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WE'D WRITE A funny caption for this picture of the University Christian Ministries street mimes from Western Washington University performing outside SUB last Friday, but our regular cutline writer tried writing one and was immediately rained upon with sulfer and brimstone and went immediately to Hell, so . . .

Minister to increase student aid

By EVELYN JACOB

Sweeping changes to the student assistance program announced by Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen Friday have been hailed by educators and student groups, but some say the program leaves behind debt-ridden students who need help the most.

Hagen promised to increase student aid by $50 million a year over the next three years, representing a major shift away from the restraint policy of the Bennett era.

He has also said his government is committed to curbing debt loads of graduating post-secondary students by limiting their student loans to $12,000. Anything beyond that will be paid for by the provincial government, he said.

But critics complain that the new program ignores a "lost generation" of students who have already accumulated massive debts, some as high as $40,000.

Marg Fartaczeck, chair of The Canadian Federation of Students Pacific Region, was generally pleased with the new program, but said she is disappointed it was not retroative for those students graduating between 1984 and 1986 who did not benefit from the grant program.

"The government has done nothing to deal with that (students with huge debt loads) and we're unhappy about it," she said.

But Byron Hender, UBC's director of financial awards and services, applauded the new program, saying needy students will receive more grant money in the first two years of their education than under the old grant program.

"B.C. is seeing students graduate with higher debt loads than other provinces and the government has recognized it's unfair," said Hender, one of the 10-member Advisory Committee to the Student Aid Program which made a series of recommendations to the ministry.

The program — which will be phased in over the next three years — will apply to students graduating this year.

First and second year students living away from home will not be permitted to borrow more than $3,000 a year and will receive equalization payments to help offset living expenses.

Because the new program stresses "personal responsibility," students must find summer employment or do volunteer work, and complete full yearly course loads to be eligible for the remission program and equalization payments.

"I don't believe in free lunches," Hagen said at a press conference Friday when asked why a full-grant system was not reinstated.

Eligible students are also required to complete their education in five years.

Some of the major highlights of the program are:

- An increase in the maximum assessment for student assistance to reflect the current cost of living
- A reduction of the student debt load to $12,000 for students who successfully complete a post-secondary education
- Equalization funds to assist first and second year students who live away from their families
- Funds up to $1,000 for Adult Basic Education students at colleges and for Special Needs students

Tax breaks for parents' education savings

- Provision for financially needy students with summer employment vouchers to be matched by employers in order to increase the amount of savings for their education
- Matched private donations to scholarship and bursary endowments

Vanessa Geary, a member of The Coalition for Accessible Education, welcomed the student aid program, but like Fartaczek, she stressed the program does not provide for some students who are "stranded" with huge debts and no relief in sight.

A third year law student, John Humphries, with a current debt load of $27,650, said the new program discriminates against students who did not benefit from grants.

"There's no help in this for me," he said.

And Hender says it's not likely the government will introduce retroactive assistance.

John Waters, head of the College Educators' Institute, also had four major criticisms of the program:

- That it should be phased in immediately to help students and not over three years
- That the debt ceiling of $12,000 will continue to deter students from attending post-secondary institutions
- That the loan remission program is based on completion of a degree, making college students who complete only two years ineligible for assistance
- That if stringent guidelines are placed on the summer work or volunteer system some students may be blocked out of the program

But Waters, who made a submission to the Student Aid Advisory Committee last December, said Hagen's program represents an improvement in the overall student aid package.

"It recognizes the needs of interior students," he said. "There is

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World focuses on Pacific rim

By GREG SCOTT

UBC's future growth is directly linked to business and cultural exchanges with Pacific rim nations said UBC's president Thursday.

Speaking to the UBC Pacific rim club David Strangway said Japan is now this country's second largest trading partner and that Canada's trade with Japan is three times greater than its trade with Europe. He said UBC has agreements for faculty and student exchange with universities in 14 other Pacific rim countries.

Strangway said UBC has applied to the Fund for Excellence in Education to establish a Pacific Rim Studies Program. He said the emphasis of the university's connection with the Pacific rim should be academic but that business, trade and tourism are all important to UBC and graduating students looking for jobs.

"UBC's Pacific rim connections have served to increase our prestige and reputation internationally. We have alumni and former students all over Asia and when they think of Canada and trade they think of UBC and Vancouver," said Strangway.

Tony Roberts, vice president of the Pacific rim club, agrees with Strangway's view of the university's role in the Pacific rim relationship and said the club should provide for an exchange of ideas and opportunities.

Roberts said, "without a doubt, the focus of the world is shifting towards the Pacific rim and as Canadians we will have to accept the challenge of Asia."

"I unfortunately see a lot of people out there who view Asia as simply a place to succeed on an entirely materialistic level with little regard for the complexities of those societies," he said.

Roberts said the club should be more open and accessible to those who have other interests besides making money.

"I'd like to stress the importance of seeing those countries with a cultural insight. We should realize that Asia has an incredible diversity of cultural traditions and modes of communications so different from our own," he said.

UBC reaps math honor

In the 1986 William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition for undergraduates in North American universities the UBC team received an Honorable Mention for ranking in the top 10.

The UBC team consisted of Wayne J. Broughton, Marek Radzikowski, and Russel Wong, and was coached by Professor Rajiv Gupta.

The top five ranking teams were from Harvard, Washington University in St. Louis, Berkeley, Yale and MIT. The other honourable mention teams were from Caltech, Princeton, Rice University in Houston, and Waterloo. A total of 2094 students from 358 institutions participated.

Student grants back

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substance there."

Another limitation of the program, said Fartaczek, the time limit placed on students to complete their degrees. She said students with families who have commitments, or students who fail a course may not benefit from the program.

Hender said students may experience "some additional strain" in taking on greater course loads, but said most students would be able to meet the requirement.

Over one-third of UBC students currently receive some form of student assistance. First and second year students who qualify for the projected 87-88 maximum student loan of about $5,900 will have anything over $3,000 paid for by the provincial government. Hender said the grant portion of the program applies to both Canada and B.C. loans.

The grant portion of the program does not apply to third and fourth years of study, but any debt incurred over $2,000 can be remitted. Students who applied for financial assistance last year were forced to borrow up to $5,560, with no grant relief.

Hagen also announced the creation of a Standing Committee on Student Assistance to provide ongoing advice to the ministry.

