Apathy rules SUB proposal

By VERNE McDONALD

The Alma Mater Society is pressing ahead with its plans to renovate SUB despite failing to get quorum at a special student council meeting on the proposals Wednesday.

About eleven council members, four below the required quorum, showed up. AMS president Bruce Armstrong said the proposals that were to be discussed will be added to the agenda of the regular council meeting next Wednesday.

The meeting was to have discussed:

- an expenditure by the AMS of $775,000 on roofing in the courtyard on the second floor of SUB to provide space for a lounge and AMS offices;

ARMSTRONG . . . no one came

- an expenditure by the AMS of $328,000 to construct an underground plaza extending from SUB out under McInnis field, and;
- leasing of the external alcove on the east side of SUB to the university administration's food service for a total revenue of $115,000.

The special council meeting followed two public meetings on the proposals last Friday and Monday.

The meetings, attended by a total of about 30 students, were mainly information meetings, said Armstrong.

"They were question and answer sessions," he said. "You can't debate (the proposals) with only 20 or a dozen people."

Armstrong said a referendum on whether to retain the $15 building fee in order to pay the costs of the renovations would resolve the debate on whether the proposals are worthwhile. "The students will decide that," he said.

The referendum will take place in the the third week of January, Armstrong said.

The referendum question will be divided into two parts, asking students to separately approve the courtyard roof and the underground mall. The leasing of the alcove to the administration will be student council's decision. Armstrong said the referendum will take place in January because it wasn't possible to get enough information to students about it in the first term.

The referendum was originally planned for the first term and was to have included a third question on the proposal for a south side centre.

The centre, a mini-SUB with a planned cost of $725,000, is not being considered this term, said Armstrong.

"The chief objection regarding the south side centre is siting," he said, referring to a meeting he had with forestry and agriculture students where strong objections to the centre's site were raised.

Should the problem of the building's site be solved, Armstrong said a separate referendum would be held for it in March.

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Tuition c'tee 'token gesture'

By GLEN SANFORD

Student council's formation of a special committee to battle tuition fee increases is simply a "token gesture," charged an Alma Mater Society executive member.

Council formed the committee last week primarily to fight the UBC board of governor's policy of indexing tuition fees to the university's operating budget. This policy had already led to a 13 per cent fee hike for next year.

Al Soltis, AMS external affairs coordinator, said the policy is grossly unfair and council should be actively opposing it. But he said after forming the committee, only one other council member has shown any interest in joining it.

He said he had hoped the committee would lead to a unified effort on the part of council members to continually oppose the board's fee increase policies, but he is now disillusioned.

"They just don't seem to care," he said.

But Soltis said he was impressed with the way students responded to the new committee. One day after the committee was formed, there were already seven members.

But he said he is worried that without support from council members, the committee may not be successful.

AMS president Bruce Armstrong refuted Soltis' claims of student council apathy. He said tution fee increases are a very important issue and he was sure council members would step forward to join the committee at the next council meeting.

Armstrong said the committee will be able to research fee increases and student aid all year long. He said thei will prevent last-minute attempts to prevent fee increases, such as took place this year.

He said next year, when he will not have all the responsibilities of presidency, he will probably join the committee himself.

Armstrong said last week that the AMS president's job was not to fight fee increases.

Cap students fight fees

Canadian University Press

One in three students at North Vancouver's Capilano College has signed a petition circulated for two days rejecting a new fee formula which could mean an 83 per cent tuition hike.

Student organizers have also been distributing a leaflet criticizing the provincial government for calling for a massive fee increase while cutting back on $700,000 in funding to the college.

And the student society has placed an advertisement in the student newspaper listing the college's board members with their home telephone numbers. "In its continuing struggle for education," the ad states, "the Capilano College student society urges you to inform your college board what a student is, and what a student really thinks about the issues facing us all. It's time to be heard."

Student organizer Kate Hendry said Capilano, the only college of seven in the lower mainland facing the new formula, is being used as a "test case."

"Students at other colleges can look at what happens here and say, 'I want the same,' " she said. "But if we blow it, it could have a really heavy duty effect on other colleges."

Students plan to present the 1,100-signature petition to the college board. The petition calls for an accessibility study on the effects of the proposed increase.

"People are really pissed off," said Steve Shallhorn of the B.C. Students' Federation. "We're hopeful that (fee increases) can be nipped in the bud. Students are ready to fight it all the way."

Organizers are also considering holding protest marches and mass lobbies.

Meanwhile, college principal Paul Gallagher has warned the student society to expect cutbacks of up to $700,000 next year.

Gallagher said the college has been cutting back services, so that the next cuts will be made to faculty and staff salaries.

"Up to this point we've cut back non-personnel things quite a bit. You don't cut back nickel and dime stuff on a half-million dollars."

Gallagher said he blames the provincial government for the funding shortfall, adding that, "Institutional autonomy has become an illusion" because of government's policy.

Student society executive member Stephen Howard said Gallgher and the college board are as responsible as the government for the deficit.

"You have to focus a lot of negative attention on the government but the college board and Gallagher are not representing the college that well," Howard said. "They said they'd work quietly in the system but I think that's going to ensure we don't receive proper funding."

Carrels in time for Christmas

No more hunching down between close set stacks in Main. An end to wandering Sedgewick in search of a space for your pile of books. Brock Hall is back.

Members of the student services advisory committee said Wednesday an error in judgment by the university administration means study carrels will be moved back into Brock Hall in time for students to study for their Christmas exams.

Senate representative Chris Niwinski said that at a meeting of the committee Nov. 5, administration vice president Erich Vogt announced that the carrels were going back in because renovations to Brock Hall which were supposed to begin by now have been delayed.

"We made an error in judgment," Niwinski reported Vogt as saying.

The administration removed the carrels before classes began, announcing that Brock Hall was to be renovated to accommodate student counselling offices. Due to delays the planned renovations will not take place until March, Niwinski said.

Vogt gave no specific date for when the carrels would be back in the study area, said board of govenors representative Anthony Dickinson.

"No one asked for a date," he said.

Vogt was unavailable for comment.

Niwinski said if the carrels are not ready for use by next Wednesday's student council meeting, then council should direct someone to approach the administration "and make damn sure they get in there."

High marks hard to find in commerce

WINNIPEG (CUP) — So you thought you were making the smart move going into commerce. But you might not be as smart as you think.

Commerce students get lower grades than other students according to a report published by the department of institutional analysis at the University of Manitoba.

For the past four years students that have graduated with a bachelor of commerce honors degree have obtained lower median grade point averages than the rest of the total university degree holders.

Commerce honors students' GPAs suffer even more in comparison to those of honors degree graduates in arts and science.

The commerce honors degree holders at the University of Manitoba consistently performed 25 to 30 per cent lower than the university median while the arts honors degree holders consistently placed 40 per cent above the university norm over the four years.

Associate dean of science Nora Loussey said science honour students get higher marks because the courses are "high pressure and were likely to attract higher quality students."

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'Arts students better'

From page 1

Associate dean of arts Bev Tangri also felt students in arts honors courses were better students than in some of the other degree programs at the university.

Dean of commerce J. D. Mundie thought the reason for the low performance of the commerce students could be that the students had to take a wide variety of courses, and not all these "are in the aptitude or interest of the students."

He pointed out that commerce students must have a broad range of knowledge which would preclude the depth found in an arts or science degree program.

"We are more demanding on our students," Mundie said.

