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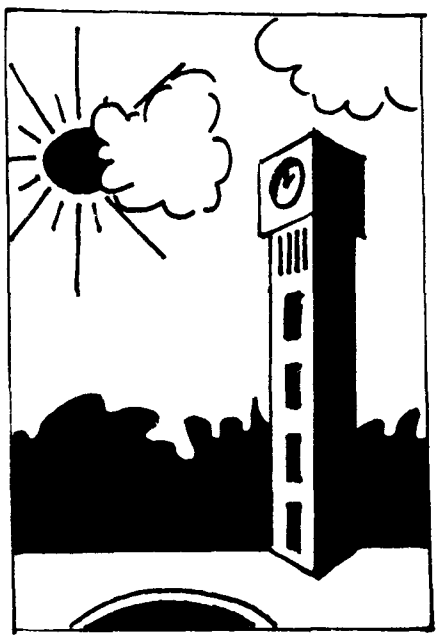

It's three, three, three positions in one

by Tessa Moon

Reorganization of university equity policies will shortly result in the elimination of three positions in the administration: director of employment equity, director of multicultural liaison, and the advisor on women and gender relations.

A proposal by academic vice president and provost Daniel Birch suggested the three positions be replaced by one: "associate vice president, equity."

Along with the new position, Birch anticipates the staff-reducing creation of "an office for human rights complaints which shares staff support with the sexual harassment policy office and where members of the two offices can work together".

AMS president Bill Dobie, a member of the selection committee for the new position, expressed concern about the reorganization.

"I'm pleased that the university is trying to emphasize human rights, but I'm unsure why they're doing the reorganizing," he said. "I'm concerned that the policy they're proposing is a little too—I can't think of a better word—happy.

"I'm worried about the realism associated with it, if it's clear and coherent enough for action to be taken in response to a human rights violation.

There's campus-wide opposition to trying to solve all our problems with a feel-good policy statement."

Birch, in his report to the board of governors, said concern for women's issues, gender relations, anti-racism, and employment and educational equity would not be diminished by the more generalized policy.

"It is also clear that we cannot address human rights by establishing a separate office to represent the concerns of each identifiable group," he added.

"We have a policy on employment equity and sexual harassment, but those don't cover everything," said director of the women students' office Marsha Trew. "There should be a broad-based policy. I support a good active human rights policy that has some teeth in it."

A call for applications and nominations for the position of associate vice president, equity, was released February 1994. The competition remains open until the position is filled.

Norplant protection or coercion

by Sara Martin

Some extol Norplant as the solution to the world's population problems—others worry it may become a mechanism for social control.

"Long term protection without worry—once it's in, you can forget about it. It doesn't depend on users' intelligence or willpower," said Planned Parenthood education director Ming Chiang.

However, the long list of possible side effects that accompany the implants may make it difficult for women to forget that the synthetic hormone levonorgestrel is steadily being released into their bodies.

Norplant implants, six matchstick-size capsules, are inserted under the skin in a woman's upper arm and can prevent pregnancy for five years.

Although convenient and effective (in five years there are about 3.9 pregnancies per 100 users), possible side effects include: irregular monthly bleeding, soreness or infection in the arm where the capsules were inserted, severe pain in the lower belly, severe headaches or blurred vision, hair loss or growth of hair and change in appetite.

The capsules contain levonorgestrel, which inhibits ovulation, thickens cervical mucus and changes the lining of the uterus so that a fertilized egg cannot implant in the uterine wall.

A report written by Robert London, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Baltimore, stated almost 28 per cent of users experienced prolonged bleeding and 17 per cent experienced spotting over the first six months.

Norplant pushed around the world

Canada is the 33rd country to approve the product. The biggest consumer of Norplant is Indonesia where it was approved in 1985. Over 1.2 million Indonesian women are implant users—two-thirds of all implants produced are used in Indonesia.

An article in *This Magazine*

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And they earn every penny: the well paid men of UBC

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- Daniel Birch, vice president academic
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- William Weber, associate vice president, faculty relations
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- Peter Ufford, vice president, external affairs
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  expenses: $9229

- Krishnan Srivastava, vice president, student and academic services
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  expenses: $7395

- Albert McLean, associate vice president, academic
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  expenses $2147

- Olav Slaymaker, associate vice president, research
  salary: $110,720
  expenses: $15,581

- Bernard Bressler, associate vice president, research
  salary: $104,603
  expenses: $10,550

- Frank Eastham, associate vice president, human resources
  salary: $98,396
  expenses: $10,001

- Walter Uegama, associate vice president, continuing education
  salary: $103,308
  expenses: $2664

Sources: University financial statements for financial year ending 31 March 1993, Canadian Directorship Practices: Compensation of Board of Directors 1993, Financial Post Directory of Directors 1992. Compiled by Taivo Evard.

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AMS Tutoring. Free drop-in tutoring for 1st year Math, Chem, Phys, Engl, Econ, Biol. 7-9pm, Magda's, Totem Park Common Block. Info: 822-8724.

Wednesday, March 16

UBC School of Music. Wed. Noon Hrs. Miranda Wong, piano. Noon, Music Bldg. Recital Hall, $2.

Student Environ. Ctr. & Green Fire. Slide presentation by Dr. Michael Hawkes (Botany UBC). "The case for marine protected areas and conservation." Noon-1:30, BUCH B224.

Thursday, March 17th

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Friday, March 18th

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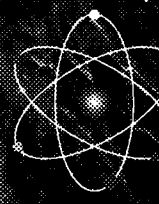

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Charities cultural clashes with indigenous populations

by Katharine Smart

Development charities have a mandate to help those they consider to be the poorest of the poor. But their good intentions and ideological blinders can lead them astray in cultures they do not understand.

World Vision is the biggest charity in Canada and the group behind the "30-hour famine" fundraising program. They are also one of several development organizations with evangelical Christian roots.

Karen Nitta, office manager of World Vision Vancouver said the organization was not made up of modern-day missionaries.

"We do projects in 90 countries around the world... everything from digging wells to educational programs," Nitta said.

And while religious instruction is included in certain projects, "we would not provide any religious instruction in a Muslim country for example," she said.

"We don't discriminate on the basis of race or religion" in choosing development projects, she said.

However, a national World Vision spokesperson did not rule out Christian instruction in Muslim countries, "only when the development is well established" in the host country.

UBC anthropology professor Blanca Muratorio had the opportunity to observe a number of development charities at work while doing research in Ecuador in the 70s. She concluded that many development groups lack effectiveness because they do not understand the culture they are working within.

She noted that development groups have been forced to undergo change, citing the case of Ecuador, where "more indigenous organizations developed... and they're quite strong. [As they've grown] the more open they have been in their criticism of some of these agencies."

She pointed to World Vision as one group that made several local organizations upset in the 70s.

World Vision moved in to fill the vacuum left in Ecuador after a large political problem resulted in the departure of a previous evangelical group, the SIL, from the country.

World Vision entered into a network of evangelical groups already established in an area of both Catholic and Protestant orientation. Muratorio said World Vision supported certain indigenous Protestant leaders, which "exacerbated the problem of the conflict between Catholics and Protestants because now there was real money."

Muratorio said most of the problems encountered by such groups stem from a lack of understanding of cultural values. For example, the Child Sponsorship program which grosses most of World Vision's funds presents a fundamental culture clash in countries like Ecuador.

According to Muratorio, "culturally and especially with indigenous communities, the whole idea of community is sometimes more important than specific families in terms of certain problems of development or progress." Favouring certain families over others creates further problems of internal division within the community.

