted "Kill Dr Strong" during a November 5 rally protesting the deteriorating quality of education at UVic.

The students were in fact chanting "Bill Dr Strong".

"I think [Mr Lennam] has an obligation to his readers to get the facts straight before he reports anything," Anita Zaenker, the student leader named in the paper, said. "This is defamation of my character, and more importantly, the character of the [University of Victoria] Student's Society."

The story appeared after an estimated 400 students staged a noisy, but peaceful protest in front of the school's library. Students started chanting "Bill Dr Strong" after fourth-year political science major Rebecca Whitley addressed the crowd.

Whitley told the crowd that six of the eight political science courses she had registered for over the summer had been cancelled in September and vowed that if she were forced to remain for another year at UVic she would "Bill Dr Strong."

The UVic student union plans to register a complaint with the B.C. Press Council after consulting with their lawyer, said Zaenker.

While Lennam acknowledged concerns with the way he covered the story, he has refused to comment until officially contacted by the UVic student union.❖

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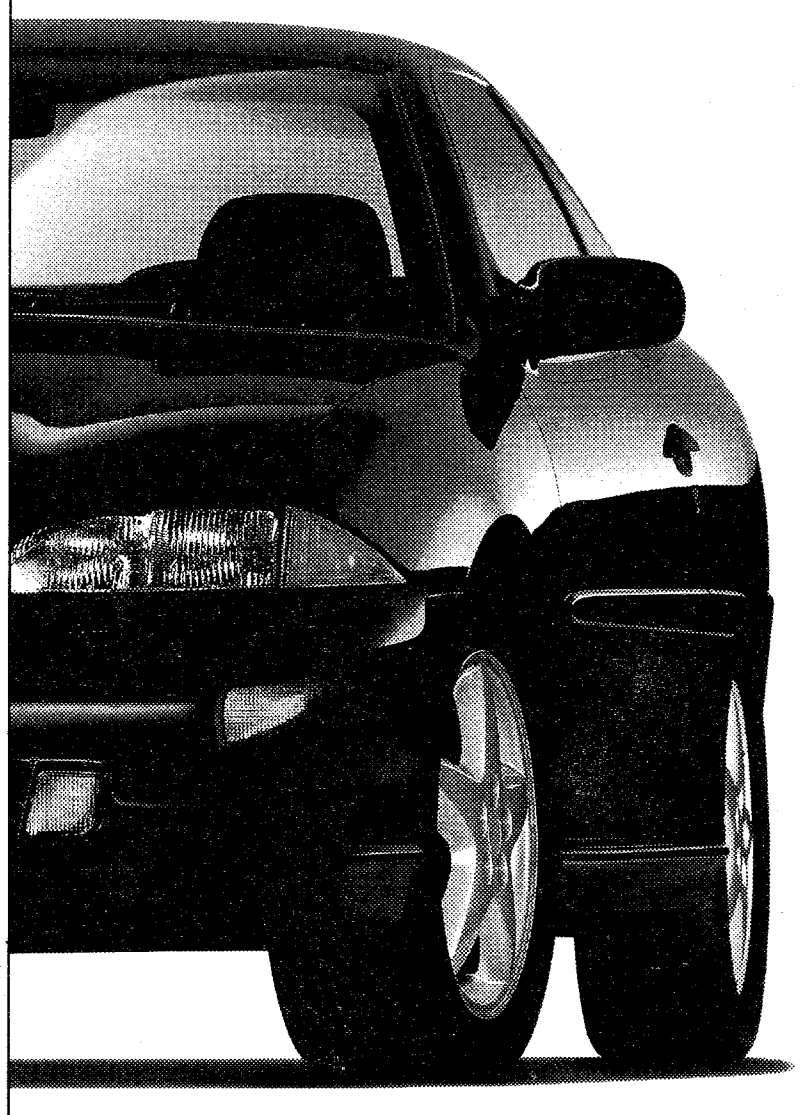

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Student Discipline

Under section 58 of the University Act the President of the University has authority to impose discipline on students for academic and non-academic offences (see page 19 & 20 of the 1997/98 University Calendar). A summary of such disciplinary cases is published on a regular basis, without disclosing the names of students involved.

In the period 1 September, 1996 to 31 August , 1997, 23 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline and 20 were subsequently disciplined. For each case, the events leading to the imposition of the the discipline and the discipline imposed are summarized below. Discipline may vary depending upon the circumstances of a particular case.

1. A student failed to disclose prior attendance at another University when applying for admission to UBC.

Outcome: in the special circumstances, a letter of advise.

2. A student failed to disclose prior attendance at another University when applying for admission to UBC.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

3. A student committed plagiarism in an essay.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University for 5 months*.

4. A student had improperly and inappropriately used the University's name in pursuit of a personal and private venture.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

5. A student alleged to have been involved in a cheating incident in a course did not respond to repeated attempts to arrange for a hearing before the Advisory Committee on Student Discipline.

Discipline: future registration blocked until the student appears before the Committee and notation on transcript to this effect; final mark in course withheld pending outcome of any future hearing.

6. A student committed plagiarism on a paper in a seminar course.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and letter of reprimand*.

7. A student's conduct at the close of an examination was careless and inappropriate.

Discipline: a letter of reprimand.

8. A student was alleged to have been involved in a cheating incident on a final examination

Outcome: charge dismissed; allegation could not be substantiated on consideration of all available evidence.

9. A student was involved in a cheating incident on a final examination.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University for 12 months*.

10. A student submitted a fraudulent transcript and letter of recommendation when applying for admission to UBC.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

11. A student was alleged to have cheated in a final examination.

Outcome: charge dismissed; allegation not substantiated on consideration of all the evidence.

12. A student committed plagiarism in a course assignment.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University for 8 months*.

13. A student committed plagiarism in a course assignment.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University for 8 months*.

14. A student was involved in a cheating incident on a mid-term examination.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

15. A student committed plagiarism in a joint paper for a course.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

16. A student altered a UBC transcript for personal gain.

Discipline: a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

17. A student was involved in a cheating incident on a final examination.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

18. A student was involved in a cheating incident on a mid-term examination.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

19. A student was in possession of unauthorized material during a final examination.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

20. A student committed plagiarism on an essay.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University for 5 months*.

21. A student failed to disclose prior attendance at another University when applying for admission to UBC.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

22. A student wrongfully submitted an examination under a false name and attempted to benefit from the results of an impersonation.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University for 12 months*.

23. A student was in possession of unauthorized material during a final examination.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

* In all cases indicated by an asterisk a notation of disciplinary action is entered on the student's transcript. At any time after two years have elapsed from the date of his or her graduation the student may apply to the President to exercise her discretion to remove the notation. Students under disciplinary suspension from UBC may not take courses at other institutions for transfer of credit back to UBC.

The Vanier Cup, inside and out

by Wolf Depner

MARK NOHRA 1997 Hec Crighton winner
RICHARD LAM PHOTO

Empty stadium, empty wallet: The propaganda machine may say otherwise, but the CIAU's biggest game is in trouble.

Sponsorship money for the game is down and only 8,184 fans drifted into Toronto's SkyDome (cap:50,000) to attend the Vanier Cup, setting an all-time attendance low in the game's 33-year history. Some even expected a crowd as low as 5,000. Embarrassed CIAU officials said the game will remain in Toronto for the time being as next year will mark the 10th anniversary of the game being played in the Dome.

But one can't help but think that the game will be moved to a different venue in the near future. Of course, one option is to stay in Toronto, but return to Varsity stadium. Other options include moving the game to a different permanent venue—Toronto has hosted all previous Vanier Cups—or move the game around the country the way the CFL does with the Grey Cup game. This is the least likely scenario as it is also the most expensive one.

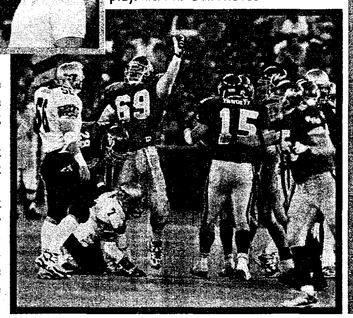
Of course, the CIAU could maintain the status quo, but holding the CIAU's biggest football game in Toronto makes as much sense as staging the World Series in Red Square. Nobody in Toronto cares about football, at least about Canadian football. Remember this is the same city that doesn't support Doug Flutie and the two-time defending Grey Cup Argonauts. Oh, by the way, Toronto's mayor hates Canadian football and has openly lobbied for an NFL expansion team.

The West is Best: UBC's win in this year's title game continues the western dominance in Canadian University football. Saskatchewan and Calgary won the Cup in 1995 and 1996 respectively.

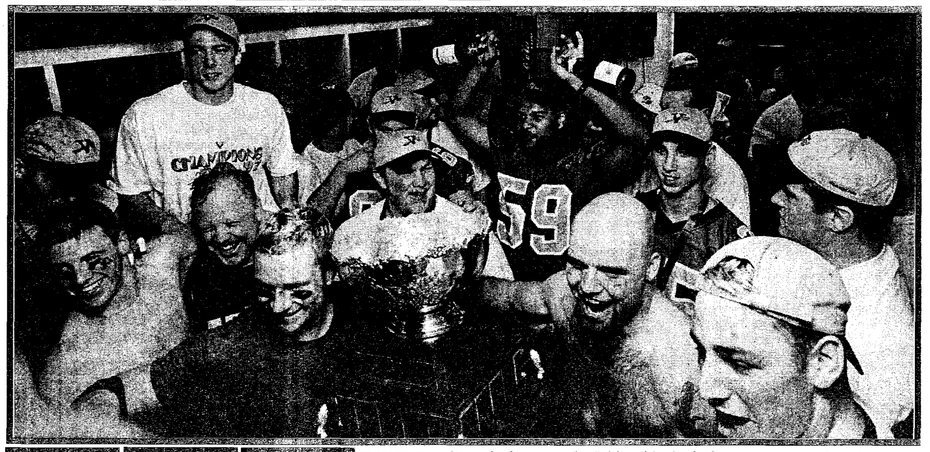
Oh, Canada: In additon to Hec Crighton winner Mark Nohra, centre Jim Cooper and left tackle Bob Beveridge were named offensive All-Canadians. Bob Beveridge was a finalist for the best offensive lineman award while UBC head coach Casey Smith was a finalist for head coach of the year. Both lost, but guess who had the last laugh.

