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This paper could save your life.

Inside is a completely unofficial, student - produced guide to the University of B.C.

Orientation

In past years, the Alma Mater Society has sponsored something called Frosh Orientation, designed to get first year students into the groove (rut?) early in the year.

This year, however, "Orientation 70" will broaden its scope to aim at all students on campus.

Events during the first two weeks of classes range from dances and a shoe-shining campaign to discussions of some major political issues.

The whole thing begins with dances on Sept. 11 and Sept. 12, designed to "allow students to meet each other in an informal and relaxed atmosphere," according to orientation chairman Lou Duarte.

The heavy stuff, a series of lunch-hour programs, begins Sept. 14, when Simon Fraser University professor Mordecai Briemberg presents an analysis of the university.

On Sept. 15, former arts undergraduate society president Dick Betts and AMS external affairs officer John Zaozirny will debate "the future of student politics."

On Sept. 16, Briemberg, UBC English department head Robert Jordan and classics department head Malcolm McGregor will discuss the role of students on university committees.

The need for a student union will be the topic the following day, with graduate student association executives David Mole and Everett Hoogers doing the talking.

The first week will end with a debate on Americanization of the Canadian University, featuring Carleton University professors Robin Mathews and James Steele, former UBC GSA president Art Smolensky and UBC profs Cyril Belshaw and William Webber.

The following week will focus on national problems.

Topics discussed will be: federalism (Parti Quebecois leader Rene Levesque vs. UBC history prof Alan Smith on Sept. 21); problems facing Quebec (PQ MLA Claude Charron and FLQ leader Charles Gagnon on Sept. 22P; B.C. labor problems (Sept. 23); and American investment in Canada (former Liberal cabinet Walter Gordon and former SFU student Jim Harding on Sept. 24).

The noon hour discussions will all take place in the SUB ballroom.

Otherwise, Shinerama takes place on Sept. 18. Students will be given the chance to shine shoes downtown in order to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

The afternoon of Sept. 20 will see a hootenanny (bet you thought those went out with the Kingston Trio) at Towers Beach.

The SUB ballroom will be the site of a "Beer Garden" on the evening of Sept. 23.

Films and Musical Society presentations on a "Roaring Twenties" theme will dominate Sept. 24 and 25.

It will all finally grind to a halt with a costume dance on Sept. 26.

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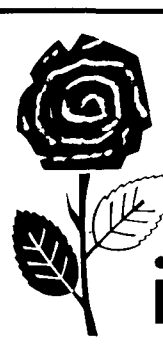

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Tuum Est is the only student-produced guide to UBC you'll find. Anything else has been dabbled in by the administration, which makes it immediately suspect.

Most of Tuum Est is advice gleaned from the hoary beards of senior students, who learned the hard way. If you can't find out what you want to know in these pages, you'll at least find where to go to find out.

If you don't learn anything else from reading Tuum Est, learn to ASK when you don't know. And that includes when the rules intrude into your life—ASK how to bend or break them. Ask anything, from anybody. Who knows, it might even save your life.

From here on, it's up to you. Welcome, and good luck.

YES, IT IS a steaming plate of food services food.

Services and how to use them

Aaaarrrggghhh!

You say you're hungry, homeless, sick, and without a parking spot?

You say you want your mommy?

Relax. You're not alone. There are about 4,000 others just like you who are in the same boat. (That's a comforting thought.)

This little chunk of Tuum Est is designed to remedy some of your problems by letting you in on what is what on the gargantuan UBC campus.

Your first problem is to find out exactly where the hell you are. You have two ways to accomplish this feat – first, you can ask the person standing beside you, but it is doubtful that he will be able to help you even if he's been here for five years.

Second, you can look at the sign in front of the building you are in or beside. These are usually correct, unless the engineers, in their usual helpful manner, switch these signs all around campus as has happened in the past.

Once you have checked where you are, turn to the administration's map. It details the entire campus layout in glorious black and white.

Big place, eh?

Well, since you're going to be here for a while (till Christmas, anyway) it's fairly important that you know where your classes are and the quickest route to get from one to another.

You have only ten minutes between classes (they end at 20 past the hour and start again at half past).

Since most profs like to lay some additional words of wisdom on you after their class, you will often only have a couple of minutes to sprint across campus to your next class, so you had better know how to get there as quickly as possible.

Now that you've spent some effort in finding out where things are on campus, you're probably a bit hungry.

This naturally brings up the food on campus (which happens quite frequently) and the places where it is served.

To the connoisseurs of fine food, UBC is referred to as Ptomaine City. And with good reason . . . last year's gala Christmas dinner at Place Vanier (a university residence) ended with a mammoth diarrhoea epidemic as a result of food poisoning attacks.

Ruth Blair, the head of food services admitted last year in an interview with The Ubyssey that grilled cheese sandwiches are the most popular item on the residence menu. (There is an answer for this – how can you screw up a cheese sannie?)

YOU'LL SOON LEARN not to park in the wrong places. To find the right places go to the traffic office, northeast of SUB.

There are several places where you can get food here. SUB has the biggest cafeteria with the longest serving hours – 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. as well as operating on weekends.

All of the other cafs open at the same time, however, most are closed by 4 p.m. These include the bookstore, gym, Barn, auditorium and Buchanan. The Ponderosa, the second-largest caf on campus, is open until 6 nightly.

Although the food is the same at all these places, the atmosphere varies quite a bit.

The long-hairs hang out at the auditorium caf and Buchanan, the jocks at the gym eatery, and the engineers dominate the Ponderosa.

The rest have a smattering of just about everybody. You will get used to spending 10 to 20 minutes looking around for a table in plastic surroundings where you can munch thoughtfully on your stale hamburger.

Tramp, tramp, tramp

Until they get drive-in restaurants on campus you will have to park your car before you eat. This brings us to our beloved parking services.

Check your little administration map again. See those big blank spaces out in the middle of nowhere – those are the parking lots. They look pretty far away, don't they. Well, they look a lot farther when it's pouring rain and you have to run madly from D lot to a mid-term exam in Buchanan – about a mile away.

There are some lots situated quite close to the academic buildings but these have been reserved by upper-classmen and grad students long ago.

For the privilege of parking out in the boonies you will pay five bucks. Others who are in the nearby lots pay as much as $15 so there is some justice.

Those of you who live in residence can arrange with your residence clerk for parking in the rez. lots.

The rest of you must get your parking stickers from the traffic office, located on Wesbrook Crescent just past the winter sports centre. The traffic office is also where you pay parking fines. The fines usually amount to $5 but can jump by $5 for each additional offence. To avoid fines, make sure you park in the right lot.

These fines have to be paid within 48 hours. If you fail to do this your car could be towed away when it is spotted, although this is a rarity. The best idea is to pay the fine.

About finding a place to live. If you live in residence, you have this problem licked if you don't live in residence, you will have some worries.

Off-campus housing lists are available at the AMS housing committee office in SUB and additional leads come from the classified ads in The Ubyssey and the downtown press.

For a detailed look on the housing situation, check page 21.

Books, books, books

It's sort of a long-standing tradition out here that a good student should look at a book every once in a while. That's why we have a library.

The university library is a wondrous labyrinth of stairs and passageways. As well, there are a few books.

To find these elusive books is almost a hopeless task for the new student. The main library is very confusing so don't hesitate to ask for help.

At the beginning of each year there are library familiarization tours which help, but nobody seems to have the time to take them. Make time. It will save you quite a few hours later on.

If somehow you miss these tours, you can find the books you need by looking in the various files in the catalogue section on the fifth floor of the main library. The catalogues are listed under author-title, subject, and location sections. As well, on every floor there are signs on the walls for places where books so numbered are located.

A simpler route to travel is right next door – Sedgewick library. This mammoth book-bin is considerably easier to understand and is generally sufficient for the uses of first and second year students. But you'll sometimes find a book in the main library when all the Sedgewick copies are out.

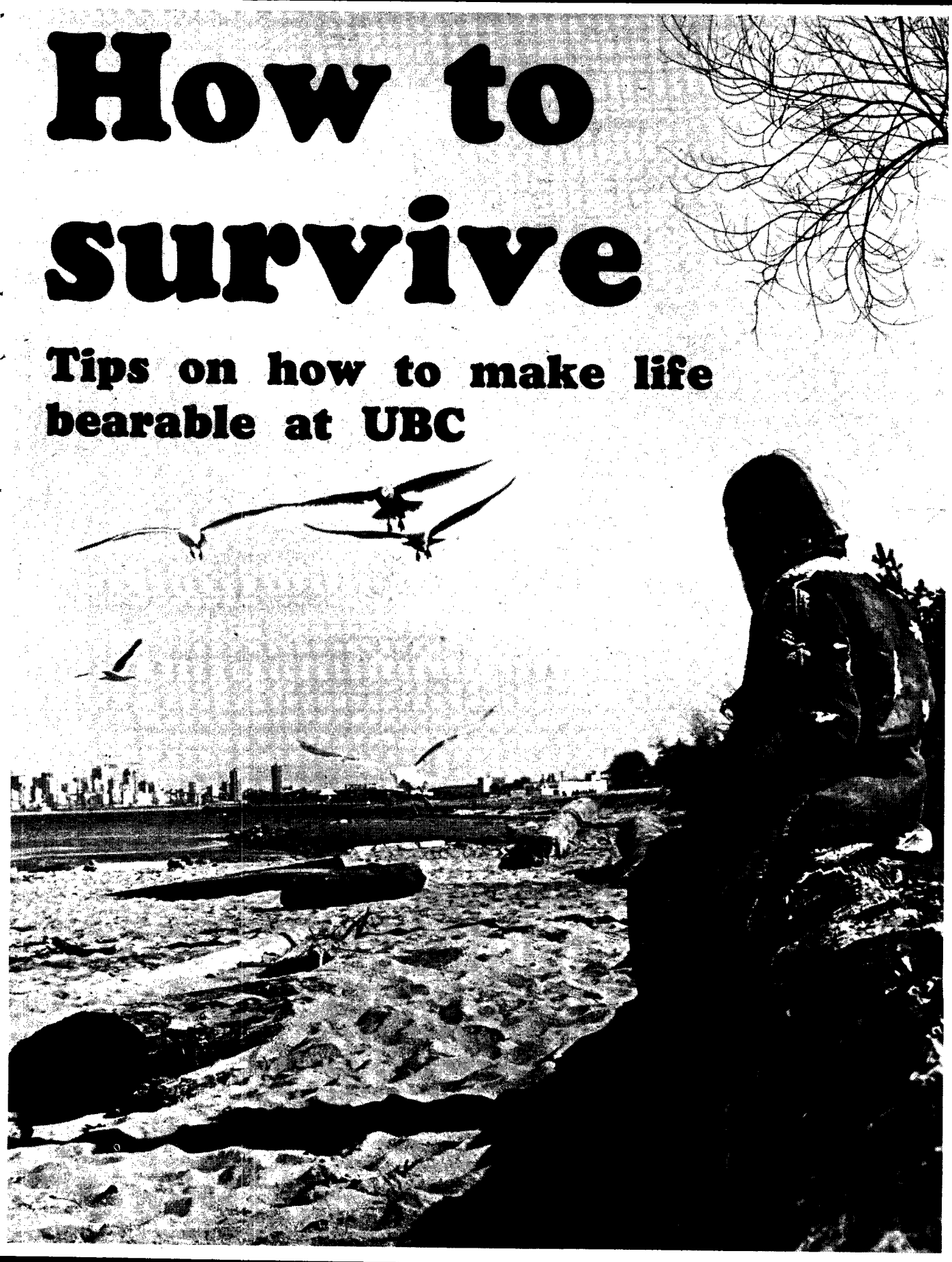
There are other libraries on campus but these are somewhat specialized. These include law, medical, math, braille, etc. and you will be told if you need to use them.

Libraries serve another purpose besides getting books – namely, study space. You will notice great masses of empty tables and chairs throughout the library . . . unless of course you want to study. Then, there isn't a chair to be had. The reason for this is because people generally study during the few weeks before exams . . . funny thing, that's when you wanted to study, too.

Study space is also available at Brock Hall, the little yellow building beside SUB. Inside, there are rows of

How to survive

Tips on how to make life bearable at UBC



Play the game.

That's the only way you're going to survive this place.

We're not talking about monopoly, scrabble, or snakes-'n'-ladders. We're talking about UBC.

This is a big place with a lot of people. However, you must realize that, big and impersonal as the campus is, there is an easier way to get through "the factory" picking up some good marks, close friends, and fun times along the way.

The answer – play the game.

The rules are simple:

Don't get upset when you first get here. This can prove to be very difficult if you have attended high school outside of Vancouver. For you, this will seem like a pretty grim place at first.

Vancouver is big, wet, . . . and scary. A helluva lot of students new to the city have packed it up and headed home before even registering because of this very reason.

Stick it out. Give it, and yourself, a chance. What is strange now may well turn into a great time . . . it generally does.

Finding a place to live. This can turn out to be the biggest problem of them all. Unless your dad is Mr. Wonderful with the bucks, you're going to be a victim of the housing shortage.

Houses, rooms, apartments, and light-housekeeping suites are hard to come by . . . and they are expensive. The secret is to get down here (or have a friend down here) a month before classes to find a suitable place to stay.

If you blew it, just getting here during registration week without a home, check the housing lists put out by the AMS in SUB. Next year, get here earlier.

● Registration week. Don't let the line-ups bug you. If you hate being at the end of a 500-yard line-up, get to your place of registration half an hour ahead of time with a good book For the line-ups at the armories for books, the strategy is slightly different. Get there early in the morning. You will find a lot less people there and the staff will have more time to take care to your needs.

If you find your prof in any course to be a dead loss, switch to another section or another course. You will soon find that it is the prof that makes the course good, bad, or wishy-washy. You only have two weeks to switch, so make up your mind quickly.

● Take it for granted that you are going to choose some lousy courses during your first year or two at UBC. However, after a couple of years here you will know which courses have good profs, interesting material, and no exams – all very desirable points.

Besides choosing lousy courses, you may also choose to enrol in a faculty which turns out to be a big pain. In their first three years here, people have enrolled in a different faculty each year. If you

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More Services

little cubicles complete with little people laughing and talking . . . which makes it rather difficult for the other little people who are trying to study.

The other bad news item you will have to put up with while looking for study space are the seat-savers. These are the people who plunk a book and a jacket at a table and the head off to SUB for a three-hour coffee break.

You can handle this quite simply. Just remove their crap from the table and place it on the floor beside you while you take over the space. Nobody can save. Not even fourth-year students. Unless they're bigger than you.

There is, howere, one area where space can be reserved. This is inside the main library, right in with the stacks of books. There are primarily for grad and fourth-year honors students so you will likely be out of luck here.

Libraries are not the only thing you have to know about books. There is also the matter of having to buy some texts for your courses.

If you thought the line-ups for registration were long, wait till you have a look at the book buying line-ups at the armory on West Mall. Talk about the population explosion, here it is.

Any time you see a short line there, jump into it. You're bound to find some book you need in the maze.

The other place where you can get hold of books is the bookstore on the main mall. This is where you will be buying most of your books during the year except during the first couple of weeks.

A helpful hint to save money is just to buy the books you need at the time. Some of the other books which your profs suggest, you will never get around to using. Also on money, keep all of your sales slips.

At the end of the year, you can get a 5 per cent rebate on whatever you have spent on books and school supplies at the university during the year. This rebate is handled at the bookstore.

A sneaky way of picking up some extra cash is to grab any sales slips you see lying around and save them for rebate time. If you are lucky enough to get a mammoth pile of sales slips, don't cash them all in at once. Get your friends to share the burden.

Another way to save a few bucks is to buy used books instead of new ones. There are some available at the armory, but these are in short supply. A better idea is to check the notice boards around campus where you will find them advertised at cut rates. A simple phone call can save you as much as $40 or $50.

Once you get all these books, you need somewhere to stick them. (Not there, stupid.) You can get a locker for one or two dollars for the year by asking around at your undergraduate office during registration week. Sometimes these things come in handy when you don't feel like hauling 25 pounds of books back and forth to class every day.

Services are provided for your good health, both physical and mental. In order to quality for these, you must fill in the necessary forms while registering. If you live in B.C. this will only amount to a couple of dollars but if you are from outside the province, they will soak you for about 50 skins.

Warning: don't get sick on weekends, the university's Wesbrook hospital is incredibly understaffed at that time. Also, don't get hit by a car or fall down or anything like that – ambulance service is almost non-existent.

The administration building beside the gym on University Boulevard is where you can scream about your courses and plead for money in the form of bursaries and scholarships.

Finally, if this paper doesn't fill in all of the blanks, there are several places where you can get advice at UBC.

The student counselling and placement centre on West Mall will try to assist you and maybe even find you a decent part-time job during the school year. But probably not.

Another less formal advice centre is Speak Easy located in SUB and the ombudsman's office, also in SUB. These people will do their best to help you and will give you as much time as you need.

