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Office programs lose 51 seats

Office administration students, say goodbye to your classmates.

The ministry of education has announced plans to cut 51 seats in the program, forcing people to pay higher tuition at private business schools if they want to obtain a diploma.

by DAN HILBORN

In a move that has affected Pacific Vocational Institute, Vancouver Community College, Cariboo, Camosun, Kwantlen, Capilano, and Douglas College, office administration programs have been reduced by approximately 10 per cent.

However, college managers have said they may not comply with the ministry of education directive. President Bill Day said specific program decisions such as this one are best made by the people closest to the scene.

"It's a deeply significant act, contrary to the notion of productivity," he said.

"It might be an initial thrust of the needle to see what reaction they get," Day said.

The management committee has asked Jim Sator, head of the business department including office admin, to take no action towards cutting the program until a report is prepared for the next management meeting.

Some committee members said the cuts were the result of "a concerted effort by the trade schools."

"Be nice to Marie Tomko," was one comment.

Tomko is part owner of MTC Business College, across the street from the New Westminster campus. Tomko also ran for alderman in the most recent New West civic election.

MTC College offers 24 diploma and certificate courses, ranging in cost from \$4,880 for a 52 week Administrative Secretary course, to \$715 for a six week Mini-Clerical certificate.

This is a 540 per cent increase for students taking the equivalent secretarial program at Douglas.

Gordon Gilgan, dean of applied sciences and ac-

ademic programs contacted the program profile department of the ministry of education to discuss the implications of the cuts.

"It was a decision from cabinet," he said. And the ministry expects to see evidence of the cuts.

"Nothing can stop the ministry," said Bill Day. "They view themselves as being able to say which programs are cut."

Day said he accepts the ministry's right to allocate the overall budget and make general direction policy, however, specific cuts should be made at the college level.

"Obviously, I have a vested interest in seeing that the institution makes as many decisions as possible," he said.

Day said the acceptance of the cuts depends strongly on the budget package the college will receive February 24 in Victoria. Five administrative representatives will be taking the ferry over to discuss the implications of the new funding levels.

"We're not making any assumptions," said Gilgan. "We may not comply with the ministry directive."

The cuts may not be a part of the five per cent budget reduction already announced by the ministry, said Gilgan.

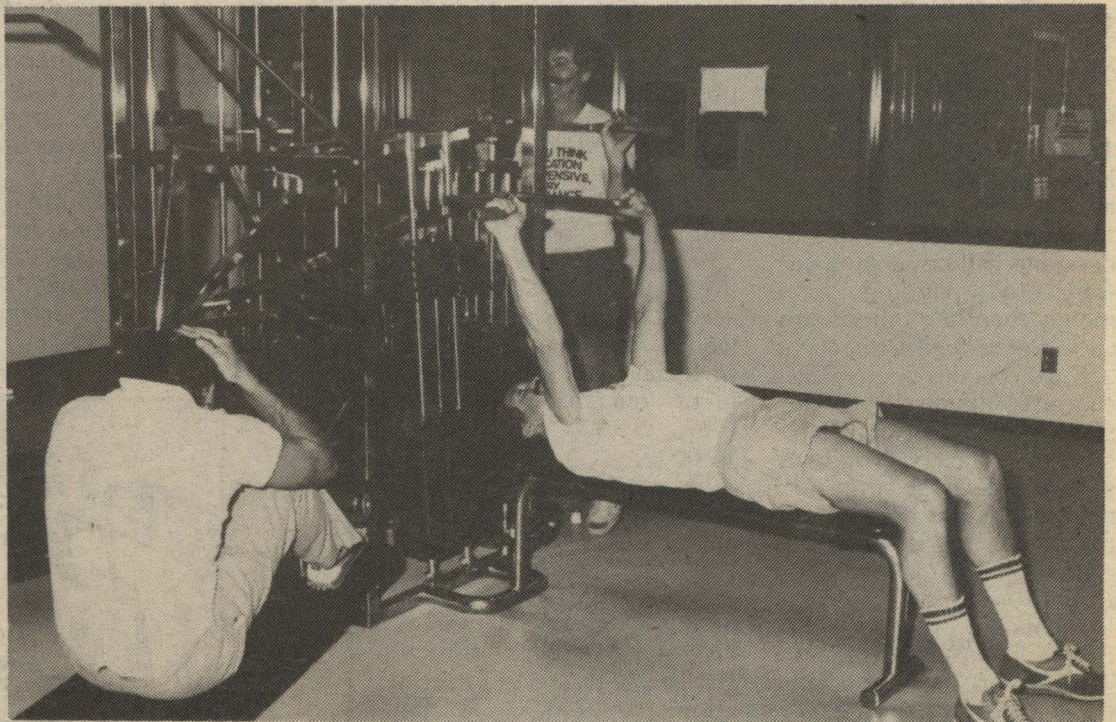
"I would like to think it was," said bursar Bill Morphy.

At Capilano College, student society secretary Daisy Locke said five office administration courses have been cut. Business office training, legal secretary, legal assistance, medical office assistance and word processing have all been eliminated, she said.

At Douglas, the cuts will mean a 10 per cent reduction to the program, said Gilgan.

Tomko said it is impossible to compare the courses she offers to those at the colleges. "Our students have 30 class hours a week," she said.

The cost for taxpayers to send a student to college was \$42 a day last year, she said, and that cost has probably risen higher.



Faculty negotiations halted

Contract negotiations between the college and the faculty association have broken off, giving faculty the legal right to strike at Douglas College.

The newsletter lists five points that are in dispute: length of contract, the continuation of a conversion committee, a clause allowing a shortage of funding as reason to terminate employment, salary negotiations,

The college negotiating team tabled the latest faculty proposal at a January 30 meeting and neither side has set a date to renew talks, the latest faculty negotiations newsletter said.

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Faculty have reduced their bid for a salary increase from six to four per cent since last November, however, the college insists upon no increase, the newsletter said.

Gilgan said the college's proposals are determined by

the college board and not the ministry and any new negotiations will have to wait until the newly appointed board sits February 16.

Ralph Stanton, association president, told the college board last month that faculty were becoming very concerned with the lack of progress in the negotiations. Faculty have been without a contract since May 1, 1983, he said.

Faculty have voted to make no more concessions to the college, Stanton said, and they are "clearly unhappy" with the situation.

The huge increase in registration is shouldered vir-

tually by the faculty, Stanton said, and their reward has been nine months without a contract.

Douglas does not need a layoff clause, he said to the board, because "the college is far from shrinking," he said.

Len Millis, vice-president of the association, said in a letter to Bill Day, faculty should not be expected to volunteer duties at Open House (March 9) unless a contract is signed.

Neither side is willing to make public statements while negotiations are still in progress.

Book check ready for September registration

Students will not have to worry about losing their textbooks next semester because of a bookstore policy requiring them to leave all books and bags outside of the store during peak hours.

After receiving several complaints about stolen books the student society has decided to run a book check to prevent thieves on campus from picking up the unguarded books.

"With the huge line-ups

they have in the bookstore it's impossible to keep your eyes on your parcels outside the door," said council treasurer Les Pandak.

Pandak became interested in setting up the book check after he heard a student, Raymond Hillon, complaining a \$5.69 manual was stolen. Pandak originally asked council to reimburse Hillon the cost of the book but some council members felt this would set an unfair precedent.

Student society AGM

New building, new laws

Two times a year students can vote on the campus issues that concern them. The first is when the student society holds its elections

by DAN HILBORN

and the second is - at the society's Annual General Meeting.

This year's AGM will be held on February 23, at 12:30 p.m. in room 2201, the large lecture hall on the New Westminster campus. Society President Sean Balderstone will be looking forward to spending more money than any other council in the college's history.

Most of the money will concern involve Balderstone's plan to purchase a student society building somewhere near the near the New West campus, and the motion prepared for the AGM will give council executives the right to charge students however much they decide is needed.

"The motion could be changed before the AGM," Balderstone said. "The college may not need a new building," he said, "but the students do."

The building would have meeting rooms and a licensed drinking area, he said, however, he made no mention of the subsidized housing.

The student society has been studying a 75 page brief prepared by the Langara student association on the problems involved with purchasing a building. The Vancouver Community College campus student association recently paid \$1.25 million on a new student building, and Balderstone

said about \$300,000 of that was lost because of poor management procedure.

The student society here currently has almost \$60,000 in a trust account which they hope to use as part of the down payment on the building.

There will definitely be some opposition to the motion from students who have expressed concern about paying an additional levy to the society.

Another motion council will be presenting to the students, involves increasing the student society bursary fund by \$15,000. This would raise the amount of financial aid the society gives out each semester from \$1,500 to almost \$4,000.

The increase comes at a time when some student associations in British Columbia are worried the government intends to eliminate the provincial bursary program. Douglas administration is trying to raise an additional \$250,000 for financial aid.

Balderstone would also like to have another executive member on council, to serve as Canadian Federation of Students representative. CFS recently asked all member councils to appoint a special delegate to deal with national student issues at each college and Balderstone said he would like the students to have the right to elect their own rep.

The new position would take over duties currently being performed by the Vice President external.

More motions will deal with constitutional amendments. The society will be rewording Standing Resolu-

tion #1, allowing council to provide funding to political groups on campus.