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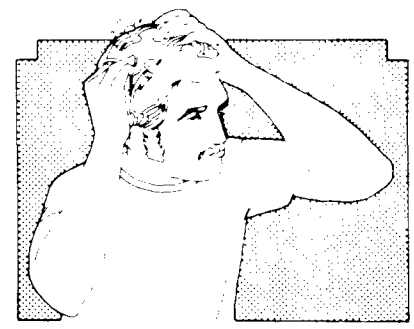

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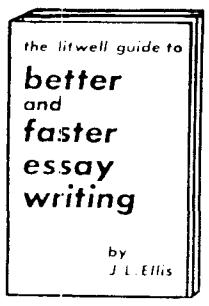

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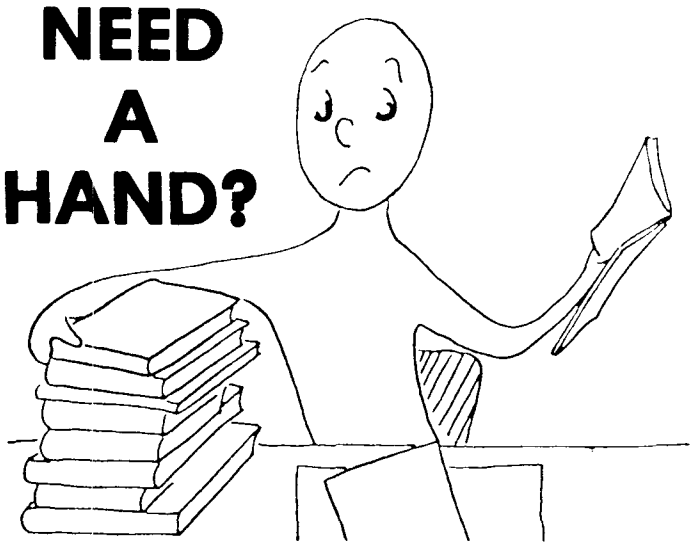

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Kenny fights anarchy and chaos

By GLEN SANFORD

UBC president Doug Kenny told senate Wednesday night the university's academic schedule must be investigated because of its current chaotic condition.

"We haven't had a review of the scheduling of classes for 12 years," Kenny said.

He said scheduling has deteriorated to the point that "many faculties are operating under sheer anarchy." He told senate current methods of scheduling have led to very inefficient and wasteful use of space.

He said the solution is probably to begin registration earlier in the year, and added, "if we (the administration) have to impose it to a degree, we will."

The situation is so out of hand student or faculty demands may have to be set aside, Kenny said.

Kenny made the comments in response to a report by the senate ad hoc committee on examinatins which recomend earlier registration to allow for a longer study period before final exams.

Senate passed the recommendation, plus others which will affect exam scheduling.

Senate agreed that a study period of at least two days (including weekends) should take place after the last day of classes. It also agreed that faculties should attempt to limit common exams.

The recommendation for a minimum two day study period originally called for a four to five day period, but student senator Ian Bakshi amended the motion.

Bakshi said he was worried an excessive study time may shorten the exam period, which could be hard on students.

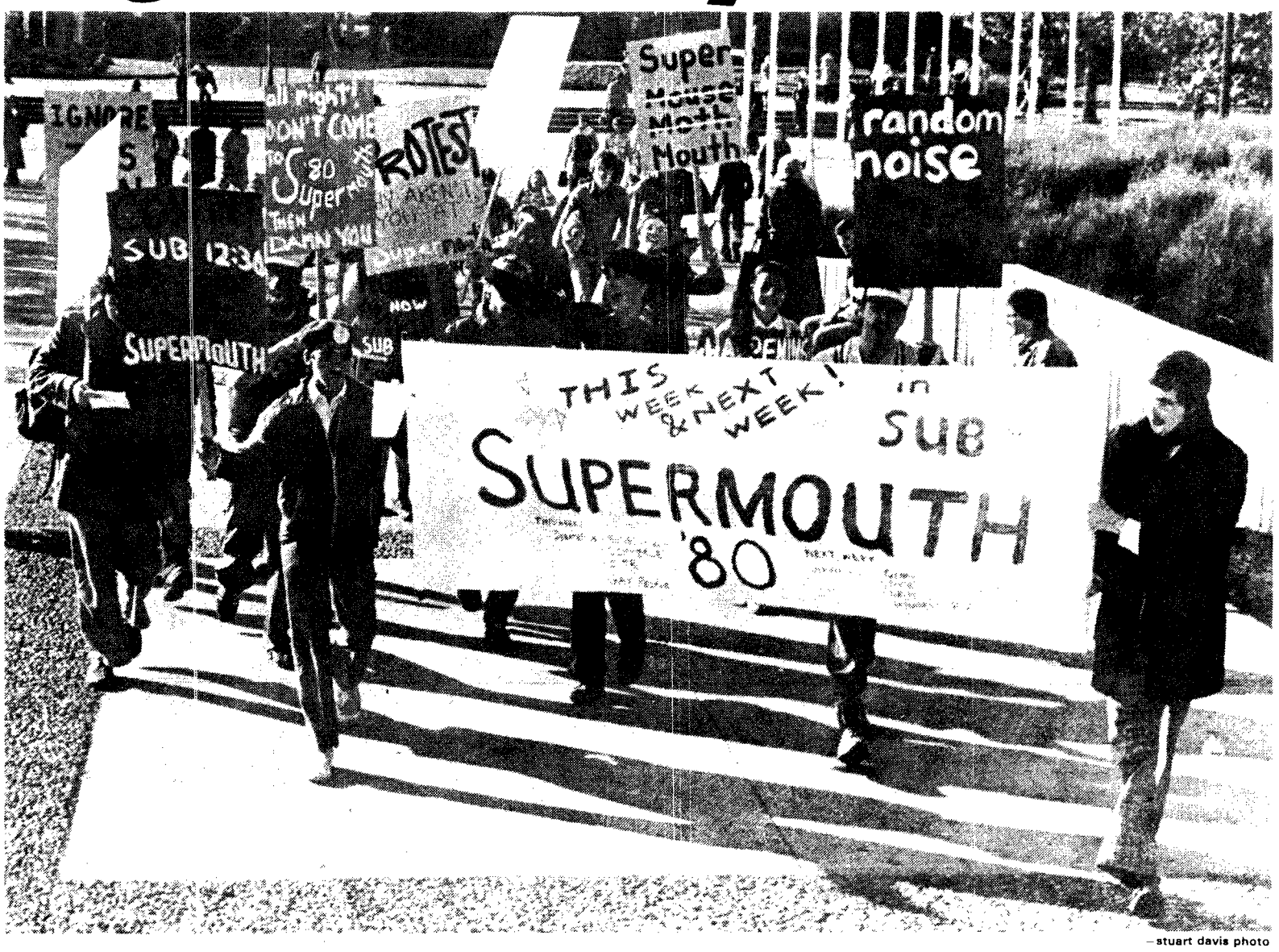
"It's much better to spread the examination period than to allow a study period," he said. He said a short exam period can lead to students writing several exams in a very short time.

Student senator Chris Niwinski agreed, saying, "the one price students are not willing to pay is shortening the Christmas exam period."

Bakshi expressed concern that students, including those who were members of the exam committee, had almost no input into the report.

Several senators were concerned about the committee's recommendation for faculties to investigate the necessity of common exams for sections in each department.

Science dean Cy Finnegan said common exams were often necessary to prevent some students from taking an exam before other students write an identical exam.