The information booth in the main foyer of SUB can also give you a bit of help if you're lost and the people there are quite friendly.

That's mostly where things are at out here. Don't panic if you can't figure everything our right away, you'll probably muddle through somehow. The rule is: if you don't know, ask.

And, oh yes, good luck.

IF YOU WANT to survive, you'll need lots of sleep.

Survival

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don't like what you are doing, don't stick it through to a degree just because you are bugged with the idea of losing a year.

There is absolutely no sense behind completing a degree in something you hate. All this will qualify you for a job in the same line. Therefore, don't be afraid to switch faculties.

● Attend most of your classes. I know it's a painful experience but a fact of life out here is if you attend your classes, you probably will do all right.

Profs here generally don't take attendance, however, there are a few whiz-bangs out of the old school who do. Despite the fact that you probably won't be missed (some of your classes might have as many as 500 students), show up. You will learn something even if only through osmosis.

As well, you can't count on the text to get you through because some professors throw out the book and examine solely on lectures.

Xeroxing a friend's notes is also a crummy idea, simply because you probably won't read them and if you do, you probably won't understand them.

So do something!

● Never complain you have nothing to do.

There are umpteen clubs out here, all eagerly awaiting members. Whether your interests be social, cultural, political, or athletic, there is a club for you.

If you aren't much of a club type, there are still plenty of things to do. UBC always has something doing (although often mediocre) and downtown Vancouver is usually hopping.

A good piece of advice to follow is this: there is so much to do with your time, don't waste it. Don't lie around sleeping or watching TV: either do some work or get out and have a good time.

● Watch your money. First of all, if you are living away from home and plan any kind of social life at all you will need about $2,000.

If you have a car, add on to this figure accordingly.

There are several places you can remedy your financial ills. First, try your parents. They are probably so glad to be rid of you, it will be worth it for them to kick in a few bucks just to keep you at university and away from home.

Dean Walter Gage's office in the Buchanan building is the place to pick up forms for student loans and to inquire about bursaries and scholarships. You will find it a bit difficult to catch him in his office, but when you do get a chance to talk to him, he will give your requests a fair hearing. Dean Gage, also UBC president, has been known to cough up money out of his own pockets for students.

● Vancouver is wet. This brings up several little items of business which are worth heeding.

UBC is a big umbrella pool. Everybody steals umbrellas. Somebody will steal yours and you will steal somebody else's. However, if you buy a gaudy enough umbrella or put some kind of identification on it which makes it easy to spot, it will be among the last ones pilfered.

The first and last months of the university year are sunny (usually) so during these times get outside. Trips to the country and to Stanley Park are cheap and also more fun than most costly forms of entertainment.

Rainy days are good for studying. However, they are no excuse for moping around the house doing nothing.

● Speaking of things to use – there's always your profs.

By using your profs, I mean go and see them in their offices. Communicate with them. That's what they have office hours for.

If you talk to your prof, telling him your views on the course and your difficulties with it, you are one giant step ahead off the game.

They'll get to know you, which can really help when you pull of a 49 per cent on the final exam.

They can also advise you about further courses in the same department. Who knows, you might even get to like each other.

● There are places to eat other than in food services cafs. You know, places where they serve real food. Restaurants.

If you restrict yourself to eating on campus, you're making a big mistake. Remember, you are what you eat. (yeechhhh!)

The Village shopping centre on University Boulevard has three cafes in it. The food is a bit better here, especially at Jon's, however, the prices of the latter are pretty steep.

There are a bunch of cafes just outside the gates on Tenth or Broadway, some of which are worth a try.

For more interesting, and often surprisingly cheap meals, try Chinatown and Gastown. The former has several "alley cafes" which, although a trifle "greasy-spooney" serve incredibly inexpensive Chinese food.

For the green thumber

Despite what mom, dad, and Mayor Tom Terrific have to say about hitch-hiking, it's a good way to get around in Vancouver.

About 3,000 students hitch to and from campus every day. Most of them seem to make it on time. Girls get picked up right away, of if you're a guy it's usually not a bad idea to hitch with one.

You will find that the line-up of people thumbing beside Wesbrook hospital is a sure way of getting a ride off campus. It might take a few minutes before somebody picks up up but it is nice to know you have bilked B.C. Hydro out of its 265 cent gyp.

● The final rule in the game, which when you are starting out at UBC is more important than any of the others, is – ASK QUESTIONS If you don't know something you should know, ask.

Otherwise, you'll never know.

Listen to advice, read Tuum Est, and go along with frosh orientation. You can discard what advice you don't want, but there will always be some information that will help you.

Glad you could make it to UBC. We hopeyour stay is a pleasant one.

Ominous rumblings

PANGO PANGO (UNS)–Some 22,000 puce blorgs descended on Bemquist Memorial University in this island capital today, waving paper and throwing avocados. Sources said there were ominous rumblings among the crowd, said to be instigated by a dialectical materialist.

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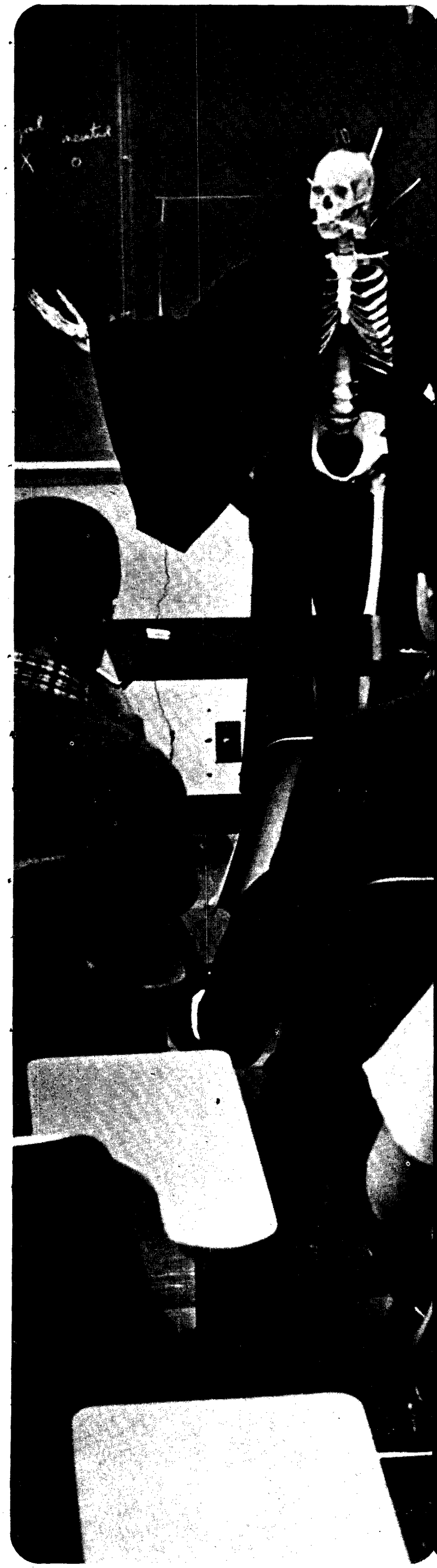

In Class

By Leslie Plommer

It'll be different when you get to university. You'll be treated as an adult – with the privileges and responsibilities accorded an adult in a place of higher learning. Or so the story goes.

And to an extent it's true. You can wear whatever you want at UBC. You can come and go with greater freedom and are given responsibility for a wider range of activities than in secondary school. And professors will even call you Miss, Mrs. or Mr.

All really quite exciting – but hardly the reason you came to university.

Hopefully, you came to get an education: to benefit in some way – however nebulous or specific – from the interaction between professors and students at university. A commendable approach to a lofty ideal. But it's not quite that simple.

Classes – the formal framework of student-prof interaction – for example. You've no doubt been told that the matter of class attendance is up to you when you get to university. Forget it. One of the saddest things about post-secondary education, as you will soon discover, is the marked resemblance it bears to secondary and pre-secondary education. You will find that UBC profs can be just as petty and vindictive as high school teachers when it comes to class attendance.

And there's not a hell of a lot you can do about it. Make no mistake: the professor is the master when it comes to class. The university gives him a hefty chunk of freedom as to what he does with a course. It CAN be a truly exhilarating educational experience. But it can also be – more often than not, many would say – very sad, even sick.

A stupid ass

I had a first year French prof who called me a stupid ass – in my absence – in front of the class because I didn't choose to attend his so-called French lectures. In fact these consisted of showing off his knowledge of the finer points of Rumanian – and the other seven languages he was so proud of speaking.

I also had an English prof who told me he'd dropped down a letter grade on my term paper because I hadn't attended his classes regularly. It made no difference that the paper was good. It made no difference that when I did go to class, I made an effort to contribute to discussions instead of being part of the note-scribbling majority who sat at the back of the class. Quantity, it seems, was more important than quality in his class.

My experiences aren't unique. Nor were my professors freak personalities.

For most profs, classes and class attendance are an ego trip. (Notice the grand entrance after the bell rings – you're lucky such such an important, pre-occupied personage condescended to appear at all.) Profs know damn well that when attendance shrinks and shrinks, there's something wrong with what's going on inside the classroom.

If your profs give you any hassle at UBC, remember this: your opinions are quite probably right.

Given the crap that's shovelled in so many classes, day in and day out, it's frankly remarkable so many students do attend as many classes as they do. But when a prof DEMANDS class attendance, it can only be viewed the height of arrogance. If his classes are all that important then it won't take students long to discover that if they want to benefit from, or even pass, a course, they'll have to go to the lectures.

But you know who's boss. You know who hands out the marks. You know who will be upset if you don't show up for class and who will suffer the effects of a piqued pride. You know whose orders and ideas take precedence.

You may decide – as many do – that your time could be better spent outside the classroom. Your prof, needless to say, won't agree.

Something to say?

Why should he expect to command some kind of total attention merely because he is in charge of class?

For too long students have looked up to the holder of a graduate degree, thinking that this piece of paper and a teaching position mean a professor has something to say. He very well may. But all too often it's apparent the prof is little more than a self-centred bore.

It can be difficult at first to confront Certified Knowledge. A prof tells you the novel is great and it's convenient to decide that your opinion of the novel – that it is a piece of garbage – is wrong. It can be easy to decide he is right and you are wrong.

Get this straight from the start: you could very well be absolutely right.

More and more students are coming to see – with progressive clarity as their experience with profs grows through the years at university – that respect must be earned, rather than handed over without question simply because a man or woman has a degree. "Because I said so" is not a satisfactory answer to the question "why?"

Things are changing but there is still the master-slave relationship to contend with. None of us can escape it. Professor as boss is probably most significant when dealing in the realm of ideas – especially new ideas.

Profs will often promote the old "don't regurgitate what you've heard in class – I'm interested in your own ideas" routine. Some mean it and most are sincere when they "say" it. But just try a few of "your own ideas" with some profs and illusions about "objective scholarship" will dissolve in very short order.

The same is true when they tell you: "I don't care what you write, as long as you can give me examples to support your ideas." Some profs are sincere in this; others aren't and can never be.

Personal biases and pet theories will color the evaluation of many a paper. How can we expect an ancient and self-important Milton scholar to give a first-class mark to an undergrad hotshot whose ideas

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More Classes

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differ from those of the old master?

As in the issue of class attendance, there is little that you can do about this directly. Some people try taking their papers to another prof for a second opinion, but this is a risky business because the original prima donna prof often takes offence. And he has the last word. So proceed at your own peril.

Student discontent is also the bitter fruit of the day-to-day life in most classrooms at UBC. The only large-scale exception to the general rule of stifling formal classroom atmosphere — especially in the first year — is the New Arts One program, now going into its fourth year.

Here there is a feeling of unity and equality in the interaction among professors and students, due mainly to a seminar format which brings in little of the formal lecture-type schedule and maximizes the student's facility for expression and individual discovery.

Changing it

But there are at least two efforts slated for the coming year that will help bring individual classrooms and professors throughout the university into wider discussion and evaluation.

The Alma Mater Society is working on a campus-wide program of course evaluation. This will hopefully be published in the form of an anti-calendar to be available for students next year.

Although anti-calendars have appeared at UBC in previous years, they have generally been restricted to a single faculty, and haven't contained all courses offered. The AMS hopes to co-ordinate these sporadic attempts at the rating of courses and professors from the student point of view.

The second endeavor will be undertaken by the staff of The Ubyssey.

In most issues of the paper this year, you should see some classroom reporting. This has appeared in other university rags in Canada, and consists of a simple report of what goes on in a certain class on a given day. Reports will include the name of the prof, course number and subject, and class hours.

Classroom reporters will be popping up all over the campus. If your class is pretty good or pretty bad, you might ask The Ubyssey to attend. Or write something yourself.

These are general attempts to stimulate classroom activity by groups of students — students who aren't necessarily chained to the same class as yourself.

If you're particularly dissatisfied with a prof you have to spend the rest of the year listening to, you can always write or talk to your department head. It's probably better to do this with others, since numbers are more convincing than one person showing up to complain. And the chances are good, if it's a legitimate beef, it won't be hard to find other students who agree with your criticisms.

If you don't like the structure of a class, get a few people to ask the prof in classroom time what

The class exists to serve the students. Use it or be pulled on down.

he proposes to do about exams, discussions etcetera. Try to spark a class discussion on what you and your fellow classmates want to do through the year – what you are hoping to get from a course.

This isn't as hard or frightening as it seems. This method has allowed more than a few students and groups of students to get profs to agree to take-home exams rather than formal efforts, better marking systems, and seminars instead of classes.

The prof will probably tell you what he plans for the year in the first couple of classes but if he doesn't, stick up your hand and ask. When you find out what he intends, ask questions, propose alternatives, engage in discussion. When he finds you are interested in more than just tripping through the year on his coat-tails, he will be less likely to take the easier, authoritative approach to running the class. He will be more likely to consult you on decisions affecting the format and even content of the class.

And if these attempts don't come off in class, you can always go to his office and confront him there.

Remember that you and your fellow students are the reason professors are at UBC. Without the money that you and your parents supply, profs would be tramping the streets. Its valuable to keep this in mind when they try to tell you how lucky you are that they'll spend the time of day with you.

Sadly, it won't be long before you are enmeshed in the master-slave relationship. Sometime – maybe sometime soon – during your academic years, a professor will screw you. It's virtually inevitable. But there is no reason why you should lie down and spread your legs for him.

If university has anything over secondary school, it has potential. But this potential must be defined and seized – even wrestled for – if it is to be utilized. You as a student MUST be involved in that definition because you are a full, legitimate and entirely necessary half of the educational process.

And that potential is being defined every day in every class at UBC.

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The food and the company is good

Situated across the street from the grad students enclave is International House; a place for foreign students to do their own thing and a place for Canadian students to find out what that thing is.

IH director Dave Roxburgh outlines some of its functions: variety luncheons for all UBC students, Caribbean food Monday, Greek food Tuesday, East Indian food Wednesday, South American food Thursday and Oriental food Friday, reception and orientation programs for foreign students, student exchanges, beer parties and international style parties.

IH also has a speaker's bureau, providing specialist speakers on foreign countries for conventions and the like. IH is also one of the last places to serve 10-cent coffee (last year it was 5 cents).

There are also fifteen foreign clubs at IH, the biggest being the Chinese Students Club. Drop in if you want something besides stale SUB sandwiches for lunch.

Situated in IH is Canadian University Service Overseas CUSO was started at UBC in 1960, even before the U.S. Peace Corps, and now sends graduate student volunteers to more than 45 countries.

Percy Hubert, a former Ethiopian CUSO representative, says every grad should do a stint to see how the poor two-thirds of the world lives.

CUSO head Phil Bartle explained that CUSO sends brochures to all "developing" countries asking what skills they need and then tries to find the right graduates.

If you want to find out about poverty see CUSO in your third or fourth year.

Returning CUSO workers, alarmed at our patronizing aid system, formed the Fraser group (no Magnolia, it takes its name from the Fraser Arms, the first meeting place) which is attempting to educate the public on poverty and discrimination. Its publication Bias has articles on aid policies, foreign investment and the like. See Bartle to get on the mailing list.

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BOY, THESE FRATERNITY parties sure can be a drag . . . I mean, when are the men getting here.

Campus Life

A rapid-fire review of the quality of the existential on campus—or—how and where to waste your spare time

Now that you've been shown the hows and wheres of such basic activities of studying and eating, the time has come for your introduction to a few other aspects of campus life – what to read, what to wear and some things to do when you're tired of work.

One for us

For reading matter, there is The Ubyssey, a newspaper published, controlled and staffed by students.

The paper magically appears at 20 campus locations some time every Tuesday and Friday morning. You pay for it through your AMS fees – something like a paltry dollar a year for two action-packed issues a week.

In past years The Ubyssey published a Thursday edition as well, but the vagaries of AMS financing and increased printing costs forced a cutback to two issues a week in 1969. There's still hope though – if you like what you read; tell your neighborhood AMS councillor to give the struggling rag more money.

