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The result of twenty years of the erosion of police powers. Vancouver riot police in October 1970 still look mighty similar to those of January 1991.

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Activists fear court decision enables police to arrest protestors at will

by Rick Hiebert

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Activists in British Columbia fear that a provincial Supreme Court ruling may give police the power to virtually arrest demonstrators at will.

Three members of the Nanaimo-based anti-nuclear Nanoose Conversion Campaign had their lawsuit against five local RCMP officers dismissed by Justice John Cowan last week.

The protesters went to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's campaign appearance in Nanaimo in 1988. The RCMP arrested Laurie MacBride, Norman Abbey and Brian Stedman after MacBride refused to show the contents of her bag to a plainclothes Mountie. The bag held an anti-nuclear banner.

The three protesters were then jailed for three hours until Mulroney left town. During the trial, several RCMP officers testified that they believed that the activists had a gun. No charges were ever laid against the activists, who were held without charges being laid.

"It was important...that the plaintiffs be detained until it was determined that there were more substantial reasons for the police's actions that had been apparent," Cowan wrote in his decision.

"(It) is easy to overlook...that

while citizens of this country have rights, they also have duties and obligations. Not the least of those is to obey and respect the laws of the country including...the law requiring that citizens not obstruct those charged with the enforcement of the laws," he wrote. He ruled that the passing of MacBride's bag was a "wilful obstruction" of the officer's attempt to identify what was in the bag.

"This decision allows the police to jail a suspect without evidence and then begin a search for that evidence that leads to charges," said Vancouver lawyer Donald Crane, who is representing the three. "This is an erosion of an important safeguard to Canadians' legal rights."

Crane's clients have already begun an appeal to the provincial Court of Appeal, but the earliest court date available is eight months from now.

"The police were trying to isolate the P.M. from dissenters and this is a serious breach of their usual role," Crane said.

He said there was evidence at the trial which implied that the police acting as security at the rally were screening out people who were likely to argue with the Tories there or demonstrate inside the hall where the P.M. was speaking.

Local activists fear the implications of the decision.

"It's dangerous to give the police more powers to arrest people who look odd, or arrest people for what they might do. It's a possible step towards a police state," said John Mates of Greenpeace.

Mates said the decision could intimidate those who want to protest publicly in B.C., particularly those who want to act against Canadian participation in the Persian Gulf war.

"I hope that this decision doesn't change how the police act in the future. In my experience, the police has been polite and respectful to our actions. I wouldn't want that to change. The police shouldn't judge what is right and wrong to discuss," he said.

The Nanaimo RCMP detachment has declined comment.

Constable Bob Cooper of the Vancouver police said he wasn't sure that Cowan's decision gave the police "any powers we don't already have."

"I think that we've seen quite an erosion of police powers over the past 20 years with various court cases and Criminal Code amendments," he said. "What usually happens when police misuse their powers in Canada is that the public or the courts take power away from them."

EAR denies Arab-Canadians right to speak at peace rally

by Lucho van Isschot

A decision by End the Arms Race (EAR) to exclude Arab-Canadians from speaking at last Saturday's downtown peace rally has drawn criticism from the Arab community and has caused dissent within the anti-war coalition.

Cynthia Flood, a spokesperson for the Mid-East Peace Action Coalition (MEPAC), said the decision bordered on censorship.

She added that her "... group was generally shocked and appalled."

An estimated 10,000 demonstrators at the Vancouver Art Gallery listened to a variety of speakers, none of whom were of Arab descent.

EAR, an umbrella organization for more than 200 anti-war groups responsible for the funding and planning of Saturday's rally, was in charge of drawing up the speaker's list.

Mazen Sukkarie, a UBC student of Arab descent and a founding member of Hope for Peace on Earth (HOPE), was also concerned with the exclusion of Arab Canadians from the speakers list.

"This issue is of concern to the Arab students of UBC because it might show that we are on a separate side, when we are not," he said.

Sukkarie added that an open microphone would have facilitated a more representative dialogue at Saturday's rally.

"We would like to share our thoughts and beliefs with others, no matter what race, religion or colour they are, as long as they seek peace," he said.

EAR president Peter Kennedy said his group feared that Arab voices may have spoken in favour of Saddam Hussein, creating a rift in the anti-war movement.

Kennedy said EAR wanted to avoid becoming embroiled in the Arab-Israeli dispute, fearing it would shift the focus of the rally from the Gulf War. Doing so would have, "Kept people away, rather than drawing them in," he said.

Kennedy said EAR draws a "fair amount of support from sectors of the Jewish community," and did not want to alienate them.

"Some of the Arab people were saying that there shouldn't even be sanctions," said Kennedy, who consulted with the Arab community. Some were even "in favour of war," he said.

MEPAC, one of the organizing groups, urged EAR to allow Arab-Canadians to speak, but were ignored, Flood said.

Connie Fogal, another member of MEPAC's steering committee said that there existed "potential for disunity" over this issue because EAR's executive had overruled the concerns of its member groups.

In order to avoid conflict, MEPAC will organize independently in the future, Fogal said.

Fogal added, however, that the two groups will continue to liaise despite their differences over the rally.

Unity slate sweeps executive elections

by Michael Booth

The Unity slate romped to victory in all five positions in last week's AMS executive elections—the first time since 1974 that a single slate has swept the annual executive races.

With a voter turnout of only eight per cent of the student body, the Unity slate of Jason Brett (president), Shawn Tagseth (vice-president), Martin Ertl (administration), Ranjit Bharaj (finance), and Kelly Guggisberg (external affairs) scored decisive wins over independents and two rival slates: the Radical Beer Faction slate and the Progressive slate.

"We've made a lot of promises and now we have no excuses not to keep them," Brett said. "We're really happy and we think we're going to do a great job."

"With all of us working together, we'll be able to do 70 per cent of the work and accomplish twice as much."

The biggest surprise of the elections was the strong performance of the Radical Beer Faction candidates. The Faction's candidates finished second in three of the positions even though they openly took the proceedings in a lighter vein than their opponents.

The Faction's presidential candidate, Ari Giligson said "it was a good race and I'm sure it will be a good year even though it won't be as fun as it would be if we had gotten in."

A subdued Mark Keister, campaign manager for the Progressives, said he thought the elections were the most democratic in years.

"I'm disappointed but I guess running a left-leaning slate in AMS elections is like running a

Socred in East Van—it's an uphill battle," Keister said.

"I'm still very pro-slate and even though I disagree with the slate that won, I believe that this was more democratic than previous elections because the presence of slates made it less of a personality contest," Keister added that, "Now the AMS is officially right wing as opposed to the unofficial right wing groups which have controlled it before."

Brett, however, disagreed with this assessment and added, "Right wing, left wing; we're trying to keep ideas like that out of student government."

AMS archivist Bruce Armstrong said slates are not a new phenomenon in AMS elections. Armstrong said in 1974-75, a slate dubbed "the Student's Coalition" swept the elections. The following year, the executive was split between representatives of the Student's Coalition and a Student Unity slate.

"There have been formal slates since then but they haven't been elected," Armstrong said. "In the 1982-83 elections, a 'Progressive' slate ran but none of them got elected."

