New med school 'isolated'

By MARCUS GEE

Former health minister Dennis Cocke Wednesday slammed the Social Credit government's plan to build a $50 million, 240-bed hospital at UBC.

Cocke said the plan, announced by education minister Pat McGeer Tuesday, will hurt the development of existing hospitals and create a hospital isolated from the community.

McGeer told reporters at a UBC press conference Tuesday construction of the hospital, which he said would be completed by 1980, will mean a doubling in the size of UBC's medical class to 160 from 80.

But New Westminster MLA Cocke said the medical class could have been doubled just as easily by developing existing facilities at Vancouver General Hospital, Shaughnessy Hospital and St. Paul's Hospital. He said this would provide more centralized medical facilities and integrate teaching and medical facilities.

McGeer said part of the $50 million from combined provincial and federal health resources funds, earmarked for the UBC hospital, will go toward upgrading off-campus teaching facilities at VGH, St. Paul's and Shaughnessy.

The $50 million will come from money that was to be spent on the B.C. Medical Centre, an NDP project which the Socreds shelved last week, McGeer said.

UBC administration president Doug Kenny told the press conference construction of the hospital could begin within three months. McGeer has given the UBC administration 60 days to come up with a definite plan detailing how the $50 million will be allocated.

Kenny defended the location of the new hospital.

"This new hospital will be accessible to all people of the Lower Mainland," he said.

But a sheet of background information about the planned hospital, handed to reporters, said the hospital will serve "the 106,000 people living west of Granville."

Cocke said the government probably is building the hospital at UBC because it is "Pat McGeer's pet project." McGeer is a psychiatry professor and head of the neurological sciences department at UBC.

"If they wanted to serve a community that needed concern why not East Vancouver?" Cocke asked. "People in the west end of the city are already close to VGH and other hospitals."

Grant Moreton, Shaughnessy Hospital executive director said Wednesday he would also have preferred development of medical facilities at the three teaching hospitals to a new hospital at UBC. But he added he is happy the government has at least acted.

"I am happy something is going

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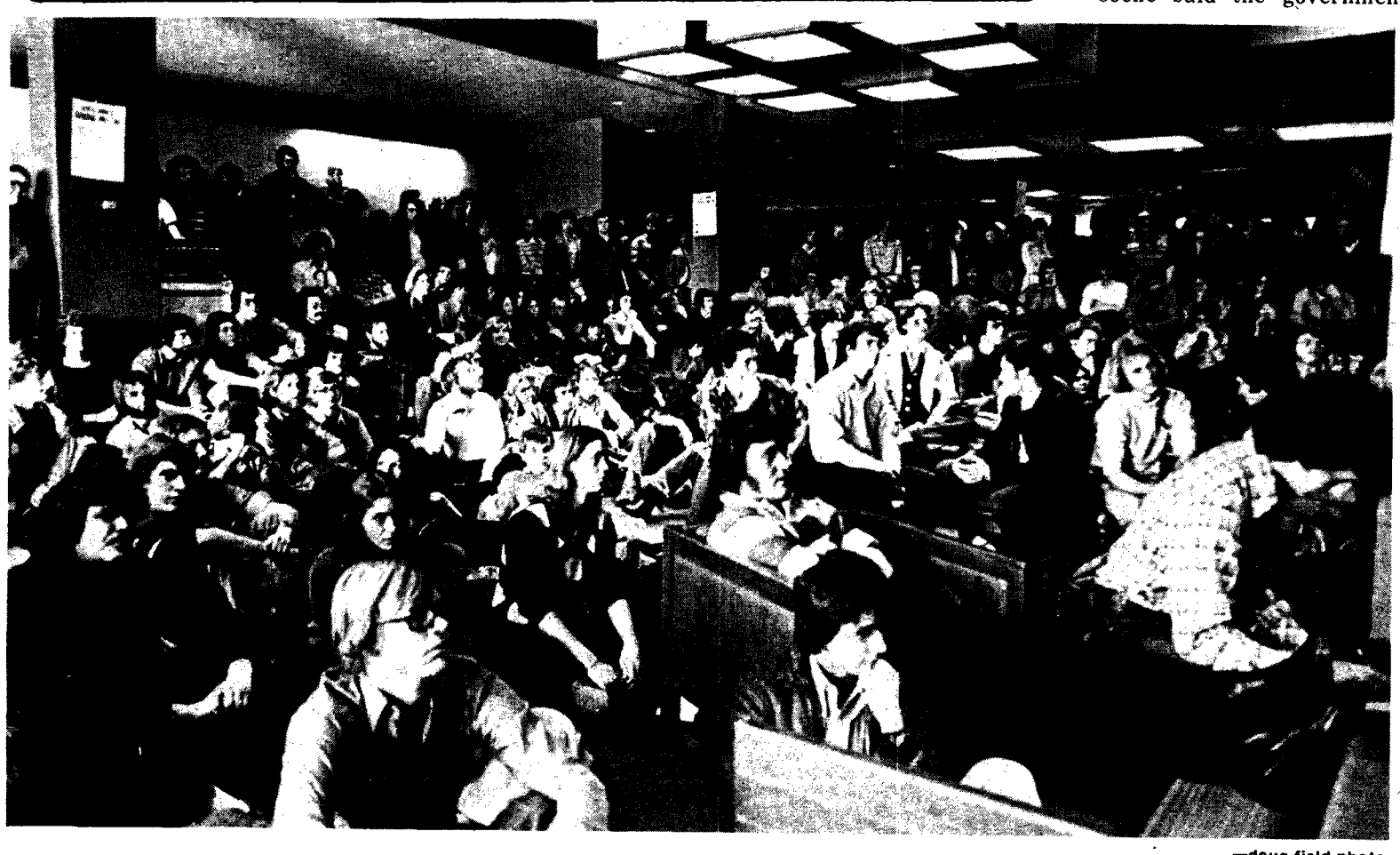

STUDENTS ATTEND GENERAL MEETING ... temptation by AMS worked —doug field photo

'U Council go open' suggested

By MARK BUCKSHON

The newest Social Credit appointee to the B.C. Universities Council said Wednesday he believes the council has a legal obligation to hold most of its meetings in public.

David Helliwell, president of Steel Brothers, Ltd., a Burnaby industrial supply firm, cited a section of the Universities Act requiring openness after he was told the council has held almost all of its meetings behind closed doors.