Shirtless: Some UBC players and coaches were not too impressed with the fact that the CIAU did not give out enough championship T-shirts and hats after the game.

UBC officials asked the CIAU to issue more commemorative wear, but CIAU officials told UBC officials that the school would have to foot the bill for the extra shirts and caps. This prompted one UBC Athletics employee to call the CIAU a Mickey-Mouse organisation. See you in Disney World.



CASEY SMITH (left) In three years he has led the Birds to a national title. SPECIAL TEAMS (below) Darren McField (69) celebrates after a big play. RICHARD LAM PHOTOS



FINALLY UBC players let loose on the field and in the locker-room just minutes after winning the school's first Vanier Cup in eleven years. AKBAL SINGH (below) takes off. RICHARD LAM PHOTOS

No horsing around: CIAU officials ordered both the Ottawa and the UBC mascot to stay in the stands to prevent an incident like the one that occurred in the Churchill Bowl between Waterloo and Ottawa. The Gee-Gee mascot, shaped like a horse head, ran onto the field late in the first half to tackle a Waterloo receiver.

Dancin' in the Street: Six members of the UBC Tailgating club made the trip to Toronto to cheer on the Birds. Sporting their Thunderbird caps, the tailgaters spend part of Friday night appearing on Much Music's Electric Circus, a nationally televised hip-hop dance show. Talk about waggling your tail. After a quick retreat to their hotel, they hit town again, only to get drawn into a street fight at 3 am in the morning by local hooligans. Such is life on the road.

Bandwagon Rider: Everybody loves a winner, including politicians. As the team arrived in Vancouver, Smith and his players were greeted by friends, family, the media, and members of AMS council, including Shirin Foroutan, Jennie Chen, and Ruta Fluxgold. Wonder where they were when the season started?❖

Women's Volleyball:

Ok, something is happening here. The Birds are still undefeated after sweeping the Saskatchewan Huskies this weekend in seemingly convincing fashion. Friday night, UBC won 3-1 (15-12,14-16,15-8,15-10) as Sarah Maxwell had 22 kills and 13 digs. Izabela Rudol had 13 kills and 15 digs while Barb Bellini had 10 kills and 15 digs. Saturday night, the Birds won 3-1 also, raising their record to ten wins, zero losses.

Men's Volleyball:

The Birds dropped two big games this weekend, losing both ends of a double-header against the University of Saskatchewan. The two teams went into this weekend tied for first place in the Canada West. Now the Birds find themselves two games behind the front-runners. Friday night, the Birds fell 15-4, 4-15, 15-13, 15-5. Mike Kurz had 14 kills while Jamie Mackay had seven kills.

Men's Hockey:

Should the men's hockey team not make the playoffs this year, they will look back on this past weekend and say "we blew it right then." The Birds dropped two games to the previously winless Regina Cougars. Friday night, the Birds lost 5-4 while Saturday they dropped a 5-4 decision in overtime. The Birds are now 0-3-1 in their past four games and if the season were to end today, they would miss the playoffs for the eighth straight year. The Birdswill look to get back against the equally toothless Brandon Bobcats.❖

Keefer wins T-Cup despite sticky situation

by Jo-Ann Chiu

Rehab science major Jennifer Keefer almost didn't score a 40-yard touchdown as Rehab Science won the third and final T-Cup game 14-7 over the new Family & Nutritional Science team, one of three female full-contact football games.

Prior to kick-off, there had been some concerns over Keefer's ability to play in the game. The team had run out of the duct tape players need to hold their pants up. Football uniforms for T-Cup teams are borrowed from local high schools, all of which are made to fit men. As a result, all the women use tape to keep their pigskin pedal pushers in place.

Fortunately, Keefer was able to find a new roll of the sticky stuff at the last minute. This was of great relief to Rehab Sciences coach Eric Rasmussen.

"Never mind if anyone else's pants falls down, just as long as it's not our running back's," he quipped.

The opposition wished Keefer didn't find that extra roll of tape as she sprinted fourty yards for the game's first score.

Keefer almost repeated her feat later in the half, but the play was called back on a holding penalty. It would be Lindsay Holt-Outram who eventually took the ball into the end zone on 5-yard dash late in the second half to seal Rehab Sciences' victory.

Keefer, a member of UBC's varsity track and field team, remained modest her electrifying scoring run. "It's hard to run with all this crap on!" she said.❖

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Women's basketball on rollercoaster

by Bruce Arthur

It was a case of been there, done that for the UBC women's basketball team this weekend against the Calgary Dinosaurs.

Pulling out a gutty 81-70 win on Friday, the Birds lost the back end of the doubleheader for the second time in two weeks.

After splitting lowly Saskatchewan the previous weekend, UBC failed to close out a two-game sweep, losing 64-55 Saturday night. UBC's record is now a disappointing 2-2.

"It's totally frustrating," admitted guard Lisa Scharf. "This is how it was last year—so up and down—and we're way better than that."

Friday, UBC showed mental toughness and composure control of a tight, scrappy game behind the outside shooting of point guard Roj Johal who finished with 13 points and 5 assists.

"We've done that a couple of times," Johal said. "We're definitely confident [down the stretch]."

It was an important confidence builder for the Birds. Tied 68-68 with four minutes remaining, they executed brilliantly in crunch time.

Jessica Mills scored six of UBC's final 11 points and finished with a team-high 20. Scharf delivered the death blow, hitting a key three-pointer with 2:33 left to give UBC a 72-68 lead.

Saturday, though, a similar situation failed to produce a similar result. UBC was unable to pull out a close game as Calgary's full-court press shook the Birds who couldn't pull their offense from the ruins.

"Down the stretch, it seemed like nobody wanted the ball." said Scharf. "We know how good we are, and yet to see ourselves playing the way we did last year, it's really scary," said Mills. "But we play well against the good teams."

Mill's theory will be put to the test this weekend when the Birds host defending Canada West champions Victoria. UBC needs to rebound with a much stronger performance to really establish themselves as serious contenders in the Canada West.❖

Women Birds look for consistency

by Bruce Arthur

The story of the 1997-98 UBC women's basketball team could be summed up in eight words—will the real UBC Thunderbirds please stand up?

The difference in the 'Birds' performance from night to night is puzzling, to say the least. The Thunderbirds are capable of blowing the doors off some of the best teams in the country—witness their 73-60 trouncing of the number-one ranked Western Ontario Mustangs at the Ryerson Invitational in mid-October. But the 'Birds are also capable of losing their mental focus and playing down to the level of their opponents, as they have done in splitting their two Canada West series—at Saskatchewan to open the season, and at home this weekend against Calgary. "We do that a lot," admitted third-year guard Lisa Scharf.

So the question remains: how good are the T-Birds—and how good can they be?

"I don't think that there's anybody that we can't beat, but we have to beat everybody," said head coach Deb Huband. "I think we can lose any game, and I think we can win any game. By February, the pieces will be in place for us to really challenge."

This year's Birds are indeed talent-rich and veteran-laden, so why the struggles? Well, so far it's been the lack of a confident, win-at-all-costs group mentality. "We're just starting to believe in ourselves," said Huband. "But we're still a little fragile as far as that's concerned. We need progress in our mental game."

The players agree. "It's a scattered mentality," said third-year forward Jessica "Boa" Mills. "When things go badly, we don't pick it up and get it back together."

There is also the matter of funneling their talent into a cohesive unit—something that will only come by playing more basketball.

So what kind of squad is this? Well, for starters, they're quick. From point guard to post, these Birds can fly, and they're explosive. But to play effectively at the speed they want to, the Birds need to blend their talents together.

This year's edition of the T-Birds are built around four veteran starters—fourth-year guard/forward Laura Esmail, third-year shooting guard J.J. Rawlinson, Mills, and the true vet of the pack—fifth-year point guard Roj Johal, back at UBC after seven years away to finish her degree in education.

Of the four, only Johal has that killer attitude—Mills, Esmail, and Rawlinson, while all fierce competitors, are still trying to find the swagger to go with their games. "Yeah, we're sweethearts," laughed Rawlinson. "We're nice people."

Esmail, a second-team all-CW pick in '96-'97, is again capable of carrying the offense, but the difference this year is that she may not have to. UBC has more ammunition heading into this campaign, but Esmail is still the go-to option.

ROJ JOHAL stepping up on defence.
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"I think we can lose any game, and I think we can win any game... we're just starting to believe in ourselves,"
–DEB HUBAND
HEAD COACH

"When the going gets tough, it's Laura who really bears down for us," said Huband. "She's developing into a great leader on the floor."

One big problem so far, however, has been a halfcourt offense that has been at times tentative and plodding—but if the Birds can stop playing one-on-one ball and build a strong team halfcourt offense, watch out.

A big key to a consistent halfcourt game is Mills. Boa's a bang-up finisher inside but is also a bang-'em-up player, and so has been hindered by alarming foul trouble so far—she's fouled out of two of four CW games, and picked up four in another. As UBC's best inside scorer, it's imperative that Boa be able to stay on the floor.