Results were unavailable for the Senate and Board of Governors elections. Results for these positions are being held by the UBC Registrar's office and will not be released until two working days after polls closed; sometime late Tuesday.

Five referendum questions were also on the ballots but, because only eight per cent of the student body voted, all failed due to lack of quorum—the support of 10 per cent of the student body.

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unofficial election results

Food plan expands to feed hungry kids

by Martin Chester

Despite a hot lunch program, many school children in Vancouver are still going to school hungry, according to the End Legislated Poverty coalition.

Last Thursday, Patricia Chauncey of ELP and Georgina Isaak of the Child Poverty Association, made a presentation to a Vancouver School Board budget

meeting to have the on-going hot lunch program—which now involves 12 elementary schools—extended to include 10 more and to have the program entrenched in the board's budget.

Chauncey said: "They have set the criteria. They have said there are 10 more schools that fit the criteria, all we asked was for those schools to be added to the list."

"Any school that fits the school

board's criteria should be included," she said.

The food program is one part of the Inner City School Project which is designed to improve the education system of schools in Vancouver's low income areas. But, as Chauncey explained, "the food changes the outcome of all the other projects."

The program is set up to avoid identifying individual students in

anyway. The hot lunches are given to all students, but those with money pay a dollar for the meal. The criteria for which schools are involved in the program is also set up to avoid identification of students.

Sunrise area superintendent Alastair Fraser explained that the criteria required a substantial number of children in poverty and for the schools to identify themselves in some way.

Fraser said that while he believed there were many schools in such a situation, "neither parents, nor staff, nor principals have come forth to identify those schools."

Even with those schools identified, there is still the question of finding funds for the program.

The program, which feeds 2,500 children daily has an annual cost of between \$500,000 and \$600,000 annually, according to Fraser. At the moment, only the city of Vancouver has given money to support the program, but the school board has lobbied for other funds.

"We have looked for funding,"

he said. "Every year we write the provincial government who do not choose to fund the program."

He also said any federal funding available comes with strings attached, which demand that all welfare children in the city are fed, which make the system unworkable.

Chauncey also said the school board should entrench the program in their budget.

"We asked that the school board put on the budget as a priority yearly," she said. "We are tired of going back every year to beg."

"We also want them to be loud and vocal in calling for increases in welfare and minimum wage."

The budget is not due until March, so ELP and other local anti-poverty groups will continue to lobby and pressure the school board with letters and presentations until the decision is made.

"This is a model program that we use as an example when we organize across Canada," Chauncey said. "The problem is it is not big enough."

UBC senate passes partial version of harassment policy

by Mark Nielsen

Despite their concerns, the UBC Senate has passed the much anticipated policy on freedom from harassment and discrimination.

In passing an abbreviated version last Wednesday, the Senate asked the academic policy committee to strengthen the definitions used and to clarify the judicial process to be used when considering such instances.

The Senate's race relations committee was asked earlier this year to draft a policy in time to be included in the 1991-92 Winter Session calendar.

Before voting, assistant law professor Philip Bryden warned that there was a potential for conflict between the harassment and discrimination policy and the university's stand on academic freedom.

"Most US universities that have introduced such a policy have immediately found a conflict between the broad notion of academic freedom and that of harassment and discrimination," he said. "I think the issue is to resolve this type of conflict."

In an interview after the meeting, Bryden gave the example of a student at the University of Michigan who stood up in a class and said that homosexuality is a disease and can be treated.

While many gays may say the student is being discriminatory, others may think the student is expressing an academic point of view, Bryden said.

"It may not be a wise opinion but is that something people should be disciplined for or protected as an intellectual argument?" Bryden said.

The dean of law, Peter Burns, warned that the real power of such a policy is going to be directed at students—including those who demonstrate against unpopular speakers.

"If someone comes in who is pro-apartheid and students demonstrate against him, we can use it (the policy) against those students," he said.

He added that some of the

terms used to define discrimination were redundant while others were open to abuse. He argued that disability, for example, could include lower than average intelligence.

And economics professor Robert Will pointed out that a range of penalties and a judicial process have not been put in place to deal with complaints related to the policy.

"Right now, I don't think students have any idea of what is going to happen to them if they're found guilty," he said.

Although supporting the idea, AMS ombudsperson Carole Forsythe said Senate members could have easily made fools of themselves by passing a poorly written policy.

"There are dozens, literally dozens of definitions, so they have to come up with a definition that suits the university campus that is both general and specific," she said. "Specific enough to cover academic guidelines and general enough to cover the university and all that happens here."

The version passed by Senate reads: "The University of British Columbia is committed to ensuring that all members of the university community—students, faculty, staff and visitors—are able to study and work in an environment of tolerance and mutual respect that is free from harassment and discrimination." The original version also included a definition of discrimination "based upon ancestry, country of origin, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, creed, citizenship, age, or disability."

A second statement, that "the University may initiate appropriate action against individuals or groups whose behaviour amounts to discrimination or harassment or whose behaviour threatens that environment of mutual respect and tolerance," was also passed out by the Senate.

Dr. Kogila Adam Moodley, chair of the race relations committee, could not be reached for comment.



Trees removed to save Camosun Bog

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Engineers to host rights and freedom forum

by Michael Booth

The Engineering Undergraduate Society will be presenting a series of four open discussions entitled the Rights and Freedoms Forum, beginning January 31.

The forums are part of the fallout from last year's engineering nEUSletter which contained material offensive to numerous groups, especially Natives. Ironically, the last of the four forums will be held on March 14th—the first anniversary of the printing of the nEUSletter in question.

The EUS originally agreed to host a one day conference on racism as well as a traditional Native Potlatch. However, the plans were soon changed and the conference evolved into a series of forums.

Nicole Kohnert and Peter Coccio, engineering students and members of the forums' organizing committee, said the new format

allows more issues to be addressed.

"A one day conference would be too intensive and I don't think we would have as many people involved," Kohnert said. Coccio added, "This way we're opening it up to a wider range of social issues."

Each forum will consist of four panellists and a host. Each panellist will each give a five minute speech about their perspective and then they will be open to questions from the floor for an hour. The panellists will then speak again followed by another round of questions and summarizing statements by the panellists.

The first forum is entitled "What is Discrimination" and will be hosted by local CBC television anchor Kevin Evans. The panellists include AMS president Kurt Preinsperg, UBC multi-cultural liaison officer Kogila Adam-Moodley, Inter-campus Native

Student Network coordinator Bev Scow, and former UBC chemical engineering instructor Dale Maranda.

Preinsperg was delighted to be involved and said, "I really hope that the campus community that was quick to condemn the engineers will take an interest in their efforts to rehabilitate themselves and show up for the forum."

Kohnert said the EUS had little trouble finding people to volunteer to serve as panellists in the forums.

"People we've talked to—potential panellists—are all very eager to participate, to make such a discussion available to the public," Kohnert said. "We had a little flack about the Godiva patches."

The rest of the forum will be held on February 15, 28, and March 14. All forums are at 12:30 p.m. in the SUB Auditorium.