Ooooops

In the Friday, March 20 issue of The Ubyssey, it was reported that the student-run sexual harassment clinic is located in SUB 230. The correct room number is SUB 130.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 1, 1987—4 p.m.—
Graduate Student Centre Dining Room

AGENDA

1. Report of Council.
2. Introduction of new executive.
3. Accepting the 1986 financial statements as audited.
4. Reappointment of the Auditor-General of B.C. as the Society's auditor.
5. Motions: Special resolutions (these require a 75% vote in favour and quorum).

I. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE TO QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL TAX STATUS:
i) To amend section #2 of the Constitution of the Thea Koerner House Graduate Student Centre Society so as to read as follows:
"The purposes of the Society are:
a) to promote & serve the academic, social, intellectual, cultural & recreational interests of its members, the University of B.C. and persons associated therewith, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, in particular, to promote inter-departmental activities within the University.
b) to promote the principle and practice of graduate student representation at all levels of decision making at the University of B.C. and at all agencies or other bodies with deliberate on the affairs of graduate students,
c) to provide, maintain and operate the Thea Koerner House Graduate Student Centre as a centre for the recreation and convenience of members of the Society and their guests,
d) to do everything incidental and necessary to promote and attain the foregoing purposes, "*and*
e) to carry out the foregoing without purpose of gain for its members, and
f) to use any and all profits or accretions to the Society for the promotion and attainment of the foregoing purposes."

II. FEE RESOLUTION
To amend **Bylaw 2.9 (a)** to read: "Fees for ordinary members may be set from time to time by *ordinary* resolution of the ordinary members through referendum and subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of the University.

III. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
To amend the Bylaws to add as **Bylaw 6.6 (g)**, "The **External Affairs Director** shall:
i) be the chairperson of the External Affairs Committee,
ii) be responsible for the representation of the Society to external organizations,
iii) develop and maintain contacts with organizations that deliberate on the affairs of graduate students, and
iv) perform such other duties as directed by the Council or members.
AND to add to the list of officers in **Bylaw 6:** Officers
g) External Affairs Director

IV. FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES REPS.
a) "To amend the Bylaws to add the following as voting member of the Council:
5.2 a) v) the graduate student representatives in the Faculty of Graduate Studies".

V. HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:
"To amend the Constitution and Bylaws to add the following items to **Bylaw 7, House Committee #2** to read: the House Committee shall:
e) have primary responsibility and authority for capital improvements to the building subject to Council approval.
f) have responsibility for hiring of permanent staff subject to Council Approval".

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Salvadoran farmers harassed

By CORINNE BJORGE

"If it's corn, they'll cut it, if it's dry they'll burn it. They destroy everything they find," said Roberto Alfaro, a farm worker, speaking out against the military forces of the government of El Salvador.

Sponsored by CUSO and Oxfam, Alfaro is visiting Vancouver asking Canadians for economic aid for the war-torn nation. "My objective is to tell what life is like in El Salvador and to explain why people want to stay in the areas of their origin, and fight for their right to live there," he said.

Alfaro criticized the current government in El Salvador as a "puppet" of the United States. "(President) Napolean Duarte represents the interests of the United States," he said.

Alfaro comes from the area of Guazapa, 25 km North of the capital, San Salvador, one of the zones the leftist FLMN (Farabunto Marti National Liberation Front) guerillas have under control.

The so-called zones of control are areas throughout the countryside where the FLMN operates from.

"Already in these zones a new self-government is forming. The population has elected leaders to direct community health care and agriculture," said Alfaro.

Despite the hardships resulting from the government-FLMN conflict, Alfaro said his farm is always willing to sell food to the guerillas.

"The relationship is one of mutual respect," he said.

He said the government wants to kick farmers out of the zones because it has no control over the population in those areas. And he said farmers must always be thinking of ways to defend their crops from government forces.

We usually look for pieces of land (to farm on) that are hidden, so that when airplanes pass over they won't see the plantations," he said.

According to Alfaro, the government is attempting to remove people from the zones of control and relocate them in refugee settlements. But once they place citizens in the camps the government gives no further help.

"The people sleep on the floors with no medical aid, in unsanitary conditions, and they're not allowed to work," he said.

"The camps vary, some are in houses, some in churches. Much of the housing is cardboard or plastic. Some camps are just in guarded fields."

Oxfam and CUSO are aiding those in refugee camps, but Alfaro said because the government blocks most aid, it must come through illegal channels.

Grad photos burn

By RICK HIEBERT

Seventeen years of UBC graduate photos were probably destroyed in a fire that gutted Amograph studios, on Broadway, Sunday morning.

The Kitsilano studio, located at 3343 W. Broadway has taken pictures of UBC graduates since 1969. It was almost completely destroyed by the blaze, which demolished most of the studio's photo equipment, and much of the personal effects of owner Fred Spissinger, who lived with his wife and younger children upstairs.

A witness said there may have been an explosion inside the building at nine a.m. Sunday morning and that the studio may have been burning for an hour before the fire department was called at 10:15 a.m.

When the witness arrived at the scene around 11 a.m., he said, "it looked as if everything in the studio had been destroyed."

"It looked pretty grim," he said.

