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Student Voice

MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE ranked it among the top forty lobby groups in Canada and the Globe and Mail ranked it in the top ten. The power of the Canadian Federation of Students lies in the voice of the 450,000 students behind it. It now represents about 65 post-secondary institutions—but UBC isn't one of them.

Belonging to a national federation is expensive—\$7.00 per student—and the benefits are rather intangible. UBC students are already enjoying most of the services—Travel Cuts has a location on campus and International Student Identity Cards (ISIC), which provide discounts for travelling students, are also available at UBC. The reports the federation produces on the state of post-secondary education are not private—their research benefits all post-secondary institutions, not only those who belong.

Pam Frache, the Pacific Region Chair for CFS, agrees it appears UBC does not need to join the federation. "Any organization that is an advocacy group has the problem of having no tangible benefits." And although she admits that "people don't see what we're doing," the results of the organization efforts are there.

In 1987, the CFS Student Assistant Task Force conducted a series of hearings on the B.C. student financial aid program, the results of which were a set of recommendations including a ceiling on the debts a student could incur. The provincial government subsequently adopted that recommendation.

That report was one of some 34 on student aid produced by CFS since 1980. In fact, a national bibliography of CFS resource papers lists 12 papers on accessibility to post-secondary education, 37 on student employment and 41 on funding of post-secondary education.

This year's projects for the Pacific Region included a demand for 1500 new seats in post-secondary education by September 1989, 2500 by 1990 and complete accessibility by 1993. Last week, their wishes were granted as advanced education minister Stan Hagen announced 15,000 new seats to be created over the next six years.

Though the UBC Alma Mater Society has access to CFS reports, they often choose to do their own research and, according to Frache, "re-invent the wheel" in the process, digging up facts that are readily available through the federation.

AMS president Mike Lee agrees that AMS efforts often repeat work already done by the federation, and both Frache and Lee agree the AMS could do much more. "We employ so many people on the service side—which is important, of course—but it wouldn't take much to hire someone, even part-time, to put out position papers on how the AMS feels on transit, or housing, etc..."

Lee says he wants to look at changing the emphasis of the AMS, "putting more staff on the political side of the AMS—if there is one."

And his plans do not exclude membership in CFS. "I just think it's about time UBC looked beyond its campus," he says, adding the number of students participating in rallies this year indicated to him that "students are concerned. They want the AMS to take a stronger role. Perhaps that role will also involve a national organization like CFS."

Membership in CFS requires a campus wide referendum, but prospective membership, which costs only about 20 cents per student, requires only a vote within student council.

Though some council members feel they don't know enough about the organization to make a decision on the issue yet, both external affairs co-ordinator Vanessa Geary and vice-president Sarah Mair have made up their minds.

"A united voice is much more effective," says Geary, who supports UBC membership. "They're organized, they have resources coming from all over the country—a huge bank of statistics. And we

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have a huge turnover. Our information always seems to be out-of-date."

Geary doesn't think UBC should continue to use CFS resources and services without putting something back into the organization. "When we use that information, we should pay for it. It's really unfair that we should reap all the benefits."

But Mair disagrees, citing CFS's policy of non-representational voting as her main complaint. "It's foolish for us to pay dues when we are only given one vote. We are one of the largest universities in Canada and we'd be given the same vote as Langara," she says.

Weighted voting—giving more votes to institutions which represent larger numbers of students—has been a subject of debate at CFS conferences several times and has historically kept UBC out of the organization.

given speaking rights—an gift UBC has taken advantage of frequently.

"We can gain from their conferences without being members," says Mair. A typical CFS conference includes workshops on topics like lobbying tactics, student assistance, student association structures and government employment programs.

And though Frache agrees that UBC can benefit by just attending the conferences, she adds that with membership, "UBC would be able to set the tone and have the ability to make the organization what it wants it to be."

Traditionally, CFS has a left-wing image, Frache admits. But the face of the federation is changing, she says. "Nationally, the organization is not left-wing. It's moving to the right. For some reason, the people who are radical just seem to stick out in people's minds."

This year saw an attempt from the University of Saskatchewan student union to delete a statement on "the woman's right to choice" from CFS policy. "It was really hard to ensure it stayed in there," says Frache.

Though its main focus is post-secondary education, the federation also deals with a variety of non-educational issues such as abortion, sexual harassment, or Central America. And though the time non-educational issues consumes has been criticized by UBC AMS members, neither Lee nor Geary saw it as a problem.

"I've always strongly believed as students we've got to open our minds and start speaking out about these issues," says Lee.

When he was elected president, Lee intended to bring the issue of prospective membership in CFS before student council. But now he isn't so sure. "I don't know if it's the right time. I don't know if there will ever be a right time," he laments.

Lee bases his opinion of the current student council on their lack of support for this month's downtown education rally, organized by CFS, in conjunction with UBC. "I thought that perhaps council...would begin to appreciate the role of a student organization, but I don't think that's the way we're heading."

Adding to his hesitancy, says Lee, is some hostility he has perceived from current CFS members. "Basically (some people feel) 'if you're not ready to join as full members, we don't want you'," Lee says he was told. "In other words, if we don't have the full desire to join, we shouldn't be wasting their time."

With the exception of UBC and Okanagan College, CFS represents student associations from every post-secondary institution in B.C.—which adds up to 50,000 students. With the addition of UBC, the membership "would essentially be complete" says Frache. But, she adds, "We've kind of written them off."



Mike Lee with Vanessa Geary



Pamela Frache

But Frache says the number of students an institution represents "is very much arbitrary" and shouldn't be used to grant more power.

"We are also standing up for the rights of potential students who didn't make it into the system. A student is a student is a student," says Frache, adding a large institution like UBC would, by the very nature of being large, have "incredible advantages," primarily financial.

And Geary thinks the demand for weighted voting is "just selfish." "We're one institution and I don't think we should have any more say than Langara."

Though Lee says he is concerned about weighted voting, he does not think it should stop UBC from joining. "If you have the input, that's the important thing."

The direction of CFS is determined through voting at two national and two provincial conferences a year. And although non-members are not given a vote at conferences, they are invited and



Roy lives

By Deanne Fisher

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Montreal gay activist slain

By Mike Orsini

MONTREAL (CUP)—A gang of 10 to 15 youths attacked and killed 23-year-old McGill University student and gay activist Joe Rose on a bus two weekends ago.

According to witnesses, Rose met up with the youths on a city bus March 20 at 4:30 in the morning. They taunted him and called him "faggot". A group of between 10 and 15 people then repeatedly kicked and stabbed him, then fled.

The outspoken gay rights activist was travelling with a friend who suffered minor injuries.

Rose, a former member of Lesbians and Gay Friends of Concordia University (LGFC), was afflicted with the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus.

"We had already dealt with the fact that he was going to die, but not like that," said friend and fellow LGFC member Peter Tyler. "I wasn't expecting anything like this to happen."

Tyler said gay-bashing is common in Montreal's east village where Rose was killed. The Concordia student said gays are prime targets because they are viewed as easy prey.

"I'm convinced they singled Joe out because he was gay," Tyler said. "It's an example of out and out gay-bashing. We all know that a 'gay' life is apparently not worth as much as a 'straight' life."

"It's ok if you smash (gays) faces with your boots," he added sarcastically.

Montreal police have ques-

tioned six people. Nineteen-year-old Patrick Moise was charged in Quebec court Tuesday with second degree murder. A 15-year-old, who cannot be named, was charged in youth court with being an accessory.

Rose's father Maurice is expected to meet with police and his lawyer to decide on possible legal action.