World Vision has over 100,000 sponsored children around the world, according to Vancouver spokesperson Nitta.

Muratorio also expressed concern over the methods used to advertise children in need of sponsorship. They are usually depicted as "this hungry, lonely child with a big belly."

She said that this is a misrepresentation of children in indigenous communities who, although poor, are not lonely because of extensive support systems of family within communities. Moreover, often their big bellies are from parasite infections rather then malnutrition.

Muratorio points out that problems of malnutrition are more prevalent in urban areas where children have nothing to eat, as opposed to rural indigenous children who can find food in their surroundings.

It appears that development organizations have learned and changed their practices "because of internal criticism and because of real conflict that they've in had in these communities."

Groups such as World Vision have made attempts to improve their work in other countries by working more closely with the nationals and indigenous peoples in the actual implementation of programs, because locals have a better understanding of what is needed and what works.

According to Nitta the group is also looking at the needs of girl children, which have often been ignored in the past.

According to Muratorio, the learning process has been a slow one. "It has [moved] from the obvious cases of absolute imperialism of the 50s and 60s. By now these people have learned something and they are trying to improve, but part of that mentality is difficult to eradicate."

Financially, 80 per cent of their money goes directly towards programs, 11 per cent is reserved for future projects and nine per cent is spent on administration.

Changes seem to be occurring, but nonetheless, development groups should be examined with caution because, as Muratorio points out, "ideological imperialism is difficult to overcome."

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stated the Norplant program in Indonesia is part of a coercive birth control project. Indonesian family planning authorities prefer to use birth control that does not depend on the women's cooperation. With Norplant, a woman cannot choose to conceive until the implant is removed or expires.

This Magazine also noted a test case in Bangladesh in 1985 where "doctors refused to remove any implants, though some of the women were suffering severe side effects."

The US manufacturer, Wyeth-Ayerst, is facing two lawsuits from US women. One woman claims the muscle in her arm has enveloped the capsules and caused her the loss of arm movement. The implant does not prevent the exchange of sexually transmitted diseases, and places the entire responsibility for birth control on women.

"Every medical procedure will most likely have problems but you have to look at the numbers and the severity [of the side effects]," Chiang said.

Contraception for whom?

Critics of Norplant fear the birth control method will be used as a form of social control.

"I am terrified of the fact that this form of birth control is being used on people of colour in impoverished places around the globe as a form of population control," said fifth-year sociology student Liz van Assum.

"This form of birth control simply facilitates the continued power differences between men and women and simply makes women's bodies more accessible for men," van Assum said.

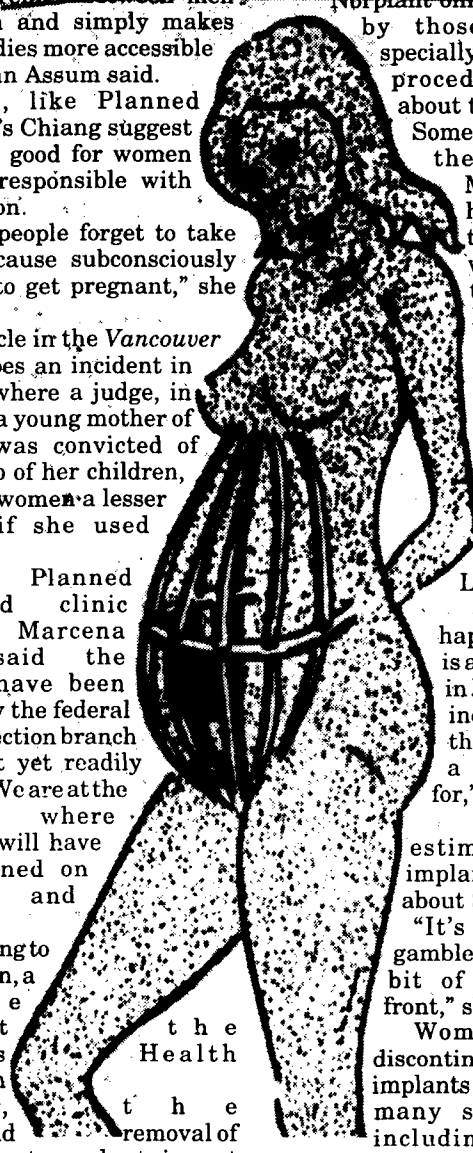
Others, like Planned Parenthood's Chiang suggest Norplant is good for women who are irresponsible with contraception.

"Some people forget to take the pill because subconsciously they want to get pregnant," she said.

An article in the *Vancouver Sun* describes an incident in California where a judge, in sentencing a young mother of four who was convicted of abusing two of her children, offered the woman a lesser sentence if she used Norplant.

BC Planned Parenthood clinic director Marcena Levine said the implants have been approved by the federal health protection branch but are not yet readily available. "We are at the stage where physicians will have to be trained on implant and removal."

According to Barb Hestrin, a nurse clinician at the Women's Health Centre in Vancouver, the insertion and removal of the Norplant product is not technically difficult. But because it is new, the company demands Norplant only be inserted by those who are specially trained. The procedure takes about ten minutes.



Some physicians in the Lower Mainland have been trained but will be paid to travel around BC educating other physicians how to implant. "It should be available soon in the Lower Mainland," Levine said.

"We're quite happy that there is another choice in BC. There are individuals who this wouldn't be a good method for," Hestrin said.

It is estimated the implants will cost about $500.

"It's a bit of a gamble and quite a bit of money up-front," she said.

Women often discontinue use of the implants because of the many side effects, including irregular menstrual cycles where some women's cycles stop completely.

A Modest Proposal

Perspective

by Dan Walker

We all know that UBC is in a financial bind with government funding getting smaller every year. Why put up with band-aid efforts like market housing and full-fee foreign students when the solution is staring us in the face: THE UBC CASINO!

Why should UBC let the Vancouver Port Corporation or the First Nations grab this great opportunity? While city council dithers about whether or not it will look tacky, and the First Nations are bogged down in endless negotiations, UBC can jump in and snap it up. We have an enormous head start because there is no local government to worry about! UBC is a little principality on the peninsula.

The only possible road block is the provincial government, and we know that our President has excellent influence and personal connections there. A word in the right ear, and the appropriate legislation would be on the fast track. The benefits would be immeasurable. Not just the direct cash from leasing the land and taking a cut of the proceeds. (Does "taking a cut" sound too crass? Perhaps we should rephrase that as "receiving donations"... there may be tax advantages here.) Students would be first-in-line for the many forms of official and unofficial employment that a casino generates. And what better training for a lifetime career in the service industry?

There are a few niggling details. Where would it go? The obvious place is along the cliffs above Spanish Banks, adjacent to the Presidential Mansion. This area of the campus is ripe for development, containing only a few low-use buildings like the Museum of Anthropology. The marvellous view across the Strait of Georgia would create an unparalleled ambience. Of course, neon and so forth would be out of the question. The development would have to adhere to the Campus Plan, with elegant masonry facades and well-lit public spaces.

This concept is so obvious that someone must have thought of it before, and I refuse to take personal credit for it. This university has a chance to rise above the poverty that stares it in the face, to ensure a future of affluence and growth. But we'd better grab that chance, because it won't be there tomorrow.