Over the years, The Ubyssey has spawned such journalistic greats as Pierre Berton (gee whiz), Norman Depoe (far out), Stuart Keate (heavy), Eric Nicol (gasp) Himie Koshevoy (whoopee), Jack Wasserman (urp), Allan Fotheringham (awe-filled silence), George Kerschbaum (how soon we forget) and Ralph Bemquist (you can't win them all).

Despite the disheartening knowledge off their predecessors' fates, today's Ubyssey staffers bravely put the thing out anyway.

The paper is absolutely and irrevocably controlled by the staff, despite administration attempts (there have been rumblings this summer) to muzzle it.

The Ubyssey welcomes all new staff members – reporters, sports writers, photographers, critics, anybody. If you're interested (and who isn't) just go to the Ubyssey office on the second floor of SUB (northeast corner) anytime. Experience is not necessary as Ubyssey staffers are among the world's most patient teachers.

If you're reading tastes border on the masochistic, there is UBC Reports, the slick weekly propaganda sheet published by the university administration.

UBC Reports devotes long, tedious columns to barely readable addresses by UBC bigwigs and reprints of information office press releases about appointments and retirements.

Like many other such newspapers across Canada, UBC Reports exists because student newspapers long ago stopped being apologists for the authoritarian bureaucracies that run our universities. You know where UBC Reports is at when you see the editors sitting at president Walter Gage's right hand during senate meetings.

The paper is put out by UBC information office types Jim Banham and Arnie Myers, working on a budget far larger than that of The Ubyssey for only half as many issues.

Anyone can contribute, but students rarely do, preferring to devote their efforts to their own paper, The Ubyssey.

Moving right along in the Tuun Est rapid-fire survey of campus life, we find that, although almost all students dislike what's happening in the classroom, a few have decided to so something about it by publishing anticalendars and forming course unions.

As the name implies, an anticalendar is a description of courses from the students' viewpoint, as opposed to the sketchy blurbs in the administration calendars.

An anticalendar, based on polls taken among the previous year's students, attempts to evaluate each course in a particular faculty. Most important, it presents the students' rating of each prof's teaching ability.

If the undergraduate society in your faculty is publishing an anticalendar this year, get a copy and read it.

Course unions

Basically, a course union is an association of students in a particular department who want more than the curriculum is giving them. They organize special academic programs and try to work for changes in the department.

Despite valiant efforts in several departments, course unions have never really gotten off the ground at UBC. Undoubtedly there will be more efforts made this year and hopefully they will find solutions to the problems they have previously faced in trying to get started.

If you still have problems deciding what to do with your spare time, you can always join a club or, if you're really desperate, a greek letter society.

There are over 100 special interest, sports, ethnic, religious, service, cultural and political clubs on campus. Most of them are affiliated with the AMS and can be found lurking in various corners of SUB.

Check the clubs directory, posted in the main foyer of SUB, for the clubs you might like to join, them watch the 'tween classes section of The Ubyssey for meeting notices.

Some clubs have offices in SUB, which mostly are festooned with banners and all sorts of crap. Others use the clubs' lounges, general workroom areas and classrooms for meetings.

The clubs usually operate independently of one another, but early in the year they band together in a conspiracy called clubs day. During this animal act, which combines the worst elements of the PNE and the Black Hole of Calcutta, the clubs do their thing for the masses and try to shanghai new members.

Even if you don't want to join anything, going to clubs day is an interesting experience, once.

If, after all that, you still can't find a club that interests you, you can always get together with nine friends and march on the university clubs committee. (That's right. There's even a club for clubs.)

If you agree to let the AMS handle your finances, the UCC will help you draft a constitution ("I don't care if you are forming an anarchist club, you still need a constitution") and get an AMS grant to start one.

The greek letter societies are pathetically exclusive social clubs. You pay to join, once you're invited.

At last count there were 15 fraternities and nine sororities on campus, but declining membership is threatening to force many of them out of business.

Chicks can join sororities in their first year, but would-be frat men must wait until second year.

Early in the year, the Greeks go through "rush". During this period, they invite you to "functions" (read parties) where they ply you with free booze and beg you to join while getting you to think you have to beg them to let you in.

Once you have joined a fraternity or sorority, and shelled out your 150-odd clams, you are free to devote the rest of your university life to meetings, rituals, parties, "exchanges" (non-Greeks call them orgies), something called Mardi Gras and the meeting of future business contacts.

Threads

Oh, yes. You were wondering what to wear on campus. Well, let's begin by stating one important fact: the weather at UBC can be described in one word – wet. For example, on a rainy day the sidewalk from C lot to SUB is one of the world's great rivers, feeding many of the street-corner lakes which dot the campus.

Rainwear is a must, and a cheap umbrella comes in handy. (Cheap because you will average about four lost or stolen umbrellas per year.)

Beyond that obvious restriction, nobody gives a damn what you wear. For classes, wear whatever is most convenient or comfortable.

Dances and other functions that are formal or semi-formal are usually advertised as such. Otherwise, they're classroom casual.

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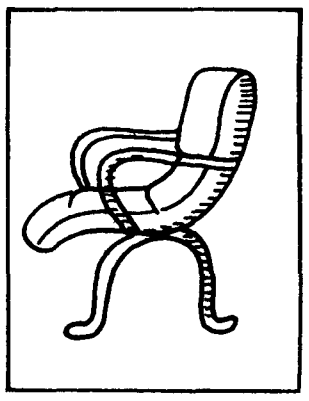

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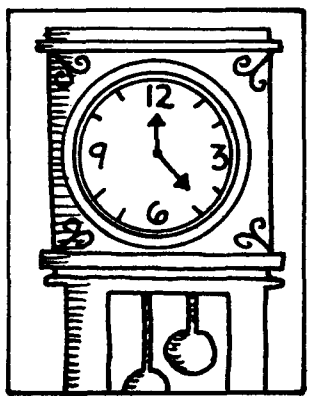

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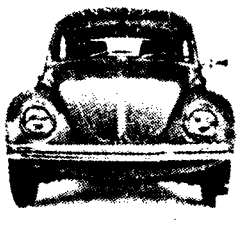

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AMS: the inside dope on your student society

By LESLIE PLOMMER

FOR those of you who sorely miss the student government you knew and loved in high school, good news! UBC's Alma Mater Society is more of the same.

Hamstrung by external and internal controls and struggles, and by the limited vision of its elected officers, the AMS chases around in dizzying circles trying to please somebody (anybody) and ends up pleasing no one.

In short, it is the same phony democracy you experienced in high school; the same pacifier for students that your high school principal allowed to exist.

But in case at some time in your stay at UBC you entertain the fond, if distant hope that the AMS may yet please you, here is a rundown on the organization and some ideas about how to succeed when dealing with your student government.

Who knows, the AMS might end up doing something for you in spite of itself.

STUDENT CASTS ballot in AMS election.

The people

First of all, the AMS consists of an executive of seven members, a student council of about 38 members, and a large body of hired staff.

AMS offices and the council chambers are located on the second floor of the student union building.

So much for the skeleton of the operation.

The AMS won't go down in history as a great initiator of progressive programs, mainly because its elected members have a fear of making people mad.

But almost despite themselves, they succeed in raising the ire of various factions. People either get uptight because the AMS does very little; or they get uptight because when the AMS does do something, it's usually the wrong thing.

Probably the group most entranced with the AMS is that composed of the ruling elite – president Walter Gage, chancellor Allan McGavin, the board of governors, and so on.

These heavies dig the AMS for various reasons.

Under the thumb

First, the AMS is harmless and poses no threat to the status quo.

It is a matter of historical fact that student governments have operated under the thumbs of university administrations, and for the most part, haven't objected to this set-up.

After all, the cozy little luncheon and dinner gatherings hosted by the president or the chancellor at the faculty club are nothing to thumb your nose at.

Second, the heavies are living back in the cocktail party days when the AMS was run by neat-o fraternity types, and seemed to be important in the eyes of the students.

No one has quite grasped the fact that most students today don't give a damn about the organization.

Given that the AMS doesn't really come up with too many worthy and progressive plans, we must look elsewhere to determine its worth.

After spending about four months in the AMS last spring, I have come to the conclusion that the key argument in favor of the AMS is that it is a money machine with an excellent credit rating.

Chances are pretty good, for example, that the Socred government being what it is, and the UBC administration being what it is, the Student Union Building (for all its faults) wouldn't have been built for years and years without large borrowing power on the part of the AMS.

This being the case, it is clear that students must fight to make AMS financial power work for them, and not for the often misguided pet projects of AMS exeuctives.

Executive members are, of course, elected to reflect the interests of students. But usually they merely reflect the wishes of the AMS executive.

First item on the agenda, then, is money.

Remember this key point: the AMS **always** has money.

Even when treasurer Stuart Bruce tells you funds at at an all-time low and he can't promise you a cent because the budget isn't ready yet or is already over-spent, remember that the money is around if you can just get at it.

Various facts attest to the truth of this.

First, the AMS has thousands socked away in outside investments, so it's never in danger of going belly-up.

Second, whenever AMS executive types or other student heavies dig up a pet project to promote, the money is always there.

AMS types in years past have consistently tried to give the impression that they'd love to hand out a buck or two to worthy projects, but gee, the money simply isn't around.

This is just not so.

What AMS people really mean is that the money is there if they want to give it to you, but as it happens, they don't – it's earmarked for pet AMS projects.

Your plan of action in dealing with this situation is to go around talking up your plans with AMS executive people. If you can get their backing you may see some cash.

When the finance committee considers your application for funds, make sure you give a clear, well-documented presentation.

If all else fails, take the matter to student council. It has the power to okay the request even if finance committee has refused it.

Another point: Members of the peanut gallery are allowed to present their views at student council meetings, to be held at 7:30 on Wednesday nights in council chambers on the second floor of SUB.

If you hear of things that the AMS is doing and you don't like what you hear, go to the meetings and rave (sanely) at council members.

Your interest will probably give council members a good feeling, if nothing else, because AMS types lose a lot of sleep at night worrying about "being relevant".

BUSINESS CONDUCTED at AMS general meeting.

Unfortunately, when it comes to being relevant, AMS people can't figure out why they ain't.

Thus they come up with dazzling solutions to their problems like knocking down the walls of the executive offices and putting glass partitions in their place.

The idea is to get the hierarchy closer to the students.

What these timeless thinkers fail to grasp is that a really first-rate student government could operate from a one-room shack on the edge of campus and be "relevant".

In this way, AMS representatives turn to structural changes in the hope that these will clear up the problems.

A sterling document

Not only do they think about revamping the walls of SUB to turn it into a glass palace of commmunication, but every year they engage in great debates about the AMS constitution.

Every year, they make a few changes in this sterling document in the hope that one day, one year, they'll arrive at The Perfect Constitution, and the relevance question will be solved for all time.

This year will be no exception.

President Tony Hodge hopes to call a general meeting in October to approve more constitutional revisions. If these are passed, the result will be a student council operating on "a modified commission system".

The new proposals are based on analysis of a study conducted last year among students by the AMS. It cost several thousand dollars. The results had better be good.

One proposed change is that cuts are in order for both the executive and the council. The seven-person executive may be reduced to five, and council numbers

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reduced from the present 38 representatives.

The general commission-like breakdown will be based on the following four categories: academics, services (food, housing, parking, day care . . .), community relations (exact title still to be determined), and financial co-ordination – to take the place of the present treasurer and finance committee.

The draft proposal for the changes will take the form of what Hodge calls a white paper, and he hopes to organize student debate on the subject before the October general meeting.

One other major change – if it's approved by the students – will be that of making the 15-year AMS general manager, Ron Pearson, directly responsible to the president rather than the treasurer.

It is hoped this will end the history of cozy alliances between AMS treasurers and the general manager. It may, however, start a new series of alliances between AMS presidents and the general manager.

Under the new scheme of open executive meetings, the general manager will also attend executive meetings as a matter of course.

Who runs it?

If you overlook the fact that the university's inter-faculty council has the power to suspend AMS officials who step out of line,

And if you forget that AMS student fees are technically channelled through the board of governors which could shut off the juice, although it would be reluctant,

And if you don't mind that hired AMS employees play a large part in determining what the organization does,

Then you come to the conclusion that the executive runs the student council.

So the exec members are the people you'll come across in dealing with most matters.

In the past, the executive has had a dinner meeting before each council session to determine how the play will be performed each night.

To date, exec meetings have generally been held in darkest secrecy, but president Tony Hodge promises that this year things will be different.

He says it's okay if anyone attends the meetings, so just as a test, why not give it a try? Meetings are slated for Monday nights at 6:30 in the AMS offices conference room.

For your guidance, here is a run-down on who the executives members are, their areas of interest, and what you can expect from them in the coming year.

Secretary Ann Clarkson appeared in the election last March saying she just wanted "to help the students" in every way possible. Ann also believes in keeping the politics out of politics.

She is a genuinely nice person, sympathetic and conscientious. She is likely to listen attentively to whoever wants to talk to her, but no one should expect any world-shaking moves.

The secretary's position is set up to ensure that the executive has a token woman around – in case no other women run for posts.

People occupying this post take care of a lot of the crappy jobs, junky correspondence, etc., and this year is unlikely to be any exception.

Co-ordinator Hanson Lau is a little difficult to write about. A wry character whose mind works in funny ways, he is involved in ironing out the booking system for SUB rooms, fixing up the lost and found, re-vamping AMS information services, and so on.

In an effort to "get closer to the students" he has moved out of AMS executive offices into his own niche on the main floor of SUB.

From this base, he is amassing an army of helpers who will probably also help run his campaign for AMS president at election time next February. Hanson has never made any bones about his desire to sit in the seat of power.

Treasurer Stuart Bruce, last year's assistant treasuer, is a nice-guy type. Too much so for everybody's good, in all likelihood.

He is known to be more attentive than most executive members to the opinions of the AMS staff – general manager Ron Pearson in particular.

In the words of one executive member: "Stuart has been absorbed."

Thus the main fear with Stuart is that he will be overwhelmed by the wrong people in the coming year.

He is basically conservative – everyone seems to think this is the prime prerequisite for "sound money management". It is not especially compatible, however, with imaginative use of student funds.

If you can get to Stuart with requests for money he'll probably listen to you. Whether he'll do anything to back you is another matter.

External affairs officer John Zaozirny is a likeable enough and too-smooth member of the exec.

With experience behind him in so-called student politics at the U. of Calgary, he looks to be the real power on the executive this year.

If you're looking for backing for a project from an exec type, this is probably the man to have on your side.

John reportedly has the limits of his job quite clearly defined already, and plans to work in the area of university accessibility (why, wherefore, and how people get into universities), student financing, etc.

He also may have to keep an eye on the ill-fated B.C. Union of Students.

Internal affairs officer (public relations officer) Sue Kennedy is a big question mark.

Here we have an example of a UBC cheerleader deciding to hit the big time in student government without knowing anything about the job she was elected to do.

Her job (in case you're still wondering at election time in March) is to make sure the campus and the general public know what the AMS is up to – thin pickings at times. She is also behind the handy-dandy little guidebook "Start" that you may have seen.

Sue walked into her office in SUB one day after her election to exclaim "gee, I didn't know this job meant so much PR work!"

Since this is exactly what the post does consist of, Sue left us in some doubt as to what, precisely, she thought she was doing there.

This still remains to be seen, since the PR office lay sleeping this summer while Sue worked in a bank to make dollars to return to this fine institution.

Vice-president Christine Krawczyk also jumpeg into the AMS on the spur of the moment around election time last year when president Tony Hodge was desperate for a running mate (so to speak).

She later discovered (though she hoped no one else would) that she was ineligible for the vice-president's post, not having completed two years at UBC.

She has since had fun as acting vice-president through the summer, tripping around playing radical and using AMS secretarial services. If she wins the vice-presidential by-election Oct. 1, she will retain the office.

Christine's main area of activity to date has been academics – prof and course evaluation projects for the coming year.