"It's a big joke to some of these people," said Maurice. "What did everybody else do, stand up and watch?"

Rose's father was in Nova Scotia when he heard of his son's death. "Nothing to me is going to bring him back. I'm not vindictive but I want (his death) paid for. I want every one of them charged."

More than 150 people took part in a candlelight vigil March 21 to remember Joe Rose.

Gary Gall, a longtime friend of Rose, said there is no doubt the stabbing was gay-related.

"They thought they would pick on a gay person. They wanted to beat him up because he was a faggot."

Another LGFC member and former roommate of Rose's, David Aveline, said he and his friends now fear for their safety. "The people I'm talking to say they're not going out for a while."

Aveline said Rose was an outspoken advocate for People With AIDS, or PWAs.

"He didn't like the word victim because it implied defeat," he said. "He wasn't defeated by the disease—he was still fighting it."

Wreck beach plight reaches ministers ears

By Gordon White

Wreck Beach will become vulnerable to oil spills if the federal ministers of environment and transportation accept a recommendation to transport jet fuel to Vancouver's airport by barge, according to local environmentalists.

The Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation (VAFFC) proposed the change in the way fuel is transported to Vancouver International Airport in order to reduce fuel prices and secure the supply. VAFFC is a consortium of airline companies headed by Canadian Air.

If the proposal were accepted, jet fuel would be barged from Washington state, and a barge facility would be constructed on MacDonald Slough, just upriver from Wreck Beach.

Vancouver environmentalists are concerned about potential spills of the highly volatile, flammable, and toxic jet fuel. Spills could harm the Fraser River as well as Wreck Beach.

Jet fuel is now trans-

ported to the airport by Trans Mountain pipeline, the only safe method of transporting fuel to the airport, according to various environmental groups.

Adrian Duncan, spokesperson for the Environmental Protection Service, said there was no reason to change the method of transportation since "a safe and effective fuel delivery system already exists."

A federal panel, the Environmental Assessment Review Panel, held hearings on the proposal last fall and recommended that VAFFC's proposal be accepted.

The federal ministers are not obligated to follow the panel's recommendations, but they rarely reject them, according to Paul Scott, executive secretary to the Sea Island Jet Fuel Assessment Review Panel.

The ministers have not announced when they will decide. "The ministers are required to make (the panel's recommendations and their decision) public, but no time constraints are upon them," said Scott.



Aliens Part III: Vandal enters from ceiling, for story see page 4

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AMS goes public: Students to become shareholders on Van. Stock Exchange

By Leanne Scholnick

UBC's Alma Mater Society will be listed on the Vancouver Stock Exchange and begin trading shares in mid-April, announced AMS business manager Charles Redden yesterday.

"This is a major step forward," said Redden, estimating that the first underwriting will generate approximately four million dollars for the newly incorporated AMS.

Redden said that UBC Board of Governors chair Peter Brown, who is also the CEO of Canarim Investment Corporation, suggested the AMS be listed on the Exchange as part of the 75th anniversary fundraising efforts of the University.

"We decided to take his advice. Part of the money will go to the University's fundraising efforts. The rest will be used to expand on AMS enterprises," said Redden.

AMS Director of Finance Karl Kottmeier said the executive was

surprised the VSE approved their listing so quickly. "We didn't expect final approval until next September," he said.

Kottmeier said the early approval may be due to the stable nature of the AMS. "I guess they realized we have a captive audience," he said.

Although no final plans have been made for allocating the money, Kottmeier said the executive is "thinking of using some money to finance Rec Fac."

AMS president Mike Lee said he was excited to be part of the first student society in Canada to sell shares to the public. "After Rec Fac, part of the money should be set aside for student bursaries," he said.

Director of Administration Andrew Hicks said students will be offered free shares in the new corporation in a program similar to that used by the B.C. Resources Investment Corporation (BCRIC) in 1983.

"Each current AMS member will have the opportunity to receive ten free shares. Non-AMS members can buy them for \$5 per share," he said.

"I hope that in a few months the shares will double in value. A hundred will almost offset the recent tuition fee increases," said Hicks.

The AMS executive will each receive one hundred free shares. Redden points out that it is not an unusual practice for new corporations to reward their directors with large issues of stock.

"They did work for it," said Redden, who will receive two hundred himself.

To receive their free ten shares, students must register by phone according to their last names before the March 31st deadline.

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Liberals come out clean

Erin Whitty was elected the new UBC Liberal Club president in a heated contest that openly split the club and saw past president Dean Crawford toppled from office.

The election was held at the annual general meeting in SUB 209 Friday, March 17.

Whitty won the vote on the third ballot in an election that featured all the best intrigue, drama, and backroom maneuvering that only politics can provide.

Two presidents elected to

tive with Whitty. Bruce Young is the new V.P. policy and Jim Irwin is the V.P. communications. Other new executive members elected were Janet Lew as treasurer, Aparna Kurl as organization-secretary, and Harinder Parmar taking on the role of membership development.

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Political Pranksters

A drunken escapade left three of the campus political clubs in shambles over the weekend.

The NDP, Liberal, and PC club offices suffered damage to their ceiling tiles and light fixtures in what seems to be a prank that went sour.

The damage appears to be the result of the actions of a drunken vandal who decided to climb from office to office, on the ceiling tiles, after discovering the NDP club door open. Ceiling tiles in all three offices were destroyed as well as the light fixture in the Tory office.

The vandal left a letter in the NDP club that expressed his apologies and stated, "I am not a member of any of your clubs so please do not think that the damage was the result of any hatred for any political ideology."

Rather, the letter stated the actions were the result of "far too much alcohol and incredible stupidity."

NDP club president Daryll Boon was unable to confirm whether their club door was left open, as the letter claimed, but did say there was lots of alcohol left-over from a Thursday beer garden that was not taken.

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"The idea of a student funded organization that only provided services but no return on the investment was just an ugly result of socialist scheming. We should be doing the same thing with medicare, welfare and other provincial social programs," said Vander Zalm.

NDP leader Mike Harcourt also fully endorsed the plan. "We're all for it. The old NDP back in 1988 might have been against it, but now we'll endorse it as long as it creates wealth, because we're for anything that makes money now. In fact, I'd personally like to endorse it twice as much as Vander Zalm. You can look to the NDP as the 'new far right' party in B.C., because if it makes money, we're for it."

Prime Minister Mulroney commenting over the deal in Question Period said, "UBC? That's

west of Toronto, isn't it?"

According to Simon Reisman, the chief negotiator of the free trade agreement, the move would make the AMS large enough to allow them to franchise into the U.S. when the student society tariff is lifted in 1992.

But Pope John Paul II was visibly shaken when contacted by phone. "It wasn't enough that they didn't consult their local priest. It's obvious they didn't read my most recent encyclical on Appropriate Market Behaviour for Student Societies'."

D.O.A. guitarist Joey Shithead pissed at the reporter.

Alberta Premier Don Getty wife said that "it's too bad Don's not premier any more." She added that she didn't understand the issue of the AMS shares and so wouldn't comment on it.

Reagan smiled and waved to the cameras, forgetting that he is no longer president, while Bush stated that he was glad to see some action in the normally docile state of Canada.