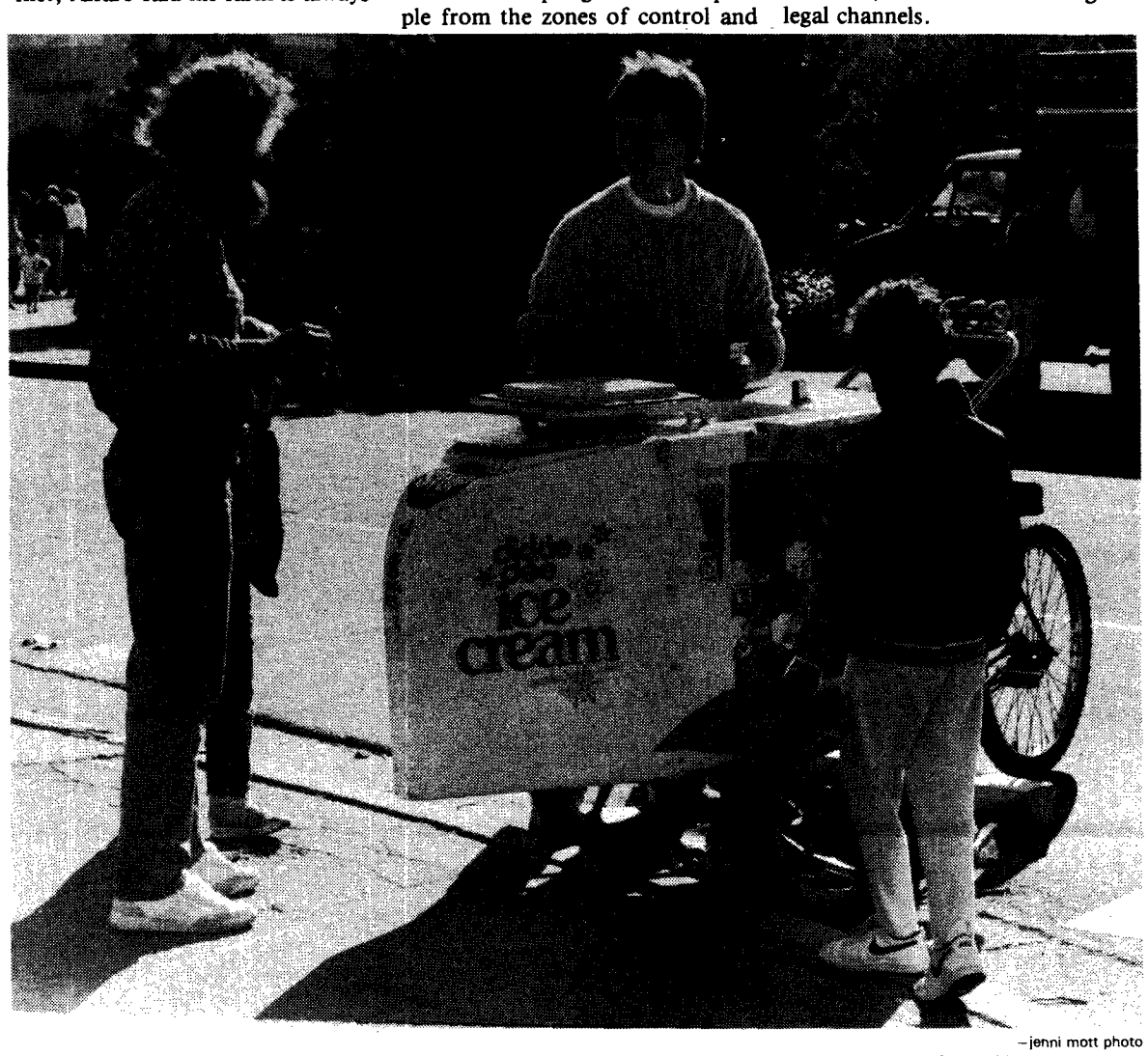
Three firemen were injured while fighting the blaze, receiving outpatient treatment in a Vancouver hospital. Thirty-five firefighters and 12 fire trucks were required to combat the blaze. The fire was contained to the studio, leaving the other buildings on the block unharmed.

UBC archivist Laurenda Daniells said graduates who don't already have copies of their pictures may be out of luck as the university archives do not have copies of grad photos presumably destroyed in Sunday's fire.

The archives have copies of the student yearbook, Totem, with grad photos up to 1966 when the yearbook ceased publication.

Amograph Studios is a private business with a contract to take grad photos so the archives doesn't automatically receive negatives, said Daniells.

"It's not cheap preserving pictures. Duplication of negatives is an extremely expensive process, usually only done for the most important things (in the archives)," she said.



–jenni mott photo

THIS SEEMS TO be an ice cream vendor selling frozen confections to cool the throats of Open House visitors, but we REALLY know that it is a CIA station chief making a rondezvous with two specially trained midget agents bringing long haired, bearded suspect into custody.

Flasher exposes

An incident last Thursday where a man exposed himself on a trail to a female UBC student is part of a pattern the past few months, police said Monday.

UBC RCMP Sgt. Don Schlecker said there have been several cases of indecent exposure recently around UBC.

"We think we know who the culprit is," said Schlecker, but the investigation is continuing.

In the incident Thursday afternoon, the student was walking to the beach on a trail starting near the social work building. Schlecker said the woman was shaken but otherwise unharmed. The suspect escaped.

Schlecker advised female students not to walk alone at night or on trails and in wooded areas, to report any cases of indecent exposure immediately, and to try to take note of the individual's appearance.

While police have a solid suspect, Schlecker said releasing the suspect's description to the university community now would thwart the investigation.

There have been no recent reports, said Schlecker, of violent sexual assaults or other attacks around UBC or the endowment lands. John Horace Oughton, of Vancouver, was convicted this year on several counts of sexual assault, including one count two years ago on the endowment lands.

Students rally in support of banished professor

HALIFAX (CUP) — Students at Mount Saint Vincent University are circulating a petition in support of an assistant business professor who resigned early this month after pleading guilty to sending obscene books and magazines to a Sydney woman between July 1985 and his arrest April 1986.

Professor Lowell Geddes was "very popular" and a very good professor, says business student Alex Dow, who signed a petition questioning Geddes' resignation.

Although he said Geddes was relieved to resign, Professor Don Shiner wonders whether a resignation would have occured if Geddes had been working at an institution other than a university.

Administration president Naomi Hersom said Geddes was not forced to resign. "I think it's fair to say there was no pressure for him to resign, but resignation was certainly discussed."

Geddes, who will be sentenced March 31, was scheduled to be sentenced earlier but Supreme Court Justice William Grant ordered a delay to allow a check into Geddes' behavior at the Mount. The university is satisfied that Geddes never bothered students.

According to the Cape Breton Post, upon his arrest Geddes admitted to sending the Sydney woman, whom he met at the bank where she worked, a magazine called Urban Cowboys, Geddes had pasted obscene notes inside suggesting the woman might enjoy sexual relations with the men in the photos.

Geddes also sent the woman a magazine called The Story of Jerome and Ursula, novels called Lust Story and Digest, as well as a videotape called Ectasy Girls.

Geddes told the court he felt sad for causing the woman fear and said the incidents occurred because he was experiencing mental illness brought on by personal problems.

"I knew he was under a lot of pressure," said Shriner, "but I was surprised at how it manifested itself."

"I'm disappointed for him as a professional," he added.

Dow says students experienced disbelief when rumours of Geddes' behavior started circulating prior to his resignation.