Balderstone said it was common practice for student associations at other institutes to give money to partisan groups.

Another constitutional amendment will insure council members attend meetings on a regular basis. Balderstone wants to force members who miss consecutive meetings to resign.

Currently lack of attendance is only grounds for impeachment and Balderstone feels council needs better representation from some members.

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

Douglas College students over 19 years of age, with a financial management background will be given priority. Must be able to manage staff and allocate responsibilities and be available Fridays after 12:00 Noon. Fill in applications at the student society office Room 2310 New West campus between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. or send resume to

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Two new study groups

Economy fuels beaurocracy

During these recessionary times New Westminster has shown itself to be a forerunner in the areas of unemployment and the lack of consumer spending. The

by CARL SVANGTUN

number of people collecting unemployment benefits stood at 4295 in January '84, up from 2439 in the same month in 1982. Although the number of unemployed, with some slight reductions, remained fairly stable in the past eight months, the rate still connotes a serious problem in the New Westminster economy.

It seems the problem is simply that firms don't view New Westminster as a profitable area to locate in relation to areas like Surrey, Richmond, and Langley. The New Westminster area, with its mixed economy, presents many problems to the new investor. Coupled with a lack of adequate parking, the Columbia Street district is old, run down, and no attempt appears to have been made to refurbish the area. Although it does have a central location in the Greater Vancouver area, consumers are drawn to other districts because of newer shopping malls with more parking, more services and more shops. Some may argue that the light rapid transit system, which will end in the core of New Westminster, will help to boost the retail economy. This may be nullified by a proposed seventy store shopping mall three stops up the line at a location planners are calling Metro-Town (Sussex at Kingsway).

Ted Brown, at the economic services branch, pessimistically views the New West area as "economically quite stagnant", and sees no real room for development in the near future. This is evident when you enter the local Canada Employment Centre. The job opportunity boards are sparsely posted, with only two out of approximately fifty jobs in the New West area.

New Westminster seems to have a great many pitfalls and anyone trying to tackle the problem will have their hands full. One such organization will call themselves the Royal City Development Group. Their objectives will be fundamentally aimed at reducing unemployment, attracting new investment,



and promoting expansion of existing business. The steering committee will be headed by Scott Paper's Ventures Manager Al Riches. The group will split into two committees: the Economic Development Group and the Community Development Group. The first will be headed by Marie Tomko, president of MTC Business College, with its goals being "attracting new and expanding existing business enterprises within the city."

The Community Development Group will be headed by Carol Badger, Manager of the local Canada Employment Centre with its actions aimed at "identifying specific community based projects that would enhance the quality of life in the area via government, private sector, and volunteers/community group cooperation."

The Economic Development Group will start its fight from the bottom of the dogpile. They don't seem to have too much going for them and if investors don't feel New West is a profitable area they will be simply talking to air.

The Community Development Group will be proposing projects such as the successful Latch-key program that opened up opportunities for the mentally handicapped. Other successful groups have dealt with seniors, daycare groups and

educational assessment for ex-mental patients. All of these programs either created jobs or created income on top of people's Unemployment Insurance benefits. The group will be making proposals for this kind of work but in realistic terms this is not a big part of the New West economy, and will probably be just a drop in the unemployment bucket.

Another problem that presents itself is the size of the local labor force in relation to the size of the area. A high percentage of the local residents are pensioners, students, people collecting UIC and others on welfare. This area attracts this mix because of low cost accommodation in relation to the outlying areas. This creates more problems: 1) The local residents don't have money to spend (in New West or anywhere else). 2) Any new or expanding business may tend to get alot of its employees from outlying areas, therefore taking dollars out of the New West economy. All in all, the two subcommittees that in future meetings will attempt to expand the New West economy, will be fighting an uphill battle. The odds are against any great achievement and we will have to wait and see if this is a project with some potential or if it is merely another pile of bureaucratic buffalo chips.

\$1950 for 15 students

The student society has now begun doling out \$4000 for the funding of clubs and associations at Douglas College. To date, money has been given to the Douglas College Hockey Association for jerseys, and \$1950 has been given to a group of 15 business students for a trip to Montreal.

The society is also considering a proposal from the women's volleyball team to help fund a trip to China this year.

Sean Balderstone, the irrepressible student society

president, said he was disappointed with the amount of money given to the group of business students.

"We just gave .003 per cent of the students 49.6 per cent of the money," he said, "That's pretty sad if you ask me."

Apparently, Balderstone was upset by council's refusal to give money for a Wen-Do program at the college. Wen-Do is a self-defense course for women, and some council members considered funding a women's club a sexist policy.

DCSS wants microwave oven

Nope. There isn't a microwave at Douglas College. But several members of our student society think that there should be.

Jane Essex, a council rep, said last week the student society should pay for a microwave oven at the New Westminster campus because ICL cafeteria prices are so steep.

"I don't buy at the cafeteria because it's too expensive and there's thousands of other students in the same boat as me," said Essex.

However, ICL owns the rights to distribute food on campus and council will have to ask administrations permission before placing

anything on campus.

"The old campus had a microwave," complained Lee Beile a university transfer rep on council.

A decision is expected after the February 15 council meeting.

And now for the weather

Students, staff and faculty can expect some temperature fluctuations because workmen have begun making improvements to the New Westminster campus' heating and air conditioning system, college president Bill Day said at the February 14 management committee meeting.

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Democracy Is.....

by LITTLE SISTER

Democracy is the moral equivalent of gang rape. Now that I have your attention allow me to explain. Suppose, for analogy's sake, that a society of 7 people exists somewhere in Canada, say Sleaze-ville. This society is composed of me, 'Little Sister', and my six Big Brothers, (the Sleaze-villains). One day my six Big Brothers (any association to the government is purely intentional) decide to rape me. They are in the majority and I am in the minority because I don't want to be raped. According to the principles of Democracy, (majority rule) my Big Brothers who rape me are in the right, simply because they are the majority. Democracy, by its very nature, has legitimized their claim to rape, pillage, plunder, or whatever they the majority decide to do. Let's now relate this analogy to present conditions.

Under Parliamentary Democracy (government of the people, by the people, for the people...and in spite of the people) elections are held in order to decide who will represent the masses in Ottawa. The governing party, which supposedly represents the majority of the seats in parliament, by does not require the majority of the number of votes cast. Simply because you voted for the Conservatives or the NDP (in the last federal election) as your choice of representation, under the present system you are wrong and are forced to live under a party platform, which you voted against in the first place. Your ballot only counts if you vote on the right side, in this case the Liberal side. Then and only then, have you achieved fair and just representation, according to your desires.

Following this to its logical conclusion, the majority who vote a political party into power are gang raping the minority who voted for the Opposition parties. With a closer examination, it is actually the government in power that is transgressing the will of the minority, who chose not to have them rule in the first place. What is occurring in the 'Great White North' is a system in which the government, through the supposed will of the majority of voters, subjugates the will of the minority who voted for the Opposition parties.

Once again, suppose for analogy's sake that you have five ridings in Canada say (1)

Keen-ville, (2) Who Gives a Flying #&?+! Ville (3) Right-field, (4) Left-field, and (5) Toilet Towne. 52 percent of the population did not vote-of the 48 percent who did-43 percent voted Conservative, 28 percent voted Liberal, 27 percent NDP and 2 percent Other. After the election, the Conservatives snatched a seat in Right-field, the NDP grounded a seat in Left-field and the Liberals obtained 3 seats: 1 seat in Who Gives a flying #&?+! Ville, 1 seat in Keen-ville and 1 seat in Toilet Town. The seat in Toilet Towne is a cushy one. From the breakdown, the Liberals obtained 28 percent of the popular vote, yet obtained 3 seats and henceforth become the ruling government. Although these figures are padded to illustrate a point, under closer examination of polling results in a Federal election, the majority of the population who should, ideally, elect the government, don't even vote.

The 52 percent of the population who chooses not to vote usually does so because either A) They don't want to be governed, B) Don't believe in voting for the lesser of two evils, C) Can't read the ballot, D) Secretly wanted to run for office themselves but were too shy, E) Wanted to vote "NUN of the above" but the Pope wasn't a candidate, or F) Wanted to vote NO.

Now please don't get me wrong! I'm not advocating that you don't vote, all I'm saying is know what you're voting for. When you cast a ballot, you are first and foremost casting a vote for the system-Democracy. If you believe that you are, in essence, being 'raped' by the majority, ABSTAIN! After all, if you vote, you the victim are giving their actions legitimacy. You are giving the 'Victim's sanction'. In this case, "Don't vote, it only encourages them."

Letters.....

Dear Editor,
The Christian Movement for Peace is a registered nonprofit organization actively involved in exploring the issues of peace and social justice. One of the means through which this is accomplished is the Christian Movement for Peace International Workcamp Programme. In conjunction with our European branches, CMP offers these workcamps throughout Europe and North America, allowing volunteers the opportunity to develop an international perspective on peace and social justice.

As many of our participants are university students, we feel that this information is of direct relevance to your readers. Dependant as we are upon

donations to fund our activities, our ability to inform students of the possibilities open to them is limited. We hope that you might be able to help us in this regard, given the means that are at your disposal. We hope that the enclosed press release and informative broadsheet will enable you to, perhaps, include some brief "blurb" on our group and the opportunities it offers for the benefit of your readers.