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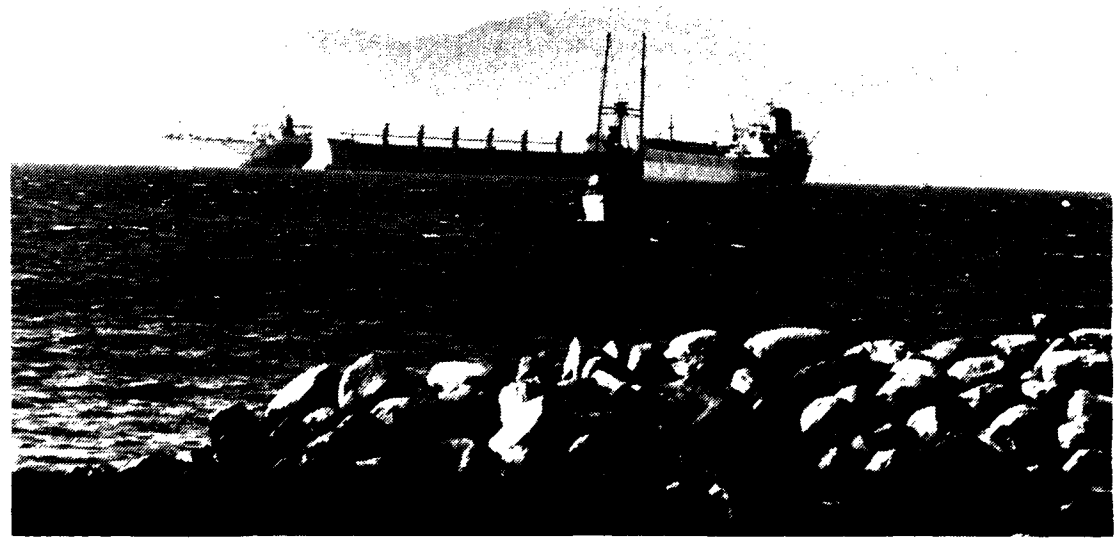

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Come sit in at the Board of Governors meeting March 17th at 2:30 p.m. in the Old Administration Building and let them know what you think of this plan.

Two wheels not so good, four wheels not so bad

PERSPECTIVE
by Bijan Sepehri

Lately, it has become trendy to condemn the car and extol the virtues of public transit and bicycles. A lot of the people doing this preaching overlook measures that could make cars more tolerable, and they whitewash the flaws in bicycling and transit that make these options less useful.

Before banning cars, they could look at improving emission standards. Vehicles like large trucks should not be exempt from equivalent pollution controls, and the provincial government could improve Air Care so its inspections are more consistent and accurate. Another improvement could include bringing back vehicle inspection and integrating it with Air Care, which would keep insurance costs down. If cars are to be banned, it should be the old, gas-sucking, oil-burning clunkers that are on our roads.

A major reduction in pollution could be made if internal combustion engines were made more efficient. As it is now, less than ten percent of the energy in the gasoline is actually spent pushing the car. If industry can build things like stealth bombers, it should be able to produce a car that is much more fuel efficient. It should also be possible to build hydrogen-powered or electric cars that perform as well as today's cars. While they would still require energy, they'd give off less harmful emissions.

So-called alternative transportation has also been glorified without looking at some of the basic reasons why it doesn't catch on. Carpooling is only good if you can rely on everyone in your pool to not be late, and if you don't need to deviate from your normal route. Cycling is a popular alternative, but it is slow. It's fine if you live near where you're going, but if you have to commute 25 kilometres each way, or if it rains, as it often does here, it can be damn unpleasant.

This leaves transit as the final alternative to the car. Ryan Pidcock stated that taking the bus is "a lot cheaper and less stressful, especially during rush hour." (the *Ubyssey*, 11 March "Two wheels good, four wheels bad.")

First of all, transit is damn expensive. Three dollars to go two ways is ridiculous, and it's more if you're a non-student going more than one zone. The discount for ticket books or bus passes is tiny, compared to what it's like in Europe.

A high-mileage car can commute from North Van to UBC in half the time transit takes, and park in the B lot all day for less money than taking the bus.

Secondly, taking transit is also aggravating, especially at rush hour when you're packed like a sardine into a bus or Skyrain car and have to mosh your way out before you miss your stop. The seabus is a nice novelty for tourists, but seeing the same waterfront for the two-hundredth time will drive you insane.

A feature cars have which transit cannot have is that you can go exactly where you want to go, whenever you want to go there, without having to worry about missing your connection. The public's use of transit is also discouraged because it's so slow. The buses do not run frequently enough, and many areas have too few routes available.

Skytrain routes towards the North Shore, Richmond, and Maple Ridge would reduce a lot of traffic and be faster than the existing transit routes. More express buses would also useful. People are willing to use transit, but the government must realize it cannot encourage them to do so by making it slow, unaffordable, and inaccessable.

It's important that before people try to ban cars, they realize that a lot more can be done to improve our automobiles and provide a *real* alternative to cars. While it may be politically correct to persecute those who drive cars, it is also a convenient way to let those who build our cars and run our transit system off the hook.

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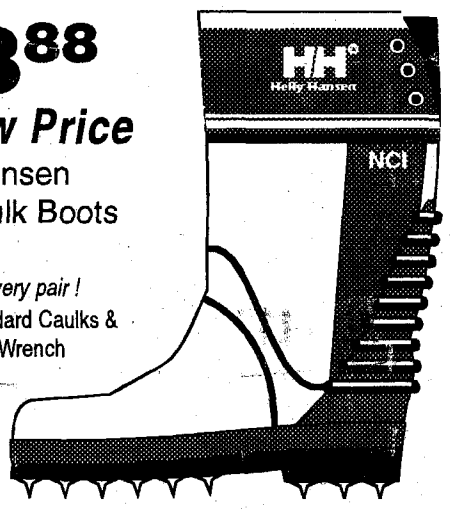

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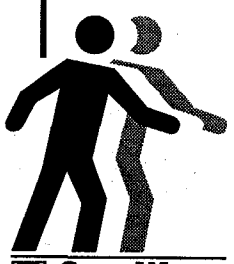

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Citizenship laws draw Russian criticism

by Taivo Evard

In February, Russian foreign minister Andrei Kozyrev restated president Boris Yeltsin's allegation that "ethnic cleansing" is taking place in the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

"In Latvia, they're trying to deport thousands of people to Russia. I call it ethnic cleansing," Kozyrev said in an interview with Newsweek in February.

The moniker is a curious one, given the "ethnic cleansing" that took place in the former Yugoslavia, where systematic rape and murder were practiced. However, Russian president Boris Yeltsin made similar accusations last June, including allegations of "apartheid" in Estonia and topped off with a veiled military threat.

"In calling on Estonia to review its position with regard to the Russians," Yeltsin said, "I wish to warn that the entire responsibility for possible disturbances of civic peace in Estonia will lie within Estonia's leadership."

The tempest rages around current citizenship-language laws, Laws on Aliens, which require citizens to have a knowledge of 1500 words in Estonian. In addition they require two years residence in Estonia followed by a one-year probation period. Russian colonists make up about 35 per cent of the population of Estonia.

"What we want here is that the Russians know the state language, and this is interpreted as discrimination and a violation of human rights," said Estonian minister of the exterior Langle Parek, in an interview with the Globe and Mail.

Parek said Russians are fleeing other ex-Soviet republics where they face persecution and murder, yet they complain about Estonia.

"The main contention by the Russian activists is the language requirements... which are the skills of a three-year old child," said Ilmar Heinsoo, consul-general of Estonia in Canada.

Heinsoo said the requirements are liberal compared to those of other European nations.

"What is being asked in Estonia is something less demanding than what is required in Canada," said Estonian energy minister Arvo Niitenberg. In Canada, a language test as well as a conversation with a judge is required.