Dow and Shiner say that Geddes, who had beem employed at the Mount for two years, never brought his personal problems to the classroom.

College may be forced to sell land

TORONTO (CUP) — Impending bankruptcy at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto may force the College to turn its playing fields into a concrete jungle.

The College has an operating deficit of $1.2 million for the current fiscal year which, if left unchecked, could lead to bankruptcy. However, the College owns about an acre of prime real estate along Bay Street worth $10 to $20 million.

Although the college has a $7.6 million capital fund, St. Mike's has already had to spend $1 million of its capital to meet costs. And a recent estimate called for about $10 million to renovate College buildings up to common standards.

On March 12, St. Mike's finance committee held a meeting to discuss the issues with concerned students. Greg Ross, president of St. Michael's College Student Union, said he is "becoming more and more convinced" that the land should be sold.

Since only about 40,000 of the 100,000 square feet is zoned to be developed, there would be some park remaining. "I still think we'd be able to practice there," said Ross, who is also a member of the school football team.

"Other fields are already crowded enough," said Saint Michael's student Mary Claire Kavanagh. "I mean to get (space for) soccer games for the girls' team we had to go at seven or eight in the morning. Where are the students going to go?" She said the students do not want the land to go despite the college's financial bind.

"What happens in 25 years?" asked another student at the March 12 meeting. Greg Ross agreed "We're very scared about doing something this drastic."

There are at least two other major concerns. They are already highly developed, and some don't want St. Mike's to join the concrete jungle. The land is also symbolic of the Basilian affiliation because it consists of the first four lots the Basilian Fathers purchased here.

Given these concerns, the college is pondering various ways of keeping at least nominal control over the land, any of which would reduce the immediate cash value. Their favoured plan is to lease the land to a developer who would build high quality condominiums. At the end of the lease, perhaps in 99 years, the condos would have to be removed if the college then wanted the land back.

If condominiums are built, the committee would like to see the complex as harmonious with St. Michael's as possible.

Bill the Cat wins election

Bill the Cat clawed his way to the top last Wednesday in the race for Arts Undergraduate Society Social Coordinator.

Bill received over a third of the ballots cast and overswept the incumbent Social Coordinator, while denying Rob yet another job.

Bill ran on a platform of capability and the promise to have a tongue in every mouth.

Bill the Cat is, in fact, a schizophrenic who has delusions of being comprised of five dedicated, fun-loving, hairball choked Arts Students who aim to make 1987-1988 the best social year ever experienced by an Arts faculty legendary for its apathy. Bill Dyson (no relation) was elected to the position of co-social coordinator.

A Bill the Cat Fan Club is forthcoming and prospective members are invited to "cough up" one dollar and drop by the Arts Undergraduate Office (Buch A107) to join.

Chchchanges

Social Credit's fear of education has been timidly discarded by a suspicious but apparently supportive Vander Zalm government.

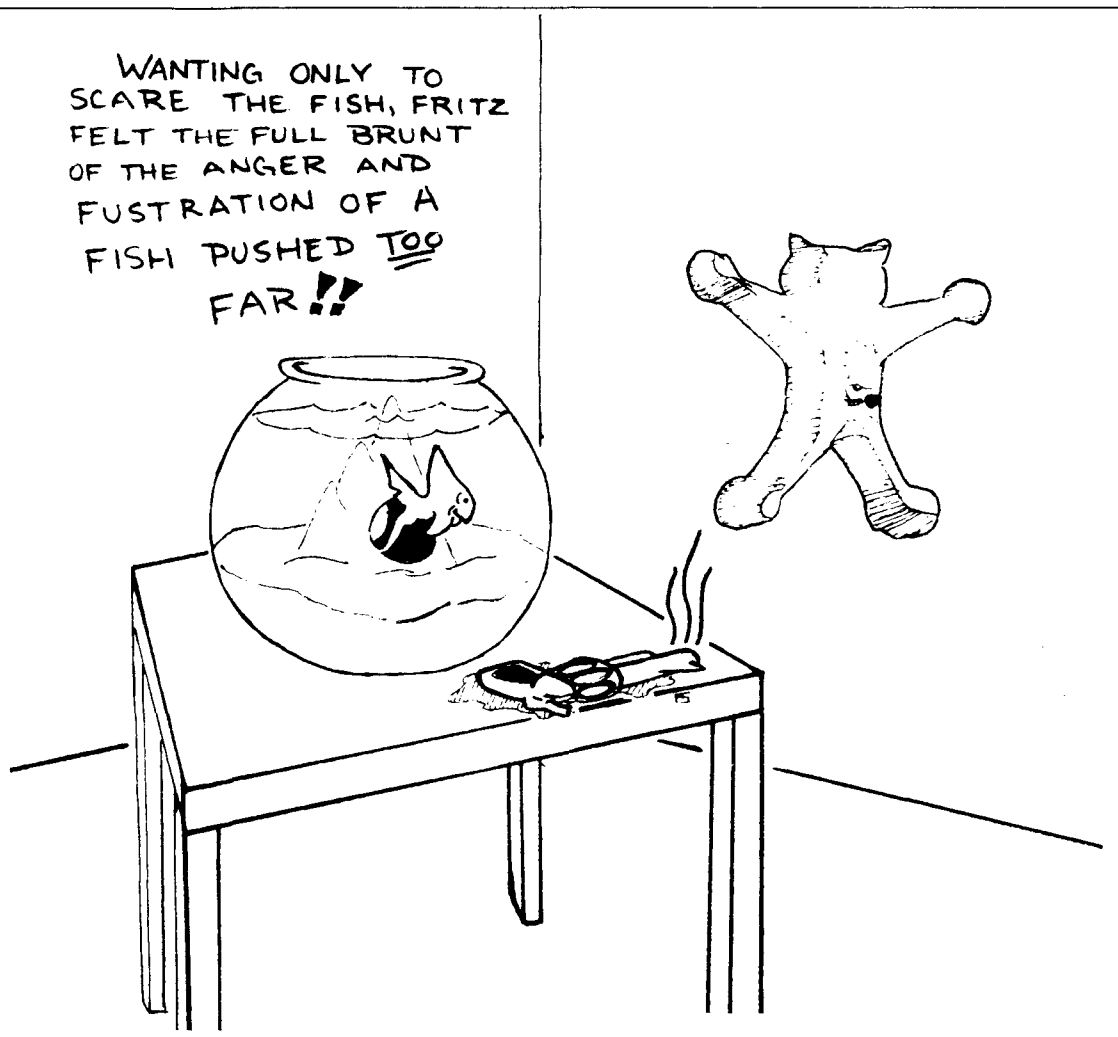
The legacy of the Bennett years is of a government that viewed education as an anti-government institution where pointy-heads studied literature, bashed business, and remained forever unproductive. That government ended student grants and allowed students to go as far into debt as their non-business minded heads took them.