Conversely, perimeter shooting is also critical—UBC has the range, but has been tentative from outside so far. UBC's guards, and especially Johal, need to hit from outside to keep opposing defences from collapsing on Mills.

Unlike last year's up-and-down T-Birds, UBC's preseason inconsistency will likely fade as the season goes. For now, though, the same question persists: which team will be around come playoff time?

"The good team," said Mills without hesitation. "I mean, when it counts, we can turn it on—we've just got to find a way to make every game count."

If Boa's right, and the good team does show up, this team just may find themselves standing up at the nationals.❖

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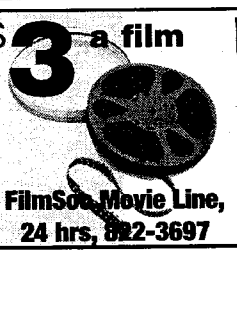

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Men's B-ball better than expected

by Bruce Arthur

Men's basketball coach Rich Chambers is the happiest lame-duck coach around. For a man whose one-year mandate has no hope of extension, Chambers is relentlessly upbeat about a very difficult job.

This is a team in transition—only three starters are back— and if UBC takes a nose-dive this year, no one will be surprised.

"We're in a tough situation here," admitted Chambers. "Some nights we're not going to play that well. But I've lost a lot of games in high school, and I've always bounced back."

But with the dedicated Chambers and his experienced group of assistants at the helm, the 1997-98 edition of the Thunderbirds could be much more than an intermission during the one-year sabbatical of longtime head coach Bruce Enns.

"We have nothing to lose, and neither do the players," said an effusive Chambers. "So it's really a win-win situation."

Chambers is far more positive than he probably has a right to be. The Birds are down to ten roster players after losing both Brian Scales and Jason Ussher in the last two weeks. The 6'11" Ussher left the team due to his self-described lack of progress on the court.

Scales was tossed from the team after he had a verbal showdown with an assistant coach and threw a vicious elbow in the direction of Nino Sose's nose.

Ussher was a nonfactor on the court, but Scales was starting and playing heavy minutes at three positions. His loss will hurt. Most of all, Scales had plenty of experience playing Canadian university ball—something few players on this team can say.

"Experience," said veteran guard Gerald Cole, "is a definite weakness."

With Scales gone, the Birds now just go six deep and Chambers had to run nine-man practices at times due to players missing.

On the road, Chambers expects to dress only seven players—he figures the other three can dress themselves.

Depth notwithstanding, the Birds do have a terrific core. The troika of guards Gerald Cole, shooting guard Nino Sose, and forward John Dykstra can score from the outside and have good chemistry.

Games are played five-on-five though. "For us to compete in the Canada West, we need Gerald, Nino, John, and Joel [Nickel] to score in double figures," said Chambers. "They've got to play to their potential every night."

The Birds have been eye-popping from three-point range so far, but teams will not allow UBC open shots unless there's an inside game that commands respect.

That's where Joel Nickel and Beau Mitchell come in. The 6'8" Nickel, now in his third year, is improving by leaps and bounds.

He has demonstrated he can be man in the middle for UBC. He leads the team in rebounding, and his athleticism will be a huge asset. "Joel doesn't know how good he can be—he's had a tremendous start, though," enthused Chambers.

Mitchell, a redshirt in 96-97, is an athletic forward who will play all three frontcourt positions. But the frontcourt is still perilously thin.

In the backcourt, point guard Dominic Zimmermann has stepped into the starting lineup, allowing Cole to shift to shooting guard. This move will free him from some of the pressures of running the team.

Chambers has done a terrific job of molding this ball club into a team with a definite identity. The players appreciate it. "Rich has been phemomenal," said Dykstra. "Last year we basically had ten starters, but [this year] everyone knowing what they're expected to do makes it so much easier. We know our roles."

Chambers, for his part, has instilled his charges with a mindset that goes beyond winning and losing. "I told these guys, we've got to take the 'Win-Loss' out of their minds. Just play. Play as hard as you can, and then walk off the floor. When the game's over, don't look back. No regrets."❖

Home sweep home for B-Ball Birds

by Bruce Arthur

UBC's men's basketball team flashed hot and cold this weekend. But they still managed to sweep the Calgary Dinosaurs to open the 1997 home campaign and now sit at 3-1 in the Canada West.

Friday, UBC came out with their guns a-blazing, as they rolled over a shellshocked Calgary crew 85-46.

"We played well defensively all game," said head coach Rich Chambers. The Birds unveiled a matchup zone that stifled Calgary. Forward John Dykstra was outstanding on the other end, scoring 22 first-half points on white-hot outside shooting.

He hit six three-pointers before the break, and finished with a season-high 27. The Birds hit ten threes as a team.

"When we're hot, we can bury teams right away," said Chambers. But he was most pleased with his team's consistent effort level.

"We played hard. We just talked about not worrying about wins or losses, just play hard. Play smart. And we did."

On Saturday, UBC expected more of the same, but came out sluggish. Calgary showed renewed intensity and made a game of it before falling 62-54. Nino Sose led UBC with 20 tough points, but it was centre Joel Nickel who sealed the win for the Birds.

He controlled the defensive boards down the stretch, finishing with seven boards and 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting. "Joel played amazing," said a gleeful Dykstra. "Down the stretch, we needed those rebounds."

The most encouraging sign for the Birds this weekend ?

On consecutive nights, one of their three big guns fell silent, but they still took two wins away.

Friday, Sose struggled offensively, shooting 5-for-18, but exploded Saturday. Gerald Cole, who scored 18 Friday, was held to a somnabulant 7 points Saturday.

Chambers was just happy to escape with two wins. "We didn't play very well [on Saturday]. We just wanted to get out of Dodge."

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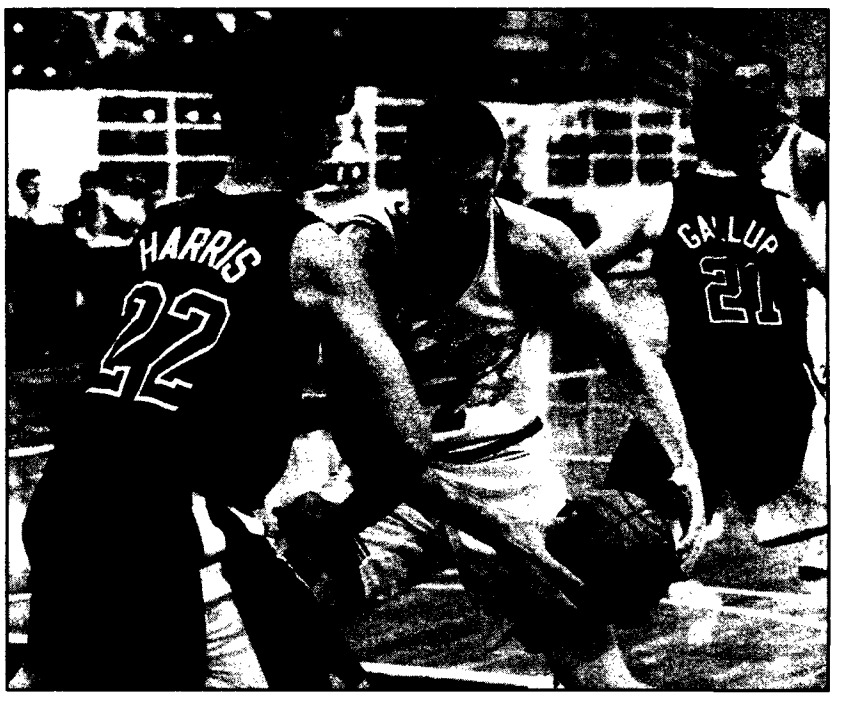

Keep Away Joel Nickel protects the ball as Birds sweep.TARA WESTOVER PHOTO.

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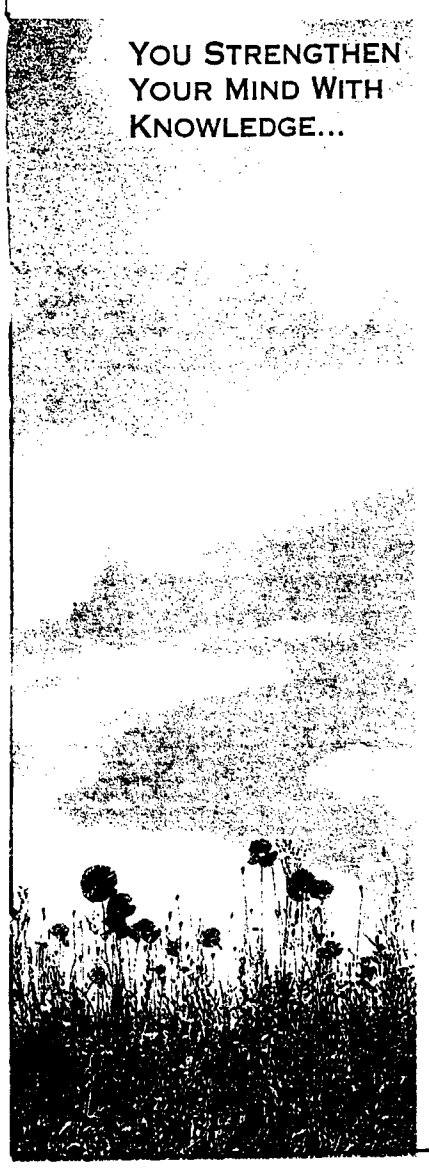

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The Value of a University Education
Job Training or Intellectual Development?