Should you require or like any more information on the programme, please do not hesitate to contact us at (416) 921-2360. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,
Alyson Huntly
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Maple Ridge notice!!

Are you a student attending the Maple Ridge campus of Douglas College? Are you a student in New Westminster who is aware of the difficulty involved for a student from Maple Ridge [or surrounding area] to attend classes in New West? The impending closure of Douglas College in Maple Ridge is concern to any present and future student seeking post secondary education. For single parents and people with limited or no transportation the closure of the Maple Ridge campus would be a nightmare. Also, the true definition of a "community college" becomes a joke when the communities are forced to attend schools found only in the city. Please express your concern and ideas by writing your letters to: Save Our College [S.O.C.] c/o Doug Lewis, at the Maple Ridge campus.

Cruising the Blue Yonder

In the latter part of 1983 two events occurred which changed the nature and possibly the balance of the Cold

By Rod Neufeld

War between the Western industrialized "free" nations, represented in greater part by the USA, and the "unfree" Soviet Union: the deployments of the American ground launched "Cruise Missile" system, a.k.a. General Dynamics BGM-109G, and the Pershing II, a.k.a. Martin Marietta Pershing Short Range Battlefield Support Missile System, in European NATO bases. The stated major purpose of each missile type: to improve NATO's intermediate-range theater nuclear weapons stockpile by providing weapons systems with much-improved accuracy and less vulnerability to Soviet first strike and also, in the case of the Cruise, to enhance NATO's conventional defenses against a Soviet invasion by freeing manned aircraft for use in the conventional role against moving targets which at present only they can attack.

Less stated than the above are the so-called "first strike" capabilities of the weapons in question. First, the Cruise: a product of extremely advanced computer and avionic technology, the BGM 109G is a small unmanned aircraft with a length, including a 200 kiloton warhead, of 21 feet and a diameter of one foot 8 and

miles of flight comes within 60 feet of the target. With its 270 pound nuclear warhead, one can infer the rest.

Similarly, the Pershing warhead. Basically, this allows for effective vaporization of even the most hardened Soviet missile silos and command centres. Designated W86 by the US Armed Forces, this warhead has the ability (granted not a very laudable one) to penetrate over 30 metres of soil and concrete before detonation. Again, one can infer the rest.

Keeping all this technology in mind (and, unfortunately, in the case of the Reagan religious/military crusade in matter) one can employ the only weapon left to the individual: rationality. First, the Americans (and we, their loyal allies) are diligently developing weapons systems within the framework of a philosophy dedicated to first strike. At the crux of this strategem are twin assumptions: one, we can win a nuclear war, and two, by developing weapons which far outdistance Soviet products (remember, we're dealing with perception, not reality) we can scare the hell out of the Russians and they will either give up their strategy of world domination (again perception, this time Reagan's) or be too afraid to try anything major. Interesting concepts. Let's propagate them over TV and throughout the media and maybe everyone, including our so-called enemies, will believe in their authenticity. Remember, it is 1984, at least until radioactivity replaces our concept of time.

In a first strike scenario, NATO forces, fearing a general nuclear release by the Soviet Union, will attack Soviet nuclear strike forces in an attempt to destroy their weapons while they remain in their silos. Also, Soviet subs will be hunted down and neutralized before they can react within the setting of an all-out strike. The purpose: to undermine the Soviet Union's capability to permanently destroy the economic and social structure of America and her allies. There is, however, a weakness in this strategy, and through the use of an example I will attempt to show that: One, our civilization cannot win a nuclear war, and Two a "first strike would not negate this.

During the sixties, a new class of missile systems came into being: the anti-ballistic missile system, or ABM. In short, this wonder weapon enabled the user to destroy, annihilate, kaput, kill, vaporize etc. an oncoming ICBM whose motives were less than honorable, by meeting and neutralizing the intruder far out in space. The ABM's (Sprint and Spartan) were slim and

one wanted one (or two). In fact, demands for a massive ABM deployment were many. Today, ABM deployment is of a limited, rather token nature and many have even forgotten that they existed until Reagan came along with his talk of ABMs of a laser-beam type.

Why?

Well, a few (emphasize few) seers within isolated academic-oriented institutions simply pointed out that in order for this ABM system to be effective in the way "America" wished them to be effective, it would have to achieve 100 percent "kill" capacity. As it were, not even the most hardened hawk would claim 100 percent. In fact they wouldn't even claim a sure 90 percent. Not being an ardent mathematician, I will leave the figure of 10 percent to the reader, but as before, infer. As far as that goes, one percent of all the missiles aimed at the American population and industrial complex is a fair kick in the behind, wouldn't you think? I think it's a matter of more than simple academic interest that the same seers

pointed out that 18 Soviet ICBMs landing on such minor US points as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Dallas, New Orleans, and Philadelphia would destroy America. Period.

This weakness within a massive ABM deployment is identical to the weakness of the first strike strategy. A small percentage of an all-out Soviet attack would cripple our society beyond recognition. Reagan's attempt to implement such a strategy is dangerous and potentially fatal. The political effects themselves will have extremely damaging ramifications for SALT, East-West relations as a whole, and world stability. Furthermore, Soviet policy will obviously take a more aggressive slant because they will not, as one writer put it, "give up without a shot being fired", and just a few shots are all that are needed to make their point felt. And it would be felt. To use local language, "first strike" sounds super but twenty Soviet missiles are much more than a kick in the head with a frozen moccasin.

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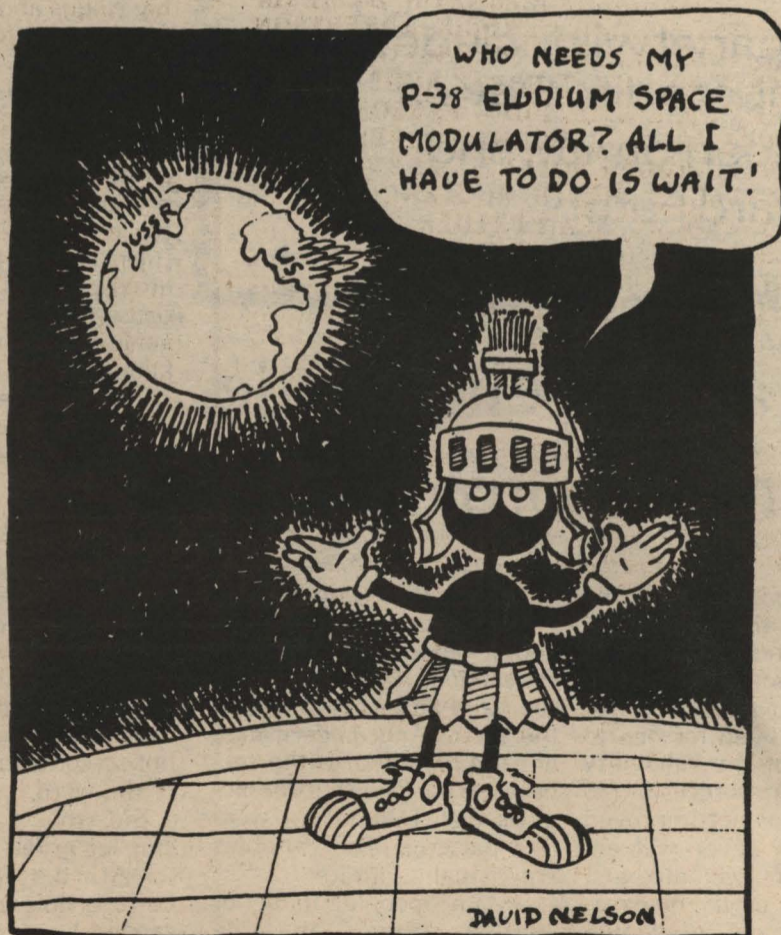
sleek, carried a sizeable atomic warhead, and could form a protective ring around cities. Once the word was out, every Soviet (replace with Satan) - fearing Senator, House Rep, and virtually every red-neck war-hawk who breathed clean US air. Needless to say the lobbying and pressure was intense and unprecedented - every-

we're dealing

with perception,

not reality

7/10 inches, two factors which provide greater difficulty for detection by enemy radar. The Cruise flies at an average height of 15 meters over hostile air-space which further complicates defense, and with its navigational devices, specifically Terrain Contour Matching (Tercom) and the projected implementation of the Rockwell Collins Navstar Global Stellite-Based positioning system (1987), accuracy after 1740



Computers: A calculated risk

The computer industry is on its way to becoming the fastest growing manufacturing concern in the world and

by Ian Clayton

personal computers are a popular topic with just about everyone.

Even if you believe that you have absolutely no aptitude for computers and may be intimidated by computer jargon, you will probably still admit to being at least a little curious.

Most of us are aware that a growing number of par-

ents, teachers, students, businessmen, professionals and tradespeople are buying computers and using them in their professional and personal lives. Non-owners don't want to be left out and are anxious to learn about computers even if it means buying one.

The problem of buying a computer is, however, quite another matter. The choice of hardware is vast. There are 8-bit machines, 16-bit machines, rom & ram, primary and secondary memory, operating systems, central processors, chips, bits,

bytes and a bewildering array of technical terms which seem to defy logical explanation.

Added to this is the "software factor" with its host of options and questions of compatibility: What is available? What can it do? How do you evaluate if it can do your task? How much does it cost...? and "do you really need a computer?"