But while calling for more openness, Helliwell, a UBC senate member, apparently appointed because he knew deputy education minister Walter Hardwick while involved with the UBC alumni association, said he believes students should pay higher tuition fees.

Helliwell is one of two new persons appointed to the council by education minister Pat McGeer to fill the spaces created March 2 by the rescinding of appointments of four members whose terms had expired. Dr. John Playfair, a Burnaby physician, was the other new appointee.

The four councillors whose appointments were not renewed are Bob Schlosser, an official of the Western Canadian region of the International Woodworkers of America, Victoria psychiatrist Frances Forrest-Richards, Donald MacLaurin, former vice-president of the University of Victoria and Dorothy Fraser, a writer of unpublished books on education.

Two spaces on the 10-member body, responsible for co-ordinating B.C.'s public university system, still remain vacant. McGeer earlier said he is contemplating changes to the council's structure and council chairman William Armstrong has said the changes may be accompanied by a new Colleges Act.

When told the Universities Council has conducted most of its meetings behind closed doors, Helliwell said: "I don't think they're legally entitled to do so."

Helliwell cited a section of the Universities Act which specified: "The universities council shall endeavor to hold its meetings in public at locations throughout the province in which interested members of the public will be encouraged to express their views and concerns respecting the matters under consideration by the Universities Council."

A second subsection allows the council to "conduct its meetings in camera where, in its opinion, the public interest so requires."

The council has interpreted the act to mean members must hold

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Bribes work—AMS gets final business done

By GREGG THOMPSON

Two trips to Europe, a raunchy rock band and beer kegs proved sufficient to attract a quorum at Wednesday's Alma Mater Society general meeting in the SUB conversation pit.

The real purpose of the gala event, sponsored by the outgoing AMS student council, was to clean up wording in the new student society constitution which takes effect today.

All motions passed, but a random poll conducted before the meeting began showed that most students were there for the action, and not out of concern for student government.

Prizes offered included two free trips to Europe, won by Gregory Pek, commerce 2; and Jennifer Elliott, recreation 2.

Two free kegs of beer, offered to the faculty most represented at the meeting, went to the arts undergraduate society, which won on a straight numbers basis and to the agriculture undergraduate society, which won their keg on the percentage turnout.

Trip winner Pek said he was "shocked" by his unexpected win, but added he was certain he would be able to put the ticket to good use.

"I really can't believe it," he said. "But I'm getting married Sept. 4 and I hope I can use this ticket as a honeymoon gift."

Elliott, dazed and confused by her win in the draw, said she wasn't sure if she could get the spending money together for the holiday.

"I really don't know anything except that I'm a little embarrassed," she said.

The arts faculty won the first of two beer kegs valued at $54 each with a faculty turnout of 318 arts students. The aggies took the second by drawing 37 per cent of their faculty to the meeting.

The trip ticket winners and faculty turnout statistics were drawn from student registration sheets filled out before the meeting. This also established whether a quorum was at the meeting. Figures released after the meeting showed 1,398 — or 5.9 per cent of the total student body — turned out for the event.

Under the new constitution, 1,188 or 5 per cent of the total student body must attend general meetings to constitute a quorum.

AMS internal affairs officer Dave Theessen and vice-president Dave Van Blarcom, both of whose terms expired Wednesday, said the meeting was highly successful and marked the end of an equally successful year for the AMS.

"Everyone else has an end-of-year party and this was one for the AMS," Van Blarcom, said. "It's an unqualified success and a good omen for the new student representative assembly," he said.

"They (students) weren't there just for the band or for the other enticements," he said.

The business section of the meeting was conducted quickly and efficiently, obviously at the persistent prompting of those in attendance.

B.C. Students Federation chairwoman Lake Sagaris urged listeners to vote in next week's referenda on increased funding for the organization.

Her appeal was met with derision from impatient onlookers eager for more fun and games.

AMS treasurer Dave Coulson

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Murray buck chase opposed

By CHRIS GAINOR

Board of governors member George Hermanson said Wednesday student board member Rick Murray should resign if he isn't a student next fall.

"If he's out working downtown then he shouldn't be a student representative," Hermanson said.

Other board members contacted Wednesday by The Ubyssey said they would have to examine the Universities Act before deciding if Murray should stay on the board if he leaves UBC.

Murray, who is serving his second term on the board, said Monday he is considering taking a full-time job in Vancouver next fall but said he would like to remain on the board despite the fact he is not a student.

If Murray decides to remain on the board after leaving campus, the board may have to decide on the legitimacy of his move.

Board chairman Thomas Dohm said, "if he isn't a student then he can't represent the students."

But when asked if he thought a student should resign the board if he ceases being a student, he replied: "I didn't say that."

Dohm said he could not comment on Murray's case until he knows the exact circumstances.

UBC chancellor Donovan Miller said: "Quite frankly, I'd have to check up on the Universities Act to see if it would be legal.

"I think it's an interesting issue. I'm interested in seeing one way or another," Miller said.

Hermanson said the Universities Act is clear in forbidding appointed board members from taking courses at the university.

"I can't even take a night school course here," he added.

"It's quite clear — you're either a student or you're not a student. But leaving school is a grey area," he said.

Hermanson suggested that the student representative assembly of the Alma Mater Society should rule on the matter. The SRA could possibly select the person who placed third in the student board member election last January. Elected along with Murray was Basil Peters. Both Murray and Peters are engineering students. Commerce student Dave Theessen placed third in the election.

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City hospitals lose out

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ahead and I am hopeful something will be built soon."

Moreton, who helped the NDP government plan the B.C. Medical Centre, said the location of the new hospital "on the western edge of civilization" would cause problems for the hospital's doctors who would be isolated from downtown facilities.

"The NDP had planned for the development of the three teaching hospitals which are more centrally located. I felt this was an advantage."

The NDP's B.C. Medical Centre plan would have poured money into VGH and developed facilities at other existing hospitals.

Moreton said he is glad the size of UBC's medical school will be doubled but he is worried there will not be enough money left after the hospital is built to improve Shaughnessy's teaching facilities.

"I am hoping this will not arrest the development of Shaughnessy's teaching facilities. It is hard to determine how much money will be left after a 240-bed hospital is built. You could make this (the UBC hospital) very expensive."

Shaughnessy needs about $1,250,000 to upgrade its teaching facilities, Moreton said.