Moderator: Maria Klawe, Vice President Student and Academic Services

Panellists: Martha Piper, President, UBC, Jason Murray, President, Arts Undergraduate Society, Kevin Dwyer, President, Graduate Student Society, Clark Binkley, Dean, Faculty of Forestry, Sherrill Grace, Head, English Department, Walter Hardwick, Professor, Geography Department, Russell Mark, Alumni Association, Jim Soles, Director of Universities and Institutes Branch, Provincial Government, Greg Chan, Centre For Faculty Development

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MODERATOR: So the topic we're discussing today is "The Value of a University Education" -Why have a university education? Why did you come here? What do you expect? What do you want? And what can we do to make the university better meet your expectations?

VICTORIA: University is obviously a place where you go to get critical education, and critical education is what's most important to me. It's supposed to be a safe place where I can learn and where I can have access to a good library, not a place where students get arrested by administration. I think the administration should take some responsibility and come clean about where they stand on the issue of the arrest of the APEC Alert students. Why not say exactly where you stand?

MARTHA: We very much support open, free discussion, inquiry, and debate. That's what universities are for. We support it, we encourage it and we nurture it, but there has never been a home for civil disobedience on campus. As far as the particular charges that have been alluded to, we are looking at those very carefully and we will make a decision about them in the near future.

RICK: One of the things that I find really troubling is the fact that I'm not able to take the courses I want. I have a major and I have 60 other credits that I have to take, which, to me, for the most part, are useless. I am wondering if it is possible to look at other ways of streaming education.

JASON: I think the question actually goes to the root of basically what this discussion is about: What is a university education? Is it for getting skills for a job or is it to develop yourself intellectually? I'm of the opinion that it sort of falls inbetween both of them. I'm a Political Science student, but I've been forced to take courses in geography, in history, in physical geography, in religious studies; courses that won't affect me as a Political Science student. What they will do is give me new tools, new ways of learning, and new areas of understanding. We're here so that after we leave university, we're able to take the things that we learned and the knowledge that we gain from reading and knowledge that we gain from students and professors and apply it in as many different ways as we can.

SUZIE: We're talking about the importance of a university degree and whether or not intellectual development is a priority. As an Arts student, the impression I have is that at this university, it's increasingly difficult to get a quality degree in the Arts Faculty because of increased class sizes. I mean, our classes get canceled sometimes, and there is just a general lack of funding and lack of priority on the university's part.

SHERRILL: I can reinforce what you've said. We have seen this in our department with the increasing of class sizes until we are at the limit that the fire marshal will tolerate. There is an increasing anxiety amongst the faculty members over their ability to deliver what we believe to be pedagogically sound and intellectually challenging, because it is very labour-intensive. The smaller the groups, then the better we feel that we're able to engage in the kind of dialogue which we see to be the very essence of intellectual development and good education. So speaking just for my own department, we're very cognizant of this and very concerned about it, and I would imagine that my sentiments are shared very widely.

MARTHA: I think this is the essence of the challenge we face not only here in British Columbia but across the country. This concerns the two issues of access: the ability to provide post secondary educational opportunities to all qualified students and excellence. We need to combine access with excellence in the context of a declining resource base. That is one of the reasons that UBC is looking at a vision for the future. Ensuring that our quality is not compromised, but, as well, that we play a significant role in providing access. So I think it's something that we all need to think about seriously as we go forward in the next little while. It may be different ways of delivering education, it may be a different configuration, it may be using other resources, i.e. other institutions, tapping into information technology or whatever. It also means making our case to the public and urging the government to look carefully at this issue.

JIM: I think the government would agree that there have been significant funding challenges in the last couple of years at UBC and at all post secondary institutions, but if we take the larger perspective, British Columbia is now spending more per capita on post secondary education than any other province when you include student financial assistance and capital construction. Having said that, it's clearly something that we have to do a better job on.

KIMBERLEY: When I think about it, I cannot help but notice that the enrollment in universities, especially in the Arts departments, is down, and there's a reason for it. It seems like a lot of young adults are going to places like BCIT because it offers specific job training. But when we look at the value of undergraduate education, we must think about why universities exist. Universities exist because of people. In order for a society to function, it needs people who are intelligent, well-educated, and productive, caring people. But the term "productive" is extremely arbitrary. Some would say that universities should focus on Applied Sciences because that's, after all, where the jobs are. But in doing so, people aren't realizing that for society to function, we have to rely on one another, and that's where an arts education comes into play. We just don't need people who are critical thinkers but we need people who can develop ideas and can communicate with one another. Some say that the way of the future is science and technology, but I'd rather say the way of the future is the art of science and technology. I see my fellow classmates are Arts students who can e-mail and discover new information about Mars, but I also see computer engineering students who are using their creative background knowledge.

So basically, arts students have to take four different requirements; a language, science requirement, language, and literature. I'd like to expand that. Perhaps in the summer we could offer one-and-a-half credit courses for students in different areas; for example, a Science student doing something completely different, studying poetry, or a poetry student doing something completely different and studying something like soil sciences, or perhaps Science students switching classes for a day with Arts students. We need well-rounded students. We could say that all students should have an education in commerce, science, and arts. That isn't practical, but perhaps expanding the undergraduate degree from four years to five years and having internship programs would work.

ANDREW: For me, university is an environment where we can truly develop our minds. It's where we can enter into an environment of free debate, where we can analyze our way of thinking and other people's way of thinking, but I think in order for us to take full benefit of this environment, we have to remove the stigma of failure. When we go through our courses, we stress over our papers, our mid-terms, our finals, because we're told failure is bad. If you fail, this will go in your permanent record. Graduate schools will see that you've failed. But in our first five years of life, we fail constantly, whether it's learning to talk, learning to walk, or learning to eat. But people don't tell us that it's bad. They say that's good. Now, what did you learn from that failure? Use it to learn. Use it to develop yourself. I think that's been lost in the university environment. I think that if someone fails on their mid-terms, on their papers, that's good. From that failure, we truly learn to engage with a topic. I know I don't because I'm afraid that if I go off and engage with it, try to deal with it in a new way, I won't do it the "right" way. Now, what I want to do is learn. I want to be able to engage in these topics in a new way. But in order for us to do that, we have to remove the stigma of failure and say, "Hey, that's a great thing. What did you learn from it?"

CLARK: When you pose that question, you have to careful about how you define "failure." I heard a definition of a liberal education the other day that I really liked. It was "A liberal education is an education that liberates you from uncritical acceptance of culture and tradition." If you think of that as the definition of education, and then you say "What's failure in that context?", it's the failure that you have uncritically accepted tradition or culture. That is, when you took this exam or wrote that paper, you uncritically accepted things that you should have critically rejected or critically engaged. It seems to me that if you did that, you simply repeated the revealed wisdom. Well, I'd say you ought to fail because we're not trying to educate you to parrot any accepted canon. Now, that may not be how failure is defined in the case you had in mind. I don't know that you're being graded that way, but it seems to me you've got to go back to the question of what it is you want out of an education before you define what comprises failure in the context of that issue.

ANDREW: This summer I did a study term at Cambridge, and there were people coming from all over the world. You had the opportunity to be evaluated if you wanted to, but the majority of people weren't evaluated. Nobody was writing an exam or a paper, but I took more away from that experience than I do from the majority of my classes here because everybody was throwing out ideas. Everybody was engaging in this topic in radically different ways because they weren't afraid of being given a bad mark. If they said something that was off base, the instructor would say, "No, that's not quite where this is going. Try again." And they would. And the discussion just got bigger and bigger and more involved. I've never seen that kind of energy where it would spill out of the classroom and people would be talking about it all day. I don't see that here. After class, I see people saying, "I want to forget about this. Let's go to the pub."

MODERATOR: I do know some environments where I see that kind of enthusiasm and living it day in, day out, going on. I would like to just mention Science One as one example. I suspect it's also like that in Arts One. I know there are places in this university where that kind of level of enthusiastic engagement and doing it because you're really interested and not because you're caring about what your marks are fostered, nurtured, and celebrated. So, yes, it can happen and, yes, we need more.

GABBY: My question concerns corporate funding. I transferred here from the University of Manitoba after my first year because I was increasingly distressed at the amount of focus put on job training at Manitoba. I came here because I wanted to learn, not because I wanted to get a job afterwards. Do you feel it's appropriate that universities should be trying to get corporate funding for things like libraries? I mean, a lot of students have now started to refer to the Koerner Library as the W.C. Corporate Library, and I myself have to agree with this. I don't feel that walking into the CIBC reserve section is very conducive to a learning atmosphere. Do you think it's appropriate, do you think it's effective, or are we just painting ourselves into a corner?

MARTHA: I think you've raised all the issues that universities are grappling with as we look at the diversification of our resource base. When we talk about corporate funding, many people have different definitions of what corporate funding is. I was in a department yesterday that had an industrial chair back in the 1940s. This is not a new kind of partnership that universities are grappling with. There has always been an acceptance that the source of funding should not dictate or control the research or the teaching that goes on. We have to honour the principles of what the university is about, and those are free inquiry, pursuit of knowledge, unfettered access to information and knowledge. But there are levels of corporate sponsorship and we're looking for a time that we can discuss it more broadly with the university community. I think we need to look at different types of arrangements, and when you say "corporate sponsorship," there are lots of levels that we've been engaged in over long periods of time. The federal government, for example, has NSERC industrial chairs that have been accepted for quite a while and have done a tremendous amount both in supporting scholarship, supporting students, and advancing knowledge in areas that are critical to this nation's future. So I think we have to be clear on the different kinds of corporate sponsorship.

RUSSELL: I understand some of the students concerns with respect to the corporate presence on the university. I attended university twenty years ago, and the number of corporate names as opposed to individual names has proliferated. However, what you might want to think about is the intention of the corporations when they donate. There are some examples, I am sure, of pure advertising, but I believe that the vast majority of corporations donate for purely altruistic intentions. I've been involved in some fundraising for the university and I know that the vast number of individuals I talk to don't even want to be recognized. However, there are some individuals who make significant gifts, and the only thing they ask is some small amount of recognition, and that's what they get.