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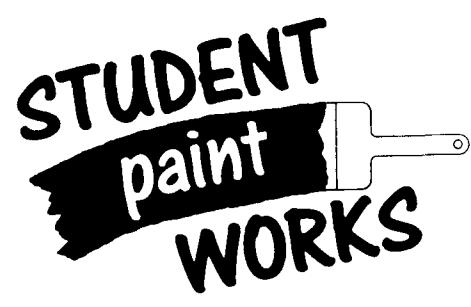
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NEWS

CFS members discuss killing BC region

by Rick Hiebert

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The B.C. members of the Canadian Federation of Students discussed doing away with the provincial wing of the CFS at their meeting January 16-20.

Students from Simon Fraser University and Capilano College proposed "dissolving" the B.C. region of the CFS by this April as a protest against what some felt was the excessive bureaucratization of the CFS and unaccountability of the organization's executive.

"We wanted to ensure that the various frustrations the members were having got discussed. We wanted to open up the federation—it seems to be getting wrapped up in bureaucracy, becoming more like a political organization and that's not what we want," said Diane Larsson, chair of the Capilano College Students Society.

The motion, moved at the meeting's final plenary on January 20, was withdrawn, but not without discussion of the problems that the BC members were having with the CFS provincially.

"We didn't want to destroy the BC CFS, yet there is a really strong feeling that member societies aren't being heard—that's what the provincial executive of the CFS doesn't like, they don't hear," Larsson said.

P.J. Harstan, the former Vice President-external of the Vancouver Community College-Langara student government, said the motion was a "negative procedure, but the only way to bring forth the discussion that we wanted."

Harstan, who was one of the instigators of the motion although the Langara delegation as a whole didn't support it, said "When you're dealing with any form of established bureaucracy, you have to yell and scream and kick and throw a fit to allow yourself to be heard. That is exactly what we did with this motion."

"Do students really benefit with the CFS, if not, why be in it? If so, why not take the chance to discuss whether the organization is really effective," he said.

Brad Lavigne, chair of the CFS-BC, was at first surprised that the BC CFS members wanted to destroy the organization.

"We are certainly not opposed to change. We want grassroots input, but their motion wasn't the only way to address what they wanted to do," Lavigne said. "The changes they wanted to see could

have been addressed more productively through other mechanisms and procedures that the CFS has."

Lavigne said there were positive changes and ideas discussed, but by using the form of a motion to dissolve the CFS-BC, the concerned members may have made it harder to discuss their concerns.

"To initiate the discussion they chose the wrong process," he said. "You don't use a sledgehammer to kill an ant."

Jamie McEvoy, president of the Douglas College Student Society, said the CFS-BC was working to deal with its problems.

"There's almost a consensual idea that the organization has to change, so this discontent is nothing that new. These changes in the CFS, especially in B.C., are taking place gradually," he said.

"The student movement hasn't found the best organizational basis to be what it wants to be: non-hierarchical, accountable and democratic. We're moving in that direction, but people are frustrated with the slowness of that change," McEvoy said. "Change sometimes takes time."

"There wasn't that much difference in what we wanted," he said. "The discussion was valuable."

Harstan and Larsson were pleased that the discussion took place, yet both said that they were hoping the CFS-BC would take concrete steps to answer the concerns of the membership.

One major issue, the concerns of several members in B.C. about the structure of the national CFS-Services branch of the organization, received some discussion.

Several student governments in B.C. are withholding part of their CFS fees in order to make the CFS-Services subsidiary more accountable to the CFS membership. At the last national CFS meeting in Ottawa last month, there was some discussion of whether the national CFS should sue member societies for the rest of their fees, but nothing was decided.

The B.C. CFS members decided that members holding part of their fees back should pool these fees in a provincial trust.

"The rationale was that it would improve our bargaining power if there were some legal question to come up," said Bryan Kraushaar of the SFU Student Society. "We doubt that the CFS will sue its own members, but we wanted to ensure that we were on solid ground if it happened."

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Federal government slammed over policies at conference on First Nations issues

by Kevin Brett and Paul Waxman

The First Nations Issues conference which took place at the Simon Fraser downtown campus last weekend, could have been appropriately retitled "The First Steps to Healing Old Wounds."

The conference, sponsored by a variety of Native organizations, provided a forum for some of the leading voices in the struggle for aboriginal self government as well as issue specific workshops.

Ovide Mercredi, Manitoba Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, lambasted the federal government for its notion of a new relationship regarding aboriginal

issues. Mercredi emphasized the need for Ottawa to fully recognize the political role of the Assembly of First Nations instead of the individual chiefs who have been hand picked by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

"It's a policy of divide and rule, and that's unacceptable for substantive dialogue," Mercredi said.

Mike Leach, chief of the Lil'Wat band, issued a pointed challenge to the university community. Leach said it is incumbent upon universities not only to learn, but to teach the diversity of the First Nations.

The need for an alternative to

current textbook notions of aboriginal history was a sentiment echoed by other speakers at the conference.

Bruce Clarke, legal council for the Lil'Wat Nation, elicited some murmurs from the audience when he said the rule of law was not being "applied in practice... and this should concern all Canadians."

He said aboriginal right to self government is already existent, based on the Royal Proclamation of 1763 which states that tribes shall not be "molested, nor disturbed on lands not ceded or sold."

The department of Indian and Northern Affairs came under re-

peated fire from Mercredi, who defined it as an instrument for controlling the lives and freedoms of the Native people.

"Would you allow any department of government to rule over you?" he challenged. "I think not."

Mercredi debunked the notion of multi-culturalism when he challenged Meech Lake's vision of Canada as being based solely on English and French culture.

The need for spiritual healing and dignity was identified as being an important component in the struggle for autonomy.

"We must overcome the psychology of being victimized... which

is why self sovereignty is so important," Mercredi said.

The conciliatory spirit of the conference was best expressed by the vice-president of the United Native Nations, Ernie Crey. Crey spoke of his generation as being the first of five who have been allowed to have their children at home and not having them forcibly taken away to residential schools.

"How can tradition be passed on when our children are not at home?" Crey asked. "I say this to you, not out of bitterness or with an intent to illicit guilt, but rather to show that we are a special case in Canada."

by Kevin Brett and Paul Waxman

Ovide Mercredi's eyes do not penetrate, they burn clear to the back of the hall. Friday night they served as a reflection of his words, which speak forcefully and eloquently of the need for Native sovereignty.

As Manitoba Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations, Mercredi occupies a key position on the front lines of the fight for aboriginal self government.

When he speaks, one cannot help but listen with an intensity equal to that with which he delivers his words. It was no exception when we spoke with Ovide Mercredi following his keynote address at the First Nations Issues conference on Friday night.

The Ubyssy—Because, as an unrepresented minority, Natives have continually been the acted upon, is autonomy generally thought to be a last avenue towards reform?

Ovide Mercredi—Under the current bureaucracy of the department of Indian and Northern Affairs, the final decision (re: land claims) is left with the ministry. Self government suggests some sort of self help, and a belief in your power of leadership, so we don't see it as a last avenue, but rather the only comprehensive road towards reform.

What then, would that self determination entail? You mentioned Sechelt, is that the kind of autonomy sought, or would it be on a more continental level, including those peoples within US borders?

The municipal autonomy of Sechelt is what we want to avoid.