Somewhere down the line you consider where to buy: the dealers, manufacturers, mail order, back-room vendors, the second-hand market, retail stores or build-it-yourself.

Buyers generally must arrive at a decision on their own merit and rightly question if paying the full retail price is necessary.

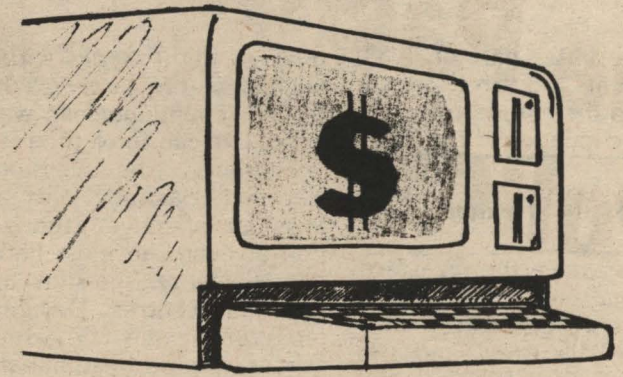
Having finally settled on price and type of computer, there is the last devastating and sometimes fatal indecision caused by fear of obsolescence. Perhaps no other purchase decision has so many critical and incompre-

men can see exactly what's happening why should forecasts so often miss the mark? What people do not realize is that a large system may contain many unrecognized smaller disturbances that can develop rapidly and produce totally unpredictable clouds and rain when the forecast was for sunny skies, or vice versa."

Sagar explains that modern weather prediction is based on manual and machine analysis of computer-produced charts that show the developed high and low pressure patterns in the atmosphere. "Weather prediction grids commonly involve thousands of square kilometres so on the large scale a forecast could be totally accurate but within each of these grids small disturbances, some contained in only a few square kilometres, can quickly change the speed and intensity of large recognized systems. In such cases the small disturbance can halt over a populated area to give the impression that the weatherman is balmy in the not-so-complimentary sense of the word."

So why not use much smaller grids?

"At the present time there is problem of machine capability, or more specifically, the inability of computers to handle the vastly increased amount of data which such a change would produce. The costs, both in terms of human and financial resources would be as-



hensible criteria as the first computer buy. The overload often leaves the buyer exhausted and totally confused.

Burnt-out shoppers often conclude that they never wanted a computer anyway or abandon all logic and buy the first computer they see on the trip. Still others take a more reasoned response and sustain themselves endlessly in a state of imminent purchase awaiting that ideal buy.

The result is that buyers

often fade just before they actually purchase something and retailers are wary of putting out for yet another apparition. This unfortu-

nately compounds the consumer aggravation and the cycle continues.

In spite of the obstacles, interest in computers has never been higher and retailers are struggling through thin smiles to cope with the unending line of mixed motives and inspired questions.

The Douglas College Nuclear Awareness Group

will be holding
a panel discussion

Should
Douglas College
become a

Nuclear Free Zone?

The panel will include faculty
members Jim Davies,
Kathleen Smith, and
Howard Eaton.

Advances being made in meteorology

Over the past 20 years the art science of meteorological prognostication has advanced considerably - particularly for three to four day forecasts, less so for one to two days but the reliability of long term forecasts (30 plus days) has not improved and perhaps never will according to climatologist Brian Sagar of the geography department at Simon Fraser University.

"Weather balloons, satellites and number-crunching computers have given us access to a lot more information," says Sagar, "but even numerical weather pre-

diction models coupled with historical data can't tell enough about the complex interactions between air, sea, land and ice surfaces of the earth. And modern man himself is added to the mix because our use of technology is also influencing weather patterns. The variables are virtually infinite."

"Many people think of weather systems as large organized masses of air and clouds which move predictably around the globe under the constant surveillance of sophisticated satellite sensors. This perspective begs the question, 'if weather-

tronomical and even if the resources were committed the payoff may be marginal given the unpredictability of systems within systems."

Sagar says many people are also under the misconception that there are meteorological stations all over the place with people busily feeding information into some giant computer programmed to make instant analyses.

"Actually there are only 20 synoptic reporting stations in B.C. and almost all of these are located in populated areas below 1,000 metres. And to the west, where most of our weather comes from, there are no stations, only data derived from satellite 'eyes in the sky'."

Sagar says other factors, or "weather linkages" are becoming better understood that they still lend a factor of unpredictability to forecasting. "For instance, seemingly random changes in the atmospheric pattern over B.C. and the adjacent Pacific could result in a period of prolonged cold temperatures. This type of occurrence can be followed by a series of unusual years. The atmosphere itself doesn't have a memory but other physical factors connected to the atmospheric system can serve as surrogate memories. For example, a cold year would make for lower ocean surface temperatures which would directly modify the atmospheric conditions by causing anomalous air pres-

ures, wind directions, moisture content and so on.

"Such interactions may, by affecting the energy budget of the earth's atmosphere, bring about subtle and not-so-subtle changes in climate. But sometimes it's impossible to pinpoint the actual cause or causes of the climatic variability."

"Sunspot activity may contribute to unexpected and unpredictable variations. Others cite modification of atmospheric energetics caused by industrial pollution, increasing carbon dioxide content in the atmosphere, and natural events such as severe volcanic eruptions, as contributing to change at the most basic meteorological levels."

Stressing that he is by no means negative about advances in weather forecasting, Sagar says it is obvious that science and human observation have led to a fairly high degree of accuracy in prognostication. "We know that meteorologists are right about 80 per cent of the time if you look at the large picture. But given the number of variables and allowing that the complex interactions of natural and man-made forces seem beyond man's comprehension, it's likely that we will never be capable of 100 per cent accuracy.

"Some of my colleagues may disagree, but I'm not so sure I don't prefer a certain amount of unpredictability in the weather. Think about it."

The Pacific Group for Policy Alternatives

British Columbians are being fed myths by the Social Credit government that discredit left leaning theorists and propogate the right wing ideals of the Fraser Institute.

by DAN HILBORN

Dr. Bob Allen, a professor of economics at the University of British Columbia told The Pacific Group for policy alternatives, an independent think tank, that the provincial government is perpetuating four major myths about the state of our economy.

The myths are that B.C. has a big deficit, we have a big debt, the government has to balance the budget every year and that we don't have enough foreign investment, Allen said.

The government is also defining the vocabulary for discussions with all the positive buzzwords such as "restraint" and "recovery" on their side, he said.

On February 11, the Pacific Group held a conference at UBC to discuss what alternatives could be used to convince the people of B.C. that Social Credit is not working in the best interests of the public.

"I don't think we ought to be connected with any political party," Allen said, "but we will be more congenial to the NDP."

The conference was divided into eight workshops dealing with education, health, forestry, other resources, economic development, arts and culture, and taxation, and Allen said, "I counted at least 137 worthwhile proposals worthy of implementation."

The group has a strong left leaning flavour. Their board of directors includes Larry Kuehn from the B.C. Teachers Federation, David Rice from the B.C. Federation of Labour, Jack Gerow from the Hospital Employees Union, Heather Leighton from the B.C. Nurses Union, and Noel Stoodley from the Canadian Labour Congress.

Shiela Thompson told the other delegates that Social Credit is "constructively destroying the education system."

She said post-secondary schools were becoming increasingly elitist. There is also a movement towards increasingly obsolete career training,

critical thinking skills are being de-emphasized, decision-making is becoming more centralized, and there is less flexibility to use available resources, she said.

Eight proposals were presented to improve the provincial education system. These included the establishment of an independent research institute, increasing the provincial share of funding to the Canadian average, more local decision making, more support for access and equality, more corporate funding and better public relations.

The health workshop recommended the elimination of user fees, and the creation of more storefront and community programs.

Mike Dinsdale, a delegate from Kamloops, said the government should raise welfare benefits to Canadian poverty lines. "A single person can not live on \$375 a month in Kamloops," he said.

The delegates from the forestry workshop said the provincial government is giving policy control to multi-national corporations, allowing extraordinarily low rent receipts and a lack of reforestation.

Jackie Monde, another delegate, said other resources in B.C. have been plagued by mismanagement, giving the province an unnecessary debt. Inadequate rent is being collected from developers making resource revenue far lower than it could be.

The economic situation in B.C. is the worst it has been since World War II said Don Sinclair, a delegate from the economic workshop. "It is a myth that we can not afford social expenditures," he said. "Social spending is part of a healthy economy."

The government should shift their spending, Sinclair said. For instance, jobs have been transferred from the South East Coal, and the province is underproducing, he said. "We require more research and development centres," he said, "and the use of local suppliers wherever possible."

He said the provincial government is not defining it's economic goals. "Protectionism might be necessary," he said.

Carol Pickup, a delegate from the arts and culture workshop, said the governments apparent philosophy is mercantile and centralized. The provincial government is only spending .2 percent of it's budget on cultural projects and delegates said they would like that raised to one percent.

Funding for arts could come from a new tax on hotels and restaurants because these are the areas that benefit from a well respected artistic community.

The most sensitive topic of the day long conference was taxation. The report presented stated, "we do not recommend a doubling of taxes."

The delegates said they must change public perception towards taxation. "Right now it's little David fighting Goliath," said one delegate. The Fraser Institute should be reminded that their plan to lower wages will result in less tax revenue, he added.