The Laws on Aliens calls for non-Estonians to apply for citizenship or a residence permit before the end of 1995. Heinsoo said that preciously few have applied for citizenship, in the belief that their Russian citizenship will be to their advantage.

Russian occupants have threatened to take the northeast corner of Estonia into Russia. Two cities in the northeast, Narva and Sillamae, have 90 per cent and 98 per cent Russian populations respectively. Even its capital city, Tallinn, is about 50 per cent Russian.

Estonia has a long history of colonial Russification. Under the guise of industrialization, Stalin deported Estonians and replaced them with Russian workers. Alongside this, the Estonian language was banned under Soviet rule, and all cultural activities were severely discouraged. One in four Estonians were killed by the Soviets during the 1940s.

Estonian foreign minister Trivimi Velliste called the Moscow campaign against Estonia's citizenship rules "part of a larger effort to stake Russia's claim for influence in the Baltics once again."

Despite the history of antagonism, Estonia's new government has made efforts to respect non-Estonians' human rights.

"The Estonian government is trying to help, not to bar citizenship," Heinsoo said.

Estonia is planning 20 more centres for Estonian language instruction, particularly in the northeast where Russian concentrations are the highest. The European Community is also planning to fund extra schools for educating Russians.

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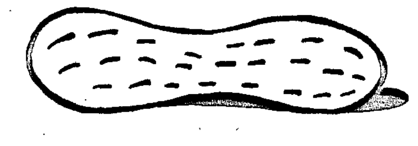

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ESTONIA

Sleeping with the Russian bear

by Taivo Evard

Those nations who must sleep in the same bed with Russia are left to bear the brunt of its government's temper during times of instability.

"I feel very scared for the future of Estonia," said Madis Pugi in an interview with Canadian Press. Pugi is a student visiting relatives in Tartu, one of the major cities in this tiny nation on the shores of the Baltic Sea.

"If Russia were stable, the Estonian economy would boom and the problems with the Russian-speaking minority would be minimal," he said.

Estonia's Russian-speaking minority, about one-third of the 1.5 million population, are upset at laws which may limit their chances to attain full citizenship. One of their main concerns is a law requiring all Estonian citizens to have a basic comprehension of the Estonian language.

In February, Russian foreign minister Andrei Kozyrev renewed president Yeltsin's accusation that the Estonian government engaged in "ethnic cleansing."

Kozyrev's accusation comes on the heels of an Estonian initiative to become a member of the UN security council. Estonian president Lennart Meri, formerly a writer and film director, made the proposal that Estonia be included on the UN permanent security council, as a nation so small would serve to balance the huge military powers who dominate world military interventions.

Kozyrev's accusation also comes after Russian nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky's election, promising to reconquer the former Soviet states and impose strong authoritarian rule, as well as make Russian the only official language once again.

While "independent" from Russia on paper, Estonia is still occupied by thousands of Russian troops and its islands in the Baltic Sea still house Russian nuclear weapons. It also remains dependent on Russia for energy and raw materials.

Estonia declared independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, but its history is steeped in Russian and German intervention. [see other stories]

Estonians live in the fear that if Zhirinovsky were to gain more influence, he would unhesitantly re-occupy the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, just as Russia did in 1940 after Germany and the USSR signed the secret Molotov-Ribbentrov pact which carved up Eastern Europe.

"If nationalism triumphs in Russia, this little point of light which is Estonian independence can be extinguished in a moment," Pugi said.

...a history of murders and deportations

by Taivo Evard

Estonia's 30 March 1990 resolution for complete independence from the USSR was not the first time the tiny nation broke away from its Soviet occupiers.

On 24 February 1918, an Estonian provisional government was created under Konstantin Pats. The Soviet Bolsheviks, weakened by revolution, could not successfully hold on to the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Estonia, however, remained under German occupation until November 1918.

By 1920, the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had each concluded a peace treaty with the Bolshevik regime in which "Russian claims to sovereignty over their territories were renounced in perpetuity."

Estonia lived 20 short years of independence, a time of prosperity and freedom the country had not and would not know for at least a generation. The signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, a secret protocol to a 23 August nonaggression pact between Stalin and Hitler, sanctioned the Soviet annexation of Latvia and Estonia, with Lithuania falling within the German sphere of influence. On 28 September, Lithuania was conceded to the Soviet sphere of influence as well.

Stalin quickly occupied half of Poland, and then shifted 160,000 troops from Poland to the Estonian border and demanded military bases in Estonia. He proposed a garrison of 25,000 Soviet troops, greater than the 16,000 member Estonian army.

Germany refused diplomatic support and also made it clear it would not tolerate any sea transport of arms from the West. On 16 June 1940, the USSR demanded the entry of unlimited Soviet troops and the formation of a pro-Soviet government. By the 18th, the occupation was complete.

On 30 July, president Konstantin Pats was deported to the Ural mountains.

"At that time, Estonia was still formally an independent state, and the deportation of its leading statesman by the neighbouring country was a low point in the history of modern international relations," wrote Rein Taagepera in *Estonia: Return to Independence*.

Between 1940 and 1941, "Housing became scarce as apartment dwellers were evicted on short notice to make room for colonial military and civilian personnel," Taagepera wrote.

Physical coercion was used to cement Soviet rule, including mass deportations under Stalin coupled with forced Russian immigration to dilute the Estonian population. Before the German occupation in 1941, population losses in the Baltic amounted to about 129,000.

In Estonia alone, 10,157 Estonians were deported on the night of 14 June 1941. Between June 1940 and August 1941 there were 59,967 documented deportations or murders of Estonians. Many were forcibly drafted, and intimidation of the population was used as a tactic of control.

During the German occupation, which lasted from 1941 until 1944, about 5,000 Estonians were murdered or sent to death camps by the Nazis. Most of the 5,000 Estonian Jews escaped to Russia, 400-500 were deported, and about 1,000 stayed and perished. These figures are available thanks only to Estonian documentation during the German occupation, as German authorities had forbidden any mention of them.

By the end of the second world war, Estonia had lost about one-quarter of its population.

Deportations resumed on a greater scale after the German retreat to stamp out any resistance to Sovietization. The years from 1945 to 1953 are called "the years of genocide" as Stalin carried out a war against the Estonians.

In March 1949, Stalin forcibly collectivized farms by ordering mass deportations of Estonian farmers. At least 20,000 Estonians, mainly farmers, were deported. Again, these deportations coincided with substantial immigration by Russians.

The Soviet Estonian Daily, *Rahva Haal*, on 30 December 1952 acknowledged this occurrence, though in a somewhat different light.

"When collectivization starts in our country," *Rahva Haal* wrote, "the Russian working class gave tens of thousands of its best representatives, who helped create a happy new life in our villages."

"The memory of this cruel 'help' is bound to colour the present ethnic relations in Estonia," Taagepera wrote.

The deportees were dropped in Siberia and Kazakh to fend for themselves, being forced to build cave-like huts, tear up ground to grow food, and somehow survive in the interval.

Russia's policy of Russification dates back for centuries. More recently, during the reign of Tsar Aleksandr III (1881-1894), the Russian language was imposed as the language of instruction in both state and private schools, and attempts were made to convert Estonians to Russian Orthodoxy.

Information from the 50-year Soviet occupation, officially ending in 1991, is scarce. Estonian language and culture were oppressed and discouraged, and all publications had a marked Soviet slant. By 1989, Russian immigration had reduced Estonians to only 61.5 per cent of their population.