State of the First Nations: an interview with Ovide Mercredi



Oka protest during the summer

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Why should the provincial and national borders, arbitrary to the distribution of Native populations, determine the borders of the First Nations? The people within US borders are the same as those within Canadian borders, so yes, Native self sovereignty includes those nations within the US.

You mentioned Saskatchewan as having opted out of the Assembly of First Nations. Could you clarify this and explain if you feel that this will inhibit settlement and negotiations?

Saskatchewan has opted out of the Assembly because its chief failed to win the presidency of the body. Currently there is still contact with Saskatchewan and additionally there will be new national elections in 1991. So they will be back.

There is a perception on the part of some Canadians that a

"comprehensive settlement" will be at the expense of non-aboriginal comfort and living standards. What about a national plebiscite regarding Native issues like self sovereignty and land claims? Do you feel there is any legitimacy to such an exercise?

Any national referendum could only take place in an atmosphere of respect and information. Unfortunately, the current climate is one of misinformation. However, in principle, I am not opposed to such an effort, but only among an informed populace. Without this, the exercise would be invalid.

The result of the civil disobedience exercised in the summer was that Canada came to realize the extent of Native dissatisfaction. What now is the follow-up strategy to the Oka crisis?

The occurrence at Oka was not the crisis. The crisis, for the Native people, is happening now. We must maintain what was achieved at Oka, that is, to keep the awareness level high and ensure that the government deals with the leadership put forward by Natives rather than hand picked individuals by the department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

Many land claims are presently on-going in the courts. Is the legality of self government currently being challenged in the courts?

Yes. The unsatisfactory response to the land question is largely a political problem. The courts have already acknowledged some legitimacy to the claims for self government and we are presently pursuing the legal right to autonomy in the forum of the supreme court.

Do you feel that with the demise of Meech Lake, the possibilities for negotiations regarding self government have reached an impasse? And do you feel that the current government harbours too much animosity right now to address Native issues?

This government has two years left in its mandate and it is my belief that it will not bend over backwards to solve the aboriginal problems. What is urgently needed for a comprehensive solution is a change of government.

Are Native women's issues being overshadowed by the need for general reforms, or are there specific strategies, movements or organizations that deal solely with the problems faced by Native women?

They are one and the same. Recognition of the right to be different is foremost in our objectives, and that includes women. Women are joining hands in support groups, and in doing so are gaining strength, but the right to be different is one that ensures that unique gender differences are recognized, as well as racial differences.

In closing, do you have anything you would particularly like to address to the university constituency?

Well...we don't have too much experience in telling people what to do. My words to this group of future leaders would be to always strive to reach for consensus rather than to impose their views. This is the basis of hope for any real change to occur. What is needed in Canada is a policy to bring about the realization of people's right to be different.

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T-Birds claw pandas, back in play-off hunt

by Mark Nielsen

Just when the UBC Thunderbirds women's basketball team could least afford to have things go wrong—they went right over the weekend.

The Thunderbirds snapped a vicious nine game losing streak with a thrilling 78-75 victory over the University of Alberta Pandas on Friday night. They followed it up the next evening by dumping the Pandas 86-64.

And now, instead of being Canada West door-mats, the Thunderbirds have suddenly become contenders for a spot in post-season play. In short, they are getting their act together.

"We're not a different team," coach Misty Thomas said.

"It's a team that's coming together and doing things consistently that they've been capable of doing throughout the year.

Thomas also pointed out that the Thunderbirds have played some good basketball since coming back from the winter break.

"We've had to play some tough teams in the three weeks we've been back, you know—Victoria, Calgary and Lethbridge are not the three easiest teams to try and take games from.

"But the girls have played really well...and it's good to see that when things are on the line, and the chips are down, they came through."

The incentive of a playoff spot aside, fourth year pivot Tania Gladiuk, who scored 26 points and hauled in 16 rebounds on Friday night, said the players are coming together as a team.

"We're a lot more comfortable with one another," Gladiuk said. "A lot of these people haven't really played together as a team."

UBC got off to a quick start on Friday night and were up by as much as 10 points before the Pandas went on an eight point tear to put Alberta up 28-25.

The Panda's stayed in front and built up a 14 point lead early in the second half before UBC went to work, outscoring Alberta 25-6 for a 73-63 lead.

"We were down by 10 (at the half) and we said, 'look, we don't need to go out there and try and fire through a bunch of three pointers; just chip away at it—we've got 20 minutes to chip away at it,'" Thomas said.

"It was a wild finish, but we came up with the win."

Following up on Gladiuk's performance was Val Philpot who scored 15 points and snagged eight rebounds, while Lorraine Marken got 12 points and Lisa Nickle added 10.

Second year point guard Lisa Nickle put in

her best performance of the season on Saturday night when she scored 32 points and was seven for 12 from the three point range.

"Maybe at the start of the year I was a bit hesitant about taking that shot," Nickle said. "But Misty tells all of us, 'if it's open, shoot,' and that's what I was doing."

Thomas, meanwhile, said that as far as Nickle's shooting is concerned, she should keep up the good work.

"She's our best shooter, and sometimes it's hard to convince her that that's what she should be doing," Thomas said.

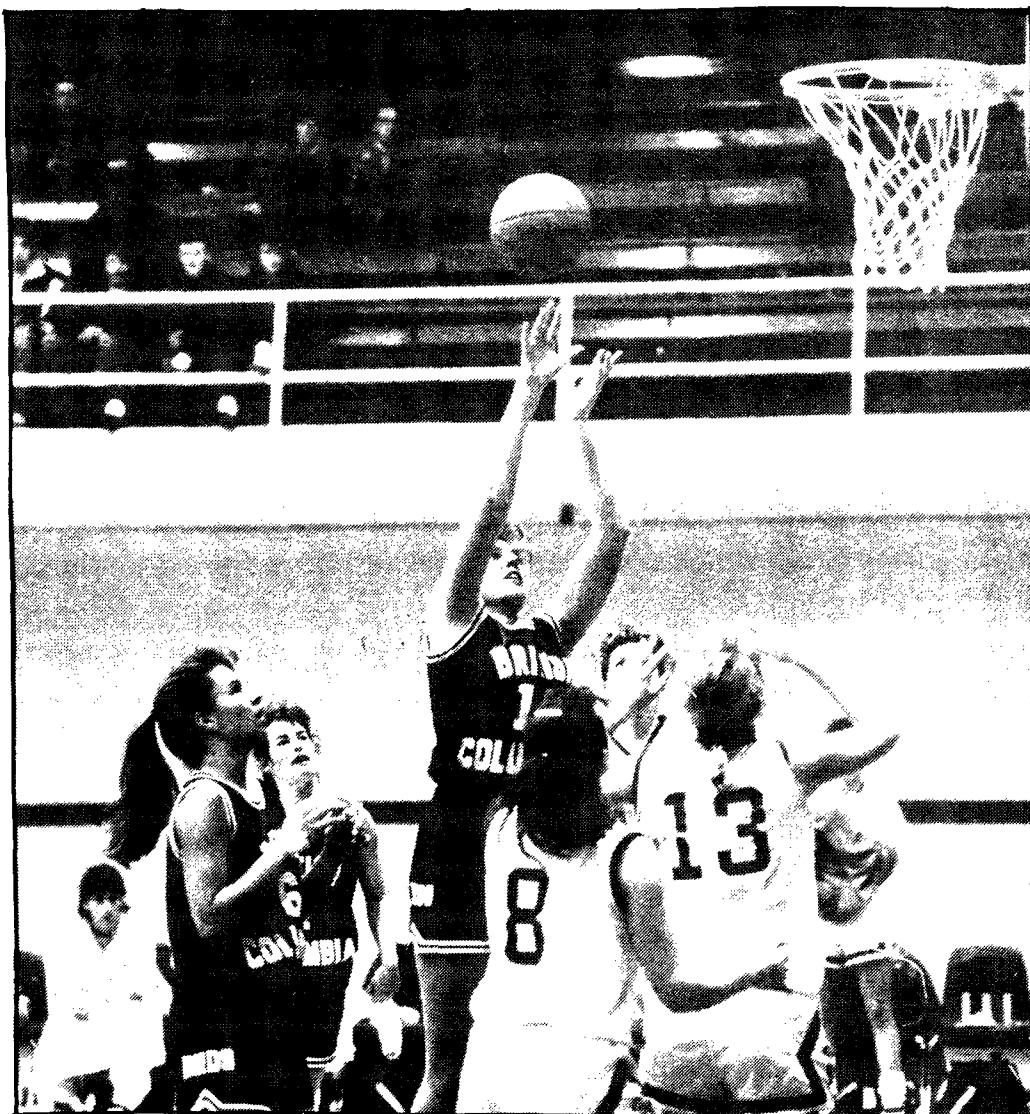
"She's also got a lot of responsibility as point guard. A lot of time she's so concerned with running the offence and trying to get the ball to her teammates...that she forgets about her own opportunities.