VGH executive director Chapin Key said Wednesday he is optimistic that the provincial government will give the teaching hospitals enough money to expand.

He said the planned UBC hospital is a great improvement over the B.C. Medical Centre plan because it is more economical and provides convenient facilities for UBC medical students.

"The B.C. Medical Centre plans only related to pediatric and maternal health," he said. "I think there is a lot more here than just a new hospital."

Kenny said Tuesday the new hospital will concentrate on family practice, general internal medicine, surgery and some specialties.

The proposed hospital will be modelled after one at the University of Western Ontario in London. But McGeer said a decline in the worth of the funds for the project will mean the UBC hospital will only have 240 beds while the London facility has 400.

'No thought'

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Student board members are members of the SRA.

Peters said, "the question in my mind is the legality of the whole thing.

"I think Rick is a very effective member of the board."

Peters said the act is "vague" and added that "I've never given it any thought."

Pat Chubb, another board member, said she wanted to see the Universities Act before making a definite comment and refused to say whether Murray should remain if he leaves the university but the act does not stipulate that he should leave.

Cap courses threatened

Students at Capilano College won't be able to attend summer courses at the North Vancouver campus if $22,000 in extra government money isn't provided soon, college principal Peter Spratt said Wednesday.

The curtailment in course offerings is the second in two years because of provincial education department spending restrictions, and is expected to hit about 300 students.

Spratt said he isn't certain yet whether it will be necessary to eliminate all the 11 academic courses offered between April and June. He said the actual curtailment will depend on how serious the education department belt tightening is in the upcoming year's budget.

But Capilano student society president Bill Bell said the decision to cut the courses has already been made as an alternative to cutting the same number of courses in the fall session.

"I'm very pissed off," he said. "The memo came down three weeks ago. Only we were informed by the dean of academic studies that everything would be cut."

Bell said students may have difficulties in completing courses for entrances to university fall sessions. The alternative — Vancouver City College — is already "cramped," he said.

He said students from Capilano will join the B.C. Student Federation protest against education cutbacks in Victoria Wednesday.

In September, Spratt said more than 1,000 students were turned away because of budget restrictions which forced the elimination of 53 course sections.

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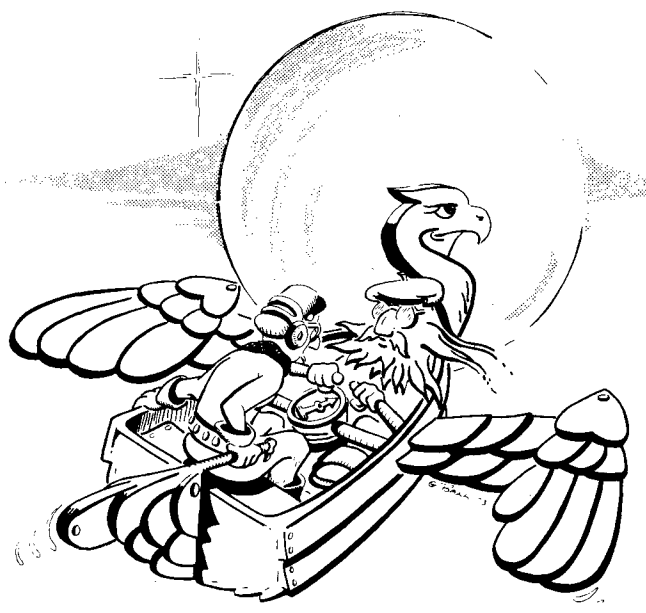

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Head search ignores students

By HEATHER WALKER

UBC's creative writing department is choosing a new head to replace Robert Harlow, but students in the department are being denied representation on the selection committee.

Creative writing grad student Tim Stephens told The Ubyssey Wednesday he asked to be on the selection committee for a new dean, but was told students were not allowed to sit on such committees.

"I phoned (selection committee chairman) Peter Remnant and asked him if I could sit on the selection committee, and he said he didn't think so, but I should phone the president's office and find out."

Stephens said Remnant told him he could not sit on the committee because it was a budgetary committee, and students are not permitted on such committees because of a senate regulation. He said Remnant's statement was confirmed by administration vice-president Erich Vogt's secretary and by Douglas Bankson, another member of the selection committee.

Remnant, however, denied Stephens' statement Wednesday.

"I told him I didn't appoint the committee, but it was a president's committee and he'd have to ask the president whether he could sit on it.

"I don't know how he got that impression. If I'd said anything I would have said it (the selection committee) was a committee dealing with confidential documents, and according to a senate ruling, students cannot sit on presidential committees dealing with budgetary matters or confidential documents," Remnant said.

Remnant said the selection committees are chosen by the president in consultation with the dean of the faculty involved in choosing a new department head.

But UBC students have sat on selection committees before, notably last year's selection committee for a new arts dean.

And senate has never made a ruling that students cannot sit on committees dealing with confidential documents.

Students have no representation on committees which recommend who should be granted tenure at UBC.

But in 1975, two students, Lyn Bartram and Robert Marris, sat on the committee which selected arts dean Robert Will.

Is there much difference in selecting a dean and selecting a department head, other than the relative importance of the two positions?

Apparently, yes.

Stephens said student input in the decision so far has been limited to a meeting Tuesday between students in the department and members of the selection committee.

"It was his (Remnant's) suggestion, and he said they would have a short list of the people who the committee was considering as head, but when we came he refused to give out any names.

"So there wasn't much we could do about offering constructive suggestions."

—doug field photo

ANYBODY LOOKING? No? Gotcha then. Quasi-cop on patrol outside SUB Wednesday wasn't taking any chances on encountering irate students as he ticketed illegally (sort of) parked cars.

New SRA completes AMS changeover

The remaking of the Alma Mater Society was completed Wednesday when council elected a new president from the members of the Student Representative Assembly.

The winner after three ballots was Dave Van Blarcom, who authored the new constitution which the student society now operates under.

His duties will be to chair SRA meetings, prepare agendas for those meetings and to sit as a non-voting member of the Student Administrative Council, the administrative arm of the society.

Van Blarcom defeated three other candidates for the position — former AMS secretary Ellen Paul, ombudsperson Moe Sihota and arts faculty rep Bill Broddy.

In a brief campaign speech, Van Blarcom told council: "I would like to make a bit of political hay out of the new constitution because I was the author of it. I think we do have a good document."