KEVIN: I guess what comes to mind first for me on the issue of corporate sponsorship is that in the kind of environment that we have today and the kind of global community that we have today, you can't disassociate what Shell does in the Koerner Library from what it does in Nigeria.

Moving on from that point, an ongoing problem that universities are going to confront, is the issue of what is a university education? What's the value of it? Martha Piper said that it's access and excellence. I think what we need to focus on here is the creation of critical and constructive minds. This place operates on money. There's no other way around it. That's why you have to have marks of a certain grade so you move on. It's like being pushed through a system. It's a structure that you're pushed through that currently focuses more on the structure than it does on the individuals within it, and that has to be focused on as well.

There has been a new strategic focus, on skills and training. The adaptability of people today is the issue. You have to be able to convert the knowledge you have to a new application within a couple of years. If you can't do that, you're not going to survive. So the issue there is focusing not so much on vocational issues but on critical, constructive minds that can change with the environment that they're in. The other point in increasing or maintaining access is by keeping tuition low. Statistics show that there's a great need for university-educated people in this province, and yet two-thirds of the people who are filling those positions are coming from outside of the province.

CLARK: I think that question is really one of the most important issues that this university has to deal with in the next little while. But let me relate this back to the first issue that was brought up about how we're bursting at the seams. I know that was a comment from Arts, but I can tell you in Forestry it's been at least that bad. We've had 15 percent budget reductions in the eight years I've been here while our number of students has gone from about 250 undergraduates in 1990 to 640 this year. So, it's bad in Arts but it's not any better anyplace else. Our funding per student in Forestry is about half what it is in a comparable faculty at the University of Toronto or Oregon State University. So what do we do about this? Well, the first thing I did was talk to the provost and I said, "Our funding is half what it is at the University of Toronto or Oregon State." And he told me the story about the Faculty of Arts. The second place is to go and talk to the government, and that's not been a source of any solace here for the last couple of years. That leaves only two other sources of revenues to support this university: one of them is extramural funding from corporations, from other parts of society, and from wealthy individuals. The other is increases in tuition. We just heard a spirited defense about tuition hikes. I happen to disagree with that, and maybe we can have that discussion as well, but if we're going to have quality education, you have to support it some way. Now, the philosophic point is to ensure that funding doesn't impinge on freedom of inquiry because if it does in any way, well, then you can't tolerate it. The core value of the University is freedom of inquiry, and we have problems with anything that impinges on that. Finally, let me add that if you worry about corporate sponsorship, you should equally worry about government sponsorship. I've been baffled why the focus is on the difficulties associated with corporate sponsorship here but we don't similarly say: What is government doing to us? How is our public sponsorship limiting our freedom of inquiry? Protection of our freedom of inquiry is another reason why I believe in tuition. I think a university that could run 100 percent on tuition. We would be responsive to exactly the right set of people perhaps, so at least there wouldn't be impingement on freedom of inquiry from a single funding source. Let me just close this overly long discourse by reminding you that this is an issue that has worried people for quite a long time. Diogenes believed that the only way to protect freedom of inquiry was poverty. I think we ought to reflect on his view because it may be the case that as a university, we're better off being poor, we're better off bursting at the seams in the classroom, we're better off being stressed in all of these ways because that's the only way we can defend our freedom of inquiry. I think we need to put that on the table and we need to talk about it.

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Picking up the signal Loud n' Queer

LOUD N' QUEER: SEX-FM
on CITR 101.9 FM
Nov. 21

By Jaime Tong

A measly 1800 watts of power did not stop CiTR from broadcasting Loud n' Queer, loud and clear on November 21. If you were able to pick it up, you may have heard the sounds of support and celebration crackling over the airwaves in CiTR's broadcast of SEX-FM.

The origins of this radio show date back to CKDU's 1993 broadcast of "SEX-FM" in Halifax. That day, SEX-FM, CKDU's all gay, all day event, broadcasted two spoken word performances. At the same time, Wayne S. Harvey was turning the dial on his radio, hoping to find a wholesome show. Harvey was so offended by the broadcast that he tuned in for nearly an hour before he sat down to write a letter of complaint to the CRTC. What ensued was a series of restrictions placed on CKDU by the CRTC in order to maintain the "high standard" of broadcasting that stations must adhere to.

The CRTC's rulings raised many questions and exposed a degree of homophobia. CKDU was required to issue several warnings (in case listeners missed the initial warning but continued listening anyway even if they were offended) on any material that may be offensive to the public. CKDU was also required to justify the broadcast of such material (although straight programming is exempt from justification). As well, any queer programming was to be run only between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM. It seemed that according to the CRTC, gay people in Halifax only listen to the radio between 10 PM and 6 AM.

These restrictions seem to assume that the mainstream listener is a straight, white, Christian man in his 40's or 50's. The restrictions also completely ignored Halifax's gay community was not offended by the broadcast. During this year's broadcast, CiTR DJ Anna Friz suggested that maybe it's time to have a day where there are "warnings for al *straight* programs" as a way of getting a point across.

This year marks the fourth anniversary of "Loud N' Queer" for CiTR. The show is presented as a celebration of queer sexuality and lifestyle, as well as a celebration of the right to speak out without censorship. Namiko Kunimoto, program director at CiTR, hopes that "Loud N'Queer" will "educate listeners and encourage them to be aware of sexual politics and homophobia, and to participate with us in supporting people on campus and in the community who are queer."

Organised by CiTR and Pride UBC, SEX-FM kicked off on last Friday at 11 PM starting with the history of CKDU and censorship. The two spoken word pieces that Harvey was offended by were aired, followed by his letter of complaint. Listeners were invited to call in and voice their thoughts, which resulted in one Christian woman calling to say that not all Christians are homophobic; and she was proof of that. Anna Friz who DJed the "history and updates" segment was excellent. Her comments were intelligent and thought provoking and she kept the show moving at a good pace.

The selection of items such as music by gay, lesbian and bisexual bands, and spoken word pieces that were given airplay also kept the listener tuned in. The broadcast of a poem about incest and abuse by The Fakes is one piece that must have truly moved many listeners because of the content and because the actual reading was very powerful. Historical events that are omitted in many typical history courses were brought to the listener's attention in "Another Queer Moment in History." This segment was made up of several short but dramatic reports to raise awareness of how history is "straightened" up. CiTR is not shying away from controversial and potentially offensive material.

Other highlights of SEX-FM included an interview with Kiley Fithen, author of *Scrambled Brains* and guest speaker at Write Out West. A discussion with two members of Bamboo Triangle (a group of Japanese-Canadian lesbians) about their thoughts on being gay and being a minority was also interesting and informative.

The show faltered in the middle during an attempt to broadcast lesbian erotica. An invitation was put forth to listeners to call in with their sex stories but there was a shortage of material and the two DJ's for that segment did not have a back-up plan to effectively fill the airtime.

CiTR will no doubt host "Loud N' Queer" again for SEX-FM '98, if you missed the show this year, move your dial from Z95 and tune into CiTR once in a while (Sundays from 6pm-8pm for Queer FM). Or better yet, get involved, make your presence felt, and speak out.❖

Inspired concert

POINT GREY PASTORALE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA.
UBC Recital Hall.
Nov. 27

By Tom Peacock

During the summer, we make empty promises to ourselves to get involved and do more extra "stuff" in the upcoming year. But for UBC music students and conducting enthusiasts, David Byrne and Tom Eccleston, these were not empty promises.

Over the summer, they met at a conductors workshop in Vienna. They decided to put together a chamber orchestra concert, not for a class, nor for an exam, but because they felt the need.

"Calling all the musicians we needed and persuading them each to fill one of the required positions was the hardest part," said Eccleston. Despite the initial aloofness of the school's string community, they eventually managed to rally thirty of UBC's most prized musicians to support their cause.

The choice of pieces to be included in the concert was influenced by one thing: the duo wanted to do something original. A predominantly pastoral theme runs through the music, which includes a piece by Wagner and a twelve tone work by UBC composer Zane Wilcox. "It should be a peaceful evening," said Eccleston. After months of organising, advertising and rehearsing, perhaps that's just what these guys need.

There's no rest for Eccleston and Byrne, though. "We're doing another concert on January 23rd," yelled Eccleston, as he ran off to practice with the school jazz ensemble, for a lunchtime concert. He was also up all night finishing a paper for a theory class. The Kamloops native doesn't look tired though, he looks energised, and ready to laugh at the next musical challenge that floats his way.

The concert is at 8pm on Thursday Nov.27th, in the UBC Recital Hall. All donations at the door will go to the Food-Bank. ❖

YourUBCforum

The Value of a University Education (cont)

KAREN: I graduated from UBC with my bachelor's degree in Religious Studies. I didn't get a quality education. In my department, there are no prerequisites for any of the courses. So what happens is, I'm in a class, I have the background, I have the knowledge, and I have to sit around waiting for people who have no background to catch up. I see how my professors have to work because of the lack of funding. I have a professor who teaches six courses. You go down to the Computer Science department and see their brand new computer and building. I compare my quality of education and I feel there's a big gap. I understand other departments are going through the same kind of cuts, but you know what? It just doesn't look like it and it doesn't feel like it. This is an arts point of view, and this is how I feel. I went away on exchange with Lancaster University in England for my third year. Excellent experience. Smaller university, but the quality of education I got there in one year surpassed what I've gotten here at UBC because of the attitudes there, because of the class sizes, because of the feeling of the university administration as a whole.