In addition to Nickle's performance, Devanee Peterson canned 14 points, Philpot nailed 13, and Gladiuk drained 11, but grabbed nine rebounds. Jana Jordan, meanwhile, got seven assists.

The Thunderbirds head to Saskatoon this weekend to for a pair of must-win contests against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.



Lisa Nickle



Devanee Petersen uses her height to advantage for the Thunderbirds in women's basketball action over the weekend. STEVE CHAN PHOTO

Thunderbirds trampled by Bisons

by Michael Booth

The Thunderbird hockey team's problems continued on the weekend when they were run over by stampeding buffalo in Manitoba.

The T-Birds slipped to sixth place in the Canada West conference and stretched their losing streak to seven games when they dropped a pair of contests 6-3 and 7-2 to the hometown University of Manitoba Bisons.

The T-Birds got off to a slow start in Friday's game, falling behind 3-0 after one period of play before rebounding to play the Bisons evenly the rest of the way.

The T-Birds pulled to within two late in the third only to have Manitoba score in the final five minutes to salt the game away.

T-Bird captain Grant Delcourt led UBC with two goals and one assist while defenceman Scott Frizzell scored the other T-Bird goal.

On Saturday, the T-Birds iced five skaters who played despite suffering from the flu. The teams played to a 1-1 tie after one period before Manitoba ran away with the game in the last two periods. Forward Charles Cooper and defenceman Dean Holoien scored for the T-Birds.

UBC coach Terry O'Malley is

understandably concerned about the team's performance of late.

"It's been a real skid and there might be plenty of reasons for it but we're going to have to get back to our first half form and get there quickly," O'Malley said. "A playoff spot is still in the offing but we're going to have to put together a string of sweeps in upcoming weekends."

This weekend the T-Birds begin a four game homestand with a pair of games against the cellar-dwelling University of Lethbridge Pronghorns. Saturday's game starts at 7:30 p.m. while the face-off Sunday is at 1:30 p.m.

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Thunderbirds' forward Bob Heighton goes for the slam-dunk against Alberta in Canada West basketball play over the weekend. STEVE CHAN PHOTO

T'Birds split in Bears den

by Matthew Clarke

The Thunderbirds battled the University of Alberta Golden Bears in Edmonton last weekend and when the dust had settled, both volleyball teams emerged with a win and loss.

On Friday, the T-Birds dropped their match 3-1 due to an inability to win close games under pressure. In all four games, the T-Birds beat the Golden Bears to the ten point mark but then stumbled and were unable to win the rallies they needed to win the games.

UBC blocked well—making 20 stuff blocks—but hit poorly as they had 27 shots stuffed and com-

mitted 16 spike errors. The scoring was spread evenly with Randy Wagner nailing 15 kills, Rob Hill adding 12, and Conrad Leinemann 11. Bobby Smith and Charles Hebert added 10 kills each and six and five stuff blocks respectively.

For Saturday's match, UBC coach Dale Ohman attempted to improve his team's play by inserting 6'9" Jason Bukowski in at power hitter in place of team captain Rob Hill. Bukowski had eight stuff blocks in the first game but faltered late in the game to lose 14-16.

In the second game, Hill was back in the starting line-up and the T-Birds won easily 15-7. The

third game was tied at 9 but once again the team struggled in the key rallies and lost 12-15. The 'Birds took game four 15-11 and won the match with an exciting 17-15 victory in the fifth and final game.

The T-Birds played the Bears evenly throughout the weekend but now they must win all of their remaining matches to take first place in the Canada West and guaranteed a spot in the CIAU Championships.

The Thunderbirds host the University of Saskatchewan Huskies this weekend Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:45 pm in the War Memorial Gymnasium.

'Birds maul Bears

by Mark Nielsen

One week after absorbing a pair of costly losses to the University of Victoria Vikings, the UBC Thunderbirds are back in the hunt for first place in Canada West men's basketball play.

While the Thunderbirds disposed of the University of Alberta Golden Bears 111-91 and 94-75 at War Memorial Gym over the weekend, the Vikings split their series with the lowly University of Lethbridge Pronghorns, giving UBC a window through to top spot.

Both the Thunderbirds and the Vikings possess 11-3 won-lost records, and with six games left in the season, their destiny, as the saying goes, is in their own hands.

If UBC finishes first they will not only have home court advantage throughout the playoffs, but also will not have to put up with the sell-out crowds at UVic.

"We don't want to go back to the Island and play," said UBC

assistant coach Perrie Scarlett. "Besides, it's always better if you have home court advantage."

Not surprisingly, Scarlett said the Thunderbirds went through some tougher than average practices following the two Island setbacks, and worked especially hard on defence.

J.D. Jackson led the Thunderbirds scoring on Friday night with 31 points, and chipped in nine assists as well. Jason Leslie followed up with 18 points, while David Willisroft managed 17 and Al Lalonde scored 15. Rick Stanley was the top gun for Alberta with 32 points.

Both Jackson and Lalonde scored 23 points on Saturday night, the latter assisted on six others, and Derek Christiansen followed up with 21 points. Micheal Frisby led the Bears with 21 points.

The Thunderbirds travel to Saskatoon this weekend to play the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

Volley'Birds prepare for Husky showdown

by Gwen Parker

The UBC women's volleyball team came up with two more easy wins last weekend against the University of Alberta.