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WE ARE, WE ARE . . . oops, wrong song. Loud people, advocating use of bionics in oral sex, led protest march from sall research laboratory on West Mall to SUB, where they harassed guilty bystanders before storming staid offices of The Ubyssey. Artsy on left carries placard advertising another exciting debauch, but his debark was worse than his debauch. Militants carrying sign at centre later revealed themselves as RCMP infiltrators investigating allegations of bestiality between two UBC student clubs and extraterrestrials. No charges were laid, though participants complained of sore jaws and aching joints. Other sports action saw Science Fiction club take on Debating society in battle of wits.

Discrimination still plagues Indians

SASKATOON, Sask. (CUP) — The struggle to entrench native treaty rights in the constitution continues, but Steve Pooyak of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians is pessimistic about the outcome.

Canadian Indians are currently receiving only about 15 per cent of the rights guaranteed them by treaty, Pooyak said. He cited education and economic development on reserves as two priorities of native organizations in the province.

Pooyak said education facilities on the reserves are deteriorating rapidly — particularly in the far north.

He called affirmative action programs for natives "band-aid" programs, saying they do not reduce the prejudice in society and discrimination still occurs even where there are affirmative action programs.

Pooyak emphasized the need to supply natives with "the best possible training" in order to equip them to find jobs.

He said native attempts to lobby British members of parliament prior to constitutional discussions in September were aimed at obtaining a right of input into the talks.

But he said, "realistically, I don't think the government is going to listen to us."

Pooyak said the need for entrenchment of treaty rights in any reformed constitution is great. Any attempts by the federal government to delegate its constitutional responsibility "for natives and land reserved for natives to provincial agencies would be rejected by native organizations across Canada."

Pooyak added that natives sympathize with the struggle of the Quebecois to have their cultural rights entrenched in the constitution. When asked whether natives should receive equal or greater constitutional consideration, he replied, "Well, we were here first."

Foreigners' fee hike tabled

By BILL TIELEMAN

A resolution calling for the implementation of differential tuition fees for foreign students was tabled for further study by delegates to the annual Social Credit party convention last weekend.

After a spirited debate that seemed to indicate the resolution would easily pass, delegates instead voted to table and obtain further information on the subject. The resolution, which called for a two-tiered system of tuition fees at B.C. universities, colleges and other educational institutes, could be reintroduced at next year's convention.

"The universities are filled up with foreigners and our own children can't get into them," one delegate claimed. Said another of the resolution: "We're not saying we're going to discriminate against foreign students — we're just going to give our children first choice."

But not all the delegates agreed.

"I've never met anyone who has been denied entry into university because of foreign students," said one delegate who identified himself as a Simon Fraser University student. "This would be a backward step," said another. One speaker pointed out that foreign students make up a very small percentage of the overall student population and added that their presence enhances the academic and cultural atmosphere of the universities.

According to the Canadian Bureau for International Education in Ottawa, foreign students total about 4.5 per cent of the student population in post-secondary education.

Universities minister Pat McGeer, who has stated in the past that he is considering imposing differential tuition fees, did not speak on the resolution, which was not binding on the government.

Hacks back Press

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CUP) — The Brock University student union is supporting the campus newspaper's bid for autonomy.

"The union is backing The Press all the way," said Cheryl MacIntyre, director of publications and communications and editor-in-chief of The Press in 1979-80.

A referendum will be held Nov. 24-26 to ask Brock students to approve a direct per student levy of $3.50 per course for The Press, effective 1981-82.

The Press is currently published and financed by the student union. Under the autonomy proposal, the students would directly finance the newspaper.

Negotiations have been under way between Press editor Brian Smylski and the student union for over six months. According to MacIntyre, arrangements have been made for The Press to give the council free advertising space for the next two or three years to pay for typesetting and other production equipment.

MacIntyre says the council is supporting the autonomy bid because it has been unable to adequately finance other campus activities, such as Radio Brock, clubs and entertainment, while financing the campus newspaper.

Brock students currently pay $5 per course to the student union. With an autonomous newspaper, the students taking a full course load would pay $25 to the union and an additional $16.50 to The Press.

MacIntyre said she is hopeful The Press will win the referendum. "If people get out and vote, then we'll get it," she said.

Debate ponders KKK

By GRAY McMULLEN

Self-defence takes precedence over freedom of speech, Allan Soroka, UBC committee against racist and fascist violence chairperson, said at Monday's supermouth debate.

Soroka took on debating society president Richard Clark on the topic, The Klu Klux Klan has no right to speak, before 120 people in the SUB auditorium.

"They're a bunch of loonies," said Soroka. "It's hard to find anything lower than the KKK." The KKK has no right to exist, let alone speak, he said.

"You can't remove freedom in order to preserve freedom," responded Clark. "I make no defence for the Klan, of its actions or policies. They are a despicable bunch. Yet freedom of speech is important."

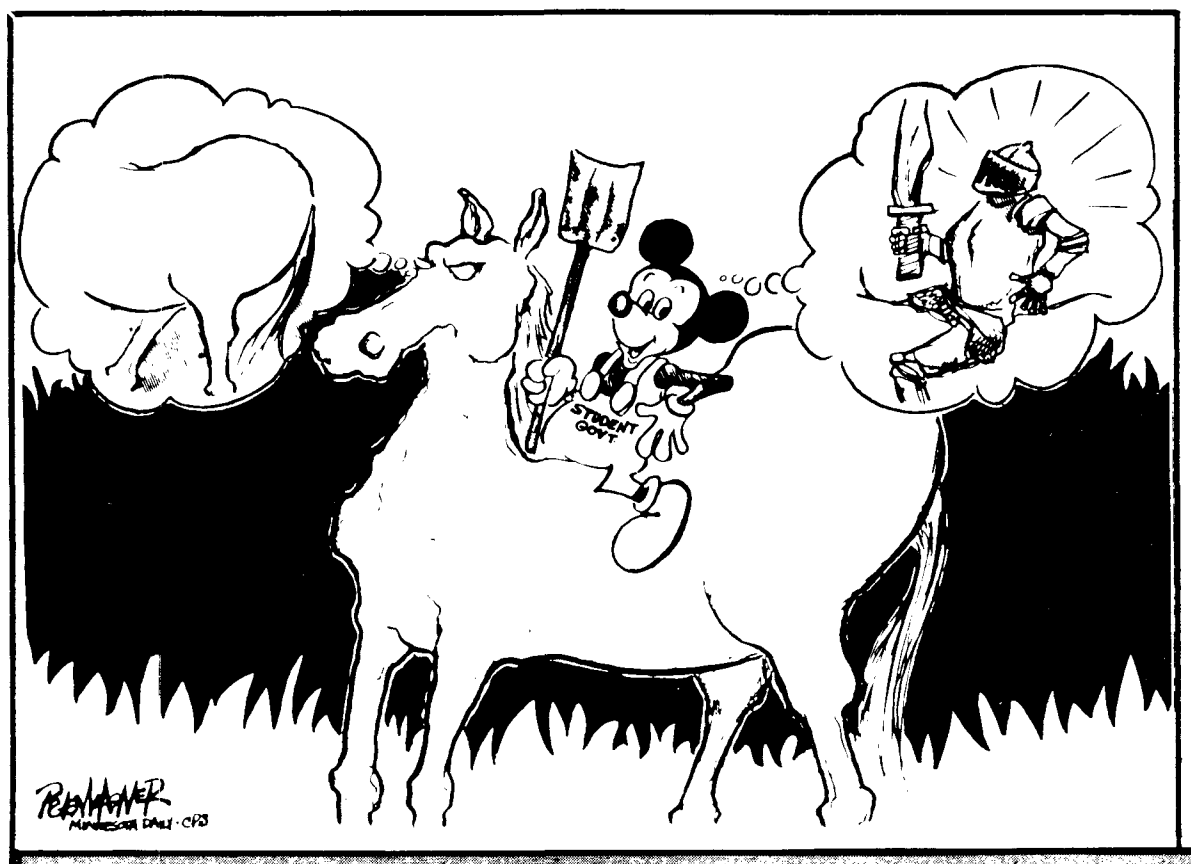
The KKK is attacking all non-white Canadians, said Soroka. "Should we take these attacks lying down, or should we organize ourselves and take action?" he said. "We all should have the right of self-defence."