Coercion was the Soviet regime's only long-term guarantor of Baltic quiescence. Even after the 1990 independence declaration, Soviet tanks rolled into the capital city of Tallinn in a display of force reminiscent of Stalin. This in the face of the various constitutions of the Soviet Union that have always guaranteed their constituent republics "the right of free secession" from the USSR.

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Zorn's Cobra plots world destruction

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An electric harp with a whammy bar, a guy who "played" a radio antenna and a thrash violinist. These were just a few of the conspirators in John Zorn's Cobra.

Cobra is more than an avant-jazz-punk-cartoon band—it's an intricate set of rules and patterns written by Zorn. The rules are followed by the 11-member band, all of whom are incredible instrumentalists in their own rights but who together blast out a sometimes painful, sometimes transcendent mess of sound.

Part of the audience experience was trying to figure out the meaning of the finger-pointing, head tapping and palm signals that were being traded back and forth between band members and Zorn. Every few seconds Zorn would hold up a colour-coded sign to the band that signalled a change in pattern and players, changes which had been in turn suggested by band members themselves as the pieces were played.

And the sound that came out . . ! Imagine Bugs Bunny racing through an exploding blender factory. Zorn's band Naked City combined Ennio Morricone film soundtracks with country and western and punk rock breaks, but Cobra is faster, more cacophonic and less traditionally structured.

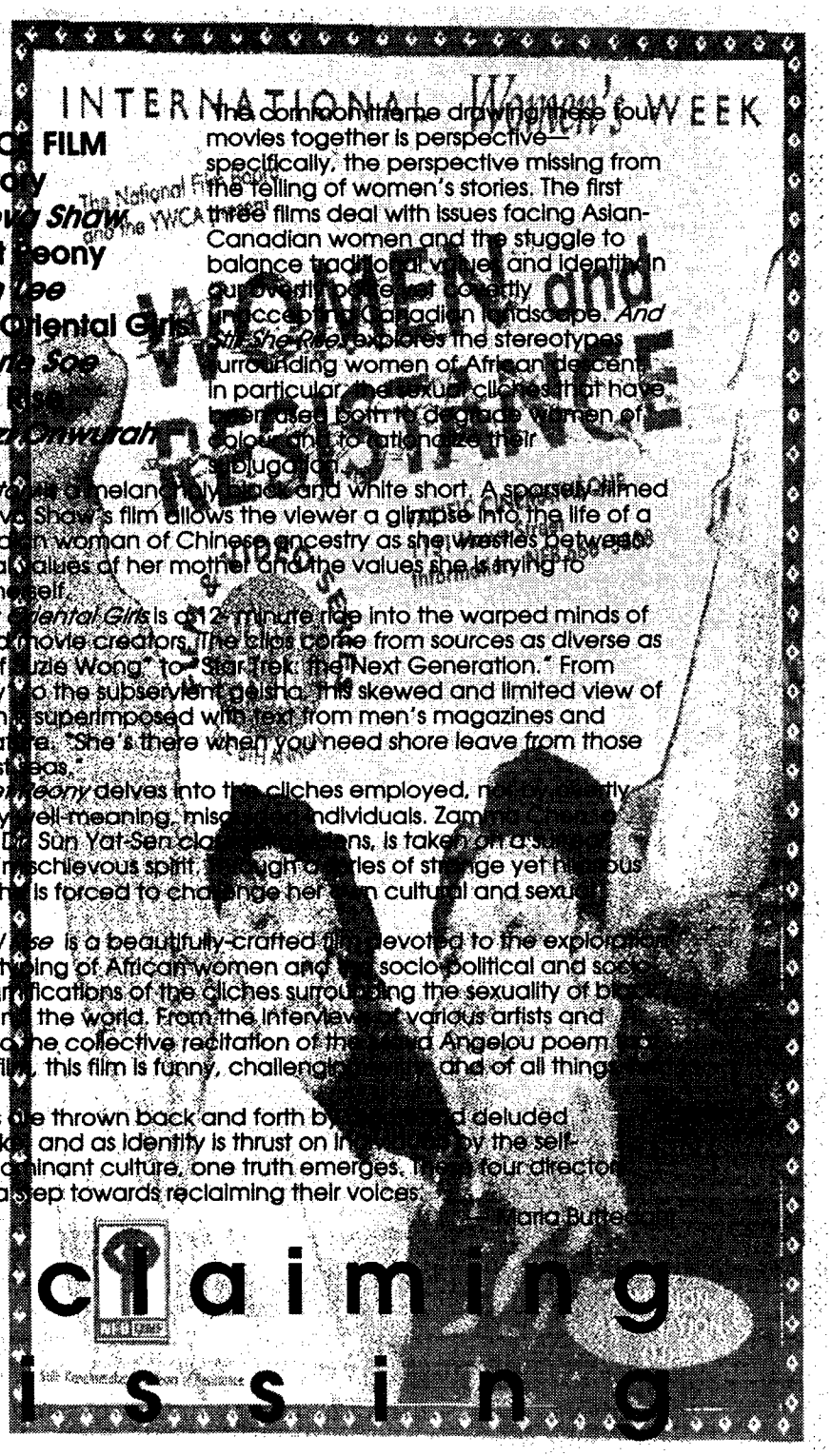
The cellist broke into "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" at one point, and there were several recognizable rock and pop riffs scattered around, but much of the time the musicians were playing music out of cartoon chases, infomercial channel surfing, poorly tuned radios and air raid drills.

The net effect was mixed. Once I was almost moved to tears (sentimentalist that I am) by the recognition of a certain violin sound that connected me with every Saturday morning of my youth. At other times I was just overwhelmed and perplexed, with little to latch onto.

One of my friends was nonplussed by the whole affair, and said that seeing Uzume Taiko the week before at the Cultch for six dollars was far superior. Zorn tickets were certainly steep ($30!) but Cobra offers something that only jazz-influenced music can deliver—the knowledge of having participated in a unique event that could never be duplicated.

Infuriating, exhilirating, obscure and familiar. Cobra was an insane, and great, experience.

— Graham Cook



Reclaiming Missing Perspectives

RESISTANCE FILM
Silent History
dir. Jeneve Shaw
My Sweet Peony
dir. Karin Lee
Picturing Oriental Girls
dir. Valerie Soe
And Still I Rise
dir. Ngozi Onwurah

The common theme drawing these four movies together is perspective—specifically, the perspective missing from the telling of women's stories. The first three films deal with issues facing Asian-Canadian women and the struggle to balance traditional values and identity in our diverse, yet distinctly unaccepting Canadian landscape. *And Still She Rises* explores the stereotypes surrounding women of African descent, in particular the sexual cliches that have been used both to degrade women of colour and to rationalize their subjugation.

Silent History, a melancholy black and white short. A sparsely-filmed drama, Jeneve Shaw's film allows the viewer a glimpse into the life of a young Canadian woman of Chinese ancestry as she wrestles between the traditional values of her mother and the values she is trying to develop for herself.

Picturing Oriental Girls is a 12-minute ride into the warped minds of television and movie creators. The clips come from sources as diverse as "The World of Suzie Wong" to "Star Trek: the Next Generation." From "dragon lady" to the subservient geisha, this skewed and limited view of Asian women is superimposed with text from men's magazines and popular literature. "She's there when you need shore leave from those angry feminist seas."

My Sweet Peony delves into the cliches employed, not by blatantly racists, but by well-meaning, misguided individuals. Zam[illegible] guide at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen classical gardens, is taken on a journey by a mischievous spirit, through a series of strange yet hilarious encounters she is forced to challenge her own cultural and sexual identity.