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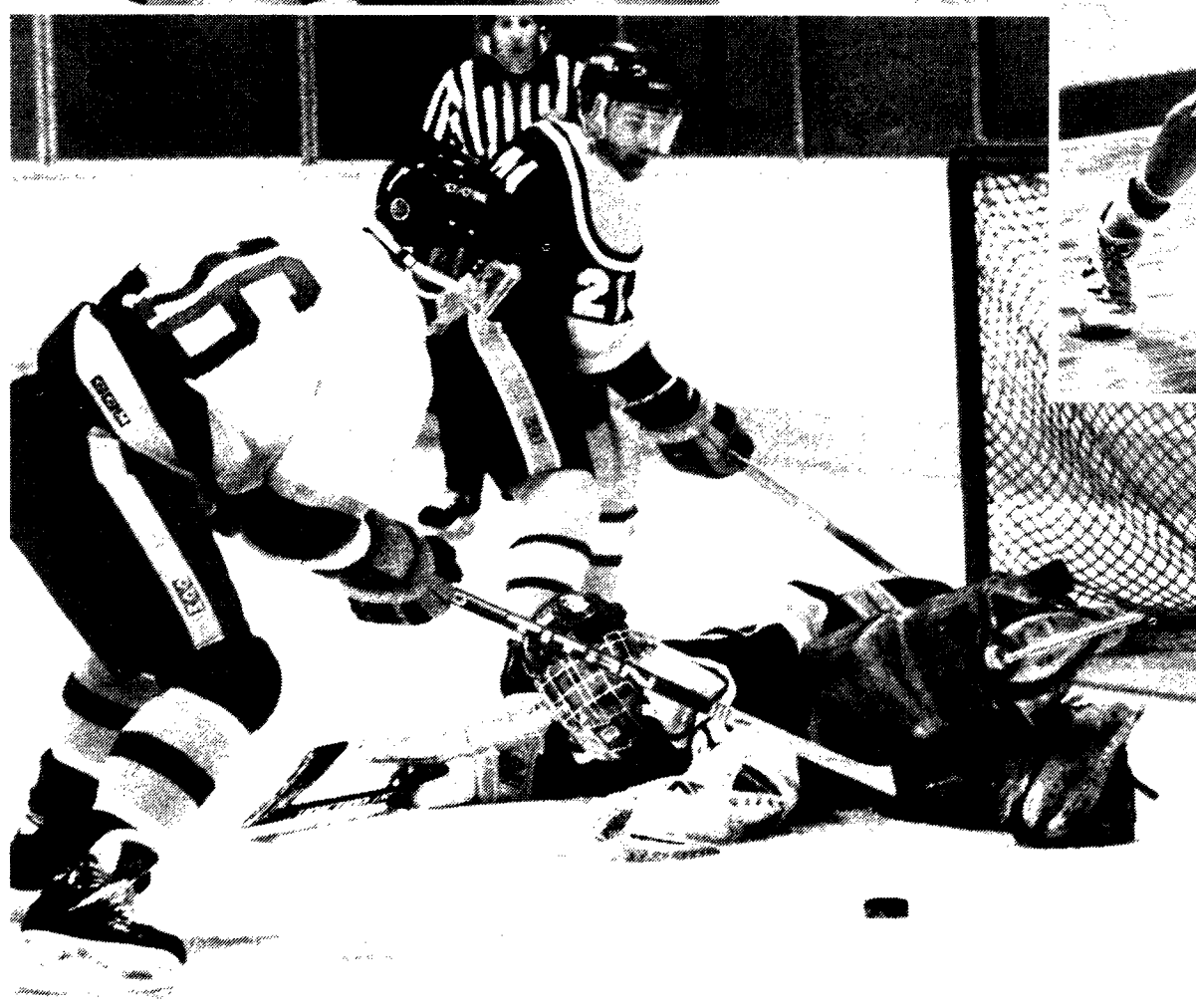
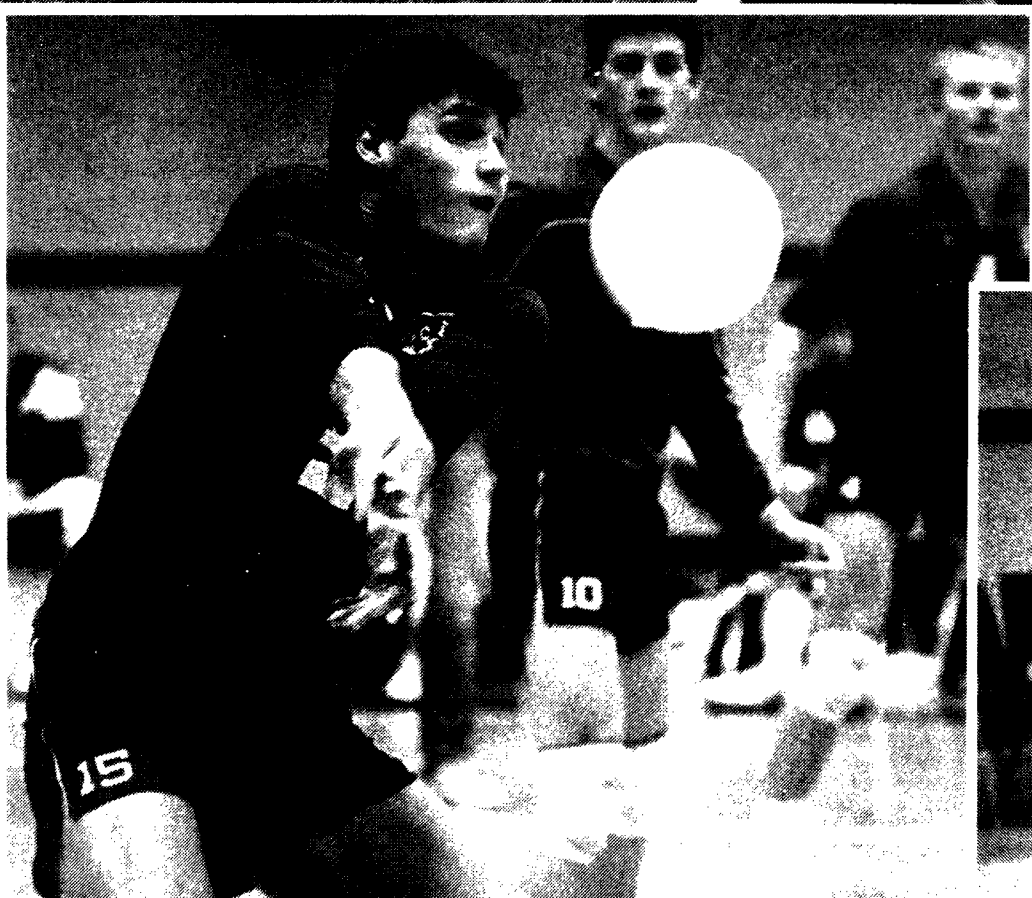
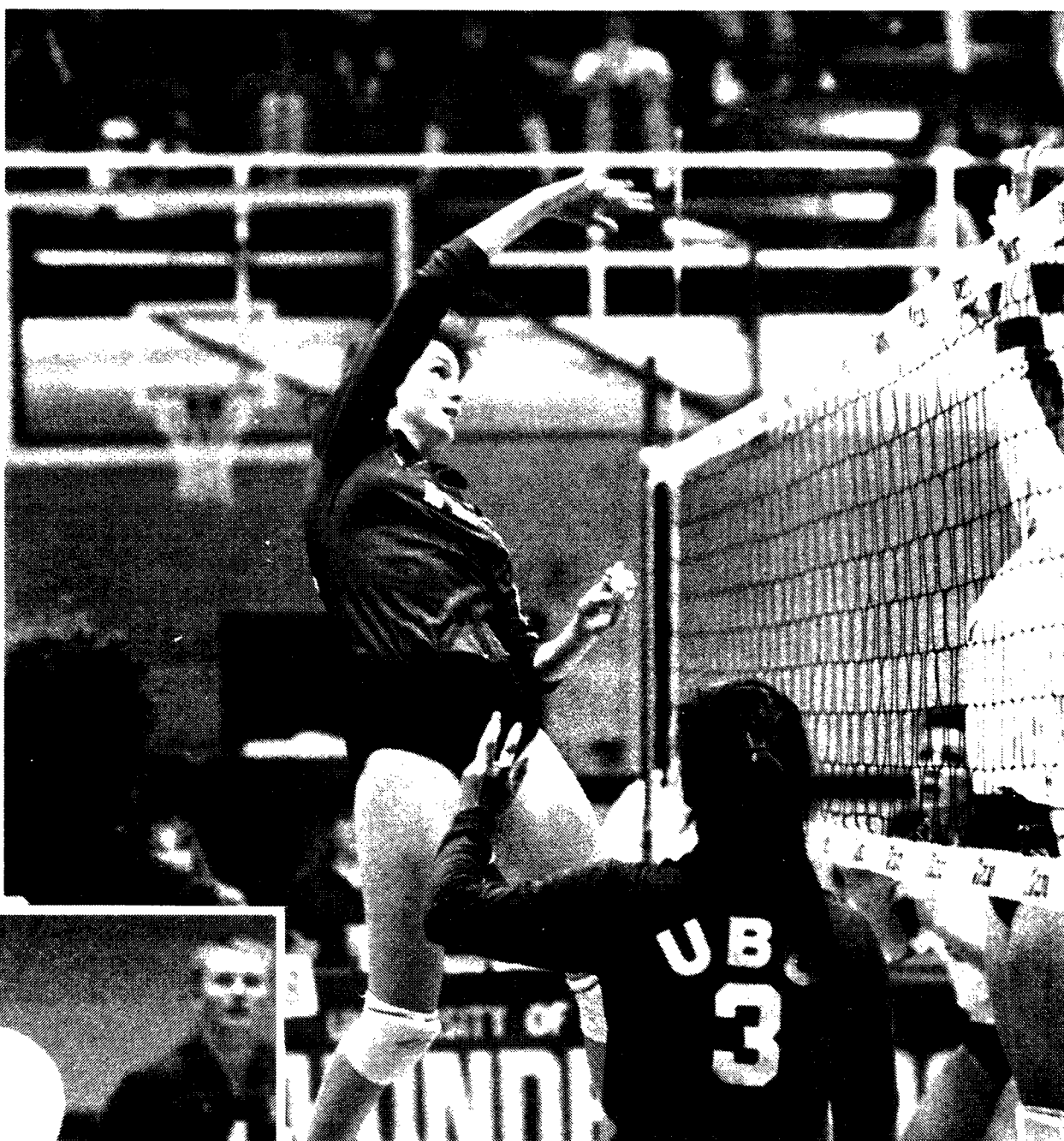
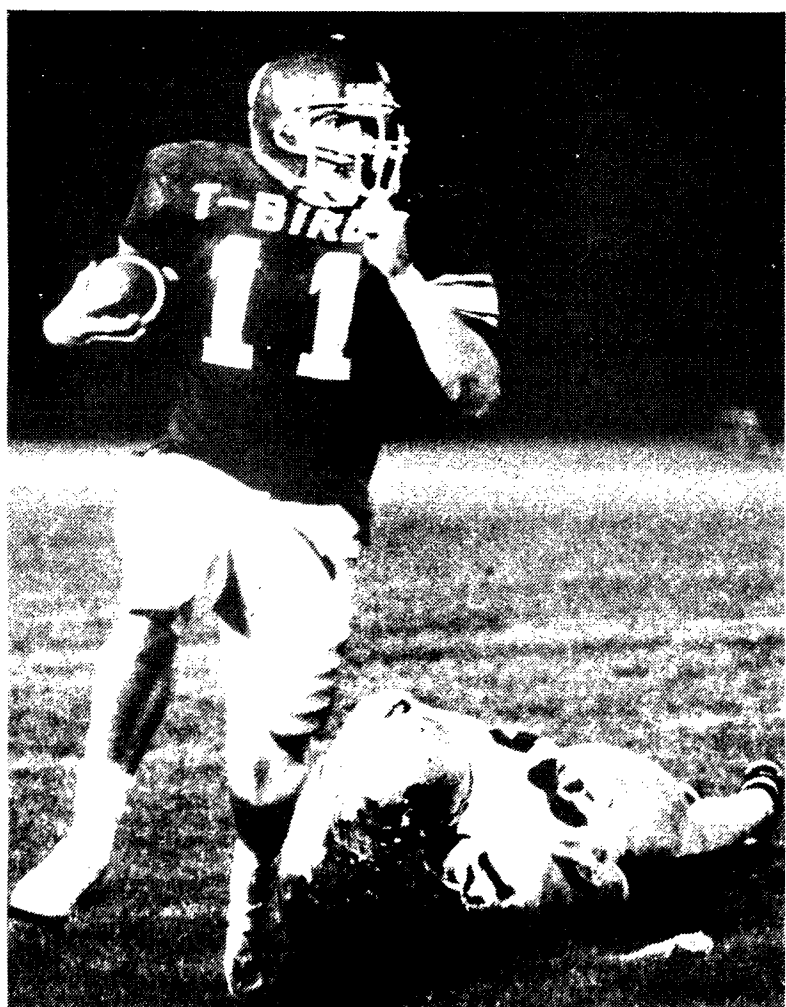