There are laws which apply to the KKK, said Clark. If the KKK do anything illegal, they should be taken to court like anybody else. Yet to take away their freedom of speech and drive them into secrecy would be a mistake, he said.

"It's like a monster in a hole. I'd rather bring the monster out into the open, where we can chop off its head, than to keep it in its hole, where it can grow," he said.

"The KKK's greatest victory would be for us to renounce our beliefs," he added.

"The problem in Canada requires that we use every method available for self-defence," said Soroka. "If someone attacks you, it is proper for you to defend yourself." The KKK is attacking all non-white Canadians, and they should defend themselves, Soroka said.



No debate needed

They used to be described as "human" or "inalienable" and the effort of society was to increase their domain, and decrease the domain of privilege.

The word which seems to be used far too much these days when speaking of rights is "debatable". Should fascists have the right to speak? Should the KKK? Should blacks and orientals have the right to freedom from fear?

Borrowing some questions from the last board of governors meeting: Do students have the right to a fair and honest hearing over their concerns? Do the less advantaged in our society have a right to post-secondary education?

Then there's some from student council: Does the Association of Student Councils have the right to present its views to council? Do students have the right to speak about how their money is spent?

We have a question of our own. What makes people think these rights are subject to debate?

It is disturbing that there are those on campus who would seriouly advocate denying free speech to anyone in our society. Groups such as the KKK, or the Marxist-Lennists, cannot be denied free right of speech though we can prevent them from imposing their beliefs on others.

That is the prime rule, to not impose your beliefs on others. Trying to determine for others what their rights are is the same thing.

Rather than casting around for someone to restrict or shut up, we should be looking for ways to increase everyone's freedom.

We could be working on the right to accessibility to education for all, right of native people to their lands and livelihood, the right of freedom from want for our poor.

The road to having the rights we do have is a hard one, millenia long. There's no reason turning backwards now.

Letters

Something's rotten . . .

I enjoyed reading the Freestyle article entitled "Hypocrisy only winner in tuition fee farce" in The Ubyssey, Nov. 6. It was a humorous and amusing adventure into the nether reaches of Shakespearean fiction.

However, there is one thing wrong with the freestyle; me portrayed as Hamlet, yet at the same time casting me as a dastardly villain out to shackle the unwary student to the horrifying (gasp!) effects of inflation, burdening them with the experience of the Vancouver Consumer Price Index, plus one per cent "for good measure." As Hamlet would say: "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark;" or in this case UBC.

It is true that I am proposing to index tuition fees to the Vancouver Consumer Price Index, and not to the proposed expenditures of the university in the present fiscal year. If the board of governors were to index fees to inflation, not the university budget, it would still mean the annual review of tuition fees and the annual decision to raise or not to raise the fees (it's the Hamlet in me again).

I simply put it across to the board that should the board go with indexing fees to inflation, it would have the ability to raise fees by up to the Vancouver price index plus one per cent, not do it automatically.

There's another item Bill Tieleman neglected in the Freestyle. That is, setting a maximum increase for any one given year. In case you have forgotten, the initial maximum would be set at 11 per cent. So, if inflation for the Vancouver area were to take off and jump 30 per cent in one year, the maximum increase that the board would impose would still be 11 per cent.

Alternatively, if inflation for the Vancouver area were to increase two per cent in one year, the maximum increase that the board would impose would be three per cent. You see, it's a two-prong maximum.

To continue, if the board were to adopt the proposal, it would also mean that no student would pay a differential percentage increase. Next year, for example, third and fourth year science students' tuition fees are increasing by a larger percentage than the first year science students' fees.

Under the Vancouver Consumer Price Indexing formula, every student would pay the same increase. It's stabilizing everyone. Everyone would pay the same percentage increase; no favorites or 'scapegoats.'

To index or not to index is not the question. The point is to index the fees to something reasonable, something that the student, and everyone else for that matter, could understand, with a maximum increase in any one year through two means: one is a set maximum (initially 11 per cent); and, the second is the floating maximum (inflation plus one per cent).

To conclude, just one more thing. It is:

"Who would this endure,
But for a hope of something after death,
Which puzzles the brain and doth confound the sense;
Which makes us rather bear those evils we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of?"

—Shakespeare's Hamlet

Bruce Armstrong
AMS president

Bad writing bad

AAARGHH . . . I surrender . . . please someone — STOP.

I have finally had enough of this drivel. Is there anyone out there capable of writing something without sounding like a fanatic? Is there not a reasoning, tolerant human anywhere in this heap of academic rubble?

We started off with Kurt Prankspurter (what's in a name anyway?) telling us about religion and logic (and supposedly giving us a picture of an idealized atheist). Now we have Ross Burnett telling us that CITR is a great station.

Why do I feel like I just got out of the wrong side of bed? Seriously now — I was at a residence beer nite with CITR providing the 'music'. They obviously do not realize that music has something to do with harmony of sounds.

While I'm peeved I might as well ask a question that's been bugging me a lot lately. Why are the words 'bzzr' and 'whyne' used in posters instead of the correctly spelled words?

An acquaintance of mine said it was some legal nonsense. This seems implausible — since when is it illegal to spell words correctly? It seems more likely that we have a conspiracy of English 100 dropouts who are trying to pervert our wonderful language.

And now for a personal note. It has come to my attention (this doesn't happen very often) that the ranks of non-conformists have been dropping alarmingly in the last little while. By a non-conformist, I mean someone who has (by whatever means) escaped the tragic rituals of the mass of our society.

Eclecticism is dying as the majority of people on this campus try to fit in. To turn back the insidious tide of normality, I suggest that non-conformists come together to fight for a more decent world.

How about a non-conformists' club? Anyone with any suggestions, criticisms, et cetera can write to our beloved campus rag.

Ted Longstaffe
computer science 4.5

Duck to strike back

Finally, recognition.

We really appreciate Eric Eggertson's review of Horizons in The Ubyssey Nov. 7. The next issue, which hits the stands in a week or two, will have many more illustrations and, of course, the Duck will strike back.

We're hoping to improve the format and printing, but, as always, we're desperate for cash. We're also desperate for stories, art work, anything.

As long as people keep reading it, we'll continue putting it out, and we appreciate your support. Thanks.

David Woodbury
Steve Wodz
Richard Bartrop
UBC sci-fi club

Circus avoided in election forum

The record must be set straght on a letter to The Ubyssey last week from Marguerite Ford accusing the UBC law union of "silencing" her during a forum on the upcoming Vancouver election.

The meeting was set up as a panel discussion with four invited guests, persons the law union felt supported progressive change for the city of Vancouver. They included Harry Rankin, Bruce Eriksen, Mike Harcourt and Stan Persky.

The forum was not an all-candidate meeting, nor was it billed or advertised as such. No one was being "silenced."