The delegates agreed the group should not dwell on the poor performance of the Social Credit government and the only way real change in policy can take effect is through a positive presentation of their proposals.

"I don't think we should be connected with any political party but we will be more congenial to the NDP."

Dr. Allen said in his response to the workshops that the facts concerning the provincial deficit are being covered up. Instead of a \$1.6 billion deficit, \$700 million is more realistic, he said.

"The Socreds are making bad forecasts...they can set their own revenues. You can't have income go up and taxes go down. That's inconsistent," he said.

According to a StatsCan report, B.C. has not had a deficit for five or six years, Allen said, and the provincial government currently has \$3 billion in the bank with over \$2 billion in liquid assets.

"It is a myth that the government should balance the budget every year."

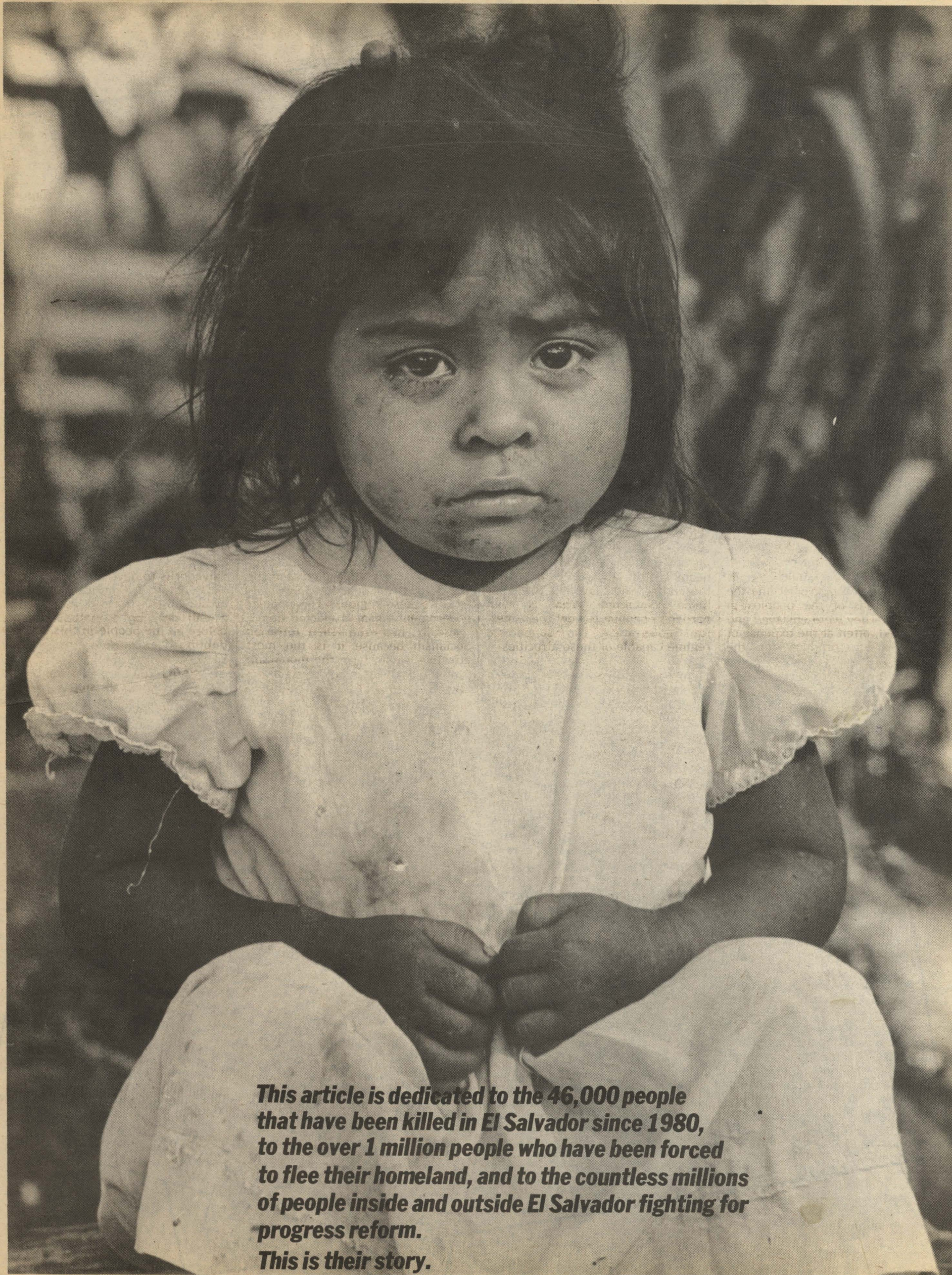
"That's bad economic management," he said. "There's no reason to believe we're entering a new age where we can't afford social services," he said.

The current recession is created by Ottawa and Washington and is not the result of having a large public sector, he said.

Another myth, Allen claims, is that B.C. does not have enough foreign investment. According to a StatsCan report on investment rates, B.C. has the second highest rate of foreign investment in Canada, 27 percent, and only four countries have a higher rate than our province, he said.

The Pacific Group should work towards demystifying the "code words" Social Credit is using, Allen said. For instance, he said, the government says tax breaks are an incentive for the wealthy to spend more money, yet an incentive to people on welfare would be a reduction of their benefits.

"We must recognize that we are engaged in a battle with the right, and I hope we all go away saying we have a responsibility to defeat their myths." Allen said.



This article is dedicated to the 46,000 people that have been killed in El Salvador since 1980, to the over 1 million people who have been forced to flee their homeland, and to the countless millions of people inside and outside El Salvador fighting for progress reform. This is their story.

El Salvador: A History of Hardship

by DONNA FORBES

A few days ago, I had the great privilege of meeting Estela Ramirez, a Salvadorean teacher who is presently living as a political refugee in Nicaragua. She lived in El Salvador all her life, until 1980, when she was forced to flee with her family, into neighbouring Nicaragua. Such is the case for over 1 million Salvadoreans who share Estela's fate. The reason for this mass self-exile becomes clearer with a closer examination of the dictatorial forms of government, historically and presently, in El Salvador.

During the period of European Imperialism throughout the Americas, the native peoples in this region were forced to live under colonial dictatorship. These colonies represented a hinterland to be exploited for cheap raw materials and labour, by such countries as France, Spain and Britain. Coffee, cotton and tropical fruit production, as well as the mining of such ores as gold, silver and copper, became the major activities of the peoples in this region. They were enslaved and were forced, often at the expense of their lives, to produce for the conquering nations whose home treasuries swelled from the sweat off the backs of these people.

In the early 1800's, when it became fashionable in Europe to grant colonies their independence, aristocratic families living in these countries soon came to power. Such is the case of the 14 families in El Salvador, who have formed an oligarchic elite which presently controls all the economic activity within El Salvador. With the exception of the tracts of land now controlled by the freedom-fighting guerillas, the FMLN, all the land is owned and operated by this oligarchy. They control the majority of the production of coffee and cotton, which are this country's major exports. In addition, they control the banking system, the transportation system, much of the media services and most of the commercial activity.

Since 1932, El Salvador has usually been governed by military regimes supported by the 14 families. These families have such control that the present president, Alvarez Magana, is nothing more than a puppet ruler. The real power is the United States, which helps to maintain the government, the military and the economy. The foreign aid that is given to El Salvador from the United States is mainly military; that which is monetary is filtered through the businesses owned by the oligarchy. This further helps to support the repressive condition that exists within this country.

El Salvador's government is extremely militaristic and very oppressive. This oppression of the

people is seen in the existence of an almost unbelievable system of law and order enforcement. Within El Salvador there is a National army, a National guard, a National police force, a Hacienda police force, a Municipal police force, a Custom's police force, and a para-military army which is composed of the civilians in the country. Out of the ranks, the government has also formed death squads which are solely responsible for killing over 46,000 people in El Salvador since 1980. These death squads have killed teachers, media people, Catholic Church officials including 13 priests and Archbishop Monseigneur Oscar Romero, and anyone else suspected of fighting for progressive reform. The atrocities committed by the criminal degenerates in these death squads begin to remind one of the Spanish Inquisition. The victims are often found dead in the streets, battered and bruised, in many instances having their arms, legs or heads cut off. It is hard to believe that in the 1980's acts like these are being committed. What is even harder to believe is how the American government can support a regime capable of these atrocities.

American foreign policy in this region is designed to insure that El Salvador does not fall prey to the

Soviet expansionism they believe to be occurring. What the Reagan administration fails to realize is that the people in El Salvador do not want to be controlled by the Soviets anymore than they want to be controlled by the Americans. They want to be free to form a government of their own choosing: proposing a democratic government which would help the people to develop their country rather than a government which helps the aristocracy exploit the people. It is for this very reason that civil war is being waged within this country in order to free the people from tyranny.

The FMLN is the popular government in El Salvador. Several countries in Europe recognize it as the official voice of the people. In Chalatenango and in El Paraiso, the two major Liberation strong holds, newly implemented health and education systems and the use of Agrarian Socialism (co-operative farming) have greatly increased the standard of living of the Salvadoreans in these regions. The popular government which is elected democratically, has established Agrarian Socialism because it is the most effective way to farm the mountainous land in El Salvador. Because the people are uneducated, they find it difficult to utilize technology, for

their experience is one of communal farming due to the hundreds of years spent working on haciendas. Agrarian Socialism is a home-grown socialism inspired from the experience of the people, not socialism inspired by Cuba or the Soviet Union, as the Americans would have us believe.