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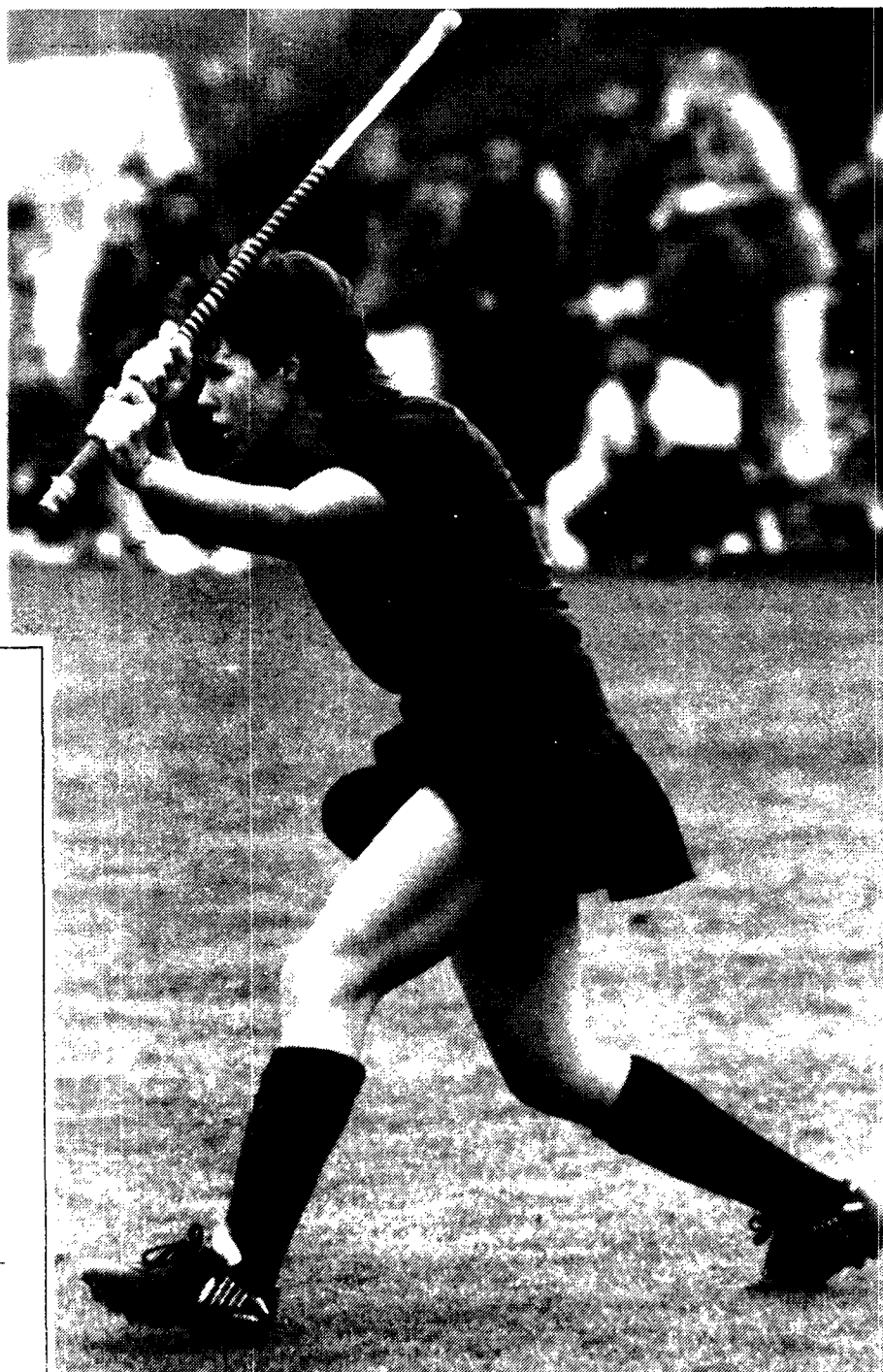
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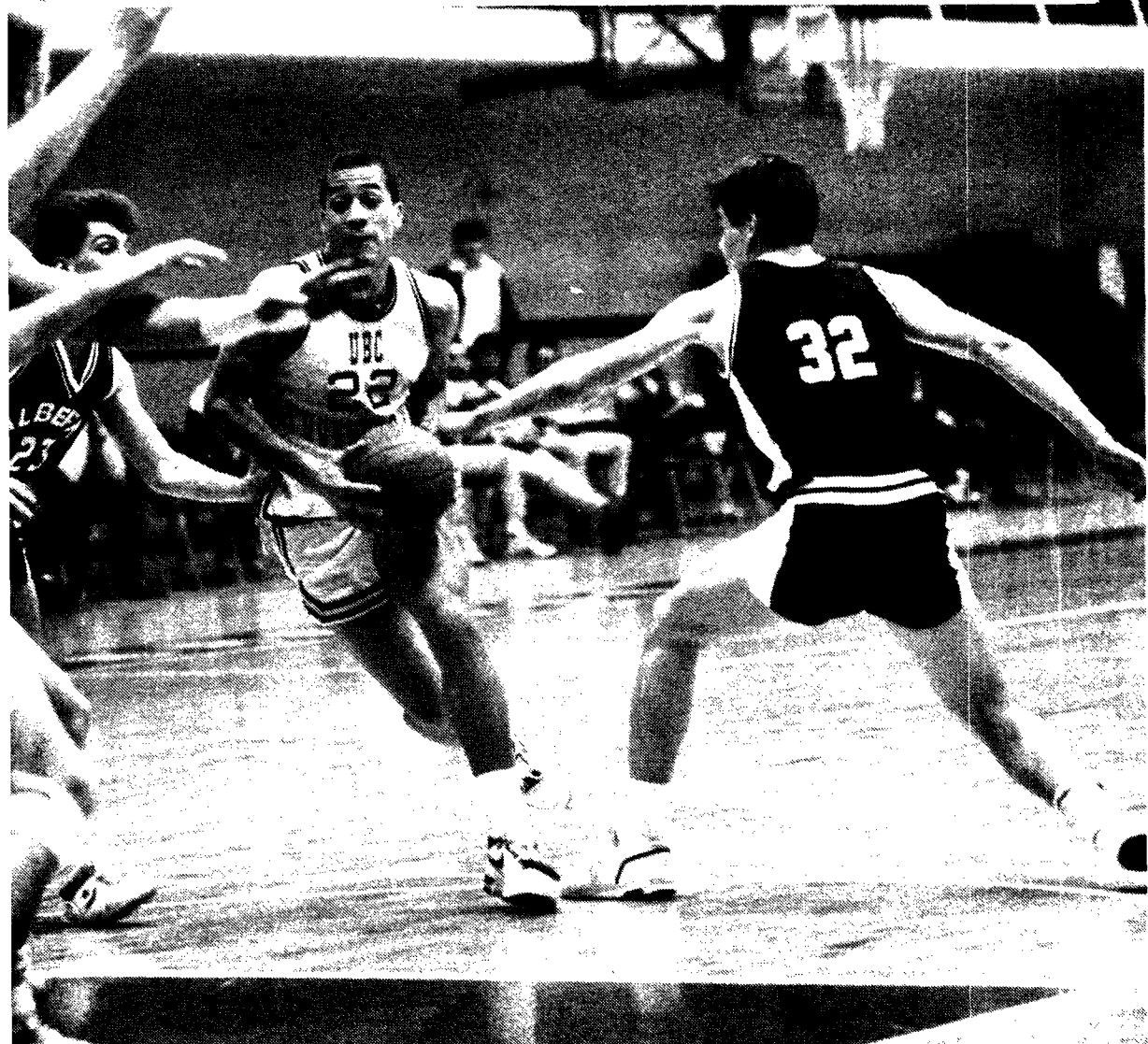
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Highlights of the Year