The Vander Zalm government has announced a huge monetary injection into a student aid program crippled by restraint. Grants, and loan ceilings have been introduced along with a predictable rider that students spend their summers doing "real" work. Eligible students must find employment or do volunteer work in the summer.

Remnants of Social Credit suspicion remain in the five year limit placed on students completing their degrees. And students are required to finish their degrees to be eligible for loan remissions and equalization payments.

This increase in government spending marks an important change in attitude. It was Vander Zalm who commissioned the study which proposed these changes. He recognized public dissatisfaction with the aid program which a string of Socred universities ministers had proudly defended. The new program has problems but it also reflects Vander Zalm's promise that the Bennett era of confrontation is over.

We are cautiously optimistic about student aid's future because the need has been recognized and the structure has finally been put in place. It is easier to argue with the government about the amount of funding than it is to convince them of the principles behind it.



Letters

Sikhs not sole heirs of Punjab culture

I am excited to read (Ubyssey March 20) that finally the federal government is going to give the long delayed approval for funds for establishing at UBC a chair in Sikh history and Punjabi language and literature.

While I have no qualms about Sikh history as a topic of study, I assume that it will be in the English medium with all historical sources for study. I have mixed feelings about the teaching of Punjabi language and literature.

The concern is the assumption that Sikhs are the sole representatives or the inheritors of the Punjabi language and literature and that India is the only country that has Punjabi speaking people. Of course the most important point is that Punjabi script is "one" universally accepted by the Punjabi-speaking community.

The boundary allocation of British India divided Punjab into two nation-states, with a large percentage of Punjabi-speaking people in what is now called Pakistan; further demarcations of Indian Punjab has left that territory a mere one-third of the original Punjab. The point is that not only has the territory of Punjab been divided into two countries, but the shift in the boundaries have also resulted in a division of Punjabi-speaking people.

Another problem is that the Punjabi-speaking people belong to three major religious groups; a large majority belong to the Islamic faith and are Muslims, a majority of them are in Pakistan; then there are the Sikhs and Hindus which are in India, they are in even numbers.

The main problem is that of which script to use when writing in Punjabi language. Currently, the Pakistani-Punjabi people use the Persio-Arabic script with a few modifications; while the Indian-Punjabi people using a modification of the Devanagri (Hindi) script, called Gurmukhi. Here we see that Punjabi language is divided into three religious faiths, between two nations and each using different scripts.

Current assumption that Punjabi language uses one script is incorrect, as it was the case in history. The Sikh faith came to the Punjab as an organized faith in the early 16th Century. Punjabi language and literature goes back to at least the 11th Century.

The script historically used for the Punjabi language and literature has been the Persio-Arabic script. Except for the Sikh religious books and pseudo-religious literature, Punjabi language has been in the Persio-Arabic script. The Sikhs started using the Gurmukhi script only for religious discourse, or for their religious texts. The majority of the "educated" or "scholars" used the Persian script and language as a medium of expression.

It was only in the 1960s that Gurmukhi script ws used in the Punjab belonging to India; the masses of Indian Punjabi people are still not familiar with the Gurmukhi script.

The point in here is that there seems to be an apparent connection between the Sikh faith and the Punjabi language and literature. Historically and even today that is not the complete picture. It would be inaccurate to assume that Sikhism and Punjabi language and literature are synonymous.

If the UBC will be teaching the Punjabi language in the Gurmukhi script then that should be clarified from the beginning. I wonder what kind of literature will be scanned in this Punjabi literature if it only covers the Gurmukhi script. A vast amount of Punjabi literature is in the Persio-Arabic script.

Will that be ignored just because the community donations came from the Sikh community, or that there will be Sikh members on the advisory committee or they can't find a suitable candidate. Shall we then say that UBC will teach Sikh history and the Gurmukhi script of Punjabi?

Charn-Jeet S. Sangha
social work 5

TRIUMF a waste

Regarding proposed funding to upgrade TRIUMF: I question the value of this type of project.

The previously spent $200 million seems an exhorbitant price to discover that subatomic "W" particles rotate to the left. Is this the only human benefit physicists can claim from previous funding? Are we paying for cerebral atomic theories and physicists' Mercedes?

The economic argument seems silly: that 5,000 direct and indirect jobs will be created. I could create an equally silly program with $500 million: pay 5,000 people $20,000 per year for five years to do nothing. Alternately, pay all UBC students' tuition for the next 12 years. More realistically, fund projects that directly benefit humanity such as hospitals, community shelters and education or programs in the Third World supported by organizations such as Oxfam whose costs are measured in hundreds of dollars rather than 100's of millions.

Let affluent and nationalistic nations like the U.S. compete for physics kudos and commit social suicide. Let Canada be known for its program of humanism.

Mark Classen
Arts 1

Society alienated young drunks

It was a sunny Tuesday afternoon. I was sunbathing on the Wreck Beach cliffs behind the Museum of Anthropology when four scrubby men in their twenties came over the fence. They were drinking beer. From the way they talked about lack of money, lack of jobs and lack of girlfriends, and also from the way they used four-letter words and threw empty bottles over the cliff, I concluded that they must be socially alienated.

I got up and walked over to them. "Do you think", I asked, "that throwing beer bottles over the cliff is a good idea?"

They laughed. One of them, who had all the unkemptness of a loser about him, planted himself close to me and smashed a bottle right at my feet.

"Now", he said, "what are you gonna do about it?"

My first impulse was to push the fellow over the cliff, but in the presence of his muscle-flexing buddies that seemed unwise. So I did the philosophical thing: I retreated into thought.

What if I were one of these fellows - what if I had a dismal education and no decent job prospects, no female companionship, next to no self-esteem and just enough welfare money to buy beer? How would I get rid of my accumulated frustrations on sunny weekday afternoons?