Henry Kissinger's whirl-wind tour of Central America, late last year, has only served to reinforce Ronald Reagan's already paranoid attitude toward this region. This commission recommends an increase of \$9 billion in economic and military aid to El Salvador in the next five years. This would mean more helicopters, planes, guns and ammunition for a regime that is responsible for killing 46,000 people. The American ideal of 'making the world safe for democracy' must really be challenged if 46,000 lives must be taken in order to achieve this goal. The irrationality of this foreign policy must be realized and stopped if El Salvador is to have any civilians left alive. If the Americans help to escalate the civil war in El Salvador, it will only be a matter of time before all the people in this country fighting for freedom are brutally annihilated. If this is what the Americans call 'making the world safe for democracy', stop the world, cause I wanna get off.



They Gave Their Best too Early

They're at their best when they're at their liveliest, at least that's what Les Ballet Jazz de Montreal showed at

by ROBIN ROBERTSON

its premier performance February 2nd.

Clad in bright red track suits, the dance group greeted its audience in a humanistic and comic opening number entitled **Hors D'Oeuvre**.

With the use of symbolic gestures and abstract body movements, the piece seemed like a parody on human relations. It pointed out all the funny little quirks we human beings experience when trying to relate to each other and sometimes to ourselves, and worked well as an introduction.

Yet the most impressive number performed that night was **J'Freak Assez**. After a lively introduction, the audience was then confronted with a dramatic black stage against artistic lighting of bold cross beams. Suddenly the stage erupted in frenetic primeval leaps and bounds like that of a war dance. The native-like music (Michelle Seguin) combined with the dancer's jagged rhythmic movements was like an angry release of emotion that climaxed to a point of hysteria. It was an extremely powerful experience.

Unfortunately, after this last piece I was somewhat let down by the group's next number, **Jailhouse Jam**. Al-

though the music was enjoyable, (a swinging jazzy composition by Oscar Peterson) the plot wore thin and the energy seemed tranquil after the previously powerful **J'Freak Assez**. After a while, the piece seemed to drag on to the point of becoming boring and trite.

The mood picked up with the start of the next number, **Five New Waves**. This ending piece described varying moods of wondrous fantasy to detached and fragmented abstraction.

The performers ended with a portion from **Five New Waves** entitled **Monkeys**. This last work was an extremely humorous imitation of a group of monkeys, and a fine portrayal of animal behavior.

Yet all in all, the second work, **J'Freak Assez**, was the best act out of all four pieces. With a lively introduction and an extremely powerful second number, the last two movements seemed to die out, and even the ending couldn't compare energy-wise with **J'Freak**. This was unfortunate and could have been avoided had **J'Freak Assez**, despite not having the acclaim of Oscar Peterson, been saved until the end.

Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal showed a night of professionally danced works, but also unfortunately, a programme that gave its best too early.



Heavy Metal Circus

What do you get when you have a wild mountain man for a lead singer, a power house drummer, a

by ALAN SNIDER

white hot guitarist, and a tanzanian devil for a bass player? You get none other

than Vancouver's #1 unsigned heavy metal band... Kradle.

The band consists of Tod Zarkin (lead vocals), Claude Erfon (drums and percussion), Harry Degen (guitars), and Steve Courchaine (bass guitar, lyrics). Yes girls! These are the guys your mother warned you about.

I had the pleasure to see Kradle at Studio's on Friday January 27, and was very impressed with the show. In fact, in more precise words it was like seeing a heavy metal circus. These guys have everything you would expect from the Ringling Bros. except candy apples. The show began with lead singer Tod Zarkin holding the mike stand above his head while a brilliant special effect (using strobe lights on the drum kit) made him look as if he was standing on top of a mountain during a lighting storm. The show climaxed with a sizzling solo from guitarist Harry Degen, and ended with a bang (not a whimper). The entire show highlighted Kradle's (soon to be famous) all original heavy metal tunes.

This brings us to the music which the band has created. Unlike many heavy metal bands around, Kradle has escaped the influence of

major heavy metal bands such as Judas Priest and Van Halen. Another thing which sets Kradle apart from other heavy metal bands is that each member is essential to their sound. Drummer Claude Erfon provides a solid and precise basis for the music, with a freestyle flair. However, what I feel will become the Kradle trademark is the teamwork of bassist Steve Courchaine and guitarist Harry Degen. These two musicians contribute to Kradle's sound with thundering bass and weaving melodic guitar work. And to top it all off are the antics of vocalist Tod Zarkin.

If you are interested in seeing Kradle, the next live date is:

When: March 7, 1984 (7:00 pm) Where: James Cowan Theatre (near Heritage Village, Burnaby) Tickets: \$5.00 available at Target Tapes & Records (Nelson & Kingsway) or at the door.

Note to Police Fans - The words to "I'm Hungry for you (J'aurais toujours faime de toi)" fit exactly to "Owner of a Lonely Heart", and catch the "Message in a Bottle" riff in Yes's "Changes". Coincidence? Hmmm.



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If you like powerhouse dance music, then "X" is for you. If you like powerhouse dancing at concerts

by NETTIE BOULANGER

and having a great time, then you should have seen "X" on Friday, February 6 at the UBC SUB/Ballroom. Exene Cervenka and John X. Doe (bass) on vocals, D.J. Bonebrake on drums and Billy Zoom on guitars, belted out tune after great tune that got everyone going for the entire concert.

They stopped a few songs into the set because some people were spitting on them. They finally left the stage and Exene came back on to explain "This isn't 1976, this isn't England, so DON'T SPIT." Finally it stopped, and they all

came back on, with that famous smile on Billy zoom's face.

After playing songs like **True Love part 2**, **Devil Doll**, **Hungry Wolf**, **Breathless**, **Soul Kitchen** and **Motel Room In My Bed**, they finished and came back for a five song encore. It was obvious they were having a good time up on stage as did everyone down on the floor, so it was "More Fun In The New World" for all.

The opening act **The Actionauts** were pretty good. Their tunes were dancable but not very original. I personally liked them because their drummer looked like Stewart Copeland. The singer looks like he could use some work on his stage presence. X blew them away.

Dance to the Jam

Part 3: Classic albums from forgotten bands.

Tired of songs on the radio that drone on for 5 minutes and sound like this: "Beat it/Beat it/Beat it/Just Beat it."? Are you just

by JOEL HAGEN

itching to hear an album that has short, danceable cuts and doesn't repeat hooks ad nauseum? Do you want to hear real Rock n' Roll? Well, have I got the record for you!!

IN THE CITY THE JAM

I guess I can't really call this a classic album from a forgotten band, because everyone's heard of the Jam, and they certainly haven't been forgotten. However, **In the City**, their first album, has fallen largely by the wayside. Only hardcore fans know about the Jam's best record, and the time has come to surrender the secret that is **In the City**.

The Jam's debut album was released in 1977, soon after the start of the 'Second Coming', the British New Wave invasion. What it lacks in studio polish it makes up for in energy. The record is marked by a quality of youthful exuberance, which is understandable considering that at the time

In the City was made, the members of the band were only about 20 years old.

The Jam is fronted by Paul Weller, guitarist and vocalist. Backing him are Bruce Foxton, an excellent bassist, and Rich Buckler, on drums. All the songs on the album, with the exception of **Slow Down**, and **The Batman Theme**, are Paul Weller originals, and rather than being trite, they capture that frustrated exuberance that is youth.

Side one opens with **Art School**, a straight ahead rocker that chugs along at one of the two speeds prevalent on the album: fast and faster. Counting the song in with a '1-2-3-4', Weller tells us college kids to "...say what you want cause this is the new art school." Clearly, he's on our side, and he proves it in some of the other tracks with some well placed profanities.

The cover tunes, both on side one, are real gems. **Slow Down** is an interesting contrast to the Beatles version, recorded 20 years ago. Moving at a much faster tempo, it seems ironic as Weller sings, "...Slow down/You're movin' way too fast/Give me a little love, give a lotta love/If you want our love to last."

The second non-original tune is **The Batman Theme**

a good novelty song. Although a bit immature, it is over in a flash, and you may find yourself humming, "Na-na na-na na-na na-na Batman", for a couple of days.

By the time you flip the disk to play side two, you may notice a few things about the Jam that are pleasant surprises. Paul Weller's voice, like molten lead, is similar to Bruce Springsteens' and Bruce Foxton's intricate bass playing really drives the band. Another plus is the fact that all the songs have endings, not like this 'fading out' crap so common today.

Antiestablishment themes present throughout the album, surface on side two with the title track and **Sounds from the Street**. One almost thinks that the band members are turning into cynics but the next song reaffirms my faith in Rock 'n Roll. It's called **non-Stop Dancing**, and all twelve songs on the album are perfect for just that. They're all about two and a half minutes long, they have a great beat, and they speak, sing, yell and scream for themselves.

So take Paul Weller's advice and "ROCK ALL DAY".

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Texas Boys Put on a Show

It's a funny thought that two fat men and a laid back drummer could be entertaining, but that's exactly what

by NETTIE BOULANGER

ZZ Top is. The entire sold out crowd at the Coliseum was rocking to the Kings of boogie rock 'n roll on Friday night, February 3.