- Women's Volleyball - had their best season ever finishing 13-7 in Canada-West play with Donna Baydock being named volleyball coach of the year.
- Men's Volleyball - finished season second in Canada-West but lost badly in national tournament. Greg Willisroft made all-Canadian.
- Rowing - the team improved steadily over last year and are slowly eroding the distance between them and U-Vic.
- Track and Field - Excellent third place showing for men at Canadian Nationals. Erika Forster led the women with a gold medal in the triple jump.
- Football - the team finished with a 5-3 record which was good for third place in Canada-West.
- Men's Soccer - finished with a 7-2-1 record and second place in Canada-West. Also beat SFU in Diachem bowl.
- Women's Soccer - this injury plagued team also ended the season in second place in Canada-West.
- Hockey - strongest team in a decade finished fifth in Canada-West with 13-14-1 record. Highlight of year was defeating Calgary to win the Empress cup in Calgary.
- Men's Basketball - the upset Thunderbirds took the Vikings to three games in the Canada-West finals. Finished season with a 22-16 over-all record and won the York Invitational tournament at Christmas.
- Women's Basketball - their 8-12 record was the best finish in a decade. Lost to the eventual, undefeated national champions Calgary Dinosaurs in playoffs.
- Cross-country - women finished fourth in CIAU championships while the men came in fifth.
- Field-hockey - Gail Wilson's T-Birds earned the silver medal at the CIAU championships.
- Swimming - The women placed seventh at the nationals here at UBC and the men finished ninth.
- Rugby - the ever impressive rugby team was again one of the province's top sides and continued to destroy their U.S. opposition.
- Fencing - the UBC team competed for the first time as a team at the Western Canadian Championships.
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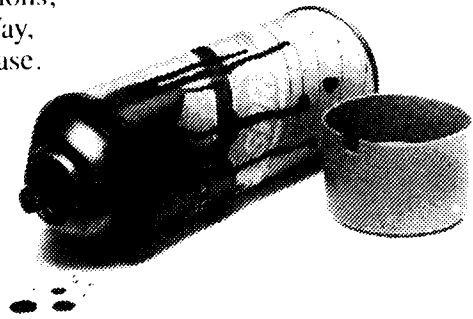
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Hiked UVic fees won't restrict access, says president