Nonsense, I told myself, someone like me couldn't possibly be such a loser in this land of opportunity. Even if there are lots of applicants for every job, someone with my abilities can always outcompete most others and carve out a cozy middle-class niche in society.

Suddenly I had second thoughts. Is there nothing rotten about a society in which good jobs are increasingly reserved for people who are smart, highly educated, aggressively competitive or well-connected? Should not a just society provide reasonably congenial work for all willing workers?

Deprive the average person of work and everything work means - a decent livelihood, social respect, self-esteem, a bit of power and responsibility, constructive diversion, social contacts at the workplace and perhaps a chance for self-realization in a social role - and you deprive that person of the likelihood of a good life.

It is surely a serious social injustice to deprive someone of the likelihood of a good life. Why should victims of such serious injustice feel bound to respect the laws and institutions of society rather than sabotage them at every turn? Why not break into houses and cars, mug tourists in downtown alleys, loot stores or poison aquarium fish?

It's absurd to expect a sense of moral responsibility from people who are seriously victimized by social injustice. Seen in this light, even throwing beer bottles over the Wreck Beach cliff seems like not such a bad idea. After all, it gives these alienated young men, if not lasting self-esteem, at least some temporary relief of frustrations.

Kurt Preinsperg
philosophy grad student

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THE UBYSSEY

March 31, 1987

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With spring comes the appointed time for the annual Ubyssey purge and show trial. Evelyn Jacob, Svetozar Kontic, David Ferman and Michael "Entertainment Commissar" Groberman were executed out of hand as symbols of the old, reactionary order. A new triumvirate of Corinne Bjorge, Chew Wong (infamous for crushing the 1956 Hungarian revolution by force feeding the leaders dehydrated oatmeal) and Jeffrey Swartz had thrust itself into power (Jennifer lurks in her dacha planning a putsch). People's advocate Patti Flather joyfully railroaded Steve Chan, Greg "Super Scissors" Scott and Neil (he of the sphincter) Lucente to the Siberia Club Med, run by Commandant Ross McLaren. Dan Andrews and Jenni Mott waited in line to buy baby booties as the trial condemned the trotskyite-wrecker-bourgeois agent-imperialist running dog-pig Rick Hiebert to be summarily executed for activities against the Revolution and consorting with The Enemy.

"Please forgive me," he pleaded as they put the blindfold over his face, "I think Stalinism's wonderful. Swear to God."

Taiwanese protest choice of speaker

This letter is written in regard to the upcoming special seminar, "Recent Social and Economic Developments in Taiwan", scheduled to be given by Dr. Ko-wang Mei, President, Tunghai University, Taiwan, on Thursday, April 2, 1987, 12:30 p.m., Room 604, Asian Centre.

We, the undersigned, wish to protest the scheduling of this event and, at the same time, to express our grievance which has been occasioned through this invitation extended to Dr. Mei on the part of the administration of the University of British Columbia. The UBC administration will, we assume, acknowledge this grievance and prevent similar events from arising in the future.

Our protest of this event rests on the following grounds:

1.) that prior to his appointment as agent of Tunghai University, Dr. Ko-wang Mei is a former agent of the Bureau of Intelligence, Ministry of Interior, Taiwan and Chief of Police Academy which are the Taiwanese equivalent of the KGB. As a graduate himself of the Police Academy, Dr. Mei's career has consisted solely of functionary in the Taiwan secret police;

2.) that Dr. Ko-wang Mei is part of a system of surveillance of students in the post-secondary educational institutes in Taiwan which abrogates basic student rights such as freedom of organization, press and participation in social and political affairs;

3.) that since 1949 all post-secondary educational institutes in Taiwan have been stationed with military-political officers who administrate indoctrination and harrassment of the student body. This sometimes leads to student expulsion or arrest. In his capacity as former head of Intelligence and high-ranking Police Officer, Dr. Ko-wang Mei is responsible for maintaining such a system of student control;

4.) that currently in Taiwan, students are holding demonstrations on campuses across Taiwan and in the Legislative Yuan to protest the presence of the military-political officers on campus and are striving to reclaim their rights as mentioned above;

5.) that the topic of Dr. Ko-wang Mei's speech is "Recent Social and Economic Developments in Taiwan", but that such developments have come about only through the stringent efforts of the Taiwanese people and the suppression of constitutional and human rights through the imposition of Martial Law since 1949. The elimination of human rights on Taiwan has been accompanied by serious ecological devastation brought about by lack of concern and planning on the part of the Kuomintang Government which still espouses the myth of "Return to the Mainland".

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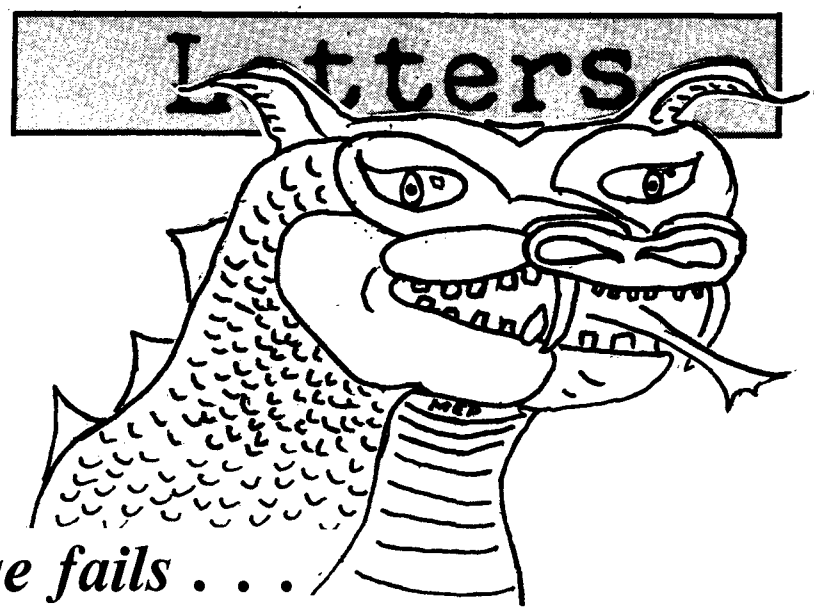