The reason for our format was twofold. First, it was to provide a forum for discussion of progressive issues such as a ward system, city involvement in non-profit housing, affordable mass transit, adequate funding for community services, etc. The NPA and TEAM voting record on these issues has ranged from inconsistent wishy-washiness to overt sabotage — hence, they were not invited.

The second reason was to avoid the three-ring circus atmosphere of an all-candidates' meeting that could conceivably include 30 or more candidates, a situation created by Vancouver's lack of a full ward system. (Marguerite Ford has never supported a full ward system.)

The UBC law union is a "partisan" body. Damn right! We support the COPE platform and encourage students to vote for all the COPE aldermanic candidates including Harry Rankin, Bruce Eriksen, Bruce Yorke and Jean Swanson; and also Mike Harcourt for mayor.

We do not believe in silencing anybody, and we hope that on election day, November 15, all of Vancouver will get out there and be heard.

David Lane
UBC law union

Help victim

Hi. I'd like to take this opportunity, now that your eyes have strayed this far down the page, to ask for your assistance. I'm trapped in a tiny Klein bottle up here in Lawrenciumville, the unfortunate victim of Science Run Amuck. Oh the pain.

Richard Burton
(nee Steve McQueen)
Lawrenciumville Metachemical Institute

Hat's off!

I have found, several times, "blue meanie paper" on my windshield.

My situation at CITR requires that I park near SUB, often illegally. On Monday I spoke to a Mr. Smith, director of traffic and security. My only comment is this, if all the blue meanies were like the extremely helpful Mr. Smith students would sing the praises of law enforcement.

Hats off to Mr. Smith, one individual who is active in helping students at UBC.

S. Scherer
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THE UBYSSEY

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On his way to class this morning a most unusual thing happened to grey eminence Bill Tieleman. As he descended below the clouds he saw, just west of loco, a stuttering student, one Nancy Campbell. The horror of it was that Smilin' Bill could do nuthin to avoid the encounter. Continuing due west he flew over Eric Eggertson's bedroom, but could see nuthin for all the junk. Next Bill darted over to Kitzilano where Verne McDonald was doing calisthenics and tantric meditation. Passing over Dunbar, Flyin Bill saw Glen Sanford fast asleep. Jo-anne Falkiner and Gray McMullen waved to good ol' Bill, as he headed in for a landing at SUB control. He landed on the roof safely enough, but was moved down in his prime by Gord Wiebe and Stuart Davis, the darkroom hit squad. Poor Bill. A wake, complete with beer, will be held for him Friday at noon. People interested in writing for this venerated rag should attend and drink free sudz.

Letters

Changes for the worse threaten UBC area

I urge both students and faculty of UBC to become aware of what is happening and what is going to happen to the campus and the area surrounding it. Some of the proposals, disguised under the name of "progress," are really detrimental to the natural quality of one of the most beautiful sites for a university campus anywhere in the world.

One of these changes proposed for the future of our university is the demolition of all of the Main Library (the second oldest building on the campus) except for the small original entrance concourse and card catalogue core of the building.

They want to build a brand new central library where the Main Library is now, as well as two completely new two floor extensional wings (one from the north end, one from the south end) linking it with Sedgewick Library.

Not only would this replace the building that gives this university more character than any other of its buildings, but it would also deprive us of the open space between the two libraries, which is now used for nicely landscaped garden areas on either side of the walkway connecting Main and Sedgewick.

A second change to the university area is the proposed building of a "berm" on Wreck beach. Anyone who enjoys walking on this beach in its beautiful natural state should do so very soon, since this beach is going to be altered by an engineering firm (will it be this spring?) so the waters from the Strait of Georgia cannot erode the sand cliffs at Point Grey as Mothe Nature would have them do.

A berm is a flat, elevated structure which raises the land to a height high enough so the waves don't erode the base of the cliffs. This would be an artificial structure which would bury the natural beach a considerable depth below what will be the "man-made" beach.

It will need to be a considerable height because the waves from winter storms off the strait reach two metres at times as they come crashing in. If the cliffs are gradually being eroded by the waves, then that is what is intended and shouldn't be interfered with by what a handful of people think "we ought to do."

A third upcoming change to the university area is the proposal of trolley wires along University Boulevard so we can have old rickety trolley buses coming to the university to help us out with the problem of not having buses running often enough for the number of students that use them.

By installing those green metal poles and trolley wires along University Boulevard most all the silver maple trees along the boulevard will have to be severely pruned back — frankly, I don't know how they could do it without chopping trees down — so that we can, when we look up into the sky there, feel like we're caged in animals a la Broadway.

Not only that, but to do this would require the closing off of vehicle traffic on the boulevard for who knows how long, the better part of a year anyway. And the end result would be one lane going each way with one or two old trolley buses coming out each hour of bus service. Obviously this is not what is needed. What we need are simply more diesel buses coming to the university more often, and no change to be made to University Boulevard.

These are three changes being planned to be made to the university and its surrounding area in the near future. And if no one opposes them either by letter or organized lobbying, whether by student bodies or by active protest, then in a few years when you're observing the changes that will have been made, you'll say to yourself, "hey, I never knew this was going to happen to the place; somebody should have tried to stop it before it happened."

Eric Robinson
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The Ubyssey welcomes letters from all readers.

Although an effort is made to publish all letters received, The Ubyssey reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, legality and taste.

Acadia camp not all bad

In response to an article in The Ubyssey Oct. 30 which accused the university's housing office of being a slum landlord, we would like to point out that during the past year a number of huts in Acadia camp have been renovated with respect to wiring, plumbing and new floors at a cost to the housing department which is not likely to be recovered by this year's rental income.

Your anonymous informer makes the ridiculous charge of possible reprisals for openly condemning the housing department. It should be pointed out that if all conditions of occupancy are met by the tenant, that this occupancy goes unchallenged for the duration of the lease.

We feel that the article misrepresented the overall condition of the camp; this could have been avoided if Mr. Sanford had done his job properly and had based his article on more than one tenant of the camp.

Gail Bexton
Robert Ree
Acadia Camp Tenants' Association

It's splitsville, babe

An organization has been formed on campus to promote British Columbian independence. As it is non-partisan in nature anyone can join. All ideologies and political persuasions are welcome — left, right and centre. British Columbia's future is a truly non-partisan issue which should override in importance all other considerations.

You can't have a foot on the dock and a foot in the boat; no one can be a patrotic Canadian and still be a true supporter of British Columbia at the same time.

We owe Quebec and Ontario nothing, either morally or materially, yet they continue to rule us for their own profit. British Columbia has housing and agricultural land shortages, massive unemployment, forced bilingualism, and dictated 'equalization' payments, in addition to Ottawa's constant encroachment upon our natural resources. We haven't even got the capacity to feed our own people. And it will get worse unless we act now.

All of these problems can be solved by controlling the direction of growth in British Columbia.

You're not "greedy" if you want to control your land and life. It is only natural that the people living in a country should have it run for their own benefit and not for the enrichment of outsiders. Join the British Columbia national committee and make yourself heard — it is your duty to do so.

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Women's studies program visiting speakers program: Dr. Barbara Monter, UBC Slavonic studies, speaks on The Real Russian Heroine, noon, Buch. 202.

CCCM
Speaker series: Exploring nature of evil. Joe Richardson, religious studies, speaks on A Hindu Perspective, noon, SUB 215.

DEBATING SOCIETY
Supermouth debaters vs. Commerce on The Average Commerce Student Would Sell His Grandmother to the Arabs, noon, SUB auditorium.
Supermouth debaters vs. CITR on Does CITR Really Exist? Noon, SUB auditorium.