Two of the three other candidates emphasized that although the role of the president under the new constitution is somewhat that of a figurehead, the president should provide strong leadership.

Sihota told council members that "regardless of any attempts by the constitution to limit the power of the president, students and the administration will look to the president for leadership."

But Broddy said the role of the president should resemble the role of the speaker in a legislative assembly.

After the election for president, Paul was acclaimed secretary-treasurer and Sihota was acclaimed externals affairs officer.

The SRA also approved the new members of the SAC.

Herb Dhaliwal, commerce 4, was named director of finance and Brent Tynan, who served this year as AMS returning officer was approved as director of services.

The eight SAC commissioners are Brian Ferstman, arts 3, Kathyren Gallagher, social work 3, Philip Johnson, agriculture 3, Doug Johnstone, commerce 3, Hector Mackay-Dunn, law 2, Kenneth Miyazaki, commerce 3, Watson Seto, arts 3 and John Swainson, applied science 3.

Society not biology shafts women

By CHRIS GAINOR

Women have been degraded in society because of social reasons, not because of biological inferiority, anthropologist Evelyn Reed said Wednesday.

Reed told 100 people in the SUB ballroom that biology and anthropology have been used as the last defence for the degradation of women.

Patriarchal, male-dominated societies have existed for only the past few thousand years and were preceded by communal societies in which women dominated, she said.

She said even female scholars such as Simone de Beauvoir have subscribed to the myth of male biological superiority. This myth has extended to the notion that men have dominated societies throughout history, Reed added.

"But we must remember that this (male-dominated society) has existed only a few thousand years out of millions," she said.

The rise of private property has led to the degradation of women that will continue until a socialist society is established, she said.

In primitive societies, women "functioned as female governesses of communal societies," she said.

"Their power came from wisdom and reason and not from force," Reed said.

In these matriarchal societies, the women raised children, grew crops, built homes and ran the societies, she said.

"We aren't going back to the matriarchal society. It was a low, primitive economy. We're moving forward to a new, egalitarian society called socialism.

"Women have been socially downgraded to the second sex. It has nothing to do with biology," Reed said.

She said many anthropologists believe that men have been dominant throughout history and asserted their dominance through physical force.

"In the end, those who present the eternal domination of men over women by physical force and superiority are wrong.

"Humans did not liberate themselves from the animal world by fighting it out."

Women have more physical endurance and are biologically superior to men in several ways, Reed said.

But she added that "biological superiority and inferiority are irrelevant."

In the primitive communal societies, women provided the "best available" advice and ran the society on reason rather than force.

"The dominant male in nature was the one who has outdone the others for access to the females. This does not mean that it dominated the females."

One such society was the Iroquois nation that existed before Europeans colonized North America. When Europeans arrived, they were puzzled by Iroquois social organization because they believed women were biologically inferior and also believed that dominance in a society was determined by use of force.

The rise of private property subordinates human rights and degrades women, she said.

Capitalism, a parallel development, has put men into a dominant role and sparked imperialist wars, Reed said.

Double-headed monster wins

By PRUDENCE RAMSBOTTOM
Ubyssey Appointments Editor

Ralph Maurer and Sue Vohanka narrowly defeated themselves Wednesday in The Ubyssey editorship election for the 1976-77 year.

Even though the vote was not close, both declined demanding a recount.

The pert and vivid but slightly pudgy Vohanka was not amused. "I hate Spam," she said.

"There is no 'C' in weights, you're talking about 'i' before 'e'," said Maurer.

The dimunitive and sometimes cute Maurer may be small, but he is not fast either. A good checker, he is expected to see most of his playing time killing penalties.

—matt king photo

VOHANKA, MAURER
. . . two heads better than one?

Outgoing editor Gary Coull, when finally able to comment said, "I am shocked and amazed. It is incredible that the staff could elect such a depraved couple as co-editors. But on the other hand they should lead the paper to new depths of liberalism."

Lesley Kreuger, editor for 1974-75, wiped the initial burst of vomit from her buttock and said, "Well, they are both very young, but I suppose their inexperience will help them overcome that."

"Two turds are better than one," said Vaughn Palmer, co-editor for the 1973-74 term.

"So they want to be editors eh," said Mike Sasges, Palmer's associate in 1973-74. "That Maurer was almost denied tenure two years ago. His reporting was upgraded to mediocre at the last minute. Vohanka would be alright if she could only type. What a disgrace."

Doug Rushton, current news editor and casual acquaintance of Vohanka, said, "She really is basically a good person, but she'll get over it."

Claude Shickenbaumersteinem, known as Maurer's only friend said, "I think you are in for a surprise. On the surface, Ralph is superficially shallow, but it is really just an act."

The paper's policy is not expected to undergo great changes when the new leaders take over. A social editor, a complexion and cooking column and a weather page are expected to be the most significant improvements.

The victorious co-editors collected 20 votes, Vohanka came in second with seven and Maurer placed a dismal third with one.

Hide and seek

Pat McGeer must be a wizard — he pulls a great disappearing act.

It was a bit of a surprise Tuesday when, at the last minute, a call came to The Ubyssey office announcing that his highness would be at UBC to make an important medical announcement that very afternoon.

Such secrecy is usually kept only for top heads of state — not some dinky provincial minister who is allegedly responsible for education in B.C.

There was, of course, no time to mount any protests similar to the ICBC demonstration planned when McGeer was scheduled to open a new wing of the commerce building. (The minister chickened out of coming last time — we'll leave the reason up to you.)

Anyway McGeer's unwillingness to talk with the press about education and the offensive antics of his executive assistant Jim Bennett were never displayed better than Tuesday's sneak visit.

After announcing the new UBC hospital, the Ubyssey reporter covering the event naturally had a few questions for the elusive McGeer about his sudden firings of two UBC board of governors members.

Impossible to get at his office in Victoria (thanks to Jungle Jim) McGeer should have been open to questioning on his controversial action.

He wasn't too willing, however. (Afraid of sticking his foot in his mouth again . . .?)

The minister gave our reporter about 20 seconds of his precious time humming and shrugging about the firings — all the while walking backward out the door!

Suddenly, in mid-sentence, McGeer disappeared through the door, still not having answered the question.

So we followed him. As the Ubyssey reporter was almost next to McGeer, big Jim Bennett stepped between them and ran interference.

Bennett is very talented. Not only is he an obstructionist on the phone from Victoria when no one can see him but also when he's actually facing the reporter. Amazing gall.