The 3-1 victory on Friday was good, 15-10, 12-15, 15-5, 15-4, but Saturday's 3-0 triumph was better, 15-1, 15-8, and 15-5.

Alberta needed two wins to stay in the running for the upcoming Canada West playoffs. The pressure they felt was evident by their consistently poor play.

As a result of the 'Bird's success, they remain in second place in the Canada West conference with eleven wins and three losses.

UBC coach Donna Baydock was satisfied with the weekend and said, "There were solid performances by everyone." Power hitter Jenny Rauh especially drew praise, and her statistics show why.

With 21 kills in the first match, and 10 in the second, Rauh handily controlled the offensive aspects of the game. "Kyla Lee

(setter) gave Jenny the ball, and she hit at will," said Baydock.

The second game lull on Friday night was remedied by centre blocker Sarah Dunlop's strong serving. Dunlop came up with five ace serves, five stuff blocks, and seven kills in the match.

Second year center blocker Pat Voracek continued to play steadily in the place of Sarah Cepeliauskas, who has been absent from the line-up in the last 4 matches due to a lingering injury.

Baydock said that the 'Birds' especially wanted to concentrate on a solid win on Saturday night after the relatively easy one Friday. Certainly their updated goal will be to continue their winning streak in home games this weekend against the first place one University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

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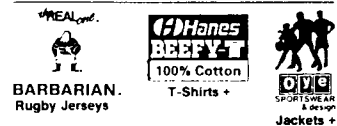
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Marchers speak of anti-war protest and the police

by Joanne Stecko, Yvette Ipsaralex and Graham Cameron

"...then a few people, maybe 300, start again. Black flags waving with a sense of urgency. Not happy and calm, but angry, disgusted, and willing to show it..."

About 300 frustrated demonstrators displayed their anger in a second anti-war rally following Saturday's sanctioned Peace Rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

For about two hours the vocal demonstrators took control of key areas of the downtown core. First stopping at the military armouries on Beatty Street, they then temporarily blocked traffic on the Georgia Viaduct. The march ended in a confrontation with riot police inside the Sinclair Centre on Hastings Street.

Following are first hand impressions from several people involved in the anti-war protest:

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"Surrounded by black flags, militant slogans, and echoes of anarchy, we gathered power from the crowd. It made us stronger and we added to it."

"And then the Armouries. 'Reclaim the Building' Scrambling up, up...and the Canadian flag, no longer sacred, gives way to black. Then walking again, yelling, shouting, trying to make people listen. Maybe being heard?"

"People on the roof, burning the maple leaf. Raising the black flag. Looking down on the crowd I felt strong, was part of everything. But I also felt trapped. There was only one way down...what if the police came?"

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"Blocking the Georgia Viaduct, we danced and chanted and laughed. We were making them stop their cars, take a pause in their routines. Maybe they would think, ask themselves why we were disrupting their lives. Maybe they would re-examine their position on this stupid war. Maybe?"

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"Then a glint in the bright sunlight. Clear plastic visors, blue uniforms, brown billy clubs. 'Everybody link arms—for strength, for solidarity!'... but my gut is heaving, I'm shaking. Is it the cold, or the fear? 'Keep walking. Stay together.' A grandiose terror, exhilaration, marching straight toward the enemy."

PERSPECTIVE

"Then we saw them. Two columns, long and black with no faces behind their battle helmets. For an instant we paused, ready to meet them...then fear took over. Fear. Intimidation. Panic. Flight."

"We ran, took shelter in a building...it would protect us. But we were trapped. Faceless automatons with clubs at every door. Backs against a wall we shouted: 'The whole world is watching,' 'Gestapo, Gestapo,' and 'Shame, Shame, Shame!'"

"Three minutes to clear the building, no one will be arrested," came a warning over the police bull-horn.

"The unity was splintering,

absolute mayhem. Should we run should, we sit down? But Squeig was yelling 'don't sit down, don't sit down.' Such confusion. I wanted to leave now, we've made our point. I don't want to get arrested, I'm not quite ready to get arrested...yet."

"But they had lied. 'No one will get arrested,' they had said. But they grabbed the leaders."

"Panic. Anger. Mayhem. People running everywhere. Cops with shields with their backs to the walls. Anything was possible. Reason was tucked away to be taken out later, over coffee when this was over. Anything was possible. They were faceless, they had clubs. I was terrified...we left and they took our leaders."

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But from the outside the impression was different...

"The marchers pushed forward and reached their destination in the Sinclair Centre. A crowd of people rushed into the building. I followed, but was cut-off by a blue uniformed body."

"Stepping back I realized that more than two thirds of the crowd remained outside. What surprised me was the cross-section of the protestors: young people, old people, babies. One woman standing beside me said, 'Look at them (the police), they're just like the SS, believe me, I was there.'"

"For what seemed like an eternity we waited outside, trying all entrances, trying to show support for those inside. Intimidation turned to anger as we realized that in this "free land" of Canada, one doesn't always have the right to public assembly."

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Editorial

God bless

It was half time at the Super Bowl. The television station broke for a Gulf Update.

We would miss the big gala half-time show. But never fear, the station was diligent in showing us the highlights—the most moving parts of the Disney World extravaganza.

A young, golden haired boy stood before us, all clean and white and he sang for us. In a Shirley Temple like voice this little angel murmured "You are my Hero," a song dedicated to the troops over seas—those brave men and women of the US and UN armies who were away from home on this most hallowed of days, Super Bowl Sunday.

A president George Bush, live from his own home and with his stalwart wife beside him, told us that all 'peace loving' people should cherish the efforts and sacrifices of these fine young men and women, and of their families, many of whom had been trotted out onto the field for all to see.

How the hearts of Americans must have swelled to have heard Whitney Houston belt out her moving rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, duly dedicated to the troops.

The hearts of all Americans go out to our heroes in the Gulf, president Bush told us.

All Americans? I guess this includes the tens of thousands who gathered all across that fine country to protest against war.

The mighty American propaganda machine rolled on and over an unsuspecting public around the world who tuned in for a mere battle for physical supremacy on the football field.

This is propaganda at its best, and worst. Who could not be moved by all this. Shots of the troops watching the game in the Gulf, children singing, crying, the entire crowd holding cards, which when held up in unison made massive American flags.

True, this is a glaring display of pro-war drivel, but what a masterpiece. They tugged at every possible emotion. Sympathy for the families of those over seas. Fear of the prospects of war. Patriotism, perhaps the greatest cause of death in our history. Religion, the tacit "good Christian/bad Moslem" attitude, perhaps running a close second for the greatest killer. The cruel draw of this beautifully innocent boy. And on and on.

But perhaps they slipped. At least for a thinking individual they did. As part of the half time show the network showed some footage of a Marine commander preparing his troops battle. He was talking about land mines planted by Saddam Hussein—American land mines. These were bought for pennies a piece when Iraq was America's ally. When Saddam Hussein was the West's man in Baghdad. We are killing our allies in the hundreds because they are no longer useful.

God bless America, God bless the Super Bowl.

Sentenced to surf

Just when we thought we had seen and heard everything, Diamond Dave Strangway introduces discipline with an escape clause.