B.C. MENTAL RETARDATION INSTITUTE
Third film in sharing the experience series: June, noon, IRC 8.

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
General meeting, noon, SUB 211.

ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUP
Kim Roberts, director West Coast environmental law association, speaks on environmental law in B.C., noon, SUB 207.
Organizational meeting on Ralph Nader, Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) and committee reports, noon, SUB 207.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION
Public meeting, noon, SUB 212A.

PRE-MED SOCIETY
Dr. Poland-Grzybows speaks on obstetrics and gynecology, noon, IRC 1.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Film night: All That Jazz, 6:30 p.m., SUB theatre.

TOASTMASTERS
Video taping session, 7:30 p.m., second floor Mineral Engineering Building.

REC UBC
Regular practice, beginners welcome, 7:30 p.m., Winter Sports Complex gym E.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
Stammtisch. German conversational evening, 7:30 p.m., International House.

FRIDAY

TROTSKYIST LEAGUE
Marxist literature and discussion, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SUB main concourse.

ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUP
Ralph Nader and Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) organizational meeting, noon, SUB 211.

AMS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
Women's Health Collective presents historical and practical information on birth control, noon, SUB 130.

CCCM
Bible study, noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.

SLAVONIC CIRCLE
Russian conversation practise, noon, Buch. 1256.

GAY PEOPLE OF UBC
Business meeting, noon, SUB 115.

LEON AND THEA KOERNER FOUNDATION
Professor Robert Hollander, chairman of comparative literature at Princeton, speaks on Dante's Vergil: Tragedy in the Comedy, noon, Buch. 104.

EAST INDIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Beer and pizza night, everyone welcome, 6 p.m., SUB party room.

SATURDAY

INTRAMURALS
Men's squash tourney, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre. Registration deadline Nov. 13, WMG 203.

MONDAY

WINDSURFING-UBC
Guest speaker discusses sailing theory, everyone welcome, noon, SUB 111.

TUESDAY

CCCM
Eucharist noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.

EL CIRCULO
Presentation on Peru, noon, Buch. 218.

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Singing, prayer, and fellowship meeting, noon, SUB 211.

WEDNESDAY

CCCM
Potluck dinner followed by discussion, 5:30 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

Hot flashes

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The Environmental Interest Group will sponsor this event which includes discussion of Ralph Nader and Public Interest Research Group plans.

Real heroine

An incensed crowd shouts out its incredulity. "But what about the real Russian Heroine?" they ask. A long, Dostoyevskian pause ensues, during which only one reasoned voice can be heard mumbling above the hum of air conditioners in plush Buchanan 202.

Rising above societal differences, Dr. Barbara Monter, Slavoic Studies, elucidates all that is unclear in far-off Buchanan today at noon. Will the real Russian heroine please speak up.

Sheer hell

Little did Dante know he chose Vergil as his guide that he would be transported through sheer hell. Dante's dissent, one of the least discussed topics of medieval study, takes on an entirely different look in the cool analytical process of 20th century thought.

Though Vergil's primary problem over the years has been to get his name spelled properly, the Leon and Thea Koerner foundation will sponsor a lecture by Professor Robert Hollander, chairman of Comparative Lit. at Princeton on the topic, Dante's Vergil: tragedy in the comedy. Professor Hollander's talk is part of the medieval studies workshop '80. Hollander speaks at noon on Friday in Buchanan 104.

Test toasting

You may not believe you look and sound so stupid, but then again this may be your one opportunity to realise the fame and fortune you've coveted for years. Yes, this once in a lifetime happening could change the course of your life, if you've got the guts to come and test yourself against the camera, which we all know does not lie.

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Discovery Parks are unfair

perspectives

Science and technology minister Pat McGeer smiled widely as he stared down at the miniature six-inch robot he operated under remote control. The robot, grasping one end of a bright red ribbon in one claw, obediently whirred across the stage.

What better way to open the second Discovery Fair, an exhibition of science controlled by scientists, than by breaking the ceremonial ribbon with only the slightest of human involvement? With his philosophy, McGeer had reason to smile.

The robot continued on its path. At the moment of truth, as it was about to pull the ribbon from its lightly taped mooring, it lost the technological tug-of-war, falling grotesquely backward; a mechanical Charlie Brown losing to a ribbon instead of a football.

McGeer's embarrassed aide scrambled to

By PETER FRANCIS

right the prone robot. The second time around, technology wasn't left to chance. The surreptitious hand of man intervened to drop the tape at the appropriate moment.

A tour of the 55 exhibitors' visions of the future at Robson Square Centre last week showed that little R2D2 (for research and development year 2) was not the only technological marvel to fall flat on its ass.

"We hope that what you see this year," McGeer said to open the fair, "will be a forerunner of what you will see in the future."

B.C. Telephone has an expensive display depicting the future capabilities of a computer link to the home phone. Hooked up to a television screen, the telephone will display bus and airline schedules, sale prices in supermarkets, teach macrame or cooking, deliver university lectures, send messages which now go through the mail, do banking, work out budgets, help kids with their home work and will even play a mean game of chess. Thinking about the capabilities boggles the mind. So does the fact the link means human thinking could become secondary to the machine's whims.

Canada Manpower had a bilingual and talkative computer on display, called choices. It suggests possible careers by a process of elimination, using interests and dislikes as criteria.

One young woman who plugged into the computer was given seven suggestions for careers, two of those in the military. I fared little better. One of my career choices was as a personnel selection officer in the military. Perhaps the computer knows more about the implications of high technology society than the rest of us.

The mechanical mind also had a difficult time reconciling my personal convictions with my current occupation. Asked why a career as a newspaper reporter was not in the computer's cards, it replied that one of my interests was working to improve the social conditions of others "which I don't feel really fits this occupation."

A display of UBC's TRIUMF (Tri-University Meson Facility) nuclear research project had a significant message tacked up on the wall behind it. From pioneer nuclear physicist Ernest Rutherford, it read: "I am doubtful . . . whether the most imaginative scientific man is able to foresee the result of any discovery." That profound statement comes from an era when scientists were socially conscious. At the fair, only the career computer seems to understand all the military implications of technology.

The only overtly military booth in the fair was tucked away in a far corner of displays. Belonging to the Defense Research Establishment Pacific, the booth had a continuously-running video tape explaining its innocous research in preventing corrosion of ship propellers and monitoring engine wear through the analysis of oil sediment.

Their anti-submarine program also includes a somewhat-obscene placement of listening devices in the barren Arctic ocean, as well as the maintenance of posts in the high Arctic to further their research in the field. The irony is not lost that one post is on the island where a cairn commemorates Sir John Franklin's arrival before his "last fatal push into the unknown."

Toys as scientific ingenuity, or vice versa, is the apparent purpose of the Science Centre display. It is the lack of a permanent centre for the masses of lay people to wonder at the marvel of science which has convinced McGeer to hold the Discovery fairs.

The display includes a laser which traces a spirograph-like design on a tabletop after being deflected by two mirrors. The visual image is fascinating. Hordes of prepubescents jostle for position to stare at this ultimate of video games.

One of SFU's contributions was a computer animation display even more fascinating than the lasers. A face appears first from just a blur on the screen, then distorts and recombines. A tongue slides out of the mouth, detaches, floats around the screen, turns into an eye and finally finds its place in the middle of the forehead. It is B. Kliban cartooning on acid. Sudden, vibrating colors surround the face, and the middle eye winks as the face cracks up and dissolves.