"Is there something more you want to ask the minister?" he asks.

The Ubyssey reporter, not chasing McGeer for his health, says yes, to which Jungle Jim replies: "Call us at the office."

Bennett hops into a waiting elevator and the doors close. End of scene.

To say "call us at the office" is to say "if you're nice to us over the next four years you can speak to Pat during the next election campaign."

Being a public minister he should be happy to talk.

The standard explanation has been that the minister is too involved with Insurance Corporation of B.C. business and can't talk about education. But it's been three months since the election.

Surely McGeer has some ideas about education otherwise young Bill Bennett (no relation to the aforementioned front man) wouldn't have appointed him.

His book Politics in Paradise touches on education but that was written when McGeer considered Social Credit as repugnant as castor oil. He flip-flopped a thousand per cent on his political views so there's a chance his education outlook has been revised.

All we get from phone calls to McGeer's office is the arrogant, self-righteous tone of Jim Bennett who keeps the minister away from direct contact with the press. After saying the minister is unavailable, Bennett will take the questions, find McGeer, get answers (usually nebulous) and then repeat them to reporters.

McGeer refuses to be questioned, even for a moment, about any information his department releases and Bennett makes sure things stay that way.

From The Ubyssey point of view Bennett has definitely hurt relations between at least this working press and the minister's office. Maybe a change of personnel would help.

As for McGeer, well . . . come on Pat and open up. Let's have a chat. We won't bite.

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Geez, we been leaving people's names out of this here masthead party often lately. Gotta make sure we don't fergit nobody. Let's see. There was Nancy Southam, an' Jean Randall, an' Matt King, an', an', . . . oh yeah, Heather Walker. Anybody else? Oh, yeah, Gary Coull, Doug Rushton, an' Sue Vohanka. Mark Lepitre? No, but we forgot him Monday, so in he goes. Oh well, at least he didn't raise a big stink about it. Ralph Maurer? Yup. He was in, and so was Dave Wilkinson. Uh, uh, did we leave out anybody? Yeah, right, Gregg Thompson. That's it . . . no, hold it. Wasn't Marcus Gee around? Fuck! Almos' forgot Chris Gainor. But that's it. Has to be. What's that? Oh, yeah, right. Mark Buckshon, too. But really, that's all . . . oh geez, clean forgot Tom Barnes! Well, that's them all. G'bye.

Letters

Right-on Richard

My position at CITR is assistant music director, in charge of singles. Richard Saxton has never had any influence on what I playlist. While a number of songs suitable for AM do find their way onto the weekly chart, the vast majority of titles are by progressive artists. Too few of these titles find their way onto CKLG-FM, much less its AM counterpart or CFUN.

For a period of time, I also ran a disco chart. Saxton, Kim Champniss and other announcers working in city discos, were in the habit of using this chart. However, the overwhelming response was negative and the chart was expanded to include jazz, rhythm and blues, French-language titles etc.

Today it stands as an alternative to the mainstream rock of the regular chart. At no time did Saxton attempt to prevent the abolishing of the disco chart.

Let's get some facts straight. Richard Saxton is probably the finest announcer CITR has had in my four years with the club. Should he choose to do so, he will likely have a great career in radio.

However, musical taste is not his strong point. There is definitely an AM approach to his weekly two-hour show. For those two hours he does control the musical direction of the station.

But the same can be said of any number of other announcers who have air shifts and who have no sense of what a campus station ought to be airing.

What is wrong with the musical direction of CITR has nothing to do with the office of the president. Saxton's job is to serve as a front man, a PR type, to deal with outside people having relations with the station. A case in point is Premier Cablevision and their efforts, on our behalf, to have the station granted an FM cable licence.

The big problem at CITR is the reluctance of music director Greg Ioannou, his assistants Bruce Baugh and myself, program director Mark Forrest and chief announcer Greg Plant to 'kick ass' on ignorant jocks.

Announcers can consistently choose from a current playlist of over 100 albums and singles, not to mention an enormous flashback library. That they consistently ignore quality and overplay artists already far too exposed on AM is a sad fact.

It clearly shows a general level of incompetence on the part of many announcers. Baugh has proposed some sort of weeding out in the event of an FM cable licence. But such a concept should have been implemented long ago.

None of CITR's current musical woes has a thing to do with Richard Saxton. He is being made a scapegoat in order to mask the reluctance of those in the programming department to change CITR from a 'bastion of mediocrity' into a legitimate campus station.

Kindest regards,

Richard Skelly
assistant music director

Bikes

I am writing this letter in protest to the lack of public and governmental concern for the plight of the cyclist. During the last decade, the bicycle has become recognized as a viable supplement to our transportation system.

The recent auto insurance increases shall only enhance the cycle's popularity, and thus, further increase an already flourishing cyclist population throughout the Lower Mainland.

Unfortunately, the motorists' respect for the cyclist's safety has shown no corresponding increase. The ultimate fragility of a bicyclist's situation was forcibly driven home to me a few weeks ago, when I helplessly watched one of the city's top cyclists die.

He was only the first of three members of the highly safety-conscious local racing fraternity to die in cycle-auto accidents in the last three months.

Obviously, this horrendous situation, where even the best prepared cyclists are being killed with unbelievable rapidity, must not be allowed to continue. Only the combined efforts of our legislators, public officials, and the public at large will alleviate this terrible situation.

This can and must be done by the promotion and implementation of programs, such as: media campaigns concerning cars, cyclists, and the traffic laws; increasing cycle safety education programs; and by the designation of cycle routes and the construction of cycle paths throughout the Lower Mainland.

Only after the cycle rider receives the same respect that one motorist gives to another, will our roads be considered reasonably safe for the bicyclist.

Clive Vardy

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soapbox

You're putting us on, Doug

UBC is really the greatest!

By TOM BARNES

During the tenure debate the position of the administration and the faculty has been that teaching ability is given ample consideration.

Teaching is weighted equally with research and service to the university and community, we are told. It has also been pointed out by a faculty representative that UBC places greater emphasis on teaching than most other universities.

Recently, the salaries of UBC faculty have come under attack.

Speaking at a men's Canadian Club meeting last Friday, UBC administration president Doug Kenny cited such criticism as a subtle sign that higher education in B.C. may be becoming second-rate.

The implication is that UBC is currently first-rate.