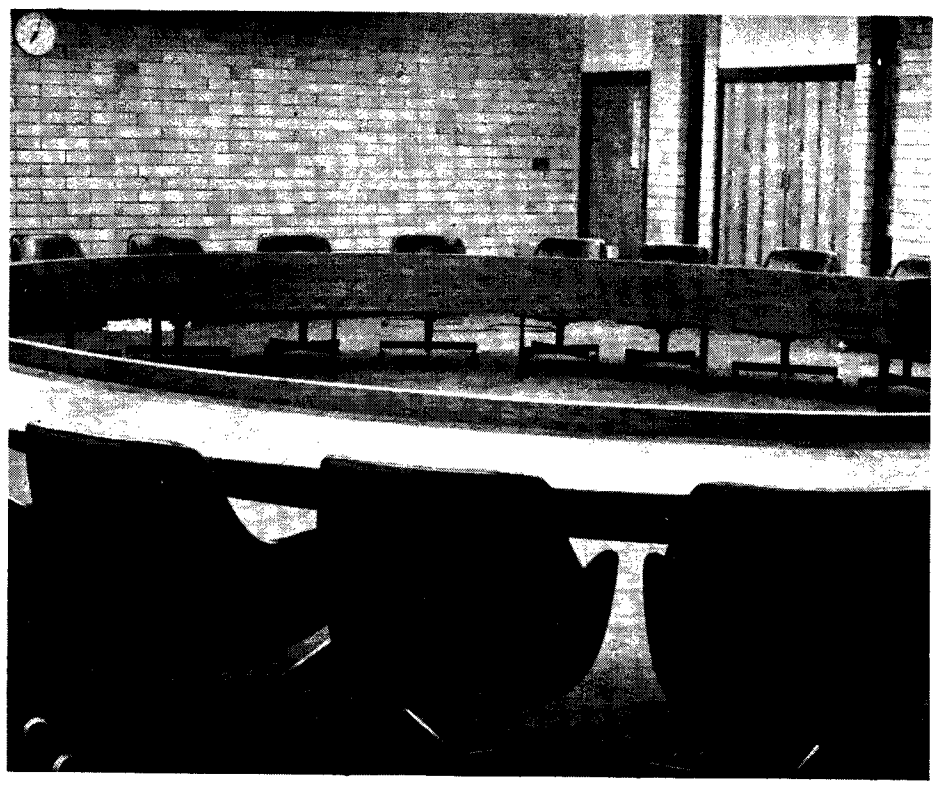
She is also working on a continuing link between the AMS and the community research centre set up by the hired-again, fired-again PSA profs from SFU.

Another question mark on the horizon is president Tony Hodge, a fine example of AMS in-breeding.

Tony was vice-president last year, and the brother of Fraser Hodge, last year's president.

If Fraser was criticized for being a tyrant, Tony will probably be criticized for just the opposite, which is why Zaozirny looks like the real power behind the throne.

Inclined to ramble on and on and on to no apparent purpose, Tony has had a difficult time in the past making anyone at council meetings listen to him beyond the space of about 10 minutes.



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Ho-hum offerings

One of his chief attributes is his honesty. He tends, however, to dispel his energies on a million schemes with the result that he doesn't register significant gains in any of them.

He is very eager to listen to anyone who will drop by his office to chat, but just what happens after that is hazy.

One former UBC radical described Tony as "harmless and hapless".

Add all these people together, and you find yourself wondering what sort of a year it's going to be in the AMS.

With hundreds of thousands of student dollars at stake, we should expect something more than the usual ho-hum offerings.

The AMS should be using invested capital to swing financing for student loans run by students, not the administration.

It should get cracking on university-wide prof and course evaluations.

It shoud loosen up on financial priorities, so money can be given to student groups wanting to take the initiative in sponsoring symposia, speakers, and cultural events.

It should give financial backing to student researchers who want to prepare reorts on housing, day care, and Americanization at UBC.

In short, it should be giving student money back to the students more than ever before.

None of these ideas is new. It's just that they have rarely been followed through in the past.

The AMS, like student governments everywhere, is living on borrowed time. If it can't come across with the goods, it is sure to be gone within a few years.

It is up to those forming AMS policy to show students that they need the AMS. At present, it is highly unlikely that students would miss this grand old organization if it died tomorrow.

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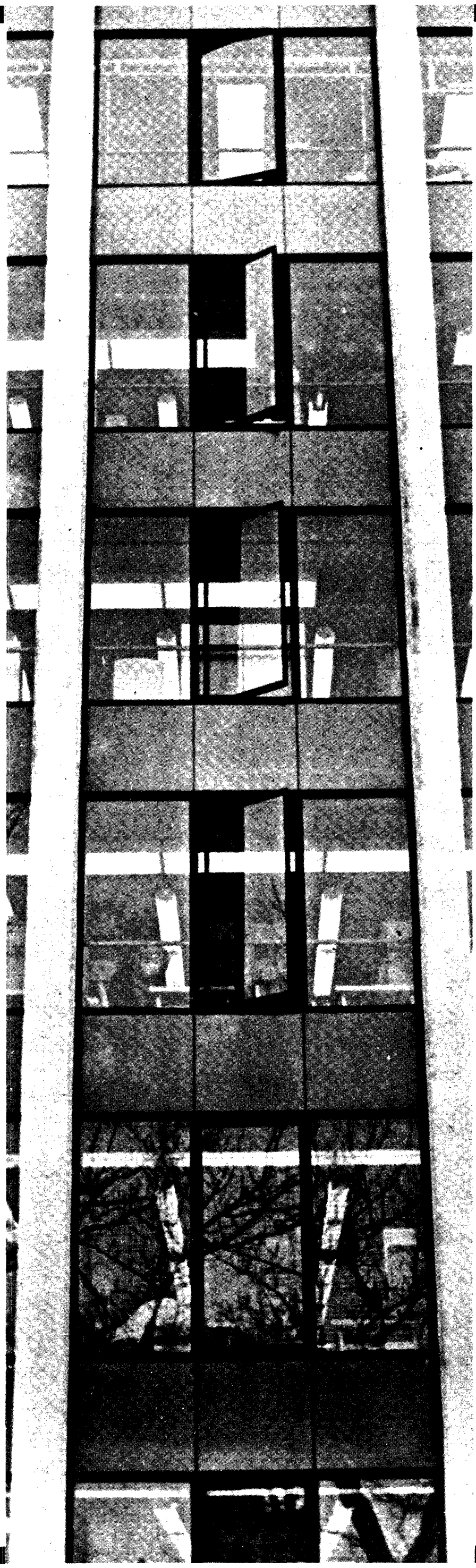

ALMOST everyone coming to university wonders who makes decisions for him. Who decided that there were to be so few course choices in first and second year? Who formulated the rules about getting a loan?

These questions arise as a matter of course when the individual student is rudely confronted with an uncompromising administrative system which carries the decisions on the calendar, courses and loans into effect. The system is of course not the decision-maker, although it plays a part in shaping the decision at the time of implementation. People, not systems or processes, make decisions. In the case of UBC there is a group of men who make the key decisions for the university community. This article is about that group of men and how they affect our university lives.

It is necessary first to distinguish between the statutory powers and the "real" powers of decision-makers at UBC. This distinction is vital because quite often there is little relation between a man's office – set up by statutory authority – and the actual power he has to make decisions as a result of his domineering personality, his deviousness or his personal wealth. For example, the position of chairman of the board of governors is enhanced, in terms of the power attached to the office, if the holder is a millionaire business tycoon.

Power is defined in this article as the degree of influence of one person or group of people over others. For example, if President Nixon decides to call up 10,000 more men for the draft, that is power. In the university there are three really important levels of power – the board of governors, the senate and the faculty.

The board of governors is empowered by the provincial Universities Act, among other things, to attend the financial affairs of the university, authorize building construction, appoint the president and fix tuition fees. It is a body of 11 men, the majority of whom are government-appointed. The board's chief function is to make financial decisions for the university.

The senate, on the other hand, is the academic decision-making body of the university. Broad questions relating to the curriculum, to courses, to the granting of scholarship money and to the appointing of faculty are decided here. The president presides over the 102 senators, 12 of whom are students.

Finally there is a lower yet still important order of decision-making operating at the department and faculty level. It is at this level that the bread-and-butter decisions concerning curriculum, courses and the hiring and firing of faculty are made.

All important decisions

These three groups at one time or another legitimize all of the important decisions made at the university, whether they do it within or outside their structures. Needless to say, a description of the statutory decision-making bodies does not even begin to show who the people with power are. A man can be on all three of these groups and still be rendered powerless. Clearly then the personalities on these bodies and the way informal power is exerted are the keys to understanding who the real decision-makers are.

An analysis of the board of governors will quickly reveal that all of its members are men of prominence in the business and social community of B.C. There are no union, church, welfare or teaching representatives on the board. The chairman is John Liersch, vice-president of Canadian Forest Products Ltd. Other business types include Walter Koerner, head of Rayonier Canada Ltd., Allan McGavin, president of McGavin-Toastmaster Ltd.; Richard Bibbs, executive assistant with MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.; Donovan Miller, president of Canadian Fishing Co. and Arthur Fouks, Q.C., a lawyer. The decisions of the board are naturally tempered by its commercial biases and its economic make-up. Only the needs and demands of there biases are fully considered in their deliberations.

The board is the financial watchdog of the university and has its greatest effect on decision-making, and therefore its most power, by telling us through its directives that there is not enough money to do a certain thing. The board plays a major role in attracting and keeping benefactors as well. Over the larger issues of money consumption and attraction the board has almost total control. The board chairman is of course the most influential man on that body not

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Stuart Rush, now a Vancouver lawyer, was intimately involved with the university power structure as a student senator. Tuum Est asked him to write about the men who run the university and, by extension, your life here.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT regularly starves B.C. universities.

A small elite of 20 men makes the key decisions

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only because of his title but because of his immense wealth, his connections in business and government circles and his ability to take action on information that comes to him first. Most of his power is felt behind the scenes and in private discussions. To act openly would be an admission that he and his board have more power in the university than is generally acknowledged.

The senate is quite a different decision-making body. It is composed of people from different university interest groupings: the faculty, students, alumni, deans, community (convocation) and affiliated colleges. This so-called diversity is its greatest weakness. This method of representation makes for a larger body. Its very size prohibits adequate and open discussion of the issues. The senate is thus increasingly forced to delegate to sub-committees fact-finding and recommendation powers.

Furthermore, the only people competent to speak on most of the issued are those who daily face the problem and who have a monopoly of experience to bring to bear on it. These people are the deans, department heads and senior faculty. This division of function according to experience reflects itself in the committees' composition. All the important committees are staffed by these people. In fact only these people ever get to be chairmen of the committees. The effect of this is that a common point of view is always expressed at the committee level. There is very little difference of opinion among these men and this is reflected in the senate when they demonstrate their solidarity in accepting committee recommendations. Those who disagree are isolated or resign in frustration.

It is very much a myth that the professors play a key role in directing the affairs of the university in the senate. The faculty like the students are not high enough on the scale of experience to play an effective part. Along with the university executive (president, registrar, etc.) the deans, a few department heads and some senior faculty members make all the important decisions in the senate. They are only 20 in number, but the rest follow like obedient sheep.

Well, who are these guys with all the power in the senate? First of all, the deans are Ian McTaggart-Cowan (graduate studies), Philip White (commerce), W. D. Finn (engineering) and Vladimir Okulitch (science). These men make their presence felt in most senate decisions. Other deans who are active and play a vital role are George Curtis (law), Michael Shaw (agriculture), John McCreary (medicine) and Neville Scarfe (education).

A number of department heads are very powerful too. They are: William Gibson (medical and scientific history), George Volkoff (physics), G. H. N. Towers (botany) and Sydney Friedman (anatomy).

One was discredited

Finally, there are some senior faculty who are able to influence key decisions. These have included such men as Charles Bourne (law), Cyril Belshaw (anthropology) and Noel Hall (commerce).

Belshaw has been probably the most vocal and powerful of this group in recent years, but he is now in a position of having to fight to hold the power that is rapidly slipping away from him. His mistake last year was to recommend, as chairman of the senate long range objectives committee, certain major changes in the university structure.

His proposals did not sit well with the rest of his powerful colleagues, and most of them were rejected by senate, thus discrediting Belshaw in terms of the university's power politics.

These men exert their influence through strong and smoothly articulate presentations in both the committees and the senate. Experience is paramount in debate and reasoning only secondary. Interest protection is also decisive in many issues. All of the above men have the experience (in terms of time spent at the university) and specific interests to guard.

At the faculty level the decision-makers are the professors. It is here that the professors play the greatest role in effecting decisions. The prime decisions affecting a faculty or department such as course content or the nature of the graduate program are made here, then sent to the senate for approval. Internal politicking and professional rivalry very often shape the final outcome of a decision at the level.

Throughout each of these three levels of decision-making, and playing a vital role in each, are the university executives. As policy administrators they are the most powerful men in the university. First among these is president Walter Gage. He has been at UBC longer than most of his peers. He fully understands the minutiae of the internal operations of the university. Gage is shrewd and politically aware.

According to the rules of the university, Gage was to retire last spring when he turned 65. In an unprecedented move, the board exempted him from the compulsory retirement provision and extended his appointment for up to four years. (Try getting the university to bend the rules for you sometime and see how far you get.) (Because his re-appointment was

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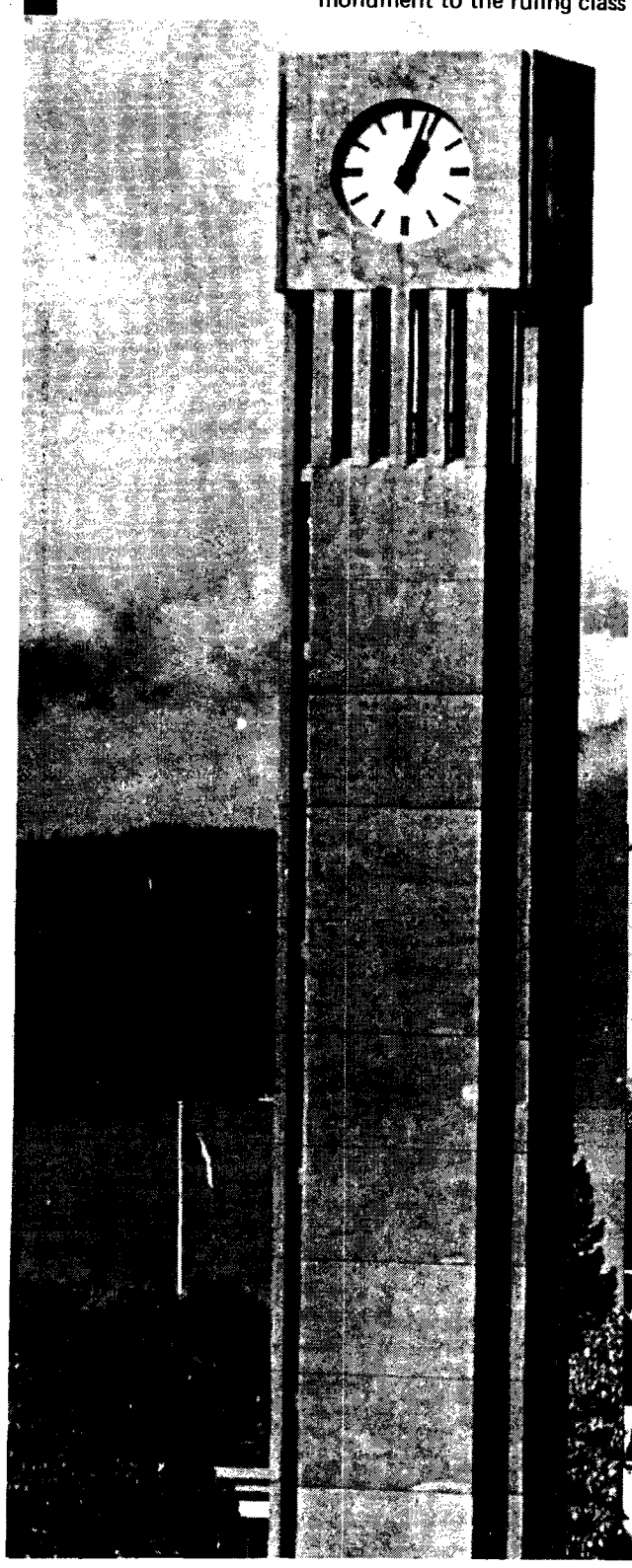

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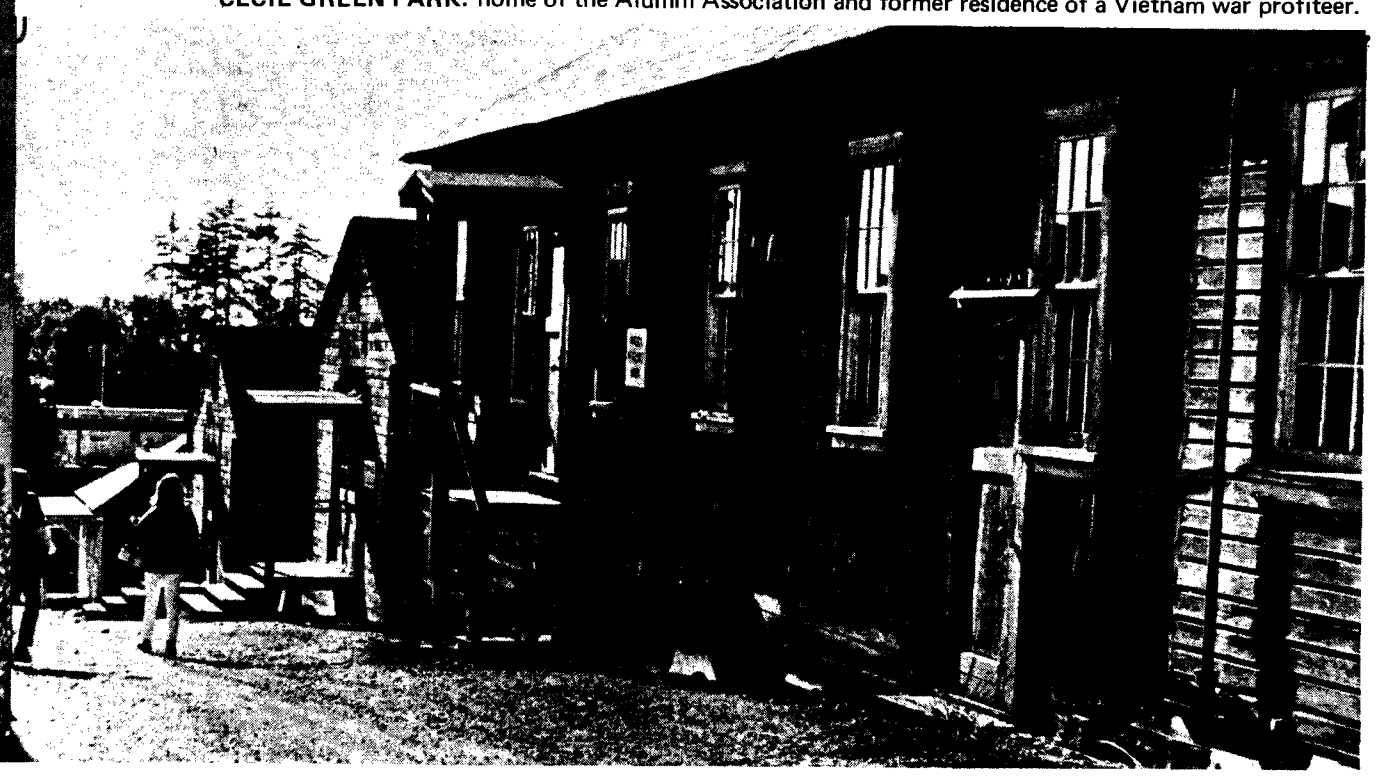

PRESIDENT WALTER GAGE
. . . the big cheese

BURSAR WILLIAM WHITE
. . . lurks in background

only on a year-to-year basis, Gage does not want to displease the board by having the university boat rocked during his interregnum and is therefore very conservative in his approach to decision making.