The adjacent booth had a display depicting the testing of LSD on a cat. The cat freaked out. Then the scientists selected an elephant to act as a guinea pig, divided its mass by that of the cat, then gave the elephant an LSD hit multiplied by that factor. In a simple, yet pitiful, obituary, the display explains that "the elephant, trumpeted, defecated and died." What this means for drugs, technology or anything else is left to the imagination.

Of course one of the major displays was the one of McGeer's personal dream, the Discovery Parks. Included were scale models of the parks to be built at the B.C. Institute of Technology and SFU.

Besides the models was a video tape of McGeer with SFU president George Pedersen, UBC chancellor Jack Valentine Clyne, and University of Victoria president Howard Petch.

"Everyone will benefit from the Discovery Parks like the way they did when Alexander Bell gave us the telephone," McGeer said. He cited the Stanford research park, which spawned the famous Silicon Valley, as a model for the Discovery Parks.

"We want all of you to work with us either inside the parks or in the industrial future which will flow from that outside the parks. Help us to build British Columbia. It's going to be great in the future," McGeer said.

Clyne said that there is a new industrial revolution coming which "will have as much effect as the old industrial revolution."

Fairgoers could ponder afterwards, wondering how these supposed benefits should be distributed. What about those who can't afford telephones, let alone computers to hook them up to?

They could think about this as they waited for the bus and while they spent an hour getting across town on the 30-year-old mechanical beast.

Think about it when you read a newspaper, when you don't wonder what the future holds, but whether technology allows the future to be.

Peter Francis writes for the Simon Fraser University paper, the Peak, but we don't hold it against him. Perspectives is a column of opinion, analysis and some times humor open to all members of the university community and some times others outside the university. Submissions should be typed triple-spaced on a 70 space line, one side of the page only. Neatness and correct spelling are appreciated when possible.

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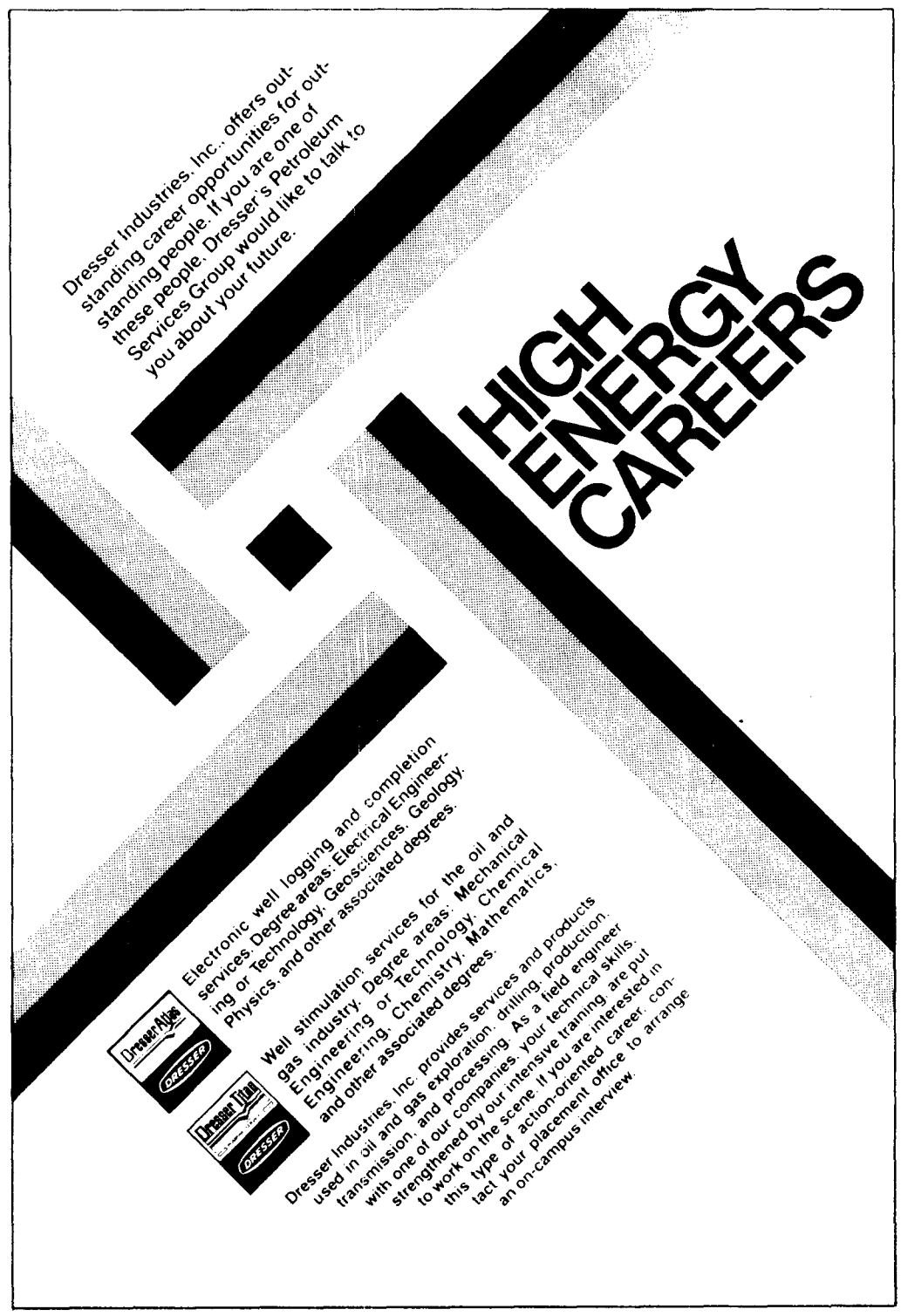