The crowd was rocking to hits like **Pressure**, **Sharp Dressed Man**, **I'm Bad**, **The Grange**, **Waiting for the Bus**, **Jesus Just Left Chicago** (we were treated to some preaching from Billy Gibbons), **Gimme All Your Loving**, **Cheap Sunglasses**, **Pearl Necklace**, **T.D. Dinner**, **Arrested for Driving While Blind** and the encore included **Fresh** and three or four other songs.

For **Tube Snake Boogie**, the audience sang the whole "I've got a girl who lives on the hill, she won't do it but her sister will" almost louder than the band, which

shows what a good time everyone was having. At the end of the encore, some rigging started falling down along with a dummy, and sparks flew out of the lighting set, which was a perfect finish to the fantastic light show (the same kind used by Robert Plant, Genesis, and The Police) that also included lasers. The sound was very good, with Dusty Hill's and Billy Gibbons' voicing coming through clearly above the music. It also helps that they have excellent voices to begin with. All in all it was a great time, and a "10 row night" (referring to the number of rows of seats ruined at the front) for ZZ Top.

Nightranger, the opening act, were alright, playing rock 'n roll that could be replaced by any other band. One cool thing about them is the lead singer said that we had a beautiful city. They put on a good show, but the crowd came to see ZZ Top, and it showed.



Psychosomatic Deaths...

...or, Believe it or Not!

Well, the first thing I want to say is, Mandate my ass.

Because it seems as though we've been convinced that 26 percent of the registered voters- not even 26 percent of the people, but 26 percent of the registered voters form a mandate, or a landslide. 21 percent voted for Skippy, and 3 or 4 percent voted for somebody else who might have been running.

But oh yea. I remember. In this year that we have now declared the year from Shogun to Reagan- I remember what I said about Reagan- meant it- acted like an actor, Hollyweird. Acted like a Liberal, acted like General Franco when he acted like governor of California, then he acted like a Republican, then he acted like somebody was going to vote for him for President, and now we act like 26 percent of the registered voters, and there's actually a mandate.

We're all actors in this, I suppose. What has happened, is that, in the last 20 years, America has changed from a producer to a consumer. And all consumers know that when a producer names a tune, the consumer has got to dance. That's the way it is. We used to be a producer, very inflexible at that, and now we are consumers, and finding it difficult to understand.

Natural resources and minerals will change their world.

The Arabs used to be in the Third World, they have bought the Second World, and put a firm down payment on the First one. Controlling your resources will control your world.

This country has been surprised by the way the world looks now. They don't know if they want to be Matt Dillon or Bob Dylan -they don't know if they want to be diplomats or continue the same policy of Nuclear Nightmare Diplomacy. John Foster Dallas isn't anything but the name of an airport, now. The idea concerns the fact that this country wants nostalgia. They want to go back as far as they can, even if it's only as far as last week. Not to face now or tomorrow, but to face backwards. And yesterday was the day of our cinema heros riding to the rescue at the last possible moment.

The day of the man in the white hat or the man on the white horse, or the man who always came to save America at the last moment- someone always came to save America at the last moment- especially in 'B' movies- and when America found itself having a hard time facing the future, they looked for people like John Wayne. But since John Wayne was no longer available, they settled for Ronald Raygun. And it has placed us in a situation that

Right Angles

by

Doug Parsons

From Reflections
by Gil Scott Heron

selling wars door to door. We're looking for the closest thing we can find to John Wayne. Cliches abound like kangaroos, courtesy of some spaced-out Marlin Perkins, a Raygun contemporary.

Cliches like **Itchy trigger finger** and **Tall in the saddle**, and **Riding off [or on] into the sunset**. Cliches like, **Get off my land by Sundown**. More so than cliches like, **He died with his boots on**, **Marine Tough**, the man is **Bogart Tough**, the man is **Cagney Tough**, the man is

what we want to remember, and forgetting what we choose to forget.


All of a sudden, a man who called for a blood-bath on our College campuses is supposed to be a Dudley 'god-damn' Do-right? You go give them Liberals hell, Ronny. That was the mandate to the new Captain Blye on the new ship of fools, what was doubtlessly based on his chameleon performance of past, as Liberal democrat, as the head of the Studio Actor's Guild, when other celluloid Saviors were cringing in terror from McCarthy, Ron stood tall. It goes all the way back from Hollywood to Hillbilly, from Liberal to livery, from Bonzo to Buchido, born again, Civil Rights, Women's Rights, Gay Rights, it's all wrong. It's all in the Cavalry to disrupt this perception of freedom gone wild. God damn it. The first one wants freedom, then the whole damn world wants freedom. No sound. That's what we want. The good old days. When we gave 'em hell. When the buck stopped somewhere and you could still buy something with it, to a time when movies were in black and white, and so was everything else. Even if we go back to the campaign trail before 'B-gun Mire' shot off his face and developed Hoof and Mouth, before the Free press went down before Full-court press and were reluctant to view the menu, because they knew the only thing available was crow.

Lian-Chaine, our man of a thousand faces. No match for Ron. Doug Henning does the special effects. Make-up by Grecian Formula-16 and Crazy Glue. Transportation furnished by David Rocker-feller, a remote-control company. Their slogan is, "Why wait for 1984? You can panic now, and avoid the rush." So much for the good news. As Wall Street goes, so goes the nation, and his liberty in deploring numbers.

Racism is up, human rights are down, peace is shaky, war items are hot, the house claims all the time, jobs are down, money is scarce, and common sense is at an all time low in heavy trading. Movies were looking better than ever and now no one is looking, because we're starring in a 'B' movie, and we would have rather had John Wayne.

THE CAPITOL PRESENTS!

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WITH SHOOTING ON LOCATION IN GRENADA, LEBANON,
CENTRAL AMERICA AND MORE!!!

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we can only look at like a 'B' movie.

Come with us back to those inglorious days when heros weren't zeros. Before fair was square. When the Cavalry came straight away and All-American men were like Hemmingway, to the days of the wonderous 'B' movie. The producer underwritten by all the millionaires necessary will be cast for the defensive, Weinburger. No more

animated choice is available. The director will be Attila the Haig, running around frantically declaring himself in control and in charge. The ultimate realization of the inmates taking over the asylum. The screenplay will be adapted from the book called 'Voodoo Economics' by George 'Pompadock' Bush. Music by the Village People, the very military, Macho man. A theme song for sibling rivalry, and

Hollywood Tough, the man is **Cheap Steak Tough**, and finds his substantial. The ultimate in synthetic selling, a Madison Avenue Masterpiece, a miracle of cotton-candy politicians, Presto-Macho.

Put your orders in, America, and quick as Kodak your leaders duplicate with the accent being on 'dupe', because all of a sudden, we have fallen prey to selective amnesia. Remembering

Women Impressive in Split

The Douglas Women split a pair of games last week at home with a loss to V.C.C. on Thursday, 70-42, and a

by MARTIN HEMERIK

win over Fraser Valley on Sunday, 66-40.

The V.C.C. women were the C.I.A.U. champions last year and this team is the same calibre. They last played Douglas in December

and beat them by 66 points!

On Thursday the team did what they had to. They put pressure on the Falcons right away, jumping to an early 10 point lead, flustering and throwing the V.C.C. team off balance throughout most of the first half. The Falcons started coming back towards the end of the half, and led at halftime 32-26.

The second half started out quickly as V.C.C. netted

8 quick points and it looked as though they might blow out Douglas again and they might have except for one thing; rebounding. The Royals rebounded 40% which is remarkable because they're the smallest team in the league and were somewhat dwarfed by the mighty Falcons, one of the largest. In short (no pun intended) they were impressive in defeat.

Against Fraser Valley on Sunday, well what can you say. They won by 26 points played a lacklustre first half and were without their top scorer, Kathleen Knight.

In the first half tried to run Fraser Valley into the ground, twice had 12 point leads and twice blew 12 point leads.

The second half however belonged to Douglas. The offense was blistering and the points came from every direction. Jan Torrey had her best game of the season with 13 points. Michelle Ward in one of her best performances of the season had a big 10 points. Carol Taylor netted 9 points and Marla Uytterhagen contributed 8. Karen Minato led all scorers with 18.

On defense Douglas was successful with a 1-2-2 zone. Rebounding was once again impressive. Jan Torrey, the smallest player on the team (perhaps even in the league) is a dominant force in that respect through her speed and quickness. If a ball hits the court after a shot just look for ol' number 5 and she's sure to have it. Sue Olson and Marla Uytterhagen also played a prominent role in rebounding. The team's record role is now 10-11 overall.



The Douglas Women played well but could not defeat heavily Favoured Vancouver Community College last week. However they came back to defeat Fraser Valley College on Sunday February 12th.

The Douglas College music department presents: **SPRING CONCERTS**

**Tuesday, Feb. 21
2:30 in the Theatre:**

**Patti Davidson,
soprano**

**Thursday, Feb. 23
12:30 in the Theatre:**

UBC Vocal Octet

**Tuesday, Feb. 28
2:30 in the Theatre:**

Student Recitals

**Thursday, March 1
12:30 in the Theatre:**

**Douglas College
Chorus Concert
Tatsuo Hoshina
director**

All performances are FREE

A Trip To CHINA

The Douglas College Volleyball team is looking for people to fill vacancies for their spring trip to China.