He is now the single most powerful man in the university because he has the support of its different factions and is not a threat to any of them.

Next to Gage in position but not in terms of real power (as yet) is vice-president William Armstrong, the cool, analytical, often remote former dean of applied science. He oversees specific projects for which the president does not have time, such as the recent space inventory analysis. His influence is felt more within government and civil service discussions than in the open debate of the senate. He is an adherent to the traditional concept of the university as a mill for the production of trained and useable commodities in the market place, and his attitudes in discussions reflect this.

The grey eminence

The bursar, William White, is another influential administrative decision-maker. He seldom appears publicly or in debates in the university, but his presence is ever lurking in the background in the statements of other men. He directs the day-to-day financial management of the university. No decisions entailing an expenditure, no matter how remote, are made without consulting him first.

Jack Parnall, the registrar, is another important decision-making person in the university. He plays a supportive rather than an innovative role, providing information about the administrative machinery. He is more of an administrator but participates in the decisions affecting the registrar's office. He concerns himself with wider university issues and leaves the essential day-to-day management of the registrar's office to his cunning and ambitious assistant, Ken Young.

Finally, there is one other person who is very influential in terms of the way he sways the views of other, more senior men. He is Robert Clark, UBC's academic planner. Through his office he controls the collection and distribution of most of the statistical information relied on at the university. His arguments in senate committees are invariably founded on reasoned analysis of statistical realities. Such arguments are extremely weighty. Clark plays an aggressive and conscientious role in the senate and its committees. He is trusted and has the ear of the president and vice-president.

This group of men makes decisions for the university. They don't meet as a body nor do they all participate in all decisions. They are men who share common views about the nature of higher education and the mechanisms by which to implement these views. Their views prevail at this moment in the history of UBC. They are selective in choosing those with whom they will ally. To this extent they constitute an elite.

Democracy is a sham

There are a number of conclusions to draw from this description of the power-holders at UBC. First, because there are a few men making decisions for the entire university the old concept of the university as a democratic institution is a laughable sham. Neither the faculty nor the students play a role in the major academic and financial decisions affecting their intellectual lives. Hence the very participators in the process have least to say about its direction.

Second, the elite operates the university for the sake of certain interests. The professional schools are catered to in recognition of the market demand for trained men. Courses and curriculum are oriented to the present market system and the darwinistic ethic of society. No attempt is made to provide courses which might be of interest to those students from oppressed areas of the world and to our own low-income groups.

Third, this singularity of view stifles academic creativity. If new educational concepts do not fit the aceptable pattern of academic pursuit, they are perceptibly shelved.

Fourth and last, the elite forces a standardization on us which itself fosters the dehumanized university environment. Self-expression and self-determination are empty words to these men. Alienation in the university grows out of inability for self-expression and through it self-fulfillment.

To know thsese decision-makers and to identify the problems they produce is the first step – perhaps, for some, the only step. To decide on a course of action is the next step.

Do you want these men to be your keepers? You – for once – must decide, and you must act.

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IN THE FALL of 1966, students protest the lack of housing by staging a "tent-in" on main mall. Anyone for a repeat performance?

IF you have a below-average income you'll really have trouble finding a place to live."

Vancouver alderman Harry Rankin isn't kidding.

The 200 people who pick up the Alma Mater Society Housing lists each day know how sadly accurate he is. So do the long list of people waiting for a chance to get a room in the administration-run residences.

As a student—who more likely than not has a below-average income, if any income at all — you will probably already know what Rankin means. If you don't, you soon will.

If you arrived here on campus without housing previously arranged, your lesson can be particularly painful with registration procedures and academic pressures closing in.

There are a few things, however, that can help.

Get a list

Probably the first thing to do, while on campus, is to go to the student union building and pick up a free housing list at thee information desk or the Alma Mater Society office (second floor).

The list, compiled by AMS employees, is divided into three main sections: male, female and couples. Landlords pay $1 to have the AMS list their accommodation, which ranges from sleeping rooms to full apartments and houses and often include meals.

Landlords are supposed to notify the AMS when their place is rented, but very few actually do. This often results in students running around the city to look at rooms that were rented weeks before. So always phone the place before you go to look at it.

And it won't hurt to invest 15 cents in one of the bigtown dailies for the lists of rooms and apartments in the classified section.

But your next step will probably be the housing administration office on the first floor of the administration building, southeast of SUB. If you like — or are willing to tolerate — the institution-style residence accommodation, add your name to the long waiting list. But don't harbor too many illusions about actually getting a room.

Alternatives

The next move should be to go back to your place with the AMS list and classified ads and get on the phone.

Oops — you don't have a place, do you?

Well. It doesn't rain all that much in September, so you can sleep on the Fort Camp beach for a while. It's been done before. But there are disadvantages . . .

Or you can pitch a tent on campus and set up temporary housekeeping. You won't be the first to do that either.

You might be able to get a bed at the Youth Hostel in the old Jericho army barracks for $2 per night. Or you could even try some of the other city hostels set up for the summer "transient youth" trade.

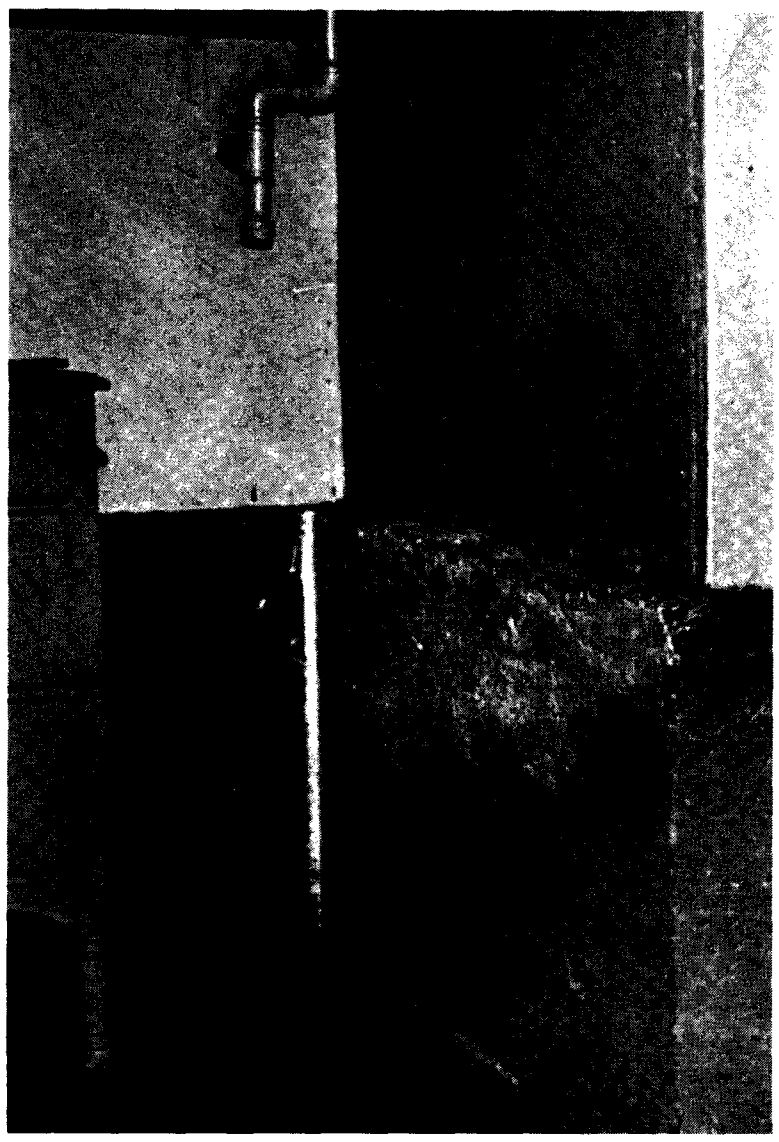
But your best bet is probably friends or relatives — until you find a place of your own. Which is the object of the exercise.

The AMS housing list is aimed at students and is therefore likely to be of more use than the newspapers in finding a place of your own. The classified ads are aimed at the general public and often the few that might be of interest to a student include stipulations like: Professional man only. That means no long hair.

Talking to potential landlords — from any source — is a delicate procedure. Most will try, of course, to find out what kind of person you are from a phone conversation. If you come across sounding like some kind of freak of hippie, the room may be all-of-a-sudden taken. And even if you get to view the place, the landlord may reject you for "looking like a hippie".

But the landlords are just individuals operating within a system. And the system is stacked against the student tenant.

Says Rankin: "The trouble is city council is property oriented, not people oriented. If you have a reasonable income and can afford your own place, there's no trouble."



STUDENT who rented this off-campus suite was lucky to find such deluxe facilities for only $140 a month.

Rankin is concerned about the problem and was instrumental in helping establish the Vancouver Rental Grievance Board, which, for the time, gives hassled tenants the right to appeal to an independent body.

And the provincial government earlier this year revamped the Landlord-Tenant Act to make it more equitable for tenants.

The changes provide some protections against arbitrary rent increases and sudden evictions. And sections of particular interest to student-tenants in the daily relationship with their landlords include a rule that the landlord must provide 24 hours written notice before entering the rented premises, and then he can come in only between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Tenant rights

But these and other benefits the new legislation holds for the tenant are only of real use when the tenant is aware of them. A comprehensive guide to tenant rights can be had through a booklet published by the B.C. Tenants' Organization. Copies cost 50 cents each and are available from the Vancouver Tenants Council, room 600, 193 East Hastings, (phone 688-1727).

But that's for when you actually find a place to live. And it won't be easy with the chronic shortage of suitable — and suitably priced — student housing.

Rankin's solution to the housing problem calls for more spending by governments.

He suggests the city make land available at a lower cost than usual for dormitory housing, and the provincial government build student dormitories.

But it's questionable whether students really want such dormitories (quite apart from the fact that it's hardly likely existing governments would build them).

There is no doubt many students appreciate the administration-run residences — why else would there be such a huge waiting list? But there is a certainly considerable student disenchantment with institutional housing.

The advantages are obvious: it's close to the centre of campus and your meals are cooked.

The disadvantages include the relative expense of living in residence (about $115 per month for a single) and the minimal privacy. And then there is the food, one's fellow residents and the general atmosphere produced by a myriad of rules and regulations.

The food is a campus joke. But hardly a laughing matter for the students who have to eat it. Last year after Place Vanier's Christmas Dinner, traditionally the culinary highpoint of the year, about 700 people got sick with food poisoning.

Despite the drawbacks, residence accommodation was overbooked early in the summer and the waiting list in early August was described — conservatively — by a housing official as "lots".

There are 2,800 beds for single mmen and women in residences and an additional 260 suites for married couples. Considering there are about 22,000 students at UBC, you can see the majority are obliged to live off campus.

And the majority try to find a place near the gates. Which means there's an awful lot of students competing for a small number of places to live.

Co-ops

One solution is to form co-ops, in which several students share one of the large, old houses in the Point Grey area. If you can find such a house and get the people together, it's a good, cheap, fun way to live. But be warned — it has drawbacks just like the university residences.

Which brings us back to the beginning: if you have a below average income, you'll really have trouble finding a place to live.

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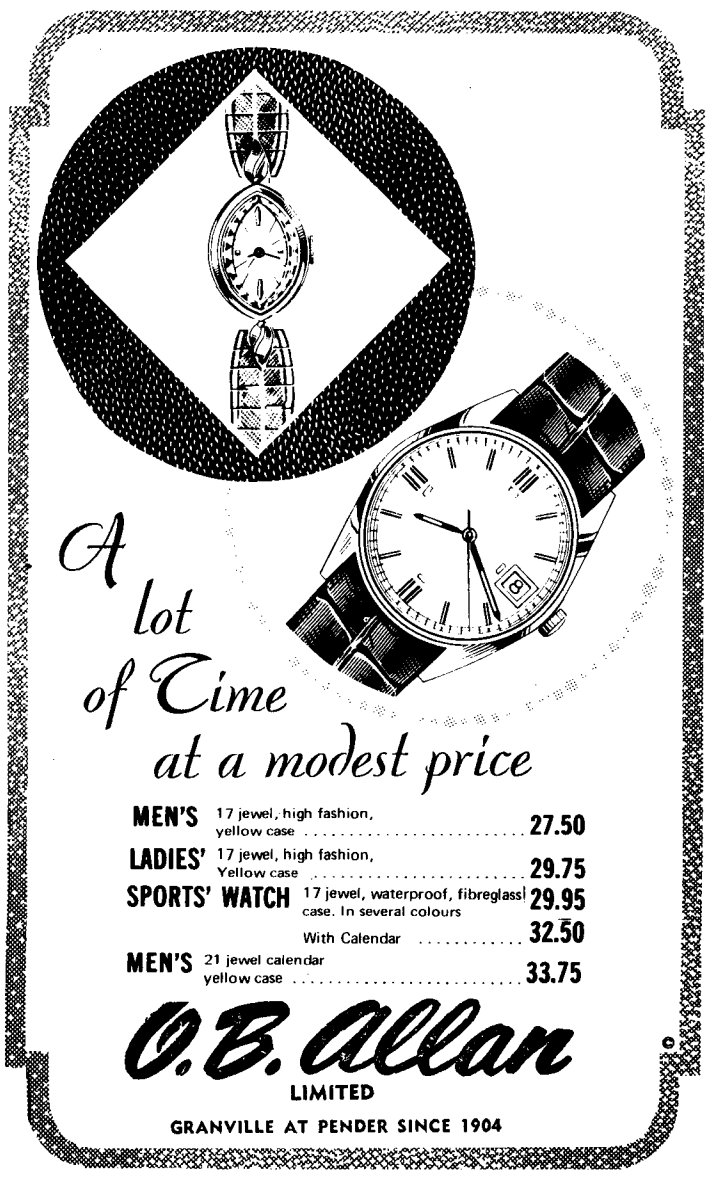

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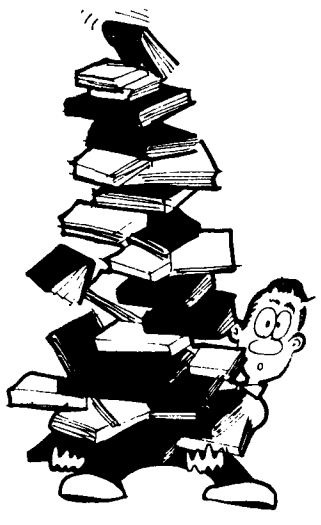

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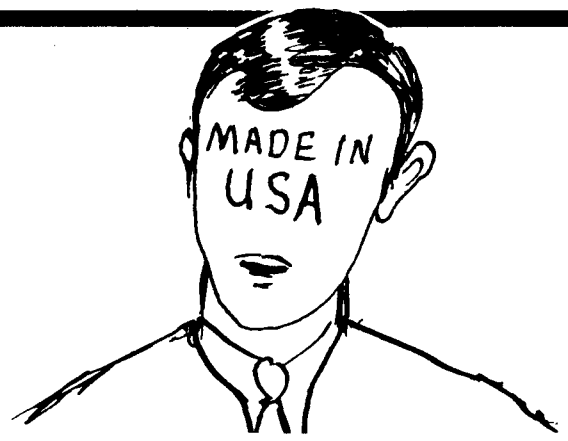


Or, how the university is an economic, political and social agent of the Americanization of Canada.