MODERATOR: I'm glad you talked about Computer Science. I think our Computer Science faculty are all ready to just give up and throw up their hands in terms of lack of resources and numbers of students. It may look from the perspective of somebody coming from religious studies, that everything is wonderful there, but in terms of the huge number of students, lack of resources and the amount of time that faculty are putting into course development, teaching, and supervising graduate students. There's a sense of panic, just not knowing how to cope.

WALTER: So in my view, one of the questions is: How do you create an environment within your classes, which basically says to people how they learn to problem-solve? Well, one of the things I know is that you don't try and do everything right up front. It has to be a learning experience. People have to go through the paces of learning how to do research, how to problem-solve, and it's something that will often take a whole term. I used to have six-unit course that went all year, and one of the things that I found with it was that I could start out in September, and by the time I got to April, I could do very much more with them than I can do in the current twelve-week term or whatever we have. I had some interest in what used to be the old year-round courses because I thought I could do quite a bit better.

VIVIAN: Faculties such as Arts and Science are centres of what a university is all about: critical thought, preparing critical citizens. These are suffering the most, these days. We have donations from generous individuals and corporations, but a lot of those donations go to specific departments which they see will turn out the best widgets, like Commerce. And we have the new David Lam Building for our Commerce Faculty. Those kind of donations aren't going to Arts and aren't going to Science. My question is: How can we use the kind of funding that we're getting from the private sector to ensure that our university remains a broadly focused institution and retains the ability to prepare critical citizens?

MARTHA: I would like to respond as someone who has just come to this university and sees it maybe in a little different way in terms of the level of private support that there has been for the Arts, which I think really does distinguish this university in some ways from the traditional kind of scenario you describe. If we look around this campus, we see the recent construction of the Chan Performing Arts Centre, which is truly extraordinary and is going to bring a tremendous cultural benefit not only to this campus but also to the community at large. We see the Belkin Art Gallery which was just opened as well. Both are clearly directly related to the Arts and some of the humanities and the discoveries that are going on in Creative Arts. We look at the School of Journalism which is not a practitioner's school of journalism but explores the theory and some of the underlying graduate research basis of journalistic thought, journalistic behaviour, and the free expression of thought around the world. But even more important, it is the Hampton endowment. Over $25 million of that endowment is directed specifically to research in the social sciences and humanities. That's an extraordinary endowment. I don't think any other university in this country has designated that kind of money for internal support of research in areas that have difficulty garnering the kind of support that you talk about. So I'm not suggesting that the issues that you raise aren't important, and we have to be very sensitive to them, but I think in some ways some of the private donations that have come into this university over the past five to ten years have been very clearly directed to the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

TREVOR: I agree with the last questioner's response when she said that corporations are anything but altruistic when they're supporting a university. This is along the same lines that Noam Chomsky developed in the sense that while corporations, by controlling the media, are already controlling the masses. If corporations, through increased funding and through increased support of universities, end up controlling what the course content is, it's essentially going to end up to be the same thing of what they've already done to the media. This isn't a process that has been occurring over the last five or ten years, this is a process that has been occurring over the last 50 years. Corporations are really trying to determine, slowly but surely, what we can and what we cannot learn in order to grow and for the sake of progress under the capitalist model. And the question is: If you require money to keep this institution going, and if understanding what the corporate agenda is and that it cannot come from the corporate sponsorship, what about trimming some of the bureaucratic and administrative fat that plagues this institution much more than three other institutions that I've seen and attended myself? How many people are really actually aware of the control that corporations have?. I would argue that most of the people aren't aware judging by the AMS-Coke deal. But this is a university setting. This is supposed to be an island of free thought and an island of free speech in an increasingly corporate world.

WALTER: I, for one, as a university professor that has been around for 30-odd years, take offense to a view that in any way any corporate donors or any corporate influence is going to influence what I'm going to do in the classroom. I can tell you that there has never been a time in my academic career when I have been prepared to have anyone outside of the university tell me what I should be doing. I just don't believe that this is a fair statement about what motivates academics on this campus.

ANDREW: In terms of the false dichotomy or the real dichotomy between a job-training institution and an educational institution, I think if UBC can succeed in producing critical thinkers that are dynamic, we're meeting both goals. The question is: in the religious studies department, as an example, are we dropping the ball on both sides? You mentioned earlier alternative methods of education, alternative configurations. Is there a committee looking into that? Are there ideas? Are there things being planned?

MARTHA: We are beginning a process that will, over the next ten to twelve months, look at the kind of university we want to be. A very big piece of that is to look very, very strategically and seriously at the learning environment we provide here, particularly at the undergraduate level. So the answer to the second part of your question is: Absolutely. I think we must think about that kind of learning environment, and I think we have to think about it creatively. I've put it out in the learning forum, I've put it out in my installation address, and I'm putting it out in every place I go.

I think three things distinguish UBC. The first is the quality of our students. Our student body is very distinctive. It is an unusually capable body of students in comparison to many, many other universities in this country. The kind of learning that can take place with that kind of ability is probably a little different from the learning that might take place in another institution. The second is our distinguished faculty. For a variety of reasons, on almost any indicator, we have some of the most capable minds and researchers and scholars in North America here at UBC. The third is the quality of the research that goes on. You are in a research-intensive university. Now, when I hear about critical thinking and problem-solving, that's research. That's what underpins what goes on in terms of discovery of knowledge and creation and interpretation and analysis of knowledge.

We want interaction, we want a dynamic form of learning, and I think, if we can't figure it out, who is going to? I really think we have the ability at this university to create a learning environment that is distinctive and that will allow students a choice. When they choose UBC, they will be choosing a learning environment that essentially optimizes those three components. So, yes, get involved. I'm delighted to see you here. We want to hear from you. You have some of the solutions. It's not just us; it's all of us that can come up with the solutions for the right kind of learning environment. We're going to have a variety of opportunities for dialogue, discussion, student input, and we want that kind of input to help guide us as we create that environment.•

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It was a quiet night in the office until Wolf Depner pulled on his yellow bell bottoms. Richard Lam laughed so hard he peed his blue jeans, and had to borrow Sarah Galashan's leather chaps. Disgusted by their lack of taste, Bruce Arthur and Jaime Tong fled the room in search of the great american mall. Seeking peace, Joe Clark suggested everyone get naked and peeled off his spandex. Meanwhile, Penny Cholmondeley and Jo-ann Chiu fought viciously over the last pair of pantyhose. Things would have settled down if Richelle Rae hadn't choked on the edible underwear and Tom Peacock hadn't thrown up his mittens. Since he couldn't feel his toes Chris Nuttal-Smith stole a pair of sneakers. Unfortunately, they belonged to Tara Westover who blamed Graham Lang for their loss and chased him from the office with a coathanger. Unable to handle the stress, John Zaozirny lay twitching in the corner. Marina Antunes and Federico Barahona oohed and ahhed over the toques in the Sears catalogue while Neal Razzel zipped up his jumper. Emily Yearwood and Emily Mak couldn't get enough of the "Fashion File" and Ronald Nurwisah couldn't get enough of the host. Jamie Woods would have been there but he was too busy shopping in "The Hills of Kerisdale".

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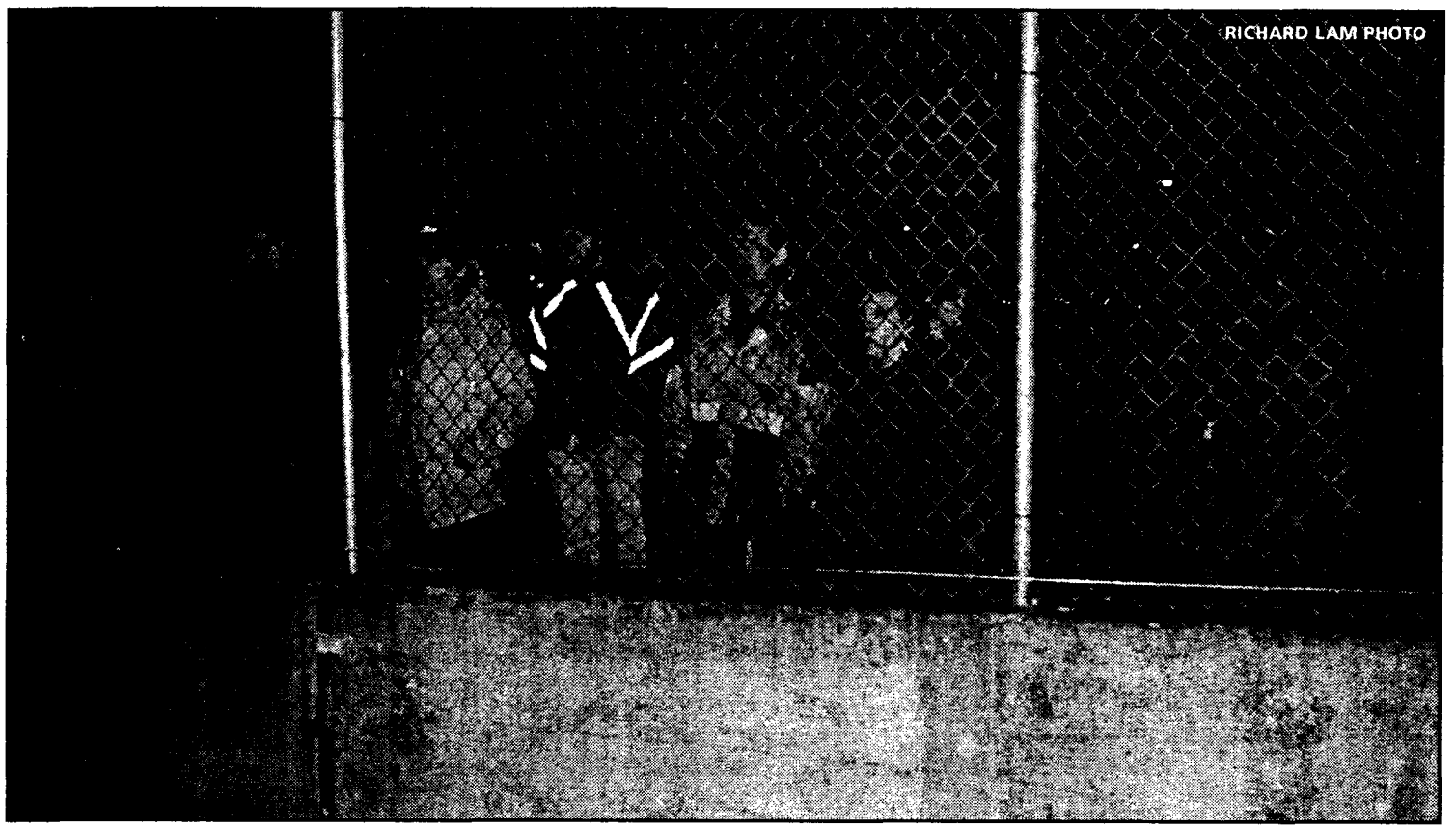