Pat McGeer, education minister and UBC professor, answered the same criticism by saying all the government asks from the universities is excellence.

The implication is that UBC currently is excellent and the government is willing to pay the price.

By combining these two positions one could assume three things.

First, since UBC is an excellent, first-class university that emphasizes teaching, then a large number, presumably a majority, of the faculty are excellent, first-class teachers.

In fact, some are, many are not, most are blatantly mediocre.

Second, it would follow that those faculty who are not excellent, first-class teachers are excellent, first-class researchers. Again, some are, but most are not.

Third, it should be safe to assume that those faculty members who are neither excellent, first-class researchers nor teachers must then be serving the university and the community with a vengeance.

If this were true, why is the ivory tower image of UBC so strong throughout the province and why is the administration so intent on dispelling it?

It would appear that those who criticize UBC and question its self-proclaimed status as a first-class university have some merit to their arguments.

One should not confuse the status of being a "major" university with being an excellent one. UBC's size alone is enough to give the status of a major university.

If UBC is not, or is at least slipping from its position as a first-class academic institution, what can be done to save it?

McGeer, in disregarding cost and asking only for excellence would seem to be inclined to pour more money into UBC.

Yet he is dissatisfied with the primary and secondary school systems in the province. His first move there was to limit teachers' salaries.

The teachers in the school system haven't been teaching well enough it seems, and they are being punished with limited raises.

Meanwhile, the place that trains many of those teachers is not being subjected to any government scrutiny in the area of salaries.

It should also be remembered that very few UBC faculty members have received any formal training in teaching. Yet their teaching qualifications go unchallenged.

Something doesn't add up.

Barnes, a former Ubyssey sports editor, is currently passing himself off as a first-year law student.

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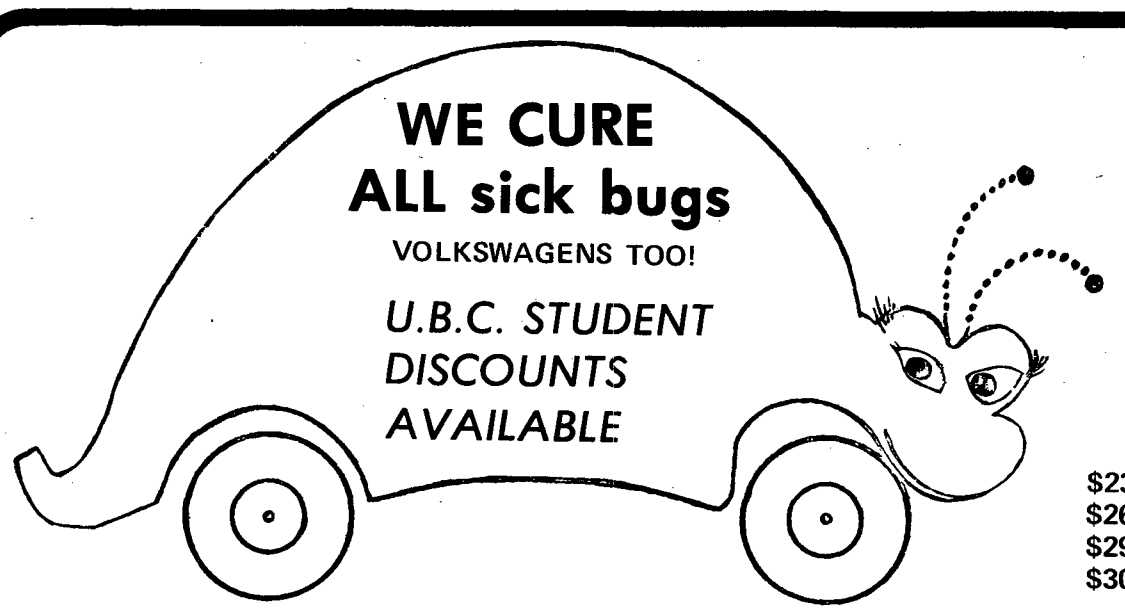

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Ulster

Why is Northern Ireland aflame?

If you want to find out the answer, history prof Giovanni Costigan of the University of Washington will speak at noon Monday in Buch. 100 on the tragedy of Northern Ireland.

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'Tween classes

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Singspiration and election, noon, SUB 205.

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FRIDAY

COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC UNIVERSITY
Open steering committee on board of governors firings, noon, AMS executive office.

THE CENTRE COFFEEHOUSE
Native Indian singing, dancing and folklore and local musicians, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Lutheran campus centre.

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE
Conference sur l'art de Georges St.-Pierre donnee par Jeannette Baillaut, midi trente, International House 402.

UBC THUNDERBIRD HOCKEY
'Birds versus West Germany, 9 p.m., Cable 10 television.

BAHA'I CLUB
Talk on Baha'i faith, noon, Gage 182.

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C. Edmonson on archaeological discoveries new and old, 8 p.m., Lasserre 102.