THOSE of us who are Canadians generally see ourselves as such.

In our image of ourselves we include the ways in which we act, think and are educated. We see our institutions largely as being either Canadian or pursuing Canadian goals.

We contrast Canada with the United States and say "how fortunate we are to be so tolerant and liberal". We think we are very much different from the U.S.

The truth of the matter is we are not so very much different from the States nor are we all that Canadian. What seem to be Canadian forms (institutions and government) are in essence appendages of the American business empire, the same empire which is perpetrating genocide in Vietnam and reaction and despotism in Central and Latin America.

In short, economically, politically and culturally we are dominated by the U.S.

Economically about 60 per cent of our industry is **owned outright** by U.S. corporations. Over 80 per cent is

The author is Dick Betts, former arts undergraduate society president.

controlled by the same. The result is a political economy far removed from the needs of the people in two senses.

First, it is privately owned and profit-motivated and second, development of resources takes place largely in the U.S., not in Canada. The resources are simply extracted here. We lose out in capital and job producing secondary industry.

Politically, the Canadian government's fundamental goal is to serve the interests of foreign entrepreneurs in their mad pursuit of wealth. In B.C. the extractive economy is paramount, with examples such as Kaiser Coal and Roberts Bank. The purpose is to ship raw resources out of B.C. at the expense of the people.

"Labor Relations" are desperate and oppressive attempts on the part of government and business to maintain a stable situation for foreign investment.

Culturally we are to forget that we are anything but a part of the continentalist monster, the North American business complex.

This is where the "Canadian" university plays its most important role. The Canadian university is as much a servant of imperialism as the Liberal government in Ottawa or the Socreds. In fact it operates actively on all three levels of domination.

Culturally, since this is the level it most effects, the university teaches us to view the world through U.S. eyes. Text books destroy our history by turning it into dates that completly ignore the struggle undertaken by those people who built Canada – the people who drove the spikes in the CPR rail line not those who planned it in Ottawa.

After our sense of history has been taken from us (a process begun, of course, in high schools) we are taught world outlooks which are subordinate to the ideology of the U.S., the ideology of the imperialist state.

We are taught that national boundaries are unimportant, the fact that we are people with legitimate aspirations does not matter. "Truth" for us is seen as alienated consumers on the North American market system. **Canada and the U.S. are one, not in the spirit of fraternity among people but for the purpose of U.S. expansion.**

We are taught in economics and the social sciences that our progress depends on U.S. progress. We face an economic recession due to U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

ANGUISHED PLACEMENT OFFICERS confront students during anti-Dow Chemical Co. demonstration, January 1968. American-based Dow makes napalm and recruits employees at UBC.

This is hardly progress.

Our contemporary literature is devalued in the face of various U.S. schools.

Indigenous culture such as that of native people is buried under the drives of the political economy. It now becomes "groovy" or anthropologically astute to study native culture through white eyes. (Most of us are familiar with "American TV apaches" but few of us know about the rich culture of the coast Salish tribes of B.C.)

As Canadians we are kept culturally weak and unaware not only as a result of our economic and political servitude but also with the purpose of facilitating the U.S. takeover. A people kept unaware of themselves and their history as a group cannot successfully resist a domination which is detrimental to their development as people.

In addition to undermining our ideological development, the contemporary Canadian university fulfils an economic and political role. In a synthesis of culture and politics, student activists are put down and purged from campuses.

Canadian university presidents (many of them Americans by birth) in Ontario last year endorsed measures of strict control for student dissent which had not even manifested itself yet. These measures have the same effect as repressive labor legislation. It keeps Canada stable for U.S. plunder.

The universities do research work for U.S. concerns coming into Canada, thus aiding them economically.

UBC did work for Kaiser Coal's rape of the Kootenays and was one of the universities present last year for the opening conference concerning the proposed "mid-Canada corridor". This plan, if proceeded upon, will create and industrialized (plundered, raped, fucked, etc.) belt through the middle of Canada. The mineral wealth will head straight to the States a la Kaiser Coal. (Watch The Ubyssey for further developments on the corridor).

In addition the university engages in active political service of imperialism. It placates the working class by using its top operatives as negotiators to offer phony wage deals to unions.

University personnel also land themselves in top government positions to serve the satellite economy. A former arts dean of UBC, John Young is head of the Price and Incomes Commission in Ottawa.

First and foremost, he is advocating, along with Trudeau, that the Canadian people pay for U.S. inflation.

Secondly, the is placing the burden on workers, not on the rich, to pay for Canada's branch-plant's excesses in spending and profit (as much as 80 per cent) through 6 per cent wage guide lines.

As I write this, postal workers are struggling against this despotic recommendation. A university intellectual was its architect.

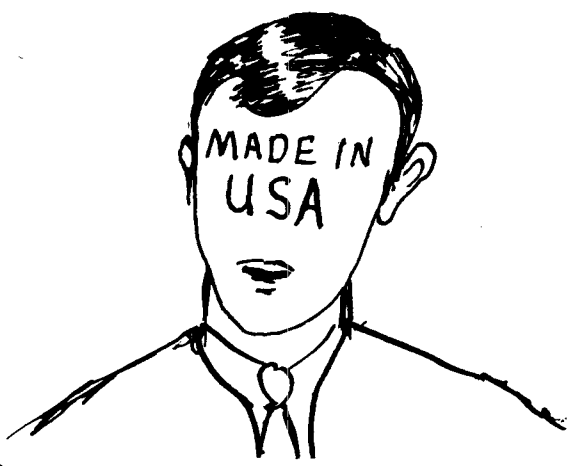
The alternatives to a Canada which is little more than a raw resource depot and in which close to nine million people live in poverty are independence and socialism. Until people are free to determine their own future little will happen in the way of a "just society" in Canada.

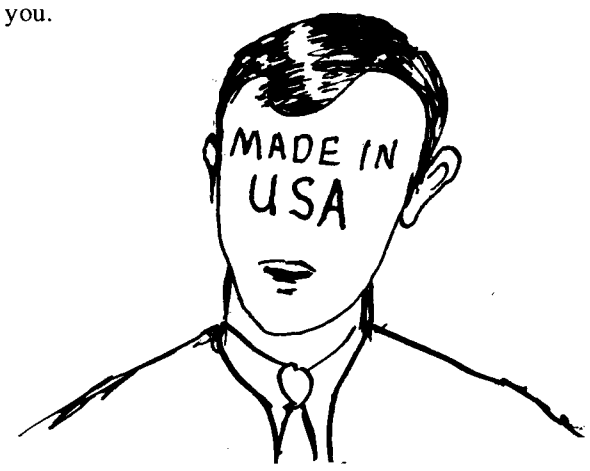
For Canadian university students this means a total rejection of the role now played the universities.

Change in university structure with the aim of freedom from all domination for the Canadian people will come only in grass-roots organizing among students. The Alma Mater Society at this university is too attached to a colonial adminstration and to the Liberal party of Canada (and its values) to be of any use in their struggle.

The kind of education, that tends toward further domination will only be thwarted if students in Canada take the necessary steps to undermine it.

Whether UBC will play a role in this process is up to you.





HISTORY

STUDENTS LEAVE faculty club the morning after. Invasion of private prof sanctuary was led by U.S. Yippie Jerry Rubin, Oct. 24, 1968.

Student participation, however dormant it might seem now, has been the watchword at UBC since its inception. Here's how the university developed, with a summary of future prospects.

The idea of the University of British Columbia came from B.C.'s first provincial government. Characteristically, the first classes met 41 years later, and it was 51 years before UBC had a campus.

The first annual report of the first provincial superintendent of education, John Jessup, noted "that British Columbia will soon require a provincial university." The idea – and a couple of dry runs – were kicked around all through the gay 90's, and not until 1907 were crown lands put aside for the university which was finally incorporated in 1908.

In 1914, construction began on what is now the old wing of the chemistry building on main mall, but the war intervened and the steel skeleton sat barren among the trees for eight years.

Academic planning began in 1906, under the wing of Montreal's McGill University. Despite the war and despite no facilities, 379 students and university president Dr. Frank Wesbrook declared themselves in class on Sept. 30, 1915. Another 56 students registered their spiritual presence from the trenches of France.

The tradition of making do with old huts started then too. Point Grey was still mostly woods, so the university was temporarily located in the Fairview shacks on the Vancouver General Hospital grounds.

The tie that binds the 1970-71 student to his ancestors is hut life – the Fairview shacks were as uninhabitable as the Second World War models still housing Fort camp, classrooms, offices and labs.

By 1922, the utter inadequacy of the shacks forced classes into tents, a church basement, an attic and private homes. Construction had not resumed on Point Grey – no money, what else? – and the 1,200 students resolved to do something about it.

A second tradition was set, translating the theory of the university motto, Tuum Est – it's up to you or it's yours – into practice. That tradition continues today to move UBC students to direct action: a national student's day march five years ago, a housing tent-in and money march to Victoria, and this year . . . whatever is necessary.

The 1922 campaign was to obtain signatures for a petition to be presented to the provincial legislature, asking for a work resumption on Point Grey.

Door to door canvassing, work at the PNE and in downtown Vancouver, and then a burst of energy during Varsity Week, Oct. 22 to 29, gathering 56,000 signatures demanding action to 'Build Varsity'.

And on Saturday, Oct. 28, 1922, the Great Trek was on. A parade with 35 floats marched from Main along Hastings to Granville and up to Davie St. Only 1,100 students took part, as man as ferried to Victoria to rally on the steps last January. The 1,100 represented nearly the whole student body.

From Davie they travelled to Tenth and Sasamat, the end of the old street car line, and hiked on the old logging road that is today University Boulevard and only slightly less bumpy. In front of the Science building shell, each Trekker placed a stone and built the Great Cairn. Now totally buried in ivy, the Cairn still stands on Main Mall as a monument to student action.

Unlike recent years, the public pressure paid off. On Nov. 2, 1922, $1.5 million was voted by the province to continue construction of UBC at Point Grey.

And the tone of student life had been set. By 1954, the third president of the University, Dr. Norman MacKenzie could tell the freshman class:

"No university in the world that I know owes so much to its students as does the University of British Columbia. That applies not only to buildings . . . but to participation in the actual operation of the university at a variety of levels. This, I believe, is good for the university and good for you, for it is in the exercise of responsibility of that kind that you gain experience and maturity and become, in a real sense, actively interested in and supporters of the university."

For the Great Trek has been just a start. The first gymnasium for the campus, now the women's gym, was built in 1929 after a student campaign. Between the wars, students initiated and contributed financially to the present Brock Hall.

During the second world war, the armory was built and expanded as a student project. After the war, in the 50's the university's human losses were commemorated in a drive to build another needed gymnasium, the War Memorial Gym on University Boulevard.

Student monies ($300,000) were used to fully finance the last of the men's houses in the Lower Mall permanent residence complex, Sherwood Lett House, named after the first president of the UBC's student government and former chief justice of B.C. Student money – nearing $5 million mortgaged for the next 18 years – has built the student union building.

Student action has progressed in recent years, as the need for facilities is increasingly met by student-pressured governments at all levels. The new trend is for a student voice, both in the physical operation of the university and in the academic programming. Student campaigns of the past three years have increasingly sought representation on governing bodies and this fall 12 student senators will be elected to the academic senate.

Since the real power is with the board of governors, which still meets in secret, it is unlikely that the 12 will be able to produce any real change. The task for student action in the next few years is solving that problem.

In 1962, Harvard dental college head Dr. John B. Macdonald followed Wesbrook, Dr. Leonard Klinck and Dr. Mackenzie to become the university's fourth president. Macdonald began his tenure by conducting a study of the future of higher education needs in the province, released early in 1963 as the Macdonald Report.

When it appeared as though the provincial government might not act on Macdonald's recommendations, the student body swung into action to 'Back Mac'. to agitate and petition throughout B.C. for the founding of additional universities and regional colleges – the process currently under way.

The aim of the Back Mac campaign had been to ensure that there was sufficient higher educational plant in the province to meet the needs of the people. The campaign and ensuing barrages against the Socreds succeeded in all respects but one: the evolution of a workable federal-provincial financial formula and grants commission to ensure enough money for all the province's institutes.

Moved by the knowledge that this would happen and by the realization that evolving universities benefit from a periodic change of leadership, Macdonald resigned.

The Back Mac campaign was followed in 1965 by National Student Day, when 3,500 people marched through Vancouver streets supporting universal accessibility to higher education.

Simultaneously, all four political parties adopted some measure of the Canadian Union of Students universal accessibility resolutions, though the fight to make the university serve all the people still continues.

In 1966, the issue was a severe shortage of accommodation on the campus and in nearby parts of the city. Students created a tent camp on main mall to publicize the issue, petitioned the citizenry, and asked city council to stay the closing of Kitsilano and Point Grey illegal suites. Council complied, and extended its illegal suite moratorium by one year – which has expired. The campaign continues, and the pressure for housing will ease slightly when the newly planned residence complex behind Brock Hall is completed.

To support Macdonald again, although against his wishes, students in 1967 marched to Victoria to rally

MASS OF PROTEST SIGNS at Peace Arch park, Blaine border crossing. Protest was against U.S. underground nuclear test.

with University of Victoria, Simon Fraser and high school students on the legislative steps for a better university deal. The government did not comply, and the decreasing value of protest marches signifies a need for a new kind of direct action which will yield results.

Education Minister Les Peterson at first told march planners he would not speak to the assembled horde. When his duty to meet 2,500-strong delegations of citizens massed on the castle steps was pointed out, he acquiesced and granted a brief audience.

The student aim has remained the same since 1922: make the best UBC for the most people. That aim has created the need for student action.

And student action – though of a somewhat different type – is what you have been reading about and hearing about for the past four or five years and more particularly, the last two years.

The present state of affairs at universities and throughout the world dictates that a concerned human being can no longer sit back and watch the world go by. It's like watching a funeral and funerals are very depressing occurrences.

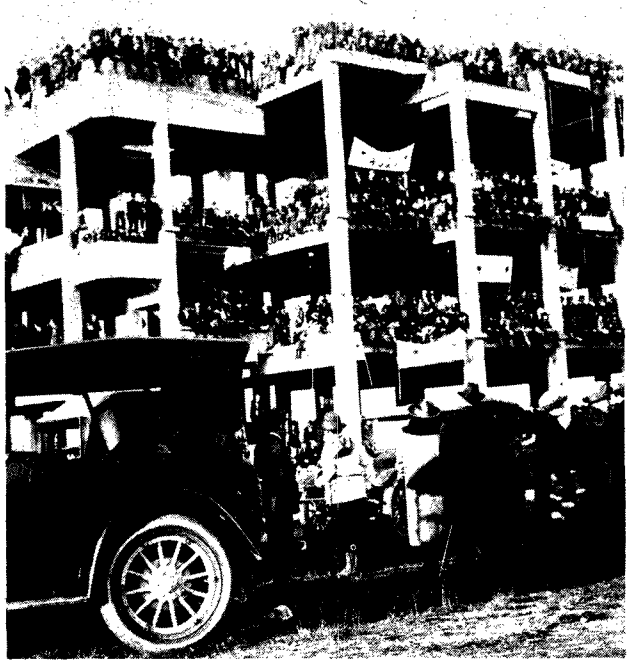
So the history of student action over the last couple of years has been a history of the student Left. It is the Left that has launched the attacks in the past and it is the Left that will continue to battle society and the system in an attempt to prevent the destruction of mankind.

Thus the image of universities lately is one characterized by the words you hear on the radio and see in the papers – radical, activist, SDS, occupation, sit-in, and so on. UBC is a conservative campus, but the fight does exist here. The revolution is happening.

The first tangible victory of the Left at UBC came in the fall of 1967 with the student senate elections.

The previous spring had finally seen the realization of a campaign for student senators to at least make the student voice heard among the voices of faculty members, corporate businessmen and others who traditionally sit on senate and dictate how the university is to be run.

Four students, it was agreed, would sit with the 80 members then in office.



GREAT TREKKERS fill the shell of chemistry building in 1922. March pressured provincial government into giving UBC money it wanted.

The winners of that election – Gabor Mate, Kirsten Emmott, Ray Larsen and Mark Waldman – were with the possible exception of grad student representative Waldman radicals. The three undergrad senators had campaigned on the issue of ending senate secrecy. They were called "radicals."

But senate secrecy did not immediately end. At least not to the satisfaction of the three student senators. By January they had called a student rally to decide whether or not they should resign because the senate was ignoring them. What eventually resulted was a student-senate meet and the beginning of a dialogue.