RICHARD LAM PHOTO

Silence does not lay the foundations of democracy

Heavy handed police tactics, more than a dozen student arrests, a couple of brutal dictators and a host of complicit democrats on campus should make for a pretty unhealthy university community. But UBC is looking better than it has in years. APEC has sparked a bit of a democratic revival. A long-dead spirit of protest and dialogue, rarely seen since a sit-in paralysed the campus in the late sixties, has returned to UBC.

It's hardly been on the administration's terms, though. While the university has encouraged students to Think About It, the official forums and the designation of a protest site at the Rose Garden haven't encouraged debate and discussion nearly to the extent that serious, peaceful protest has. Most instructors we've talked to are avoiding the APEC debate in class. "It's too political," one professor chimed.

So it's been left to students to initiate the dialogue. And it appears to be working. Students may shake their heads when they hear about yet another arrest. They may scoff at the painting of the APEC free zone across campus or the building of the tent-city outside SUB. But what all these events have managed to do is generate a buzz on campus--students are thinking and talking about what's happening here.

Take the occupation of the SUB on Sunday, for instance. A band of activists dismantled a Christmas retail bazaar so they'd have enough space for a teach-in which included forums and speakers on APEC, free-trade, human rights and corporatisation.

While the action seemed, to many, like a stand-off, students lapped it up, seeing the concourse as a place for much-needed debate and discussion rather than shopping. Hundreds of them listened to speakers in the conversation pit, and if anything, nearly *everyone* was talking about APEC.

It all hit home Monday morning after Jaggi Singh, an anti-APEC organiser, was arrested on seemingly trumped-up assault charges involving a megaphone and security person's ear. Singh had been warning people the RCMP might nab him before the leaders' summit happened at UBC. When four plain clothes officers dragged Singh into a ghost car, his prediction that peaceful protest would be stifled was shown to be more than paranoia.

Singh's arrest sparked an improvised rally that drained about 200 students out of SUB and onto the streets. The protesters marched to the campus RCMP detachment to demand answers. Essentially students saw an injustice and acted upon it—they took their democratic rights into their own hands.

What APEC will show students is not how a global economy works. What events like Singh's arrest will show students is the importance of democracy—that democracy reaches beyond the ballot box and into the lives of all citizens.

It could be said that this is all nothing more than a reaction. After all, it's not everyday that world leaders arrive on campus followed by thousands of journalists. That APEC affords student protesters an opportunity to relive the glory of the sixties.

But the importance of the protests goes a little deeper than that. While they may not make activists out of all of those who turn out to denounce human rights abuses, or even motivate them to consider the ramifications of a global economy, the protests will get people thinking. It will strengthen their sense that silence doesn't lay the foundation of democracy.❖

letters

Thank you UBC for resisting APEC

As a native Vancouverite and former UBC student, it is with great interest and concern that I listen to the latest stories of the anti-APEC campaigns that are happening around the city or on the UBC campus. I know that ever since my days as a "Culture Jammer" and member of the Student Enviroment Centre during the 95/96 school year, there have been a handful of UBC students and affiliates who've been planning strategies and events for the upcoming conference. November '97 seemed far away at the time, but those people could foresee the implications of the conference, both on a global and local level. I want to thank these people for helping to raise awareness about the aims of APEC, as well the dark irony of UBC's role as the "good host" of the conference.

I speak on behalf of university students from across Canada who are paying close attention to the events happening at UBC. In particular, I wish to offer solidarity from various groups within Ontario who are also actively organising, or participating in anti-APEC activities. Here at Trent University there was an informative lecture series which brought in speakers from APEC countries, as well as professors from our own academic community, in order to discuss issues such as "globalisation," the rigths of migrant workers in Canada and the effects of APEC on food security. These meetings, organized by the Trent OPIRG Economic Justice Working Group, were well attended by both university students and members of the local Peterborough community. One evening there were visitng students from an undergraduate college in New York, all of whom had no idea what APEC stands for or is about. On November 24th there will be a large rally entitled "People Before Profits" in downtown Toronto. Activists from all over the world wil be there, as will university students from several chapters of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group, including those at U. of T., York and Trent. We will be thinking of you, and wish you strength and courage to continue the struggle to raise awareness about APEC during these final few days of the conference. It may be happening in your backyard but it is affecting us all.

To all activists in Vancouver, especially those at UBC, thanks again and good luck,

Christina Zaecker
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We would like to extend our thanks and support in the actions of UBC students protesting the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Summit to be held at your campus.

APEC is part of the same initiative, led by multinational corporations, that designed the North America Free Trade Agreement, the Global Agreement on Trade and the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. These agreements are intended to work together and to offer no room for alternatives. APEC is not about sharing resources and helping one another, it is about opening up markets in third world countries from which to gain profit.

The leaders summit should not be welcomed by any university. We as students are supposed to be learning to think critically, not mutely accepting what lifestyles and beliefs the powers alread in charge offer us. We need to use our space and privilege as students in Canada to think of active and collective responses to APEC. Only through informed knowledge can we find some way to oppose globalisation.

Thank you for making your dissent visible and showing your administration that students do not automatically accepts the decisions that corporations are making for us and that there must be room for an alternative.

Fiona King Foster
Kate Archibald-Cross
Sarah Blackstock
Dan Sarage
Laura Metcalfe
Trent University

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The Underground not funny at all

As a graduate of the Faculty of Arts, I sometimes pick up the AUS newspapers, known as *the Underground,* hoping to get a few laughs. No sign of them yet.

What is it with this paper? Their so-called "humorous" pieces are about as funny as pages from UBC's Community Plan. Their big front page article is, time and again, so embarrassingly unfunny that I don't laugh—I cringe. Especially when I think of the thousands of students money wasted on the paper each year.

Well, just when I thought *the Underground* consisted of only unbelievably feeble humour, I pick up the latest issue and see there's something extra: Hate.

Their columnist on page 2 writes: "...I just can't wait 'till [sic] APEC comes to town!" Why? Because he's "dying to see" one of the anti-APEC protesters "get his knees and blown off by a snipper. Ooh baby! ...I'll be the first to applaud. And laugh? Will I laugh!"

Er...am I the only person who finds this just a wee bit offensive? Gleefully anticipating and applauding violence against fellow students-even if facetious-is pretty sickening, especially with such violent imagery, and with the possibility of someone actually getting hurt next week in anti-APEC demonstrations. And the same "joke" reappears three times later in the paper.

If you agree that such hatred, such viciousness, in a newspaper put out by students of the liberal arts is unacceptable, let the AUS know. They're located in Buchanan A on the 2nd floor.

J.D. Boucher

APEC should not proceed as planned: Pride UBC

Individuals and groups from a wide range of communities have expressed why they oppose the presence of APEC leaders on campus and we the members of the Pride UBC executive would like students to consider several more reasons why the conference should not proceed as planned.

The most glaring problem with the APEC summit is the organisation's refusal to discuss human rights abuses in member states. We believe that by not addressing these issues the Canadian government and the university are in effect endorsing the *status quo.* Instead of silently standing by as women, religious minorities, trade union activists, democracy advocates, and members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and queer communities are persecuted, Prime Minister Chretien and Dr Piper should use this meeting to press member nations to recognise the human rights of all individuals and communities.

As members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and queer communities we would like to bring to our fellow student's attention the plight of our communities in APEC nations. In Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Brunei, South Korea, and Mexico members of our communities are harassed, jailed, and killed simply because of their sexuality. Only Canada, Australia, and New Zealand have taken meaningful steps to insure that members of our communities can participate fully in society. Yet on Tuesday, Dr Piper will stand beside Prime Minister Chretien and shake the hand of each and every APEC leader. Contrast this gesture of respect with the fact that in 1990 the university senate barred sporting events held in conjunction with the Gay Games from taking place on the UBC campus. We feel that such a contradiction shows gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and queer people that this university and the Canadian Government does not truly believe in human rights for all but is instead content with the *status quo.* A *status quo* that we strongly reject.

Members of the Pride UBC executive

Not pro-APEC, but anti-APEC Alert

On November 25, 1997, APEC-Alert protestors telling us to walk out on our classes and go to alternate classes disrupted my POLI 380 class. I do not mind them exercising their right to free speech, and I did not mind their tent-city, although it was an eyesore. However, I do mind when they disrupt my class that I paid for to get an education. Someone should tell them that the sixties have come and gone. They do not have a right to impose their ideals onto me. If I want to support them, I will walk out and will not go to class. However, for me and many other students, education is very high on the importance sale. I also mind when they chalk Anti-APEC slogans all over the SUB. Their right to free speech is guaranteed by the Constitution, but I do not believe that the charter covers graffiti and vandalism. Again, they're imposing their ideals on people who may not want to know. Wasting millions of sheets of paper and tape is sufficient to get their message across.