Although the punishments handed out to some of the Cariboo House letter writers was appropriate, the vast majority was taken at best. To suspend 15 of the men for the four months of summer break is hardly discipline they will take seriously and noting the suspensions on their transcripts was rendered meaningless when Strangway revealed that all references to the suspension may be lifted upon appeal in the students' graduating year.

The 15 men who were "suspended" for four months are no doubt in a quandary right now trying to decide which beach they will hang out at this summer while "doing time."

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Matthew Johnson hung his head over the railing, green with sea sickness. First mate Martin Chester, angry at the lack of sea worthiness of his crew, yelled angrily at Paul Dayson, who was busily swabbing the deck. Rebecca Bishop danced a slow waltz with Victor Chew Wong while Lucho van Isschot looked on with a raging jealousy. Gwen Parker was having a secret conference in her bunk, convincing the bartender, Michael Booth, and yeoman first-class Yukie Kurahashi to mutiny. When Captain Effie Pow discovered the evil plot to overthrow her leadership, she threatened to throw the entire crew in the brink. Fortunately, Elizabeth managed to calm the captain's raging emotions. Ken managed to convince the captain to throw a party to improve morale. Steve Chan ran about spreading the news, as Don Mah made party favors. This may have been enough to satisfy the average crew member, however Andrew Epstein was still angered at the lack of respect his job of waste management was given. Ernie Stelzer suggested that Andrew be quiet and eat another fish stick. "Yar Billy" agreed. Graham Cameron

who happily hoisted the party sails. Kevin Brett smiled giddily at Yvette Ipsarlexi, who was cleaning out the fish hold. Joanne Stecko decided that the night was perfect for swimming and jumped overboard. Matt Clark searched in vain for a lifesaver, finally gave up, and went back to blowing up balloons. Paul Waxman quoted the Rime of the Ancient Mariner, as Don Koo listened sleepily, a light breeze ruffling his hair and the setting sun warm in his face.

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Letters

NASA isn't a waste of money

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January 28. Does that date ring a bell? Any particular significance? No? Didn't think so. I'll add the year: 1986. Still no recognition? January 28, 1986 was when the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds into flight, killing all seven astronauts, including Sharon Christa McAuliffe, a teacher.

There have been other deaths in the exploration of space: two cosmonauts were killed in a landing accident, and three astronauts died in an oxygen fire during a capsule test. However, Challenger was the only deaths thus far during actual flight, and in the most dangerous phase of flight, launch. It was also the only such accident to be witnessed live by television audiences.

In memory of this tragedy, and also because the White House is playing its usual game of "We want more out of NASA for less money", I'm going to do some honest pro-space axe grinding.

Momentarily setting aside pioneering rhetoric, there are a number of benefits and profits to be gained from space, many of which are available today.

No one can deny the impact of communications satellites on society, which allows us to monitor the Gulf War as it happens. Comsats are a billion dollar industry

already.

Military reconnaissance satellites are an important tool for peace. They can observe the movement and deployment of armed forces, reducing the chance of success in a first strike and confirming that both sides are holding to their treaties.

It was once said of earth observation satellites that they changed the science of oceanography as much as ships had. The view from orbit allows us to understand our planet as a whole far better than we ever could just from

the ground. Sending probes to other planets also allows us to know earth's evolution.

Experiments conducted on the shuttle, the Soviet station Mir and other satellites have returned valuable information in astronomy, pharmacology, metallurgy, and physics.

Now, let's take a look into the future.

Though I hate to dangle a promise, one of space station Freedom's missions would be to conduct experiments in pharmaceuticals production. In free fall, electrophoresis can extract compounds in quantities and purities that are near impossible on Earth. Protein crystals can be grown to un-

precedented size. Such experiments may lead to treatments for many illnesses, including cancer and AIDS. Other experiments could produce room temperature superconductors, lighter and stronger alloys or ultra-pure crystals.

No guarantees can be made, but the return on such an investment could be huge, and there's also the chance of serendipity, digging for worms and finding gold. Space is not a waste of money; NASA's budget is less than a percent, and compare that to the amount of money that goes to Defense, which makes things we had better not use.

Looking further ahead, space has a wealth of energy in the form of easily tapped solar energy, and materials in the form of asteroids. Earth's entire industry could be moved to Mercury orbit, the moon and the asteroid belt. In fifty years, Earth would never see another strip mine or smokestack, leaving the way for environmental reconstruction.

Settlement of space could encourage new cultural diversity and reduce the chance of humanity being wiped out by plague, war, meteor strike or other disaster. Eventually, all of hu-

manity could move into space. Alternately, Venus and Mars could be turned into abodes for life by terraforming.

None of this sounds very appealing if you're of the "People are no damn good" school of thought. Otherwise, space is a new arena for human experience. Humanity has settled the Arctic to the Sahara, and space would be merely another place to live. It would be as cold and inhuman or as pleasant and homey as the people who lived there wanted it to be.

Human history can be seen as a Darwinian search for the ideal society, the perfect mode of human existence, the culture that can survive and prosper. In aid of that, experiments are undertaken, in terms of how people are organized and where they live. From that viewpoint, it is an imperative that humanity experiment, try everything. Space offers an unlimited venue for growth and diversification in quantity and quality, for being human.

Peter Tupper
Arts 1

a rare note from yer letters coord-person: profound apologies to Peter; his perspective should have been printed on jan 25 but wasn't...so here it is.

Anti-choice is sensationalism

I have a question for the people who created the display that was set up beside the Pro-Choice information in the SUB this past week...

Why do you people so often find it necessary to illustrate your propaganda in the manner that you do? Pro-Choice information rarely contains graphic photographs of young women who lie bleeding to death in back alleys as a result of self-induced coat hanger abortions. Nor do they visually display any of the other realities that befall women who have no legal control over their own lives and bodies. Is it necessary that you resort to such low-grade sensationalism? Would it not benefit any cause to take a more intelligent approach? If nothing else it would at least relieve the rest of us from having to be exposed to your own particular and peculiar form of exploitation and abuse.

Christine Stewart
Arts 4

Simon not "trippy"

Re: An old man plays great music, by Matthew Johnson

Friday, January 11

We were greatly offended by the review of Paul Simon's concert. Mr. Johnson comments "...if you got high, you would get so mellow, you'd pass out listening." Frankly, what did you expect from Paul Simon? Did you expect leather clad bimbos, fog machines, and, perhaps, a dance solo by Paul Simon himself? Mr. Simon apparently has more respect for women than to parade them around half naked on the stage. He also has more respect for music.

As for Simon's new version of "Cecilia" and the focus on "how 'trippy' Simon could make his voice sound", Mr. Johnson seems to be the only critic of this new style. Reviews in both the Vancouver Sun and the Calgary Herald praise the new interpretation of the song.

In addition, the review indicates the type of audience present at the concert. We ask, Mr. Johnson, where exactly do you fit in? Are you with the "old yuppies from hell, or their neopseudohippie patchouli-wearing children"? Fortunately, we do not fit in with either of these groups. As we are about to graduate, we are neither old yuppies nor children, thus we beg to differ with your broad generalizations.

We close by stating that we thoroughly enjoyed the concert and were very impressed with Simon's presence, intelligence and ability to weave his various musical styles into a cohesive, entertaining performance.