VICTORIA (CUP)—Arguing that reduced tuition fees "have almost no measurable impact" on accessibility, president Howard Petch and the University of Victoria board of governors hiked fees by 5.1 per cent.

An overflowing gallery of students—at one point threatened with ejection and denied the opportunity to speak—listened as the board approved increases March 10 for everything from transcript costs to athletics fees.

The changes, including a first-time registration fee of \$15, mean students who arrive on campus for the first time next year can expect to pay \$1,568—almost \$100 more than their 1988 counterparts.

Also introduced this year is a \$100 registration deposit, which students must pay within two weeks of registration or face automatic cancellation without notice. No extensions will be given to those expecting loans or bursaries.

Shaking boxes of macaroni and cheese or clapping after their representatives on the board spoke, the 100 students in the gallery earned the disapproval of chair Ian Stewart, who threatened to eject them.

At one point student council president Susanne Klausen asked if the gallery could address the board.

"It certainly may not," responded Stewart. Said the government appointee, "Democracy is always vulnerable to people who choose to demonstrate."

Fake "photographer" harasses female students

TORONTO (CUP)—Several women on the University of Toronto campus say they have been harassed by a man claiming to be a photography student looking for snapshots of bathing-suited women.

The latest incident occurred March 16, when a

woman said a man claiming to attend the neighbouring Ryerson Polytechnical Institute asked if he could take pictures of her. She said it was the second time he had approached her.

"Two weeks earlier, he asked if she would go back to his apartment and pose in a bathing suit. In September, he had approached a friend of hers," said Kent Beattie, a U of T student council researcher who was at work when the woman ran into his office looking for help.

Council president Bill Gardner and Beattie unsuccessfully chased the man.

"He seemed to know (the campus) pretty well. The moment we saw him, he was gone," said Beattie. "I shouted to him, and he shouted he was late and ran at high speed through the quad (and) we lost him..."

The woman—who asked not to be identified—filed a complaint with U of T police the same day.

Constable Terence Eastmond said no charges could be laid, since the man did not say anything that could be construed as sexual harassment.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

U of T starves women's centre

TORONTO (CUP)—University of Toronto students have voted against giving money to the campus Women's Centre—sort of.

And the Women's Centre isn't pleased. "(The student council) didn't even tell us personally about the referendum. We learned it from (the student newspaper) like everyone else. They think we're a freak group on the side that discriminates against men, so they go over our heads. I'm totally unimpressed," said member Terry Hamilton.

There were three options on the early March ballot: no money, limited cash for events only, or complete funding for all operations.

The majority of students (1,645) voted against any funding, while 1,131 voted for event funding and 1,030 for base funding.

The Women's Centre has never received base funding from the student council but does get support from other campus organizations, such as the staff association. The result won't prevent the group from applying for base funding next year.

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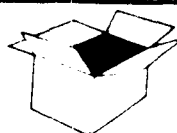
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☐ YES

☐ NO

Jessica Mathers
Clerk of the Court

Editorial

Bootlicking - in style

Thank-you Mr. Wells for the points raised in your recent editorial in the Competition in the March 23 edition, "Praise not in Vogue". Your points are well taken and we here at The Ubyyssey are certain there is a sizable portion of the UBC student populace that agrees with you.

Unfortunately, we at this "adolescent rag" are proud to be what we are: a student-run press. How much do you get paid Mr. Wells? How much do your writers get paid by the government for "job training"? How much experience do you have in journalism?

Because we are "adolescents," let us take this opportunity to be really unfair, and "never let the facts get in the way of a good story." We stopped at finding five glaring grammatical errors, and one, tsk-tsk, spelling error in your editorial. Really Don, if you want praise, learn how to be a good speller. We aren't embarrassed of making mistakes, because we don't publish just to get a pat on the back.

Alas, we are "guttersniping," "destructive," "thankless," "misguided," "angry," "mindless," "perverse," youths who continue "the Dukes cookie saga as if it really mattered." Yup, we thankless heathens question the word of "administrators" like yourself. After all, who do you think you are ministering? Since when did a question concerning policy constitute assault?

If students have concerns, is it so improbable that their concerns are valid—or are you perfect in every way? If you are perfect, then please ignore this immature rant, and accept our humble praise... But if you have been verbally assaulted five times in five days, maybe that should be telling you something. Your job is public relations—swell job!

And another thing, isn't the Competition funded in part by students? Why are you, an administrator working to better student activity, propagating an anti-student feeling in your publication?

We here in the "newspaper business" are here to report on the issues as we best interpret them. Often this is done in a manner offensive to some, especially those people who find it uncomfortable to read about well-meaning administrators and student politicians being maligned and hacked apart in public for their well-meaning, but not necessarily flawless, schemes.

And lest we forget that "swell guy" Dr. Strangway who proved his "servility to the student athlete," and visionary qualities by raising tuition fees ten percent.

The job of the press is not to praise these individuals, as their decisions can affect the lives of too many to lose sight of both sides of an issue.

Also, these people want—for one reason or another—to be in these positions. If they cannot take the type of "praise" we dish out, then as the old saying goes, "if you can't take the heat, then get out of the spotlight."

Here at UBC, we have no shortage of "praise publications." We point no fingers Mr. Wells, but publishing team press releases falls a little short of ethical newspaper reportage. The Competition is published by the Athletic and Intramural departments with most of the stories being written by athletes, participants, and paid writers.

If anyone is under the microscope on campus, and constantly criticized, it is The Ubyyssey—and we aren't even paid for this luxury.

Yah, so maybe it's immature to think we can do it, but at least we try to be critical, thought provoking, and, yes, even radical. Because you know what? Once upon a time, "all those corporate donors who regularly witness the destructive energy of some thankless students," were students themselves.

By the way Mr. Wells, from an "adolescent" point of view, how mature is it to be motivated by external praise, and not a sense of self-integrity?

THE UBYSSEY

March 29, 1989

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Agatha Christie struck again. We thought there were none but then Rick Hiebert and Greg Davis resurfaced from the ground on their seesaw in Australia. Olivia Zanger cried, "The Aussies can 'ave 'em." Raggedy Andrew Boyle came back to life. Robert Groberman exploded. The frozen Ernie Stelzer melted from his computer. Ted hit Katherine Monk with a baseball bat but she became a 'toon and soon got him back. "Life is everywhere," sighed Deanne Fisher. "But not for long," said Chung Wong. In came the creeping dead. The arms of Joe Altwasser hung to the ground as he walked in. Vincent Sheh carried a shovel. Steve Chan slowly blinked his tired eyes. "OUT you varmits," pushed Carla Maftchuk. To the beach," insisted Gordon White. "Boo," grimaced Laura J. May, "Boooooooo."

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Letters

Axing Ubyyssey space solves nothing

Last Wednesday the members of the Renovations Committee voted in favour of cutting up the Ubyyssey office and SUB 216 to create 7 new club offices. In hindsight I realize this was a mistake, and in my attempt to be reasonable and fair to all students I became "just another bureaucrat."

The situation as presented at the meeting is that SUB is full. There is no available space left for club offices meaning clubs are having to double and triple up in rooms that are 8 feet by 11 feet. The solution proposed was to create 4 offices in SUB 216 and 3 offices in one third of the present Ubyyssey office.