Desiree Luebkemann
Political Science, 3rd year

APEC Alerters should stick to the point

Is it just my imagination, or has APEC alert gone beyond what their mandate is—or should be? I mean, of course the protests against the presence of APEC here on campus. Don't get me wrong, I don't think we should welcome APEC at UBC either, but, it has gone far beyond protesting APEC—it is now attacking corporate sponsorship here on campus, without which I couldn't afford to be here, and even promoting their (members of the APEC Alert) groups and clubs. The "vegetarian" food table and the "Hare Chrishna" donation box are excellent examples Please forgive the generalisations but that is how I have seen this. So, since, APEC will have just come and will soon be gone, I wish good luck to those who are going to risk arrest to make their point. But if something like this should ever return to UBC, please people, stick to the point.

G. D. Mitchell
Arts 2

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2.- New Equipment
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5.- Advertising policy
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McLachlan surrenders to mainstream, but sweetly

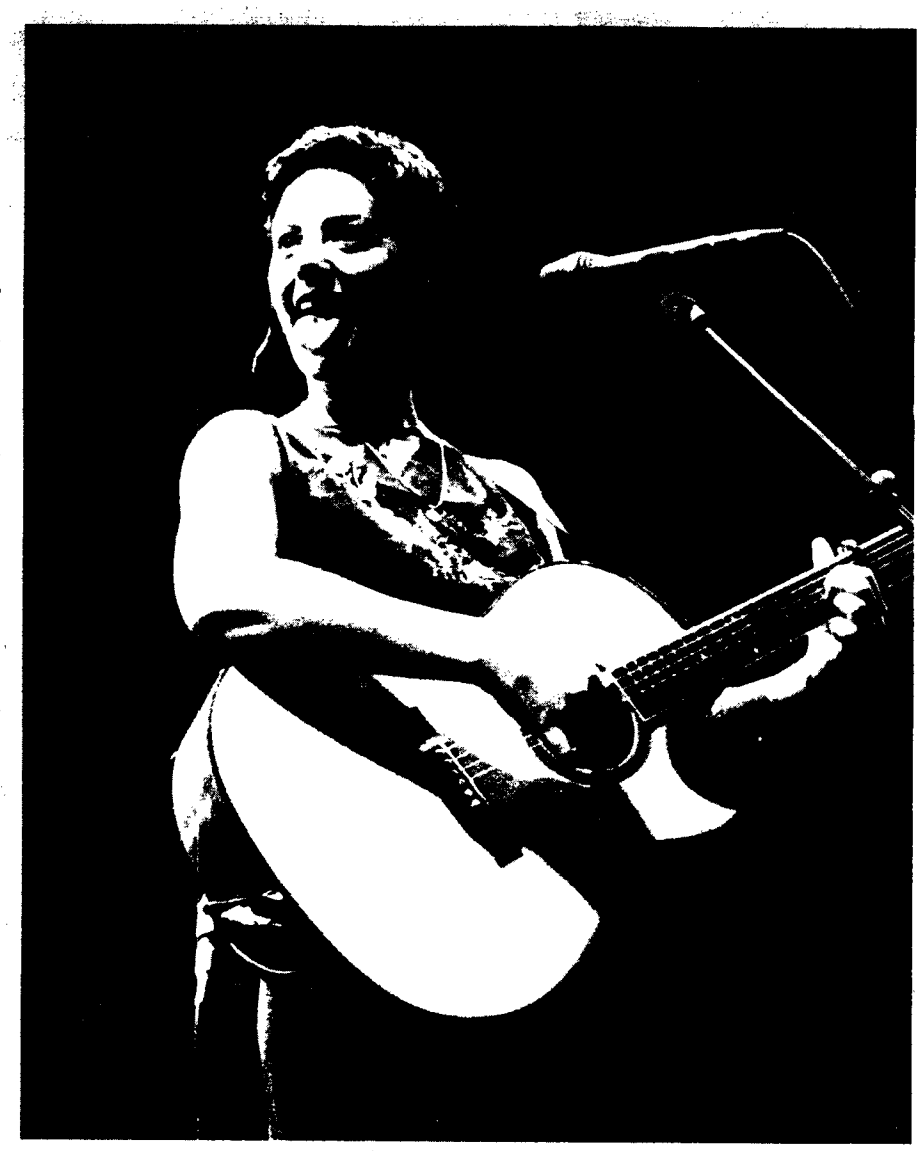
Sarah McLachlan
At General Motors Place
Nov 17

by Graham Lang

Something told me that the Sarah McLachlan concert was going to be amazing. Maybe it was the tension in the air as the throngs entered GM Place, or maybe just a brief psychic digression into the future. Actually, it was the line of scalpers on hand and knee, begging anyone and everyone for their ticket to the sold-out show.

Madeleine Peyroux was the opening act, which can be a hard job at the best of times, and even harder with a crowd anxiously awaiting their hometown diva. Accompanied only by a trumpet and electric guitar, Peyroux produced a Dixieland-ragtime meets blues "femme-folk" sound. She opened with a throaty rendition of Patsy Cline's "Walking in the Moonlight," and then moved into classic Muddy Waters blues tunes, and finally mixing in her own songs like "Nobody Loves a Fat Girl."

The show featured an electric guitarist from southern Tennessee pumping out a style not unlike B.B. King's, and a horn-blower that rocked a ragtime rhapsody. The band laid down a solid set. Peyroux's constant dedication of songs to "all the 16 year old women out there" set the mood for the evening, and primed the audience well for McLachlan.



SARAH MCLACHLAN: Vancouver diva kicks off her American tour at GM Place.
RICHARD LAM PHOTO

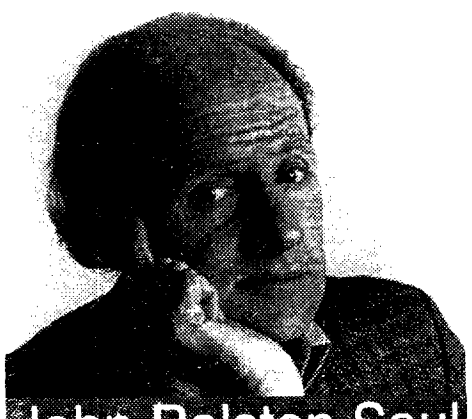
McLachlan was electrifying. She opened her set with her latest hit, "Building a Mystery." A heavy bassline slammed in hard at the beginning of the first chorus, and the two electric guitars also on stage joined the acoustic serenade. McLachlan's voice was amazing, but less prevalent than on the album, as she let the tools of modern day pop control the flow of the music. Her style can only be described as electric guitar driven folk—an oxymoron if ever there was one.

Some of Mclachlan's earlier songs like "Terms of Endearment" made an appearance. Interestingly, even the music from the album *Fumbling Towards Ecstasy* was altered to accommodate the plethora of guitars on stage. "Mary," an entirely acoustic song on album, contained electric guitar riffs throughout the live version. This new arrangement was crowd-pleasing, but too reminiscent of the many mainstream "alternative" bands.

The last half of the show was all about McLachlan's voice. She brought out a piano for "Adia," and her voice enraptured the audience.

The concert ended with an encore of three songs, and McLachlan finished the show surrounded by candle-light and a visit from a surprise guest: her dog, Rex. The crowd gave a standing ovation to their favourite hometown girl as she exited the stage—to start off her American tour.

McLachlan's concert, while a little overshadowed by the shift to formulaic "popular music," still touched the Vancouver audience.❖



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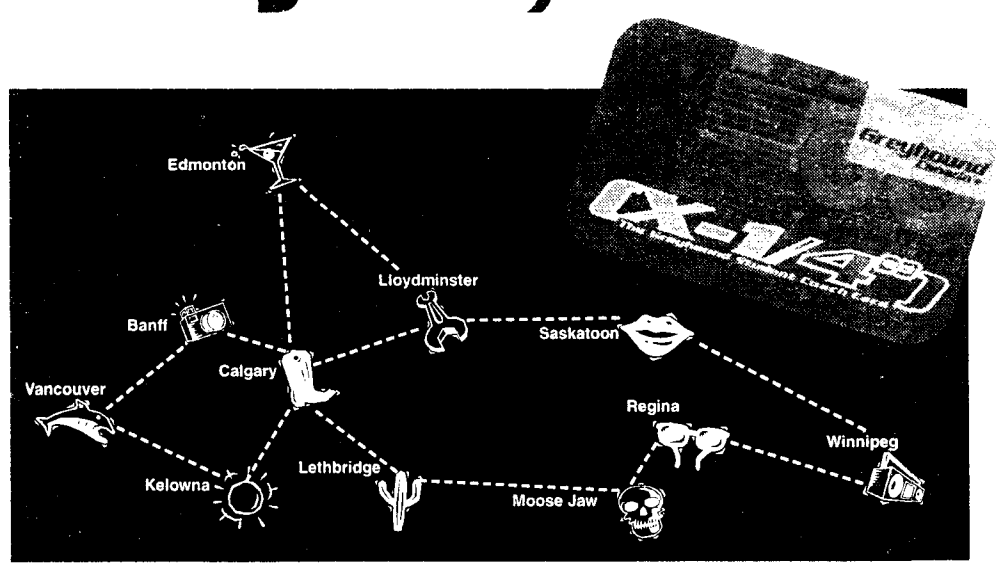

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