And Still I Rise is a beautifully-crafted film devoted to the exploration of the stereotyping of African women and the socio-political and socio-economic ramifications of the cliches surrounding the sexuality of black women around the world. From the interviews of various artists and academics to the collective recitation of the Maya Angelou poem that inspired the film, this film is funny, challenging and of all things to watch.

As labels are thrown back and forth by [illegible] deluded Sinophiles alike, and as identity is thrust on [illegible] by the self-appointed dominant culture, one truth emerges. These four directors have taken a step towards reclaiming their voices.

— Maria Butler

9 UBYSSEY CULTURE

Hey, Reality, BITEme!

GEN X FILM FODDER
Reality Bites
dir. Ben Stiller
now showing

With the last month of classes here and the prospect of graduation for many of us (including myself) getting closer, *Reality Bites* offers a possible look into our near future—what happens when we leave these hallowed halls? If this movie tells it like it is, that future don't look too bright.

Ben Stiller's trendy generation-X flick follows four graduating friends from college in Houston. Centered around Lilaina (Wynona Ryder), a promising videographer and valedictorian of her class, the movie shows how hard the job market is, how out of touch parents are to their childrens' needs and how corporate America isn't in sync with the pulse of our generation. The movie does this with a sense of humour that even Douglas Coupland would approve of. The search for the ultimate McJob (which, yes, can be found waiting at your local Gap), getting back at Boomers et al who don't realize the irony (definition please, Lilaina) of their ways, defining yourself not in your career but in your interests (witness Troy's career of getting fired) and feeling lost when it comes to relationships (whose parents weren't divorced?) are all hallmarks of Coupland's ideology. And for a Hollywood production, *Reality Bites* is pretty good at what it tries to show.

But this does not mean the film shows what our reality is. While espousing itself as the avant-garde movie for our generation, *Reality Bites* does no more than show an oversimplified, stereotypical portrayal of what Hollywood believes we should be and identify with. One cannot help but to identify with some aspect of the movie since every generation X cliché is thrown at the audience with characters who are parodies of their real life counterparts. This makes the movie seem somewhat trite and promotes an unrealistic collective identity for our generation. Not all of us find it hard to belong, not all of our parents are bumbling fools, and not all of our jobs stifle our personal growth. In contrast, one of the definitive aspects of generation X is its immense *variability and lack of a simplistic definition. But a* simplistic definition is what *Reality Bites* is trying to offer.

It is not just the concept of this film that is at fault. Lilaina often comes across as a little too cutesy and *embarrassable for her accomplishments. And Troy* (Ethan Hawke) at the other extreme, comes on as a little too cool, especially when on stage with his band. And while the movie is strung together by a progression of *interesting and funny anecdotes (the dreaded HIV test,* coming out to your parents, how to get fired with pride, how to get others to do your laundry), the in-between areas show the lack of any real story taking place. But, *the same could be said of reality as well.*

Reality Bites leaves you with some deep and profound questions: What happened to our generation? What happened to our parents' generation? Are we *alone in the end, and is there something there with us?* And does the Gap really have [illegible] folding seminars?

— Gavin Mackie

EDITORIAL

The UBC administration wants you to put your money down, learn fast and leave. If that "learn" part becomes a problem, just focus on the money and the leaving.

That's the message behind the administration's latest move to make graduate students pay up to $1000 more in tuition per year. The plan will penalize grad students because they will have to pay full fees, despite the fact that they do not use university resources as much as undergraduate students.

The admininstration is pushing for its usual goal of "streamlined efficiency"—and as usual is ignoring the realities of most of the graduate students at UBC. By the second or third year of their graduate degree, many grad students reach the limit available to them from Canada Student Loans. They are forced to take a part-time job and cut down on their course or thesis work, or to take a term off entirely and work full-time. Many graduate students are beginning families and often — especially women—end up with the bulk of childcare responsibilities at the same time. The "lucky" few can add underpaid teaching assistant work on top of that—in total, a long, tortuous degree process.

The logic behind adding a further penalty to already hard-pressed graduate students is fundamentally misguided. Inviting only wealthy students in, along with a very few scholarship types, means direct discrimination against the poor and those with families. Even leaving issues of justice and accessibility aside, drawing from the small pool of rich young folk, ultimately means a less diverse and less innovative graduate program.

This move is part of the overall shift by the administration to make UBC a "best and brightest" institution—read, "rich." The administration is neglecting the fact that many students cannot afford tuition as it is now and implementing extra fees will simply exacerbate this trend.

Eventually, the student population at UBC will primarily be fresh undergraduates who often are too intimidated or uninformed to question any administrative action. At the same time, UBC will attract more students from higher economic stratas—a move which will further extend class hierarchy to education. The reality is that most graduate students live below the poverty line. Increasing the fees will actually delay graduate student education because students will be forced to take jobs to supplement their income. The extra funds generated are to be directed toward graduate scholarships, but this does not address the larger issue of unequal economic means. All graduate students will have to pay the extra fees, but only "the best" will benefit.

Because of a grandparent clause, the policy proposal will not affect current grad students. This somewhat mitigates the level of discontent amongst current students. However, since it will apply to all potential grad students, it could discourage many scholars from attending UBC. Grad students are not any more lazy or procrastinating than undergrads, faculty, or administrators. To single them out for excessive punishment, solely for the sake of efficiency, is injust and must be protested. For undergraduates and others who think this does not apply to them—any of us may end up as graduate students some day, despite what you may think now. Plus, an administration that can change grad student policy with impunity will be more confident in raising undergraduate tuition with the same gall.

Many other universities have successfully rejected this sort of policy because of student protest. The Graduate Student Society is holding a rally on Thursday 17 March at 2:30 and meet at GSS and walk to admin building, and a sit-in at the Board of Governors meeting the same day. Be there, or abdicate your right to whine when they come for your tuition.

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Steve Chow and Steve Scali scampered away the second they heard the first powerful chords begin the mosh. Ted Young-Ing and Sarah O'Donnell immediately started flailing about the pit while Siobhan Roantree frantically tried to capture the glorious moment on film. Gavin Mackie and Niva Chow stood close by chewing on some bananna bread. Graham Coleman, Tanya Battersby and Katherine Smart joined the pulsating crowd of sweaty bodies only to get trampled by a thunderous Greg McNally. Graham Cook earnestly sat in the corner taking notes hoping he'd be able to play next time. Dan Walker gleefully surfed over the top of the crowd only to be dropped by Tessa Moon and Bijan Sepehri. Covered in bruises, Taivo Evard, Teresa Yep and Maria Buttedahl crawled out of the crowd and got stepped on by Liz van Assum. When the song ended, Sara Martin was the only one left standing.