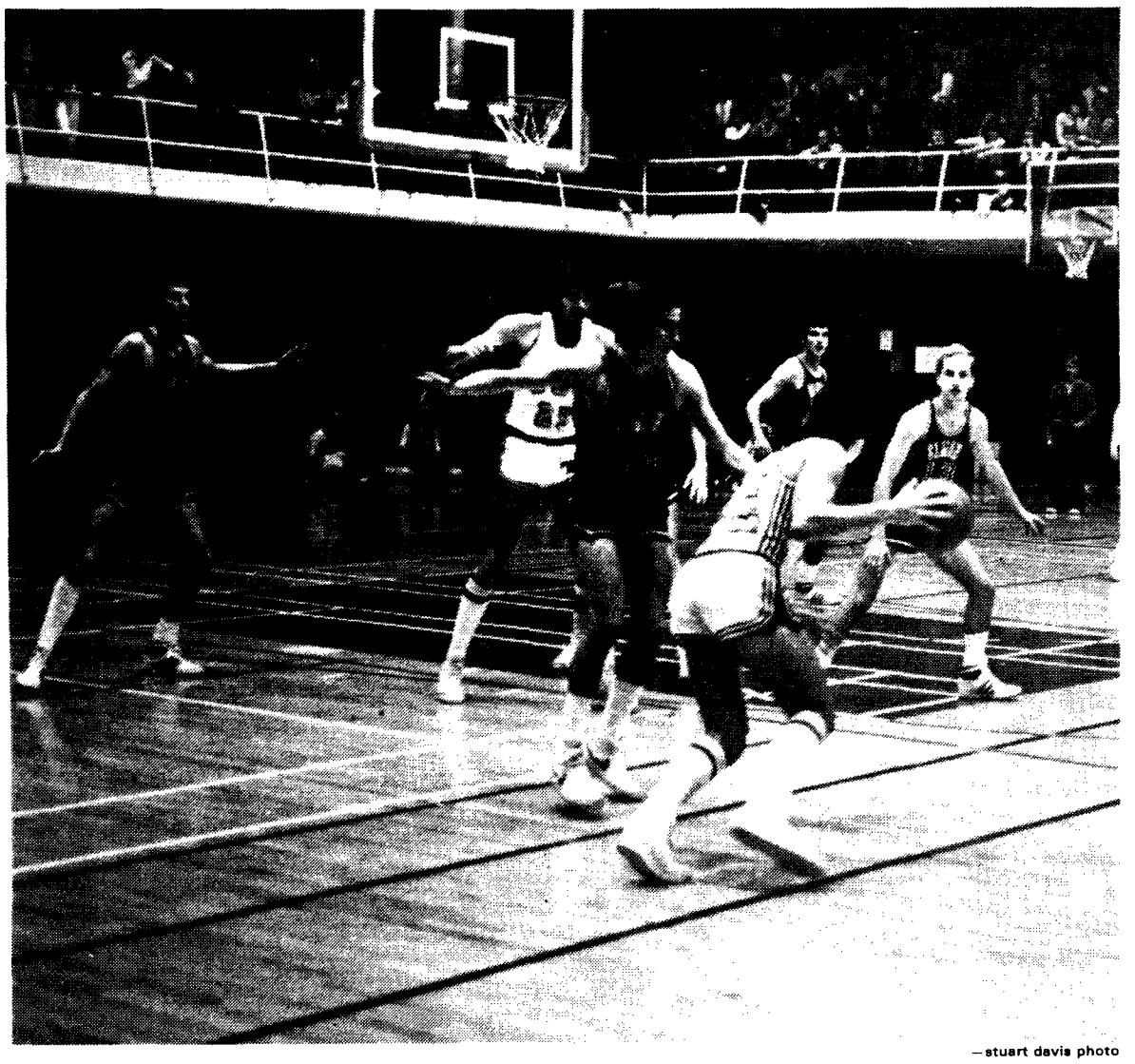

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CLASSIC CLAN CONFRONTATION . . . pterodactyl-like Clansmen swoop down on local 'Birds attempting to protect recently-laid egg in Buchanan classic Saturday night. Prehistoric creatures from forest on Burnaby Mountain vanquished valiant local team 85-75.

Thunderbirds not so classic

Once again the Simon Fraser University Clansmen dominated the annual Buchanan Classic basketball game and defeated the UBC Thunderbirds 85-75.

The 'Birds played well before a large and vocal crowd but did not manage to overcome the Clan's height advantage. The game was fairly close, with the two teams coming within four points of each other in one instance. The score was 42-34 at the half.

Because of the Clansmen height advantage, UBC was forced to shoot from outside and did so with some success. Andy Lockhart of UBC was effective with his outside shots and scored 12 points.

UBC's Bob Forsyth, the 6'5" centre, was the top point-getter for the 'Birds with 25 points. Steve Murphy, an SFU forward, was the game's top scorer with 26 points.

According to UBC coach Peter Mullins, the main difference between the two teams was shooting ability. UBC managed only 33 baskets out of 87 attempts. "That's a very poor showing," said Mullins. "We only sank 38 per cent of the shots."

The 'Birds defense, led by John Stark, played exceptionally well. Kim O'Leary, in addition to collecting 10 points, was effective in forcing turnovers. The offensive line was given enough scoring opportunities to win the game, but couldn't seem to take advantage of them.

In Senior A Dogwood League play the Thunderbirds defeated Henderson Realty 95-83 on Friday night.

The 'Birds travel to Victoria this weekend to take part in the Viking Tip-Off Tournament.

'Bird droppings

The hockey Thunderbirds played two games against the University of Alberta last weekend in Edmonton. the 'Birds were outplayed 7-2 on Friday night. Goal scorers for UBC were Jim Allison and Rob Jones.

The 'Birds lost again on Saturday night but the game was much more closely fought.

According to coach Bert Halliwell the play was closer than the 6-3 score indicated, with Alberta's last goal into an empty net. Bill Hollowaty, Jim McLaughlin and Jim Allison all got on the scoreboard for UBC.

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The women's ice hockey Thunderettes defeated Kitsilano 5-1 in a fast-paced game played Sunday at the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre. Kathy Forward scored twice for UBC while Marna Mueller, Linda McDonald and Dianne Mitchell each notched one point.

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Competing in the sixth annual Husky Relays at the University of Washington Friday, both the Thunderbird and Thunderette swim teams finished third behind teams from the Universities of Washington and Puget Sound.

Four men and four women from UBC bettered the C.I.A.U. qualifying times in this meet. According to coach Jack Kelso this is an indication that UBC will be sending strong teams to the Nationals in March.

Outstanding in the relays for UBC were Karen Van Sacker, Julie Rainey, Bruce Nicholson, and Mike Blondal.

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Aquasoc's underwater hockey team has begun its season in the Vancouver Underwater Hockey 'B' league.

Aquasoc, in its first home game of the season, completely dominated the Weasels 11-2 at the Aquatic Centre Wednesday night. Aquasoc was missing four key players but still managed to control the game.

Familiarity with its home pool was a factor in Aquasoc win. No other team in Vancouver has a pool with a uniform depth of four metres (the maximum depth allowed by the rules of the World Diving Federation).

SPORTS

Thunderettes nat'l champs

By JO-ANNE FALKINER

The Thunderette field hockey team returned from Toronto this weekend with the Canadian national championships in hand. Playing against teams from the universities of Toronto, New Brunswick, York, Brandon, and McGill, the Thunderettes returned in first place in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union.

UBC edged the York University Yeowomen 1-0 in a difficult final on Sunday. According to coach Gail Wilson all the Thunderettes played exceptionally well against York's strong attacking team. The fact that York is coached by the National Team coach, Marina vanderMerwe, and the fact that the Thunderettes won on York's home grounds made the win even more impressive.

In the preliminary games of the round robin tournament, UBC began by defeating McGill 5-0 in an easy win. The last time the Thunderettes went to the nationals they began the same way but were defeated the rest of the weekend.

This year UBC went on to tie the University of New Brunswick 2-2 in an extremely difficult game. UNB was an unknown quantity to the Thunderettes and overpowered them offensively.

Friday night, in the pouring rain, UBC came up against Brandon University and walked all over them for a final score of 8-0. Brandon had received an automatic entry as the only member of the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

The best game of the weekend took place Saturday morning when UBC played York. The Thunderettes lost 2-1, but controlled the game. Because Robyn Sinclair, one of the more experienced defenders for UBC, was out with the flu, Wilson switched from her usual link system to a 4-4-2 set-up. "The change of strategy was one of the factors in our ultimate success," said Wilson.

Continual use of the new strategy helped UBC to a 1-0 win over the formidable University of Toronto team later Saturday. U of T went on to an unexpected loss at the hands of UNB.

This caused a tie for second place between UBC and UNB. A 15 minute playoff ended with UBC ahead 1-0 on a goal by Dana Sinclair. This gave UBC the second and final playoff spot.

Sinclair scored the lone goal in the final on a penalty corner shot after the ball had been hit out by UBC's Anne Crofts.

UBC players Dana Sinclair, Robyn Sinclair and Mary Reid were named to the Tournament Eleven.

Other members of UBC's championship team are: Lee Clare, Arlyn Copithorne, Anne Crofts, Terri Draine, Bev Kelly, Susan MacDonald, Alison Palmer, Carol Pedlar, Sally Sherwood, Kathy Thom, Wendy Westermark and Janis Wilson.