Heather Cole, Science 4
Janette Hellmuth,
English 4
Any Carrel, English 3

Yes, it's redundant

At the risk of having this letter made redundant before it is published, I suggest a solution to the Middle East's crisis. As is well known, millions of troops and billions of dollars in equipment are lined up against each other, ready to wreak havoc. Iraq's government, which in recent history displayed aggressions, bellicosity, and general disregard for pacifist principles, may be compared to Japan's government in the 1930's and 1940's, which displayed similar tendencies on a far larger scale. Today, Japan is considered one of the most peace-loving, productive nations on this planet. Why did Japan exchange so dramatically? In 1945, Harry Truman nuked

Japan, ending decades of imperialistic aggression. Well, the same justification that Harry T. used in 1945, including reduced loss of life, a quick resolution of the hostilities, and retention of the enemy's industrial infrastructure, can be used now. With just a little more fortitude, no doubt inspired the Rev. Billy Graham's prayers, "Jingo George" Bush should be capable of pushing the button, eradicating the pesky problem of control over the Middle East, and changing Saddam and the Iraqis into another "kinder and gentler nation."

Baden Kudrenecky A male anti-choice rant

Re: Is Choice the Issue?

In the SUB display case, near Travel Cuts, are two very well prepared displays on the issue of

abortion rights. Congratulations to SUB management for providing space to both sides of the issue—the radical views of the pro-lifers are often suppressed these days (yes, when the majority of Canadians favor free choice on abortion, the pro-lifers are now the "radicals", and the pro-choicers are the "conservatives").

Prominent in the center of the pro-choice display is the by-now-familiar slogan "THE ISSUE IS CHOICE". Is this true? Is "choice" as a stand-alone concept really the issue? Get real! I'm willing to bet that NOBODY claims to be "pro-choice" really believes that people should be allowed to choose.

Should Saddam be allowed to choose to drop mustard gas on the Kurds of the Israelis? Should French arms dealers be allowed to choose to get wealthy by trading billions of dollars of weapons for Saddam's petro bucks? Should American military leaders be al-

lowed to choose to build enough nuclear weapons to destroy the world umpteen times over? Should Exxon executives be allowed to choose to send huge oil tankers through the pristine waters of Alaska? Should Brazilian settlers of Canadian loggers be allowed to choose to clear cut the Earth's last remaining rain forests? Should Newfoundland fishermen be allowed to choose to bash in the heads of thousands of whitecoat seal pups each spring? Should me be allowed to choose to assault or rape women walking alone through the Endowment Lands? ...

Enough already, you get the point. There are issues for which the consequences of making a choice are so devastating to humanity, or to the environment, or to seal pups, or to women's rights, that with one voice we must rise up and declare "No! You may not choose to behave this way!"

So, pro-choicers, when you see

these pro-life radicals walking the streets with their picket signs, please realize that they are playing the same role in the abortion issue that you have played on environmental issues. Yes, they want to restrict your choices, but then, you wanted to restrict MacMillan Bloedel's choices.

Ultimately, choice is not the issue, doing the right thing is the issue.

Mike Davenport
Physics Grad Studies

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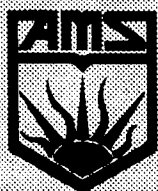
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NEWS

Alternative to CFS examined

by Matthew Johnson

UBC and the University of Victoria will be among five western universities getting together to discuss what options are available to non-Canadian Federation of Students schools.

AMS co-ordinator of external affairs Jason Brett and co-ordinator of external affairs elect Kelly Guggisberg will be travelling to Edmonton early next month for a three day forum at the University of Alberta.

"It might turn out that all we need is to share each other's fax numbers," said Brett. "That might be all that comes of it. I'd expect something a little bit more though."

Both the number of large schools not in the CFS and a lack of dialogue between them are the prevailing reasons for the forum, according to organizer Suresh Mustapha, president of the U of A students' union.

Four major themes—need, structure, communication, and continuity—will be discussed at the forum. Mustapha said, however, that they will not try to form an alternative to the CFS.

"I don't know if we need a formal organization," he said. "I think we can get by with a series of meetings between schools."

Additionally, Mustapha said such ideas as an international computer network with a base at the U of A have not been fully explored.

"It (the forum) is an experiment. We don't know it's going to work. The greatest thing we can provide is continuity of information and structure," he said.

"If we don't get the ball rolling, it'll fall flat."

When attending a CFS conference last summer, Brett said he and AMS vice-president Johanna Wickie noted similarities between other schools and UBC in respect to size, opinion regarding the CFS's policies, and dissatisfaction with the CFS's structure.

"We certainly have a problem with the fact that they have one school, one vote, instead of one person, one vote," Brett said. "We don't believe that by joining the CFS we'll pack enough clout to change their policies."

Brett also said that a lack of Quebec schools participating in the CFS could well become a "fatal weakness" for the organization.

"I think that at this time in Canada's history it's important that a national voice include schools from every province," he said.

Arab-Canadian students harassed, intimidated by CSIS federation claims

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP)—Some Arab-Canadian students involved in the anti-war movement are becoming the target of harassment and intimidation by the country's secret police, the Canadian Arab Federation says.

A handful of Arab-Canadian students who have participated in peace demonstrations protesting Canada's involvement in the Gulf war have been photographed by agents of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service said James Kafieh, president of the Canadian Arab Federation.

The agents are then circulating the pictures among members of the Arab community for identification, he added.

Kafieh said CSIS's tactics aim to intimidate Arab-Canadian students into not expressing their opposition to the war.

"There have been a handful of cases in Toronto," he said. "It seems to be becoming standard practice that if an Arab-Canadian demonstrates against the war, his basic human right to express an opinion is sure to be challenged by Canadian security agents."

Kafieh said that in the past two weeks his organization has received complaints from some 30 Arab-Canadians about CSIS agents approaching them for information.

"In one case, CSIS agents stayed in the home of one person for six hours to conduct an interview," Kafieh said.

Apparently many of the agents have been watching too many spy films.

"They actually call people up and tell them that to meet them at a certain time and place and to bring no one with them," Kafieh said. "What movie do they think they're starring in?"

The federation has published a pamphlet entitled "When CSIS Calls" which advises Arab-Canadians on what to do if they're approached by CSIS.

"Many people don't know that they don't have to reveal anything if they don't want to and that they have a right to a lawyer," he said.

CSIS was created in 1984 to take over the RCMP's much-maligned domestic surveillance operations. It comes under the jurisdiction of the Solicitor General and is subject to the different review committees.

In response to complaints, Liberal MP John Nunziata has asked that the Solicitor General Pierre Cadieux appear in front of the Justice and Solicitor General Committee.

"Our principal concern is that CSIS's questioning of Arab-Canadians may be based on their ethnic origin rather than on any real suspicion that they may be engaged in illegal activities," said David Pratt, an aid to Nunziata said.

"If the questioning is based on a person's ethnic origin then what they're doing is not allowed by the CSIS act."

Kafieh also said that Iraqis living in the country on student visas are also getting CSIS visits.

"We've gotten reports that these students are being questioned by CSIS about their stance on the war," he said.