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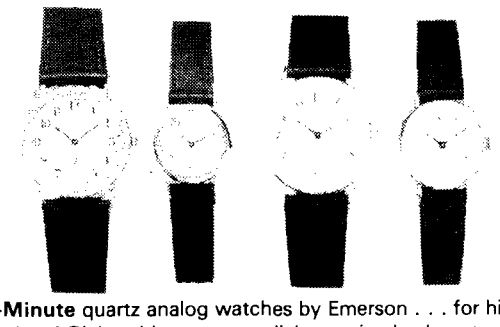

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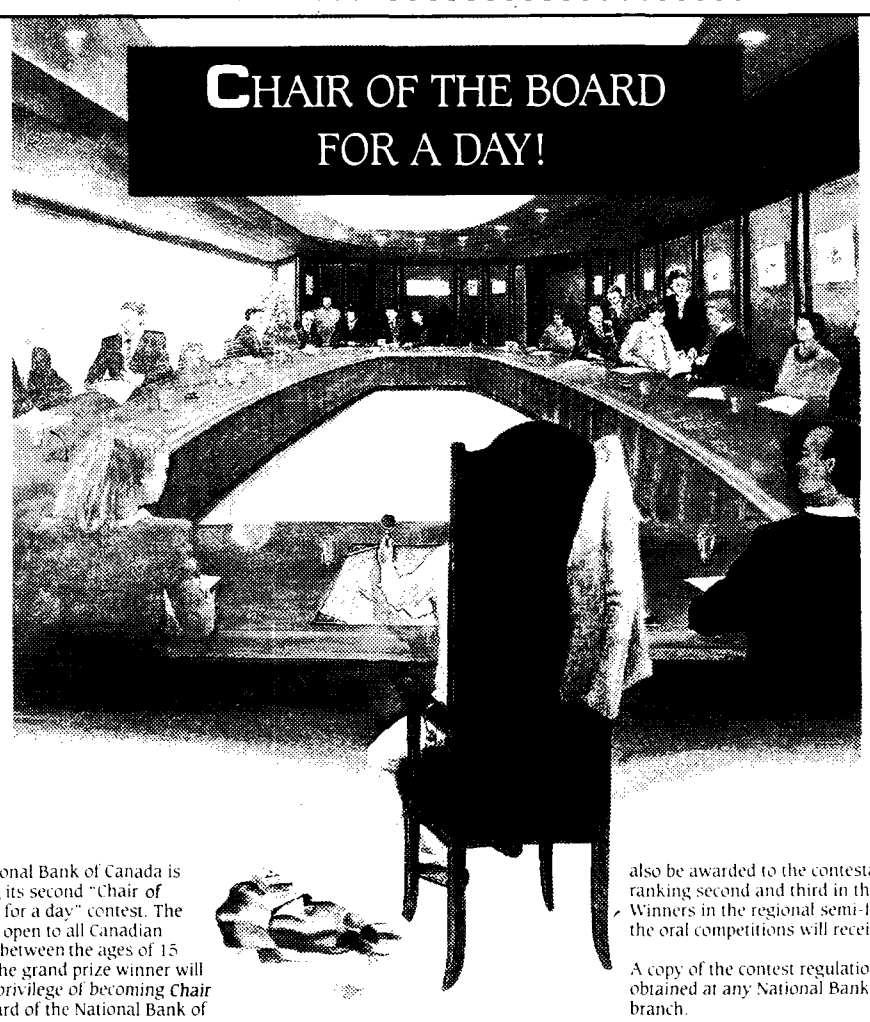

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UBC SCHOOL OF MUSIC
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COALITION FOR ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION
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LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT
Co-op supper, 6:00 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

UNITED CHURCH CAMPUS MINISTRY
Informal worship, noon, Lutheran Campus Centre.

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Lecture, "Moses, Jesus and Mohammed, the prophets of Islam, noon-1:30 p.m., Buch B313.

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GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY
Workshop: students and tenant's rights with David Lane and Joanne Banks of The Tenant's Rights Action Centre, noon, Graduate Centre Garden Room.

SUBFILMS
Film: "Equus," starring Richard Burton, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., SUB auditorium.

UBC PERSONAL COMPUTER CLUB
Atari meeting, 4:30 p.m., SUB 212A.

UNITED CHURCH CAMPUS MINISTRY
Potluck dinner and discussion, all welcome, 6:00 p.m., Lutheran Campus Centre.

THURSDAY

UBC CYCLING CLUB
Final meeting, elections and summer plans, noon, Hennings 301.

UBC ARCHERY CLUB
Last practice night for the '87 school year. Will have a brief meeting concerning details for the summer shooting times, places, 6:30 p.m., SUB Ballroom.

NEWMAN CLUB
End of the year luncheon, noon, St. Mark's College, music room.

STAMP CLUB
Steve's final clearance sale, noon, International House, Boardroom 400.

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
Michael Green will speak on "Expanding Your Vision," noon, Wood 4.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OF UBC
General meeting and elections, this is your chance to become part of the A.I. executive, everyone welcome, noon, SUB 211.

STUDENTS FOR CHOICE
Table (tickets to Morganthaler at John Oliver High School), 12:00-2:00 p.m., SUB concourse.

INTER-COLLEGIATE TAIWAN CANADIAN SOCIETY
Protest against scheduled seminar, "Recent Social and Economic Development in Taiwan," by Ko-wang Mei, please come, 12:00 p.m., in front of the Asian Centre.

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The star is Herb Gardner's clever, captivating script, here capably supported by the excellent performances of the two lead actors.

Stuart Margolin, Angel on The Rockford Files, is Nat, an eighty-year-old New York Jew, a communist from the thirties, who will spout doctrine or fascinating lies about his life to anyone who will listen. "Sometimes the truth doesn't fit. I take in here, I let out there."

Sonny Jim Gaines (Midge), imported for this production from New York, is an equally old black man, the superintendent of an apartment building that's about to go co-op, and Nat's irritated, impatient one-man audience.

The two meet and talk in Central Park every day. Nat does most of the talking. In fact the play opens with Midge refusing to listen anymore, because it's all lies. But he does listen, and so does the audience.

When Danforth, the chairman of the new tenants committee of Midge's building, comes to the park to tell Midge he's fired, Nat assumes the role of a lawyer, nicknamed "The Cobra". He threatens Danforth with a general strike. "The name Danforth will begin to mean something. You'll become an adjective, my friend."

Midge doesn't want trouble, and quietly begs Nat to stop the charade. Nat, loudly, in disbelief, to Midge: "You're asking The Cobra not to strike?"