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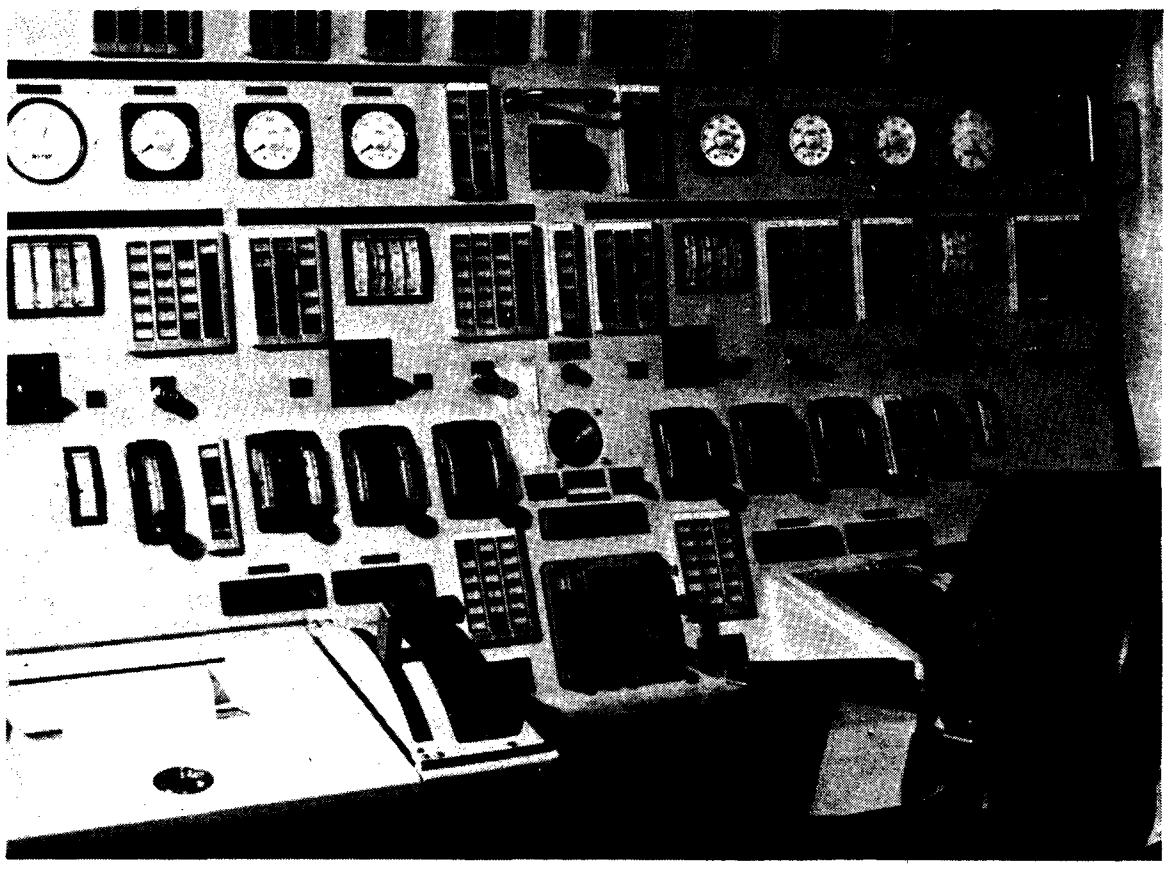

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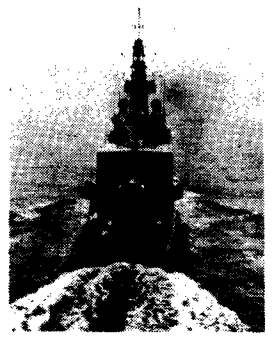

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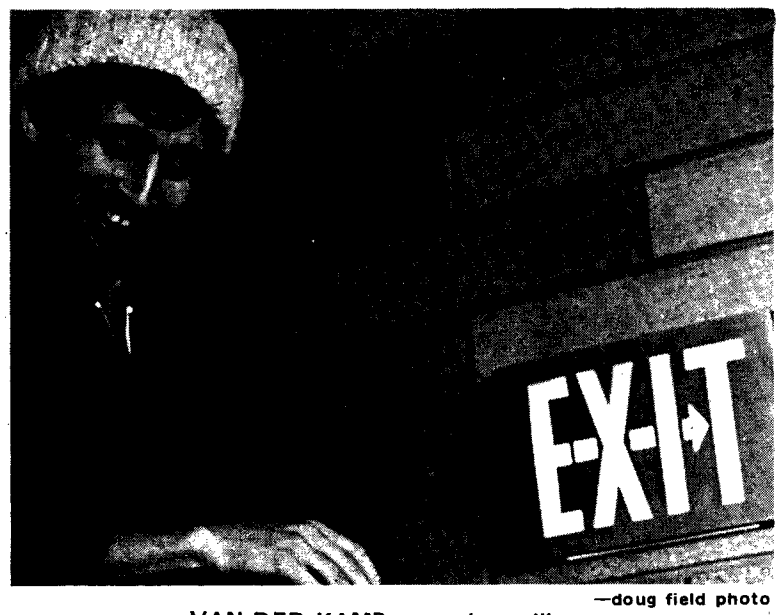

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VAN DER KAMP . . . exits smiling

Open council urged

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delivered his final report on the status of society finances for the year 1975-76.

The figures showed the AMS council ended the year in the black with total receipts of $1,404,046 and total disbursements of $1,215,095.

Van Blarcom read a motion from the floor which resolved that: ". . .the AMS actively oppose any and all . . . political interference in the affairs of UBC or any other post-secondary institution. . . ."

The motion referred to the firing of Bing Thom and Clive Lytle, two members of the UBC board of governors who were dismissed March 5 by education minister Pat McGeer. The pair were about half way through their three-year terms.

Goose Creekers upset

Bungling bumps band

Confusion and indecision on the part of just about everyone concerned led to the replacement of the country rock band Goose Creek Symphony by the hard rock Trooper at Wednesday's Alma Mater Society general meeting.

There were a variety of explanations offered late Wednesday for the bungling, none of which matched, but all of which had one or two things in common.

It goes something like this.

The AMS approached a local booking agency about three weeks ago asking that a group be provided for the March 10 general meeting.

Goose Creek got the nod for the engagement but stated that unless certain arrangements could be made, the group could not perform.

With almost three weeks still to go before performance date the matter was never cleared up.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 posters were printed and distributed around campus advertising Goose Creek as the feature attraction at Wednesday's noon meeting.

It was only last Friday that everyone discovered no firm commitment had been made.

Goose Creek manager George Laibe said Wednesday he is worried his group's reputation will suffer as a result of the confusion.

AMS vice-president Dave Van Blarcom said Wednesday he attaches no specific blame for the misunderstanding on Goose Creek.

"I wouldn't say it's their fault and apologize to them if they're upset about it," he said.

Interference hit by AMS

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occasional "public input" meetings around the province, with most regular meetings behind closed doors.

But Helliwell said he interprets the act as requiring the council to meet publicly on most occasions and only behind closed doors when discussing personnel and unusual problems. "That would be my interpretation but I'm certainly not a lawyer," he said.

Helliwell said he wants students to pay a larger portion of post-secondary education costs through increased tuition fees or a service-obligation attached to their education.

He said he doesn't have a "dollars and cents cost" about how much fees should be raised, but remarked students should incur "a debt of a year or so to repay society."

He said that debt could repaid in cash or through "some time of service to the community."

Helliwell said he isn't aware of the backgrounds of two UBC board of governors fired by the Socred government and could not judge whether McGeer was correct in revoking their appointments before their terms had ended. Bing Thom and Clive Lytle were fired last week by cabinet order-in-council.

"I would hope a government of whatever political bent would hopefully have the public interest in mind first and foremost and not make public appointments on a political basis," he said.