It all sounds reasonable, but I now realize that this measure is simply a bandaid approach, and really solves no problems. The creation of 7 new offices is not going to alleviate the shortage of space this year, and does not address the problem of new clubs demanding space next year. Further, this solution threatens to disrupt the working conditions and atmosphere of The Ubyyssey (which is a service organization, and as such should take precedence over AMS clubs).

The reality is that the capacity for club offices has been reached, and we have to face the hard fact that every club can not have an office. Each club will have their own very legitimate reasons for deserving office space, and each situation should be examined carefully in deciding who is and who is not entitled to an office in SUB. For now we should go back to square one, and ensure that everyone involved has a say in the decision made.

We can not please everyone all the time, but we can make sure that the proc-

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ess is fair and makes sense, instead of rushing through decisions that no one is really happy with.

Vanessa Geary
Coordinator of
External Affairs

Op Rescue makes Jesus puke

What appalls me the most about "Operation Rescue", as described by Laurel Wellman in a Ubyyssey article on March 22, is its roots in the "I-know-what-God-wants-therefore-I'm-going-to-shove-it-down-your-throat" type of philosophy. Not only is this line of thinking highly presumptuous, it is also symptomatic of what appears to be a fundamental element in all "Christian" fanaticism: the inability to conceive that, somehow, you could be wrong. Of course, this tendency towards an illusion of infallibility is not new. It is reflected in every instance in our history where human rights have been trampled and freedoms savagely constrained because of the "commands" of a "merciful God."

I think that a line from a Woody Allen film really sums it up for me neatly. To paraphrase: If Jesus Christ came back to earth and saw what was being done in his name, he'd never stop throwing up.

Precisely.
Jennifer Moore
Arts 4

It was a joke... really...a joke...

I can understand Elizabeth Edmond's incorrect and rather negative interpretation of my writing (after all, I'm not a famous author), but I am surprised that she, with her Ph.D., failed to recognize the satirical nature of what I was saying. Certainly her rebuttal was very educational and informative, but it was

also quite inappropriate; my intention was never to seriously criticize the study of literature of the integrity of authors, it was merely to point out that there is a danger of reading too much "between the lines." Judging from the way Ms. Edmond "got her hackles up" over my letter, I wonder if I didn't somehow strike a nerve—she seemed awfully touchy about a minor "dig" from an undergraduate student. If one cannot see the lighter side to my "allegations", then I suggest that the person has been hitting the books too long and too hard, and has lost (or abandoned) his or her sense of humor.

Bruce Gairns
Arts 3

Free speech violated by two-faced religion

Freedom of speech. We in Canada enjoy the benefits of this privilege, a privilege which so many are denied. But in this system, just as everyone is entitled to an opinion, so is everyone open to be the subject of other's opinions, barring of course, slander and libel. Unfortunately, Mr. A.M. Khan (letters to the editor) doesn't feel this way.

He stated that the Muslim religion should be an exception to freedom of expression, that his religion is correct and unquestionable. Mr. Khan says that freedom of speech does not give Rushdie the right to blaspheme Mohammed and the Muslim religion. Uh, sorry, wrong.

Rushdie has every right. I have every right. Just as you can dispute "Satanic Verses", so can Rushdie dispute the Quran. It has no immunity to criticism here. Maybe in Muslim-ruled countries this is not the case, but we are not in one of those countries. Here, anything and everything is open to discussion:

politics, business and religion, none are exempt. And that does, that must, include the muslim religion.

I respect your right to religion. No one has tried to prevent you from being a Muslim, and I certainly won't. But that does not mean I believe in your religion. Having read "Satanic Verses" and having done some study of your Quran, I find Rushdie's arguments very persuasive. The general Muslim reaction confirmed closed-minded attitudes. Personally I think Rushdie hit the nail on the head, and that is the reason for the outrage.

But that is what I think. You said what you thought. Rushdie wrote what he thought. We, all three of us, used our freedom of speech. How can you condemn a man for utilising a freedom that you yourself use and enjoy? Because of religion? Ha. That in itself reveals the nature of your religion. Two-faced.

Jeff Edgar
Arts 1

Duke's petitions philled with phonies

With regard to the information placed in front of Duke's Cookies: The Duke's petition consisting of 3400 signatures was never received by the AMS Vice President's Office. Though the petition consisting of 1031 signatures was received it was deemed invalid due to the fact that out of the first 350 names checked 94 were not those of valid UBC students. According to the AMS Code and Bylaws a petition must consist of at least 1000 valid student signatures for a referendum to be called (ie. Bylaw 4). Mr. Marcus, if you are going to present information to the students of UBC would you please present CORRECT information.

Sarah Mair
AMS Vice President

A tool of deception

Often times in the professional world of journalism, statistics will be used by reporters to aid their articles. But what is often omitted is the context of the statistic they cite. For example, "students with two refrigerators in their house perform academically better than those with less than two." One may argue that those with financially richer backgrounds are opportuned to better academic conditions or those who eat more have a greater intellectual capacity. But what is the truth? Are you sure you're right? In fact neither argument comes close to being correct.

In journalism where more subtle examples occur, it is a rarity that reporters will mention how the statistics the cited are compiled and under what conditions. Usually, they are manipulated to the advantage of the article. Numbers—like time—speak loud in the mind

of the public. It will be taken in as truth, but more than often as any statistics professor will tell you, if the context of the statistic is not mentioned, it is a deceptive tool. Numbers speak loud in the mind of the public.

Journalism is only one area where stats are abused. More importantly, one must look at the words of politicians that run a society. Any statistics professor will warn you about the manipulation of statistics and the act of deception that occurs, so beware! Pick up any paper. Look at the numbers. When they say one out of every ____ does ____ to support their article, don't automatically accept it as truth. More than often it is not. But there are myths and folklore that say a 50 goal scorer in hockey is worth \$10,000 more than a 49 goal scorer. The control of numbers on our minds make us susceptible to accept it as truth.

Chung Wong
Ubysey staffer

Teaching in Strangway's university

I've just talked to a student about her experience with a research-oriented prof who often cancels lectures or gets poorly prepared substitutes to teach.

It's my job to convey student concerns to the UBC Administration. In response to several student complaints about the quality of teaching at UBC I'm writing a report on this problem. Students who've found a professor's teaching to be seriously deficient are invited to talk to me. Please come by the Board of Governors office in SUB 262 at lunchtime, drop off a note or phone me at 222-0758.

As UBC strives to be a "world-class research university", a major danger is that

incentives for good teaching may further diminish. In the absence of a vastly improved teaching reward system, President Strangway's high ambitions for UBC may well pressure many professors into dubious research ventures while shortchanging students.

Understandably President Strangway has downplayed the need for a better teaching reward system. Evaluating the quality of teaching is, after all, strongly resisted by those professors with contempt for students.

As students we should applaud President Strangway's recent fundraising triumphs. At the same time we shouldn't let him forget that a university's most important products aren't scholarly articles or spin-off companies, but well-taught graduates.

Kurt Preinsperg
Board of Governors Rep

Economic growth = disaster

A recent speech given by David Suzuki at a fundraising dinner held by the Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War prompted me to consolidate my own appreciation of the nature of exponential growth. The topic is of utmost importance at this point in human history. A lack of understanding of this phenomenon profoundly weakens the democratic demand for initiatives that might be expected given the severity of our situation.

Exponential growth is perhaps easiest illustrated with the well known myth of the man who offered his services to a king. This "wise" man asked for an unusual payment. On the first day he wished to receive one grain of wheat. This was to increase to two grains on the second day, four on the third and so on for 100 days. The king agreed. After ten days, around 1000 grains needed to be counted out. On the twentieth day, though it exhausted the counters, about one million grains was paid. On the thirtieth

day, the man's head was on a spike (and the counters were doing cartwheels all over the palace.) What fooled the king initially was the seemingly modest increases in payment. This underlies an important principle: exponential growth begins deceptively slow.