What the whole issue of student senators and senate secrecy served to do was to point out the extent of the struggle that lay ahead. It did little else. The tokenistic nature of the student representation on senate was recognized from the start. All that could happen was that students would realize that tougher tactics would have to be employed. That came later.

The second radical victory of the 1967-68 term came with the AMS elections in the spring. A radical slate running on a platform of "human government" and radical action was swept into office.

Unfortunately, those radicals – Carey Linde, Tobin Robbins, Ruth Dworkin and Jill Cameron – were not sufficiently prepared to deal with the unwieldy AMS structure or people. Before the year was out, Cameron had been forced to resign, Dworkin quit in disappointment, Linde had quit in frustration and Robbins had changed from his campaign platform to become a part of the system.

The election also pointed up the amazing ability of liberals (many of them capital-L) to maintain their grasp on UBC's student council. Student councils, of course, can be taken with a grain of salt or looked at with a jaundiced eye, whichever you prefer. Rarely do they actually do anything – and UBC's is no expection.

In past years the position of UBC Alma Mater Society (Student Council) president has been widely regarded as a stepping stone to prominence in the B.C. Liberal party or legal establishment. Sherwood Lett, Richard Underhill, Dick Bibbs, Ben Trevino, Dave Brousson, Mark Collins, and Charles Connaghan are only a few of the local fence-sitters and lawyers who got their start this way. In recent years, Peter Braund, Shaun Sullivan, Dave Zirnhelt (who ran in a provincial election) and Fraser Hodge have all at one time or another been Liberal party members.

Student councils, of course, were never the students' idea. Only 8,000 students – fewer than half UBC's population – voted in a referendum last year on whether to retain the present structure of UBC's student society. (It passed.) And student councils were invented in the first place by university administrations as a tool to keep students in line – at the same time giving them the impression that they have some control over their university life.

Again, UBC is no exception. In the 1968 election, the liberals successfully thwarted the election of erstwhile radical Stan Persky as president, disqualifying him on a technicality even though he got 1,300 more votes than his only opponent. Once they got their way, the liberals played into the hands of the administration at every opportunity, opposing every spontaneous manifestation of student unrest while proposing no solutions to the problems themselves.

When 2,500 students, at the instigation of U.S. radical and Chicago Conspiracy member Jerry Rubin, marched into the faculty club in October 1968 and held an all-night party inside, many saw it as a significant, if misguided, expression of discontent and resentment at the way our lives are controlled by others – professors, bureaucrats and administrators.

Serious radicals condemned its "adventurist" quality – but applauded the fact that students had finally taken some sort of action other than the endless, fruitless protest marches. But the student council, led by Zirnhelt, condemned the entire incident out of hand and co-operated with the administration in sponsoring a "teach-in" which succeeded only in absorbing the discontent and reasserting the master-servant classroom relationship which pervades the university.

The academic year 1968-69, however saw a surge of student unrest in the rest of Canada. A month after the faculty club occupation, students swarmed into the Simon Fraser University administration building in support of their demands for a freer, less insane admissions policy at SFU. President Kenneth Strand acting quickly, bringing RCMP on campus and having 114 arrested: their trials finished only last month.

And the winter of unrest culminated in February, 1969, when students at Sir George Williams University in Montreal, angered over the administration's utter refusal to act on charges of racism against a biology professor, sacked a $2 million computer centre – an action which gave UBC administrators a paranoia from which they still haven't recovered.

President F. Kenneth Hare, selected out of 60

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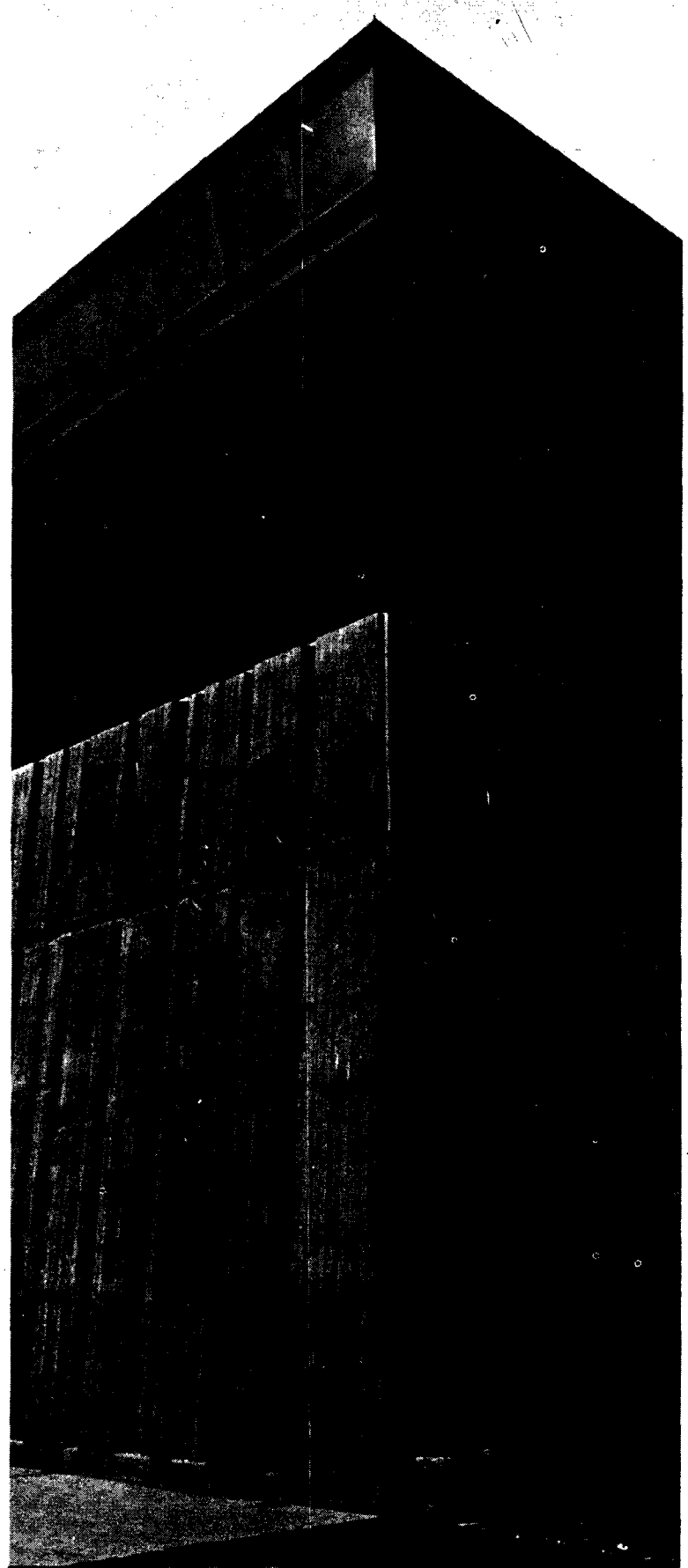
STUDENT ACTION: the key words throughout UBC's history.



Your student union building

OVER near the corner of University Boulevard and East Mall there is a concrete plaza or two, some benches, a few patches of grass and some flags. There is a building there too. It's called the Student Union Building on official forms. It has been called other things, too, but it's commonly referred to as SUB.

SUB belongs to the students. For a while, anyway. It is used for eating, sleeping, talking, listening, watching, screwing and playing. Sometimes people study there too.

Now take this in your trembling hands and do as we say.

The Tuum Est tour – unauthorized and hopelessly misinformed – leaves from the south-west entrance. (Direction is the first thing you must acquire if you are to be successful in the university.) See the map in the centre pages of Tuum Est if you are confused.

To the left, in the south west corner, we find reading and listening lounges along with lounging lounges. Winding west through $200 wall couches and $160 swivel chairs, we enter the reading lounge, treading (quietly, please!) on part of the building's $24,260 worth of carpet.

Here you can read a wide selection of international newspapers and magazines – ranging from the Peking Review to the Canadian Journal of Commerce. And Playboy.

Or you can nip into one of the two adjacent listening lounges and listen to any and every kind of recorded music through stereophonic ear phones. Anybody can go in, but to get an ear phone (limited to one hour) you must leave your AMS card at the desk in the reading rooom. And then wait. Sometimes you have time to take in a class or two before your turn comes up but eventually you will get ear phones. Then you can tune into any one of 10 record timetables and two tape decks. They have about 350 albums but you can bring your own and have them played if you wish. The sound is actually worth it.

Outside, the lounge and conversation pit (sunken lounge) is for lounging, studying, card playing and talking. Make yourself at home.

Proceeding north, there is an information desk to the right. This is for information. Feel free to ask questions – the girl behind the counter is being paid to tell you where to go. Here you can also get people paged over the public address if you have "just cause". For example, if you need to get into a locked room, she will page the proctor (guy with the keys). And if you don't like the radio station being piped through the building, it can be changed, sometimes.

Beside the information desk is the lost and found, where you can reclaim articles such as glasses, earrings, buttons and insect collections that you may have lost. Prices were jacked up here over the summer – it now costs 25 cents or 10 per cent of the value of the article you lost – whichever is greater – to get something back. it's advisable, therefore, not to lose engagement rings, $200 new suits, new cars or rare stamps.

In the foyer throughout registration week there will be tables staffed with people who are connected with frosh orientation, which means they are good people to talk to if you don't know what you're doing or have any other general questions. For more on this, see the section on orientation on page 2.

When the tables are moved away all that's left will be bulletin boards. There are all kinds of bulletin boards throughout SUB, and the people who run the building have an incredibly intricate system of classifying them, so you can't put a poster on the classified bulletin board, and so on. The ones in front of the information desk are classified – for things for sale or other messages. They will be cleared off arbitrarily and totally every two weeks. Other boards are for other purposes – see co-ordinator Hanson Lau if you want to put something up.

Also beside the information desk are a calendar of student events and a ride board. This is handy if you want to go somewhere – just fill out a slip and put it in the appropriate slot. Or if you have a space in your car, do the same thing. Neat if you're arranging car pools, or want company on that trip to Spuzzum.

A directory of the building, in case you're now lost, is located by the xerox machine. The cases along the east wall of the foyer will contain lost

THE PIT, UBC's version of a real downtown style pub, soon after it opened last year. It will be open at least twice a week this winter. At top left, a forbidding view of what can be a forbidding building. Just try getting in after 1 a.m. some night. Sweet-talking proctors is an art.

glasses, earrings and the titles of lost books, to make the job of matching things with people easier. You're going to lose things at UBC – there's no getting away from it. So it helps if you put your name on everything. Your glasses. Your belt. Your underwear. Attach a name tag to your earrings. It's better than losing them.

Cultural events

Across the foyer and down a few steps is a 428-plush-seat auditorium where movies, panel discussions and other cultural events happen. A series of art movies is available through subscription to Cinema 16. The price for the very popular second-run commercial movies is 50 cents and a wait in the lineup. The auditorium is also rentable if you're calling a revolution for less than 500.

Going north past the ombudsman's office on the mall, to the left is the two-level art gallery. Here, pornography is shown from time to time. Also indigenous, travelling, historical, contemporary and experimental exhibitions of painting, sculpture and photography. No lunches to be eaten here, because parts of the $800,000 AMS art collection was damaged two years ago by peanut butter and jelly.

Until this year, all these cultural affairs were handled by a cultural affairs supervisor. But things have changed, and a student committee now administers the art, music and other cultural activities to be found in SUB. See Hanson if you have an idea or want to get involved.

A slide show of SUB is planned for the art gallery during registration week, which is when you should be reading this. It will feature photos of student council heavies, staff and other good people to know, and maybe even a shot or two of the building.

And we're ready to advance to the second floor (ignoring of course the whole Eastern half of the floor which contains the cafeteria. See food section.)

Up the stairs at the north and turning left we find, on the left, the poster-making room and Mamooks office. Here you can make posters and any other art or publicity material yourself or have them designed and made by the Mamooks staff at a nominal charge. Materials and silk-screen facilities are available at cost. Pottery facilities are also available for the pot set.

Still on the left, tucked away in the north east corner, are the Film and Photo Society offices. Film and camera fiends can enquire about membership.

Big scoop

But the rest of us are going across the hall to The Ubyssey office where hard drinking, dope smoking would-be journalists perform fertility writes twice weekly – publishing Tuesdays and Fridays.

Hot news tips and applications from prospective, or famous journalists are gratefully received at all hours.

Next door (we're south now) is the publications office where you can buy classified or retail advertising in The Ubyssey. Deadline for ads is noon the day before publication.

Next on the left are the radio society offices and studios. From here student radio types use more than $50,000 worth of sophisticated equipment to beam their message through SUB. Ask nicely and they may show you around. You can join them for about $5 per year, which means you have access to some pretty good taping and recording facilities, if that's your bag.

Around the corner and going west, there are a series of bookable meeting rooms and then the TV room. You can watch television here. Plans are being made to ensure that every hockey game televised next winter will be on TV somewhere in SUB. Just because you're away from home in the big city doesn't mean that life's simple pleasures are denied you.

Through the foyer on the left is the meeting-room-of-meeting rooms; the AMS council chamber. Here 29 plush swivel chairs surround an opulent, custom-made circular table. (Nobody seems to know just what the table is made of or what it cost, but the furnishings for the whole room carry a price tag in excess of $9,000.)

The weakly (sic) council meetings are held here Wednesday nights about 8 p.m. and your are invited to watch your elected representatives engage in the slapstick comedy and political tragedy of liberalism. Don't bother to come early – none of the councillors will and there is seldom a line up for the 30-seat public gallery.

Continuing to the southwest corner there are several bookable offices and then the clubs lounge and workroom. The workroom is generally for members of specific clubs but the lounge is open to anyone.

RECREATION in basement games area.

...as seen through the slightly warped eye of Tuum Est

TEAR GAS INVASION? Mass freakout? No, just one of the noon-hour rock concerts held in the ballroom from time to time.

Proceeding north once again, past the stairs to the west entrance, we find the offices of the student ombudsman, Speak-Easy and legal aid. The ombudsman is an elected student council official (he doesn't vote at meetings) whose job is to look into problems you have with the university, your landlord or anything else. An ombudsman will be elected early in the year. Speak-Easy was formed last year when a group of students decided the campus needed a counselling centre. They'll be glad to talk to you. Legal aid is a group of socially conscious law students who'll help you with such things as tenancy grievances, police hassles and so on.

Continuing north, the offices of the Alma Mater Society come into view. Here is the throbbing heart of student social clubs and bureaucratic politics at UBC.

Good offices

Behind a glass wall and reception desk are the offices of the student president, his elected lieutenants and a clutch of paid staff who manage the building and AMS business. The doors of these offices are always open to students – except when they are locked. Most AMS executives keep weird and wonderful hours but there is a receptionist on duty weekdays during business hours who can tell you what you want to know or else tell you where and when to find the person who can tell you.

This is also where you book meeting rooms – most of which are free to AMS clubs. And any room not occupied permanently can be used for studying.

And if you want to work in the building, there are about 60 part-time jobs in the building which pay $1.75 per hour. Apply within.

Right next door is the glassed-in AMS business office, open only 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. The financial business of the AMS and its clubs is transacted here. Also, if you're nice, you can run off leaflets in the mimeograph room. Student-compiled lists of off-campus housing are also available here.

And in the middle of it all, to your right, is a court yard, party room and ball room.

The courtyard, open when the building is, is available for whatever you see fit to do in public – weather permitting.

The ballroom and party rooms hold up to 1,200 and 350 people respectively and are bookable at charge for concerts, parties and ballings. The ballroom houses most of the big concerts, dances, speeches and rallies held in the building.

The party room also, on certain week nights, houses the Pit – UBC's answer to the Fraser Arms. Since the closest hotels are seven miles away, the campus has for years felt the need for a good old-fashioned beer-drinking establishment. Provincial government liquor laws thwarted it until last year, when a group of students formed a club with a nominal ($3 per year) membership fee, thus qualifying for a liquor licence. Last winter the Pit was open three nights a week. This winter it will probably be open only two, but a large expansion area in the SUB basement will be converted into a pub this winter (or whenever the AMS can get a draft beer licence) and it may even be open before Easter exams.

Now you are left to go back to the stairs in the south wall, just beside the council chambers, and beat it down to the basement.

To the right (looking ever northward) there is a fully-equipped bowling alley and billiard room. Both are owned by the AMS and balls can be rolled around for a nominal charge.

West and around the corner to the left are the

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EDUCATION MINISTER Leslie Peterson, who didn't like students, greets them on legislature steps.

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applicants after Macdonald's resignation, couldn't take it. In February, 1969, he resigned after only seven months in office. He never said his resignation was due to the pressures of student activism. On the contrary he said he could not work in the oppressive atmosphere of UBC – not enough money from the provincial government, et cetera – with his delicate temperament. Hare's successor is Walter Gage, whose administration is mostly of the do-nothing, don't-rock-the-boat variety.

Through 1969-70, at UBC, the situation remained quieter. The backlash had set in and students were quite prepared to let Fraser Hodge's council carry on the tradition of inaction. The Canadian Union of Students had died and with it some of the communication among the student left that had led to the success of the protests at other universities.