Big Blockers to celebrate selves at fete here tonight

On Friday the Harlem Globetrotters will be putting in their popular show at the Pacific Coliseum, playing their professional straight men, the New York Nationals.

Thirty years ago they attempted to use the UBC Thunderbird basketball squad as fall guys.

However, the script was all wrong — the 'Birds won 42-38, one of the few losses the Globetrotters have ever absorbed.

Tonight at the annual athletic awards banquet, the Big Block dinner, members of the Bob Osborne-coached team will reunite. Harry Franklin, Harry Kermode, Hunk Henderson, Ritchie Nicol, Sandy Robertson, Reg Clarkson and our very own gift to the people of B.C., Pat McGeer, all plan to attend.

The 63rd annual awards banquet and alumni reunion of former Thunderbird athletes will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the faculty club.

Dr. Peter Grantham, former UBC rugby great, will be guest speaker. Frank Gnup will be the master of ceremonies. Grantham was a member of the fabulous 'Bird teams of the mid-fifties and was named to numerous B.C. Rep sides. He is now recognized as one of Canada's leaders in sports medicine.

The program will include the induction of new winners into the Big Block Club, an honor given to those who have performed well on the various varsity teams. There will be 59 athletes from 18 sports inducted tonight.

In addition, recognition will be given to those who have performed at the national and international level.

The program will be highlighted with the presentation of the Bob Gaul trophy to the outstanding graduating athlete.

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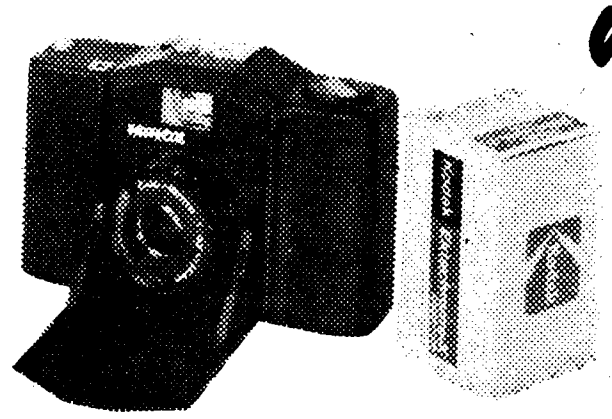

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Native Indian speaker charges

'White transient workers running NWT'

Transient workers are controlling the government and resource development of the Northwest Territories, a NWT citizen charged Tuesday.

Nellie Cournoyea, a land claims negotiator, made the statement to about 75 students at a noon-hour meeting at the Lutheran campus centre.

"Most of the white men who go up to the Northwest Territories to work, only remain there about 18 to 24 months," she said. "Yet this group of non-native people has controlled the government and resource development of the NWT to date."

Cournoyea and Charlie Furlong, representative of the Mackenzie River valley Indians, suggested two solutions to the problem:

- people should be required to live in the NWT for 10 years before they are permitted to vote in elections (three months of residency for municipal elections, and six months for federal elections, are now required); and
- the federal government should respond to the native people's land claims by the end of May.

The main points in the native land claims proposal, presented to the government in February are:

- that native people retain their hunting, fishing and trapping rights;
- a three per cent royalty, to be given to natives, be tacked on to resource development profits; and
- the native people should be given a stronger, direct voice in running their land.

Cournoyea and Furlong explained that the population of the NWT is comprised of three distinct ethnic groups, the Inuit (Eskimos), the Dene (Indians), and the non-natives.

The present population of the Inuit is about 13,500, most of them living in central and eastern NWT. Their land claim consists of 750,000 square miles of land and 800,000 square miles of water area.

The Dene people, descendents of the five original Indian tribes of the NWT, have a current population of 17,000. Their traditional lands lie along the Mackenzie valley, where the proposed pipeline would go.

The Dene want 450,000 square miles of land including the Mackenzie valley area.

"We are not being greedy," Cournoyea said. "All we want is the property rights over the lands which the native people have traditionally used and occupied from time immemorial."

"We are not separatist, and we are not against development. All we are asking is for native land claims before development."

"Our land is not for sale . . . we don't want any cash settlement," she said.

"We want our environment to remain in a stable position, so that our children will have stability in their lives."

"What is most important to us is our land," she said.

"In the coming weeks, people will be speculating about cash — the Inuit are not interested in cash.

The Inuit want their land to grow as a part of Canada, and not as a colonist state."

"We are not asking for much. We just want to keep up with the rest of Canada," Cournoyea said.

Furlong, who represents the 25 communities of Metis, non-status and status Indians, said the Dene's land claim proposal will be given to the federal government Nov. 1.

"The Dene people know they own that land from time immemorial. They also want native land claims before development," he said.

Many of the Dene don't work, Furlong said, but those who do, work for the government or the oil companies.

"The government has put in many regional liquor stores. In order that we have more social programs, the government must sell more liquor," he said.

Furlong also talked about Supreme Court judge Tom Berger, the government-appointed one-man commission investigating the effects of the proposed pipeline on the lifestyle and environment of the native peoples.

"In order to give the native people a chance to speak out, the government sent Berger up there, and boy, they may regret it now. He's doing too good a job.

"Berger is now in his second year . . . and he has sat in every community and listened to every person that speaks to him," he said.

The Dene told Berger they want no pipeline until land settlements are made, Furlong said. They want time to develop their claims, set up programs, and educate their people.

Berger will be in Vancouver in mid-May, and both land claims spokespersons urged submissions from Lower Mainland residents who care about the future of the North.

Furlong also explained the people responsible for administering the law in the NWT.

"There is an NWT commissioner who is appointed by the federal government, as well as a 15-man native territorial council.

"But it is essentially a colonial government, because the commissioner has veto power on everything said by the elected council. The council acts as an advisory body to the commissioner," he said.

Cournoyea and Furlong will also go to Edmonton and Calgary to voice their concerns. Their tour is funded by a federal government loan, as are other similar tours across southern Canada.

"We're very basic people," Cournoyea said, "and the North is a hard land to live in. If it hadn't been for the people in the South and the Americans, who want all this oil and gas, we wouldn't be in the position we are in today."

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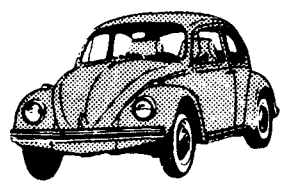

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