For a species, exponential growth is the hallmark of reproductive success unlimited by environmental constraints. It is the maximum rate of long-term growth possible for a population. Fortunately, Nature always (almost) provides such environmental constraints. For example, food and resources are limited and many species compete for access to these. This means that exponential growth is always self-limiting in Nature. Any species so able to dominate its environment that its population growth remains exponential for long enough will eventually destroy itself. At some point, since the earth is finite, resources simply run out.

Suzuki gives an excellent analogy. He describes a test-tube of food (Earth) in which a single bacterium begins to grow exponentially. Every minute the number of bacteria doubles. Suppose at 95 minutes the tube is 3% full. A bacterial citizen now suggests that trouble might be coming. A politician replies, "Nonsense. We've been here for 95 generations and still have 97% of our food!" A convincing argument? Not quite. In the next five minutes all the remaining food is consumed. And half the original total is used in the last minute alone.

This is the other side of exponential growth. Given any arbitrary limit, at some time the numbers will go from being a small fraction of that limit to greatly surpassing it. In the end, this will occur within only a few doubling times. And what about humans?

Suzuki suggests that 2000 years ago there were about one-quarter billion people on Earth. In the next 1850 years this doubled twice to about one billion. Then, in the last 140 years, this doubled more than twice to reach about 5 billion. And it will be 10 billion in perhaps the next 50 years. (The decrease in the doubling time corresponds to the development of such things as antibiotics and modern agriculture.)

As a species we are at the danger point of exponential growth. It is not just the numbers of human beings per se that is the issue. But, with this increase in numbers, we have held onto outmoded attitudes to the environment no longer appropriate. By ignoring our inter-relationship with the natural world, we have come to poison ourselves on an unprecedented scale.

The economic effects of a phenomenal expansion in market size, coupled with the technological capacity to mass produce and deliver goods, are staggering. Ninety years ago the total

world economy was \$600 billion. Right now, this is the amount of increase expected in just two years. When politicians tell us the economy grew by X% last year and will again this year is exponential growth. Suppose the depletion of resources and the production of pollution is roughly proportional to the economy. Then these processes are also growing exponentially.

Economic growth is considered by many political leaders to be a sign of national health, prosperity, and opportunity. But do they mean my Nation's health or yours? The 3% growth we ask for each year ensures poverty in third world countries exploited to satisfy this growth. (This "measly" 3% is about the size of the entire South American economy.)

Four years in office is a narrow window from which to view biological systems. Yet it seems to be through such a slit that our "leaders" view the steep upturn of economic power in the last 100 years. To businessmen-politicians these times must surely seem to be a gravy train. Continuing growth has become the standard by which we measure progress. This indicates a complete ignorance of the simplest ecological principles.

In fact, our Giantism is pathological. It is the measure of the destruction of the Amazon; the poisoned Inuit; lead in our drinking water; the disappearance of the ozone layer; the torridity of the few fish that remain; the bald stands of stumps; the rising of the planetary temperature, and the ocean with it.

As a society, we have clearly not understood the meaning of exponential growth. At what point will we decide that enough is enough?

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Goldwater writes book, exposes self



1964 Ubyssy cartoon lampoons Goldwater

CARTOON BY JEFF WALL

by Rick Hiebert

Poor Barry Goldwater. You'd think that someone who ran for President of the United States, served for 30 years in the Senate, and was the leader of an influential political movement would have a pretty good reputation. Especially now that he's written a very good autobiography that is refreshingly honest and thoughtful (for a politician).

Not Goldwater. The retired Republican senator from Arizona has a reputation for being a crazed arch-conservative extremist, a reputation dating from his bid for president in 1964. Mud is sticky and Goldwater has had more than his fair share slung at him.

Even The Ubyssy, from '63 to '65, tossed some mud. The paper belittled Goldwater as "an obscure Arizona department store magnate" back in 1964. A

Ubyssy editorial cartoon (after Goldwater lost) showed two sad Goldwater voters with one saying "Well, I guess it's back to writing hate literature." Headlines and graphics even linked him to the extremist John Birch Society and the American Nazi Party.

PRINT**Goldwater**

By Barry M. Goldwater
with Jack Casserly
Doubleday

Attacks like these, writes Goldwater, account for part of the reason he decided to write his autobiography. So negative was his publicity, he argues that he "would have lost even if Abraham Lincoln had come back and campaigned with (him)." This autobiography attempts to answer liberal criticisms, like those levelled by the '60's Ubyssy, of his life, beliefs and work.

Goldwater's autobiography, dictated to veteran journalist Jack Casserly (who adds other perspectives to the book by interviewing many of Goldwater's contemporaries), explores his role as a forefather of the New Right.

The senator admits freely

that he didn't really want to be President. Goldwater saw his campaign for the U.S. presidency as a way to give the conservative movement more public influence and wrest control of the Republican party from the party's liberal "establishment." Although Goldwater lost to Lyndon Johnson, his 1964 campaign got many Americans involved in the conservative movement and helped pave the way for Ronald Reagan's later success.

Goldwater writes that he wanted to work for a more "conservative" America. He writes that conservatives want to promote "economic, social and political practices based on the successes of the past." Goldwater further writes that he wanted to fight for individual freedom and explains how his beliefs affected what he fought for.

Goldwater addresses many issues that affected his career, like Vietnam, national security and Watergate. He's wonderfully blunt and frank in his opinions. He calls Richard Nixon "The most dishonest individual that I have ever met in my life." He adds that Reagan had to have known of the diversion of funds from the Iran arms sales to the Nicaraguan Contras and that the

White House explanation of the president's role made him look like either "a liar or an incompetent."

As well as being honest in his opinions of others, Goldwater is honest about himself. He admits to political mistakes and, movingly, writes that he feels that he failed his wife and family by devoting too much of himself to political life.

Goldwater's autobiography is well written, quite readable and full of his characteristic salty humour. He also reveals a lot about his private life, admitting to a fondness for gadgets, airplanes, practical jokes and eating cheeseburgers for lunch. His book explains a lot about the private side of this politician, with honesty, candor and good humour.

Goldwater's autobiography is excellent for two reasons in particular: its examination of one man's role in a worldwide influential political movement and its revelation of the private life of a public man.


This book will help readers understand both Goldwater and the conservative movement he helped to found. Historians and armchair politicians will be most impressed by it.

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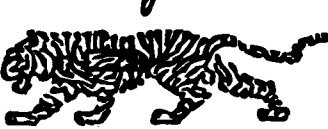
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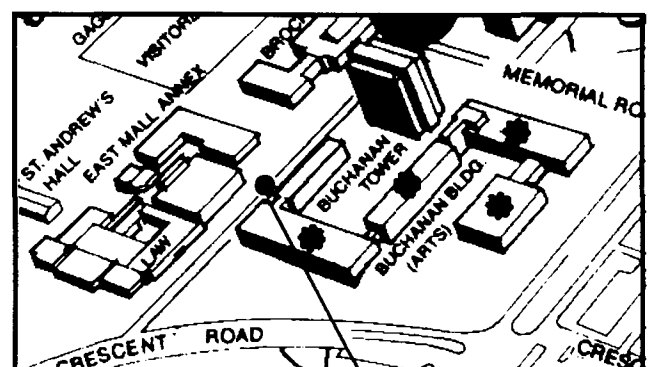
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