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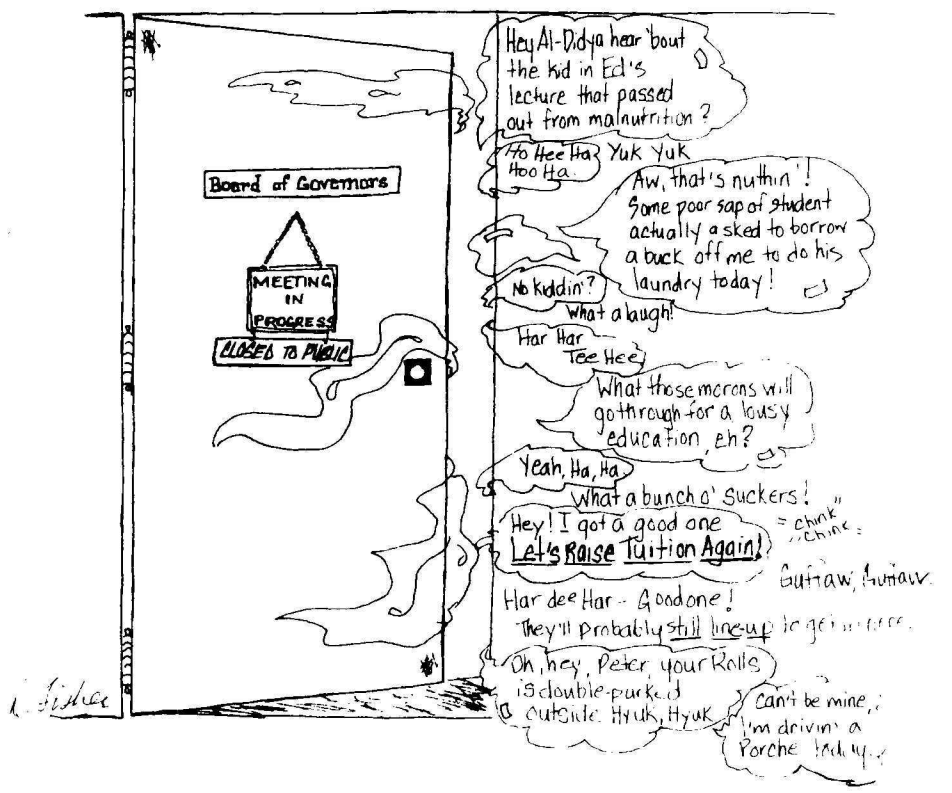


Letters to the Staff

leave kurt and river alone mr. cook!

In the light that was oh, so gloriously cast by Graham Cook's article of March 11, I wish to declare my desire to see Mr. Cook meet with the same end that he bestows upon Kurt Cobain. That of having the "decency to die" so that we may be spared of having to decipher the kind of drivel that is usually relegated to the pages of the Discorder.

Cook's comments about My Own Private Idaho and specifically River Phoenix, make me suspicious as to whether or not he has seen this "seminal" movie or if he could distinguish River Phoenix from Soleil Moon-Frye. While River Phoenix's 23 movie acting credits display a rich depth, despite typecasting, he "did not make enough films" for Graham Cook's liking. The fact is he did not live long enough to "fully explore his talent." Moreover, Mr. Cook's moral value judgements (River "lived fast, loved hard, died young, so what?") are patently simple and utterly unfounded. This kind of moronic tripe gives me hemorrhoids.

Further on, Cook's non-sequitorial, liberal-fluff rant fervently displays a gleefully articulate desire to tell the world that he has absolutely no point to make. Notwithstanding the fact that connections can be made between pop-culture and social-ills, this crud serves only to confuse and trivialize certain real issues that indeed reflect the "trouble with our times."

This pedantic, self-conscious and torturous "freestyle" perspective is tantamoung to eating meow-mix and squirrel shit for breakfast. Cook's editorial only demonstrates that he has a painfully basic toehold on the obvious and yet somehow, even that is lost on me. ...Oh wll...whatever...nevermind.

Brent Braybrook
student

some little piggies make big paychecks sitting on thier piggy asses...

What's cold is cold is cold is cold...achoooo!! How cold? So cold that I can't hear myself think forsake of the chattering of my own teeth. In the home or on the campus, it's all the same. Why do they always turn down the thermostat, insisting that what's warm enough for them must be warm enough for us?! Well, it ain't. the best part of me stops working in their "chilly climates" which brings me to my point—to draw attention to Hoenie's article in the Womyn's Issue of last week's Ubyssey (March 8, 1994). As a womyn and a 4th year arts student at UBC, Hoenei's article affirmed my own experience on campus.

Presently, I'm suffering from course inflicted frostbites and campus numbing. Hoenie's article was like a spring thaw. My teeth stopped chattering long enough to write this letter. I now know I am cold not only because I feel cold, but because there it is, on page and in black and white (and pink) print—written proof that it is cold: the chilly climate on campus exists!

But behold, the thermostat controllers are up in cloven hoofs and, in a piggy fat fist of denial, they squeal, "but your word is not our word! It doesn't meet our standards, fit our terms, suit our interests, fashion our tastes, feed our egoes! Your proof means nothing to us. It doesn't exist because it isn't real and is, simply, a figment of your imagination!" After which, there is a snoutful of satisfied piggy grunts, much hoof stomping and a snub-nosed pig cheer, "Oink, Oink, Oooohca!!"—which, suspiciously, sounds like a stuffy-nosed pig sneeze (oooohca spelt backwards is achoooo). Could it be that the campus drafts are also having chilling effects on the thermostat controllers or do pigs get colds?

Colleen J. Kern
Student

here's to real accomplishments-kudos to UBC students

The Uninversity of Toronto annually organizes the North American Model United Nations (NAMUN), at which universities represent various countries and their delegates attend committees dealing with such diverse topics as the environment, discrimination, and the Bosnian conflict; resolutions are drawn up and voted upon.

Sixteen students from UBC, many of whom belong to the International Relations Students Association (IRSA) recently attended NAMUN; seven represented the Russian Federation, five the Netherlands and four represented Thailand. The performance of the UBC delegates was absolutely first class; they were instrumental in drawing most of the resolutions and controlled the direction that much of the debate took. Four UBC delegates won best of committee awards, confirming the contribution that UBC made. UBC's success and standing at NAMUN, (which was also visited by the Minister of Trade), would not have been possible without the help of a number of people and organizations.

We would like to thank Prof Blake, Lonny Carlile, Prof Chou, David Edgington, Bill French, Ashok Kotwal, Fritz Lehmann, Paul Marrantz, Jake Newton, Peter Petro, David Schweitzer, Anne Scott, Alan Siaroff, Prof Smith, Paul Tennant and Mark Zacher for supporting our funding application and help in preparation. Thanks to the President's Allocation Committee and to the United Nations Association for their financial support, Roger Sharma for T-shirts, and many thanks to Donna Lewis of IBM Canada. (300 words).

Dinos Kyrou
NAMUN'94 Delegation

...and some little piggies thinks they're hotshit

[name redacted at request of author]'s article ("Female Faculty survey tells neverending story," March 8) had the "correct" ideological slant for the "Womyn's Issue," but, like many of the other article, played rather loosely with the facts. In the hope that redacted was merely well-intentioned and careless (as opposed to malicious and incompetent), I review selections from her article.

1. Referring to me, she says "In his UBC Reports article, he said the survey...did not itemize sexist behaviors." Actually I never said this in either of my UBC Reports articles. redacted will be unable to provide a quote. Retraction, please.

2. redacted says "It is clear from Steiger's statements that he did not read the original report, even though copies are available..." Actually, my second UBC Reports article quotes material directly from the Status of Women report. If you believe redacted I was able to quote from a report without having read it. I can now understand why radical feminists are so terrified of me. Not only am I phallocentric, photoreflective, pugnacious and patriarchal. I am also...psychic!! (*cut to fit 300 words but left on witty little tag at the bottom so jamie wouldn't get mad - ed note*)

I now look forward to each new Ubyssey with morbid delight, waiting for Janice's latest description of her terminal depression, Ted's latest efforts at self-mutilation, or whatever. Sure beats soap opera.

James H. Steiger
ph.d. psychology

300 words no sexist homophobic or racist content will be printed. we can edit for brevity love the ubyssey – dig it!

Burma bound: Heather trips on.