The group will be leaving April 27 or 28 for a friendship, competition, and sightseeing trip to Shanghai, Nanking, Hanchow and Beijing (Peking).

\$2,000 will cover all costs of 14 day, 15 night visit.

Contact Betty Lou Hayes, local 5338

B.B. : King of the Blues

"Ladies and gentleman, I am pleased to present...with pride and pleasure, that dynamic gentleman of the

by SEAN SCHONFELD

blues...Mr. Beee Beee King!"

And on he walked, backed by the six-man B.B. King Orchestra, accenting his by-now-so-familiar gratitude of audience appreciation with little bursts of sustain from Lucille. The band rolled into his standard opener, and amid shouts and cheers B.B. sang; "Everyday I Have the Blues..."

He looked good. He and his sidemen in three-piece suits, King with his leopard-skin guitar strap, and his personal brand of the blues; done so casually, refined after so many years on the Mississippi Delta, when his opening statement may have been a little closer to home. Riley B. King is a master in his field, but he still remembers the pioneers he looked up to; 'Blind' Lemon, Elmore James, 'T-Bone' Walker. The recent commercial success of blues-oriented music tends to make people forget that the old pros have been doing it for years, and seeing B.B. in action is an indication as to where some of the newer stars owe their inspiration.

He had a very appreciative audience on Jan. 28th, the

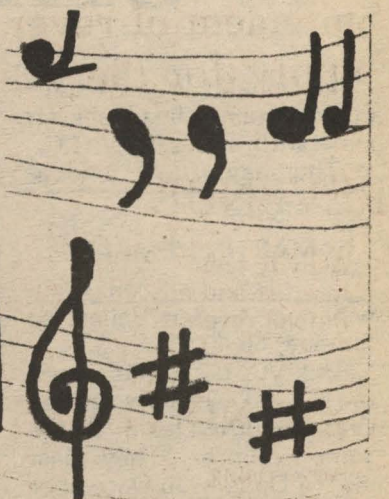
last of two weeks of straight shows at the Plazazz Showroom. They had come to hear the blues from a man who hopefully wasn't so blue anymore, but who could still perform with the soul borne out of hard times. When he sang, "I think I'm gonna give up living...and go shopping instead...To get me a tombstone...and pronounce myself dead..." you knew that even B.B. King gets depressed, which is basically how the blues originated.

But he had us cheering

too; the ladies when he rambled through his patented talking/story blues (usually all about love and ladies and the things they do...), and the male audience when he hammered and carressed Lucille. He had the crowd singing along by the second song, and featured a female vocalist, Deborah Boston, for 'I Just Can't Leave Your Love Alone'.

The set was about an hour and a half, and King got the expected standing ovation, playing 'The Thrill is Gone'

for his encore. He didn't return to the stage after this, despite audience encouragement. Even though he can't sing and play at the same time, if you missed him, you missed a legend.



Duran Duran-Good Good

Have you ever seen the old Ed Sullivan shows with the Beatles or the Stones on them, and watched the girls

by NETTIE BOULANGER

screech through the entire songs? Unfortunately that's what it was like trying to hear Duran Duran at the Coliseum, which marred an otherwise excellent concert on February 1st.

The average age of the audience was 15 years or under, and it was about 90 percent female; so you can see where all the screaming came from.

Putting that aside though,

Duran Duran put on a great show. They had four extra musicians with them, a percussionist, saxophonist, and two female vocalists. All of them appeared in D/D's last 2 albums, and all were excellent at what they do.

They opened with **Is There Something I Should Know**, and went on to do **Hungry Like The Wolf**, **Union Of The Snake**, **My Own Way**, **The Chauffeur** (done even better than on the record), **The Reflex**, **Careless Memories**, **Planet Earth**, plus other songs. Despite their reputation for being snobby, there was no evidence of it while they

played or talked to the audience.

For the two encores they played **Rio**, and then an extended version of **Girls on Film**, where Simon Le Bon introduced the Audience to everyone on stage and John and Andy Taylor (no relation) Chuck-Berryed across the stage a few times.

The sound was quite good (for the Coliseum, that is) and the light show was very good except they hardly used it, but I suppose the majority of the audience came to stare at the band, so why waste the money? Overall, it was fun concert,

especially if you danced the whole time. My ears were ringing, my throat was sore; (from yelling in-between songs) and I was tired so it must have been a good concert.

The back-up band, Images in Vogue, were alright musically, but personally the lead singer was making me sick. Guys that wear pink overalls and wiggle their bum at the audience, I don't find entertaining. Almost everyone seemed to enjoy it, though, so maybe I'm weird. I think Simon Le Bon could show him a thing, or hundred.

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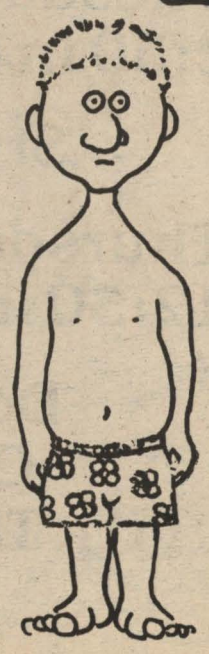
Dance Contest Limbo Contest

The Big Bopper
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Dance to the sounds of
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The Elks Club Hall
56 6th St., New Westminster
Feb. 25 '84 **8:00 P.M.**
\$7 per person



DOUGLAS COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETY

Statement of revenue and expenditures and members' equity for the year ended 31 August 1983

REVENUE	1983	1982
Activity fees	\$100,310	\$ 69,495
Interest and miscellaneous	4,232	10,119
Pinball revenue	-	2,025
	<u>104,542</u>	<u>81,639</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Advertising	-	110
Activities and student services	7,375	11,511
Clubs and campus grants	1,988	1,360
Conference expenses	4,323	3,809
Cut-back expense	-	591
Equipment purchases	8,880	3,313
Honorariums	1,620	1,116
Insurance	965	511
Membership fees-Canadian Federation of Students	16,406	4,390
Mileage expense	382	215
Office	999	2,444
Professional services	1,175	2,000
Repairs and maintenance	-	464
Staff wages and employee benefits	25,577	23,104
Telephone	874	1,104
Youth employment program	602	1,084
	<u>71,166</u>	<u>57,126</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	33,376	24,513
MEMBERS' EQUITY beginning of year	51,304	26,791
CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL FUND	(10,000)	-
CONTRIBUTION TO BURSARY FUND	(14,000)	-
MEMBERS' EQUITY end of year	<u>\$ 60,680</u>	<u>\$51,304</u>

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

BY-LAW 5

Delete By-law 5.1
Delete By-law 5.2
Be it resolved that the position and duties formerly held by the Vice President are now assigned to the Canadian Federation of Students Executive Representative.

BY-LAW 6

Be it resolved that the position of Secretary be changed to Vice President and further that all references to Secretary be changed to Vice President.

By-law 6.7 - Formerly 5.1

During the absence, or inability to act, of the President, her/his duties and power may be exercised by the Vice President.

By-law 6.5 - Formerly 5.2

The Vice President shall be a signing officer of the Society.

BY-Law 12

By-law 12.1-Changed

The Executive of the Society shall be the; President, Vice President, Canadian Federation of Students executive representative, Treasurer, Speaker of the House, and

the Member at Large (Maple Ridge). The Executive shall hereafter be referred to as the Student Administrative Council.

BY-Law 25

By-Law 25.3-Addition
The Student Administrative Council, excepting the speaker of the house, shall be re-imbursed for Tuition expenses as an honorarium for the Courses they are taking at mid-term of each semester.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION I

Whereas it is the purpose of this motion to prevent the Douglas College Student Society from financially supporting any political party, official or otherwise. The various political opinions of the students must be respected and not influenced by the Student Government. Therefore be it resolved that the Douglas College Student Society shall not allocate any time, student funds to any political party either Federal, Provincial, or local, as a form of support or representation.

OTHER MOTIONS

BUILDING

Whereas the students of Douglas College do not have a space specifically geared towards students needs. And whereas Douglas College is unable to provide such a space. Be it resolved that the Douglas College Society establish a Student Union Building. And be it further resolved that a building fee of \$0.75 per credit be charged to all registering students and further that said fee commence in the fall semester of 1984 and continue until all building liability's are recovered.

Whereas accusability to post-secondary education is eroded, and whereas financial difficulties represent a significant limiting factor. Be it resolved that the DCSS donate \$18,000 from the members equity 1983, and the \$12,000 from the existing DCSS Bursary fund to the Douglas College Scholarship Fund and further that until such time as the DCSS-Senate indicate otherwise, four \$250 bursarys from the interest accrued be awarded fall and spring semester.

AUDITORS

That the firm of Yada, Tompkins, Humphries, Palmer and Company be appointed as the official auditors of the Douglas College Student Society for 1983-1984 fiscal year.

JOBS

Whereas student unemployment figures are outrageously high. Be it resolved that the DCSS provide, over the four summer months, six jobs at a projected cost of \$5,000.

TREASURY

Be it resolved that the DCSS allocate from members equity year end 1983 \$23,680 to the Capital fund and \$4,000 to the emergency fund, the balance (\$15,000) to the General account.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

rm. 2203 12:30 Feb. 23