In October, UBC students did travel to the U.S. border at Blaine to protest an atomic bomb test in the Aleutian Islands that could have caused an earthquake wiping Vancouver Island off the map. There were about 3,000 students and 2,000 others. But the student council leaders didn't actually want to block the border – they just wanted to make speeches, be reported and filmed.

When a group broke off and headed for the crossing a mile away, where traffic to Canada was being rerouted, Hodge and the rest of the liberals decried their action. The breakaway group was trying to bring something home to American motorists – that Canadians are getting tired of their government's cavalier attitude toward our country. But the student council types couldn't see that – they were too busy trying to look "responsible."

During the second term last year, the cause celebre on campus was that of two English professors, David Powell and Brian Mayne, effectively fired by their department. Students said they were both excellent teachers and charged that the decision had been made because they had not published enough "scholarly works." Meetings were held and petitions were signed. It was also thought that the new head of the English department, American import Robert Jordan, was attempting to impose American academic standards on the department – which basically favor research over good teaching and an appreciation of good literature.

But the dissent, again, was absorbed as the administration stalled by appointing committees and putting the issue off until students were too busy with exams to worry about it. During the summer, Mayne and Powell were denied long-term contracts.

UBC is still in desperate need of reform. The university remains in the control of the board of governors, a group of corporate businessmen whose main aim is to preserve the status quo (their money) and to discourage any attempt at reform that might threaten their interests and the society that allowed them to build up those interests.

Their concern is not education but the perpetuation of a university system designed to program individuals to become tools in the hands of the magnates and rulers of the system. This is not surprising.

The question is how far the students are going to let them get away with it? How long will students sit back and let businessmen dictate to them the type of education they are to receive? How long will it be before they want to make their own decisions about how their lives are to be run?

More important, what about the society outside? How long can we sit in the proverbial ivory tower and attempt to ignore the crying need for social change in the city beyond the gates?

Action has been taken. More action will be taken this year. The Left at UBC is prepared and determined to better the education system, to restructure in a way that will give students the voice. Action will be taken. Support it, if you like. Join in, maybe. Condemn the whole process, if you can. One way or another you will become involved. Which way is your decision.

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offices of the outdoors club, for hiking and skiing types.

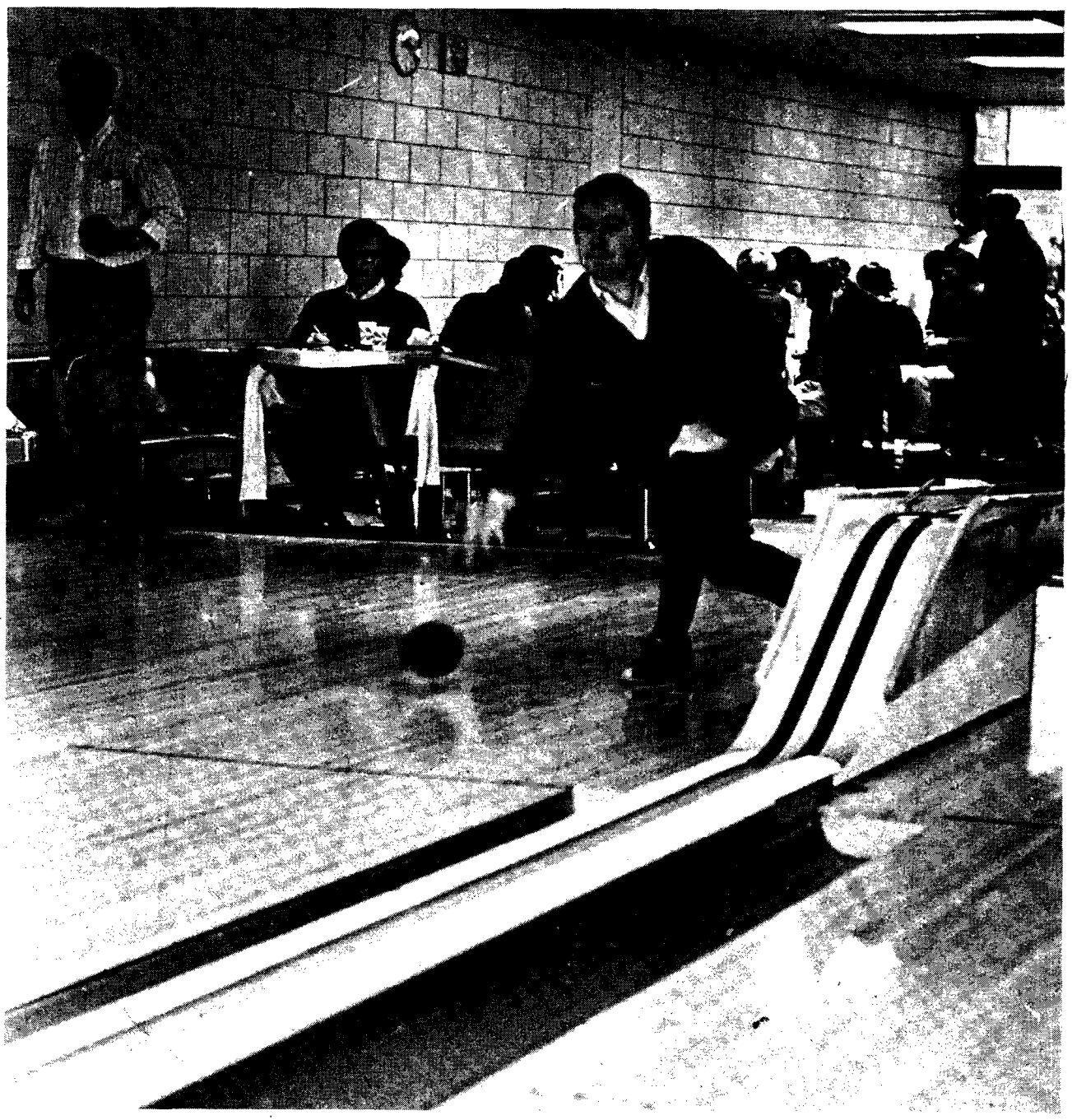
Meanwhile, by this time you must have noticed that glass-fronted shop due east with all the wall-to-wall carpet, soft music, slick displays and pretty blonde clerks with clear complexions. It's the Thunderbird Shop.

Owned by the conglomerate Canadian Student Marketing Corp., the Thunderbird Shop will sell you magazines, cosmetics, mickey-mouse watches and T-shirts, and a few school supplies. But you will pay for the carpets and the chicks with the clear complexions. The CSMC pays a rent to the AMS but sends most of the profits to the head office.

Right next door is the barber shop – also a commercial enterprise which pays rent. If you must get a haircut (and at UBC nobody is going to force you) this is as good a place as any. The rates are the same as elsewhere and the barbers, dealing entirely with students, get to know what you want in a haircut.

Down the end of the hall (forging northward) is the Bank of Montreal with a lease on that corner of the building. If you have money: the interest rates won't increase your fortune much but it's handy.

So ends our tour. SUB management types – members of an AMS commission responsible for the building – will exhort you ceaselessly to be good boys and girls and refrain from writing on the walls and pick up garbage. And it's generally a good idea. While some may think it's a sterile place–certainly parts of the building lack imagination – it also costs money – your money – to repair damage. Thus if you feel like improving an area of the building, do it. If you're in a club, feel free to paint the walls, tack up posters and so on. And if you think the building or its operation could be improved, by all means complain. Complain to SUB co-ordinator Lau. He's elected to look after the building, and it's up to you to see that he does.



BOWLING LANES sparked controversy during SUB building when some said they wouldn't be used. Above is former AMS president Shaun Sullivan.

REVOLUTION

You can't tell the radicals without a program. As a public service, Tuum Est presents a quick guide to the student left, what it's all about and where it's going.

YOU may have noticed there's a revolution going on.

You haven't? Well, look again.

If and when you do notice, you will probably be like the majority of students in having many criticisms of it, even though you still feel there is something seriously wrong with society.

You could also be one of the increasing number of students who have decided to join it (the revolution, not society).

Perhaps you couldn't find a job last summer and it occurred to you that there must be something fundamentally wrong with an economy that does not permit you to add to the general wealth of society by working.

Or maybe you finally got fed up with the increasing repression in North America and decided to fight back.

Or maybe you began to realize that imperialism actually exists and that Canada is both its victim and its accomplice.

Undoubtedly, you're curious as to what's going on and why.

This, very basically, is what's happening.

The fundamental idea behind revolution is to make a better life, both qualitatively and quantitatively. To do this, most revolutionaries attempt to change the economic system.

There are two main reasons for this. First, it is generally acknowledged that economic factors are the basic motive force of human activity. Second, it is also conceded that there is no such thing as "human nature". People behave as they do because they have **learned** to behave that way. Therefore, it follows that economic factors have a great deal to do with the way people behave towards each other.

The problem is to find an economic system that does not create hostile relationships between people or nations. That, basically, is the theory of revolution.

The next step for most revolutionaries is to propose an economic system to replace the existing one. They usually choose socialism, but the variations from there are endless, depending on the conditions in different areas.

The next step is to put the theory into practice. There are almost as many approaches to this as there are revolutionaries, but generally those with a similar line band together in some form of organization. At UBC, all such groups operate under completely democratic principles, although some are more democratic that others.

To find out more about the theory and practice of

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revolution, try talking with the people behind the various literature tables in SUB. They're approachable (naturally, as they're trying to recruit you) and you'll learn a lot.

It's a good idea, though, not to sign on the dotted line until you know exactly what's going on. Most people wouldn't join the majority of the UBC radical groups. But then, it's up to you. To help you, here's a brief UBC Who's Who of the revolution.

Young Socialists

For the well-dressed, respectable young revolutionary. They have probably the most democratic organization of the marxist-leninist parties listed here. They are a major factor in the anti-war movement and are generally anti-nationalist and anti-bureaucratic. With this group you either like them or loathe them. If you like them, you are probably a member. Their chief fault is their sectarianism, for which they are hated by most of the Canadian left. They seem to have the view that what is good for YS is good for the revolution. Try talking to them, though, or visit the Vancouver local at 1208 Granville.

Canadian Party of Labor

This recently-formed group is chiefly distinguished by its extreme anti-nationalism. It has condemned the nationalism of the Vietnamese and the Black Panthers as being reactionary and insist that all loyalties must be along class lines.

They publish a newspaper called the **Canadian Worker.** The party tends to support Stalinist and Maoist principles. It is nationwide and has about 100 members, mostly former students. You may be able to find them somewhere in SUB.

Canadian Student Movement (alias Canadian Communist Movement, Marxist Leninist, Afro-Asian, People's Solidarity Movement, and many, many more.)

Chiefly distinguished by ultra-sectarianism and fanatical devotion to Mao Tse-tung. You'll run into them whether you want to not, waving their little red books and trying to import the cultural revolution. They're good for a laugh if you're not politically sophisticated, but they're to blame for turning large numbers of potentially sympathetic people away from radical politics. Just remember that these guys aren't what the left is all about.

Industrial Workers of the World

Yes, Engelbert, even the anarchists have their organization. The IWW, or Wobblies as its members are often called, is a continuation of the radical trade union politics of the early 1900s. Wobblies are attempting to build a new society within the old by organizing trade unions, communes and so on.

There is no formal leadership and bureaucracy is kept to a minimum. The IWW has done some good things on campus, particularly the Black Cross food service which last year sold food at cost, undercutting the administration services. Look for more of the same this year.

Son of CLAM

Every year there is an attempt by independent radicals to form a UBC-based radical group. Last year it was CLAM, the Campus Left Action Movement — a rather nefarious group organized on broad-front, anti-imperialist principles. It tended to exclude people who did not agree entirely with its program and, as a result, disintegrated into a shell of its former self.

CLAM's successor is presently unnamed but promises to be less exclusionary than its parent. When it makes its appearance, you'll recognize it by its independent, UBC-oriented politics.

Waffle

Waffle is a radical group developing within the New Democratic Party. It calls for an independent, socialist Canada and aims at building a grass-roots movement to achieve this. The group has already considerable strength within the NDP and you'll be hearing much more of them. Take the time to get a coy of the "Waffle Manifesto" to learn more about their principles.

Waffle is distinguished from other campus commie groups because it is social democratic as opposed to revolutionary. This means it thinks it can work within established political parties and electoral politics to bring about fundamental changes in society.

Contact with the groups listed here should increase your knowledge of left politics. Don't be afraid to talk with them and criticize their ideas. They sure could use it.

Too often the revolution is equated either with groovy trips and free love or with ravers spouting rhetoric and Mao Tse-tung thought.

All it really means is a workable, human alternative to the present system. Construction of that alternative presents a far greater and more meaningful challenge than merely propping up what we've got now.

Anyhow, it's up to you.

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Assuming you're willing to look for it, art and culture abound at UBC.

Don't all sneer at once at the thought of passing up a frat initiation or an engineering drunk to see a play, film or concert. Chances are good that once you get out in the big bad world clutching your degree, you'll find out that supporting events like these gives you a little extra social status. (Or maybe you might even come to appreciate them for their own sake.) So start now, kiddies, and help make up for the damage done by the Socred government's artless high school indoctrination programs.

Artsy-cultural stuff exists in many forms on campus: music, theatre, film, creative writing, and just plain Art with a capital A.

Music is so important that there's a whole building full of it (well, almost). If you can find the tuning fork sculpture by the old auditorium, and then turn directly north, you'll see what we're talking about. Notice that there's nothing on the building to identify it. Smart, eh?

Inside on the first floor is the recital hall, where events usually take place every noon hour, ranging from electronic music to concerts by the UBC Symphony. Check out the bulletin boards in the lobby often to see what's shaking.

On the fourth floor of the building is the music library, full of books and scores which can be taken out by anybody. The friendly staff will help you out if you can't find that rare Concerto for Kazoo and Three Harps, by von Himmelhartz.

Also in the library is a large record collection which can be heard only in a nearby listening room.

Another place to listen to records on campus is the Wilson Listening Room under the northwest wing of the main library, where a collection of about 15,000 discs awaits you, ranging from folk music to jazz, opera, and recorded plays. Over the summer several new stereo listening sets were added to increase your pleasure here. If you want to take home some albums, though, it'll cost you five bucks, a worthwhile investment if you own a tape recorder.

There's no pop music in the Wilson room, but you can find that in the SUB listening room, located near the conversation pit. The waiting line here for headsets (for which you have to fork over your students' card) is generally long, but patience brings its reward.

Other musical happenings have been known to take place around SUB and in the old auditorium. Check out The Ubyssey for details of these as well as other goodies.

Theatre also has a building of its own, located immediately south of the evil faculty club. Herein take place a variety of things. In the big Freddy Wood Theatre are plays starring both professional and student actors, while the smaller Dorothy Somerset Studio beneath concentrates on experimental and student thesis production.

When student actors are needed, audition times are posted around the building and in The Ubyssey. Other jobs ranging from ushers to house managers are available, offering rewards of different types. Check around the theatre department to find out more.

Major plays to be produced this year at the FWT are Endgame, Ghosts, Oedipus Rex, and Twelfth Night. Not exactly anything outside of the standard repertoire. Hope for more interesting productions in the Studio, like last year's mixed-media labyrinth, Inside the Ghost Sonata.

Film courses of various descriptions are also offered by the theatre department, including a production course with a very limited enrolment.

In other film fields, UBC has a film society which brings flicks to campus at ultra-cheap rates for showing in the SUB auditorium. Filmsoc also includes Cinema 16, devoted to the revival of oldies-but-goodies in the world of film. Among the thrills to hit the screen this year are several series devoted to Hitchcock (including Suspicion and The Wrong Man), New Canadian film makers (Allan King, Claude Jutra), Joseph von Sternberg, and an International Series featuring Woman of the Dunes and Orson Welles' Falstaff, among others.

The creative writing department hangs out in the south part of Brock Hall. Its various exploits include publication of two magazines, Prism International and Contemporary Literature in Translation, and the holding of free poetry readings.

Art of the painting and sculpture variety is located at various places around campus. That of a more organized kind is in the art gallery, very inconveniently located underneath the fine arts library and near the anthropology museum, in the north basement of the main library.

Here curator Alvin Balkind and his assistants manage to present free shows ranging from concrete poetry to pop art and sound sculptures created by tape recorders. While you're there, by the way, take a look at the cramped space they have to contend with. Then, when you make your first million, donate a new art gallery to the university.

More arty stuff in SUB and the fine arts building, as well as during the yearly Contemporary Arts Festival consisting of weird freakouts 'n' stuff. Watch for it.

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August 27, 1970.

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We will not mail the revised schedules. They will be waiting for you in EAST MALL ANNEX 119 from September 8 to 11 and September 14. Please bring your invalid student's schedule with you.

Please accept our apology!

Yours truly,

J. E. A. Parnall
Registrar

This letter was sent to 4,600 students who pre-registered during the summer. It won't be the first time a computer screws your life up.