The following is from a series of articles sent from student abroad Heather Hermant. Heather spent two years here at UBC in sciences and is planning to return after travelling throughout Asia for about six months.

November 23, 1993.
Johnnie's Guest House, Mae Hong Son, Thailand.

Dear UBC,

I've come up with a few things to market when I get home:

- The Calendar: Dogs of Thailand (or Mangy Dogs of Bangkok)—color photographs for your kitchen.
- Virtual Reality driving in Thailand, so much better than Nintendo.

Anyway, we've just come back from a four day jungle trek highlighted by our schmoozy asshole guide who hit on us incessantly, using the language barrier as a crutch. And I forever ask myself: "Why do Thai men have this idea that Western women are easy, when Western men notoriously flock to Thailand (Bangkok) to have Thai Women?" Arghh!

Aside from that, the trek was phenomenal. We passed through a Burmese refugee camp (please don't tell my mom) about a half hour walk from a Burmese army camp, which freaked the shit out of me. First we stopped and saw all these really young guys without legs.

Then as we were walking away completely shocked and angry, a bunch more guys, one who must have been my age, came walking towards us, the young one in army fatigues carrying an M-16 machine gun (a big one, maybe I got the lingo wrong), and an older guy with a handgun in a strap around his sarong and carrying a bigger rifle. And they smiled and said "hi" and spoke fairly good english and told us it was about a 3 hour walk to the border, or at least that's what we understood—maybe it was to the front lines. "But there's no fighting right now, safe, safe."

The whole Burma situation is enraging. The woman who runs the guest house we trekked out of runs the headquarters for a Burmese student refugee camp north of here on the border. She is British and is married to a Shan Tribes man. Let me copy out my journal entry for you on how we heard about this guest house...

November 10, 1993.

Yesterday I met Sally. Canada is small. Sally works in Banff with Heidi. Sally is 26 and yesterday she told us an unnerving story about a country the world barely knows about. Sally went for a trek a few days ago, starting out at a small guest house in Mae Hong Son, a town Northwest of Chiang Mai, close to the Burmese border, and on this trek she saw living proof of the atrocities of the Burmese government (Myanmar is what Burma is now called).

> "These are students who voiced their opposition to the Myanmar regime, who spoke out for democracy and who faced forced labor, torture and near starvation as punishment."

The trek's destination was a no-person's-land refugee camp in the Thai-Burmese border, where Burmese students are sick with a strain of malaria that can be treated but not prevented because it is resistant to Mefloquine (Lariam), the drug most used as a prophylactic.

These are students like us from cities, students our age and some even younger. These are students who voiced their opposition to the Myanmar regime, who spoke out for democracy and who faced forced labor, torture and near starvation as punishment.

These city kids fled to the jungle where on the way many died of disease, starvation, exposure, and you name it. Jean is going back to the camp in January to teach english as a volunteer, and only we will know where she is. (You better change her name because her folks don't know...)

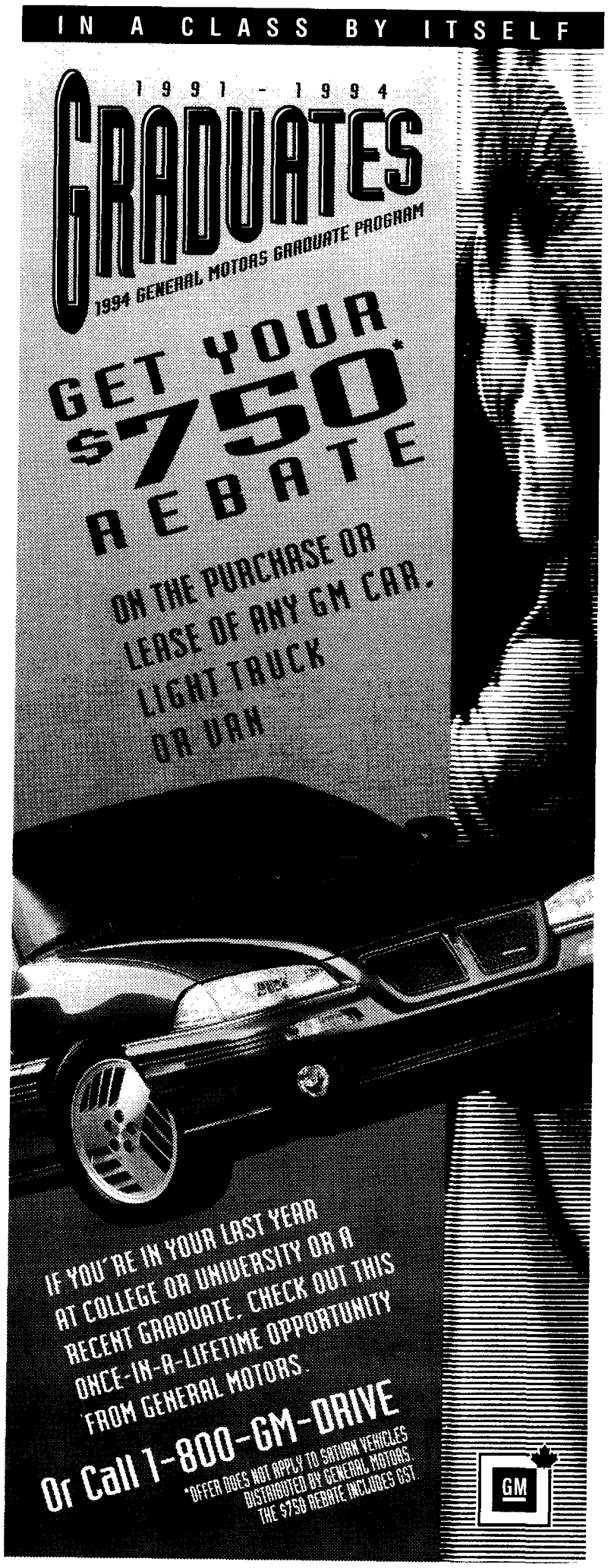
Jean said the students are very anxious to have their stories heard and their pictures taken, but they are shy with the fear of being recognized and sent home. Should the Thai government decide to crack down, the refugee camp could be dismantled in days.

I wonder if I am capable of dealing with the rage and the fear. There are realities to see. And has anyone ever heard of this place? I doubt it. No one has any idea, and meanwhile the Myanmar government rewrites history and disposes of those who oppose them and sings the song of reform and constitution to the rest of the world. Amnesty International has just awarded this government the worst human rights record in the world, and as we all know, that is up against tough competition.

And Myanmar has supposedly held democratic elections. How strange that the "elected" party does not have a single seat in the parliament and its leader is under house arrest.

To make matters worse, Myanmar is writing a "Constitution" Yes, a constitution which puts the military above all else, above the parliament, the final word. Nice.

So now I am back in Mae Hong Son. I've done a trek. I've seen young guys without legs bandaged and sitting in filthy (by our standards) hospitals and I had nothing, no medication, nothing to give them, and they are fighting with home-made weapons sometimes, and some are so young and many are extremely well-educated and beg to tell their stories. It is enraging and we live in a dream.



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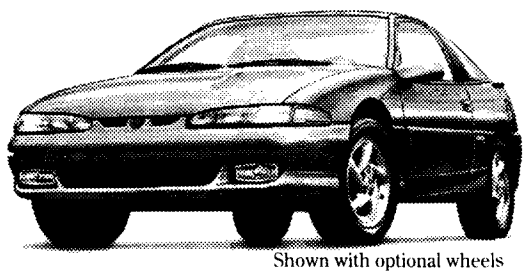

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