Midge pays a street punk three dollars a day to walk him home. The punk, upon meeting Nat, demands Nat pay for protection too. Nat, the communist, insists the youth recognize the real enemy is the rich, and hits him with a cane. Nat is knocked to the ground. We next see him with a bandaged head, walking with a walker.

These two are lonely, afraid, life-loving, and indominatable. They refuse to be prisoners, and suffuse the audience with their grudging love of each other's company, and of their own lives.

Margolin and Gaines have a beautiful rapport that is the centre of this captivating show.

The supporting cast, Ross Stephanson, C. J. Beckingham, Brent Fidler, Robert Ramsay Collins, and Marion Eisman, all provide weak, stilted performances.

Eisman plays Nat's caring, loving daughter, deeply frustrated at her father's refusal of help. The role, as she plays it, with dramatically swinging arms and inexplicable bellowing, is reminiscent of Leon Pownall's equally odd performance in January's Master Class.

Collins' drug-pusher cowboy, wearing a stereotypical fringed brown leather coat, storms about the stage like he just stepped off a horse, a parody of McLeod.

Both are too big, too overt, too amateur in their characterizations. And they stand out as typical Playhouse fair next to the subtle professionalism of the leads. Fortunately, these supporting roles are very small.

Director Keith Digby, of Victoria's Bastion Theatre, has cast two first class actors and given them the artistic freedom to make this their play. But his casting of the supporting cast, and his inability to begin to carve off their awkward edges, indicates the success of his production might have little to do with him.

Sheila Haley, returning to design after over a year's absence, has created an amazingly real on-stage park. The large hill, which is the back of the set has had a set of cracked, mossy stone stairs imbedded in a carved trail which meanders up the side to a jogging trail and overpass bridge. A tunnel, through the hill, opens onto the main acting area where the two old park benches sit.

The tunnel, complete with graffiti, looks like the underpass tunnel at Second Beach. This attention to detail is superb, and refreshing.

It is interesting that the best Playhouse production in three years is the last minute replacement for former artistic-director Walter Learning's Elvis musical.

Now, with the departure of Learning, and Elvis, to Charlottetown, new artistic director Guy Sprung finds himself in the unenviable position of heading a Vancouver theatre which has inadvertently presented a very good show. Vancouver audiences will expect more than Noel Coward next season.

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UBC administration dodges bullet

By PATTI FLATHER

Ah, spring again at UBC. The petals on the cherry blossoms are beginning to fall to the ground, students are sick of school and eager for summer, and the stodgy university administration is up to its time-honored tricks.

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The campus brass are leaving two very important student issues hanging — sexual harassment and athletics fees — as classes end this week and The Ubyssey stops publishing.

The university's Baffle 'Em With Bulls – t Strategy goes as follows:

Ignore Contentious Important Issue as long as possible. When no longer politically feasible to ignore, appoint committee. Have committee work so diligently on Contentious Important Issue that it couldn't possibly finish recommendations by end of term. In summer, when almost no one is on campus and student newspaper publishes infrequently, either shove issue under carpet or railroad recommendations through. In September, new student crowd enters in blissful ignorance.

This process isn't democratic, obviously. It works wonderfully well at a university, where the student population is always changing. Most students don't start feeling comfortable, and vocal, at a large campus like UBC's until their senior years, and then they graduate.

On the sexual harassment issue, UBC president David "Big Dave" Strangway (who recently won the Simon Seshadri lookalike contest) appointed an ad hoc committee last summer to look into implementing sexual harassment procedures.

Currently complainants have no official recourse within the university. Students especially are vulnerable dealing with their professors.

The issue is contentious, particularly within the faculty association and the administration. An earlier committee disbanded in protest when the administration under Knud G. Pedersen told members to investigate only harassment of students by students.

Our lovely new committee, appointed in the summertime lull by Big Dave with no student or union representatives, has tried to appear open by accepting numerous submissions. When their December report deadline passed, it was no big deal because input was still being accepted.

However, it's almost April and becoming ridiculous. Is it just coincidence that Big Dave receives the report at the end of the term? April Fools, folks! This is how UBC operates.

Some of the committee members, people whom I respect, may protest at this cynicism. I swear I won't complain if I'm proven wrong, and Big Dave ensures that procedures aren't railroaded through in the summer, without widespread input.

Once procedures are in place, they'll be difficult to change. Let's get it right the first time.

Athletics fees are just as much fun. To refresh your memory: two years ago the administration imposed a $32 athletic fee, breaking a 1968 agreement with the Alma Mater Society stipulating that students had to vote on such increases. UBC itself was cutting athletics funding drastically, and preferred making students pay, to cutting varsity programs and upsetting the Boys Club Alumni.

A University Athletic Council was set up, with student representation, to oversee athletics spending. The AMS agreed to this, and dropped its lawsuit plans. The administration agreed to spend more of our money updating facilities.

But the council met infrequently, athletics services for students haven't really increased (for example, using the War Memorial gym weight room costs students $40 a year), and the apalling three-to-one inequity between funding for men's and women's athletics has not been addressed.

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The administration had had the nerve to suggest another $5.50 increase, even though the men's athletic council couldn't provide a budget in January. (Women's athletics administrators have not had this problem). As well, varsity events often are poorly publicised and few students attend.

In the face of student protest, Big Dave acted predictably, by appointing a review committee. It's due to submit its report on the tangled mass of the UBC Athletic Empire, (run by Bob "Oh, those grass tennis courts are beautiful" Hindmarch), to Big Dave today.

Will this report be made public? Will it be made public while students are around to see it? Will Big Dave postpone the board of governors vote on athletics fees until the fall, after students can see how their money is spent? Don't count on it.

And to the recent chorus of angry varsity athletes: the issue is financial accountability of student athletic funds and if you can't support that you don't deserve any money.

Stay tuned, all you returning students, for the 1987-88 rerun of the UBC Baffle 'Em Strategy. Darn, I won't be able to see it. I'm graduating.

Patti Flather is a former Ubyssey editor deeply concerned with the deep, dark and occult mysteries of UBC's administrative juggernaut.

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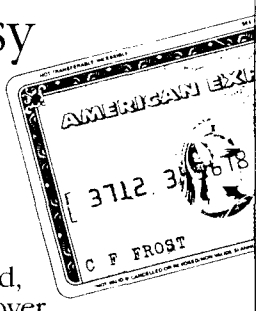

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