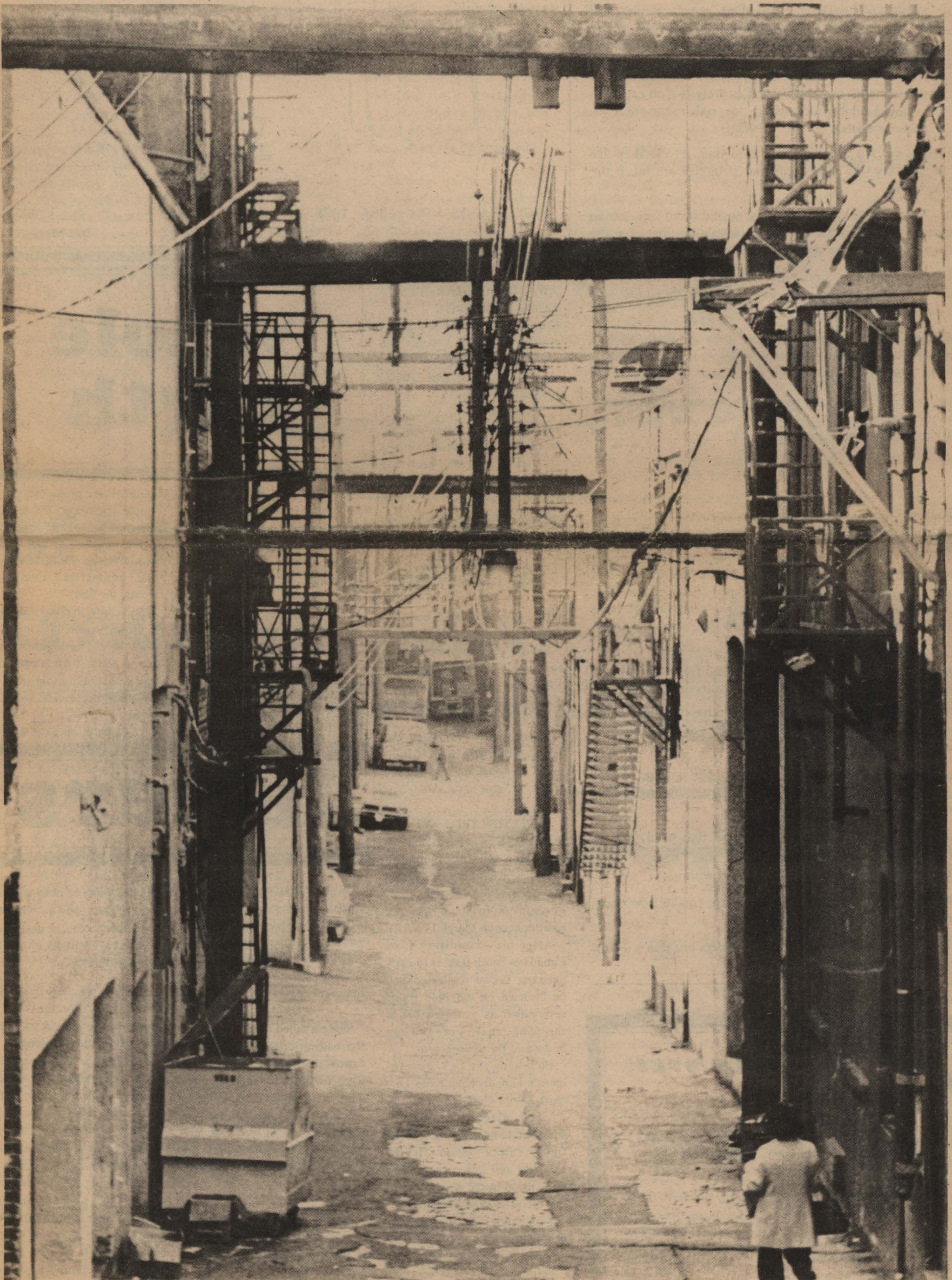


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# the Other press





# other editorial

What is the role of the Student Press?

Many students and administrators, alike, believe a student paper should cater only to the limited interests, activities, and organizations within an educational structure. This narrow concept can only produce a paper that is no more than a "social sheet" or "score board".

If a student paper restricted itself entirely to "on campus" news, it would be doing a disservice, not only to the students, but to society as a whole.

Students are not a social class unto themselves, they are part of a society who's concerns and struggles are much the same as theirs.

The Student Press has the responsibility to act as an alternative source of information - a compliment between the educational system and the commercial press.

Students cannot escape reality for long. They may feel secure within the school walls, but eventually they must step out - and they must be prepared.

Not only must students be prepared for the world as it is now, but also be prepared for the changes that are going to take place, and be ready to help make these changes.

The Student Press should expose the wrongs of our society in order to bring the truth into better focus, and in doing so, bring the alternatives into closer reach.

Douglas College is unique among educational institutions - it is a community college without a community and without permanent structures.

In its attempt to serve the community, Douglas College has alienated its students. Through its policy of de-centralization, it has become a "commuter college", with students speeding from one campus to another in order to get to each class on time.

Though the college should be applauded for its intentions, it's human atmosphere is as disoriented as its campuses.

As most communities with this problem have realized, what is needed is some axis on which people can cling to for a feeling of belonging.

As most communities know, a newspaper is what serves this need best. If Douglas College is it to become a real community, it needs a newspaper.

We at *The Other Press* feel we can fill that need, but we need your help, too. We cannot "see all" and "hear all", you must inform us, criticize us, get involved with us.

Above all, let us get this college going - make it a living, thriving community for real people.

You may only be here for a couple of years but that's a long time to be alone.

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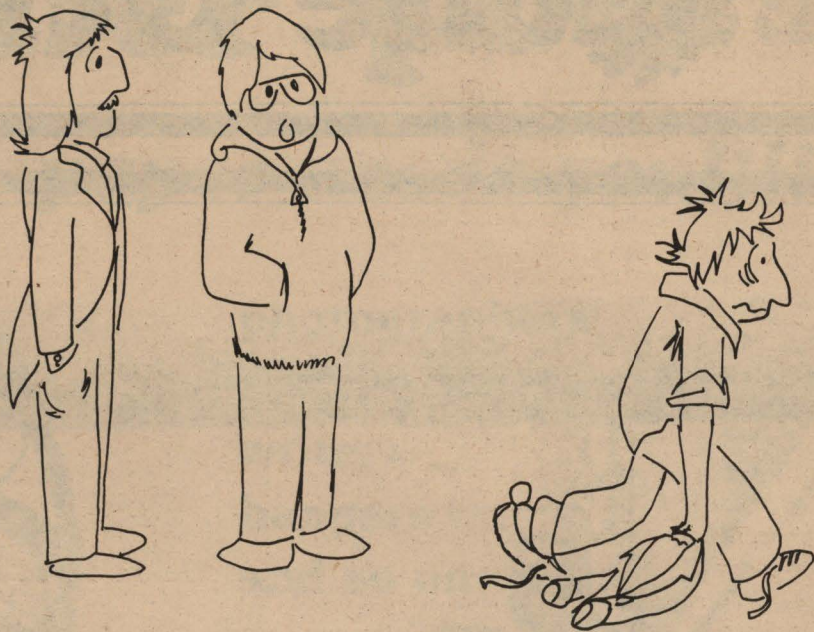
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"THEY ALWAYS LOOK LIKE THAT AFTER THEY COME OUT OF REGISTRATION."  
DAVE BENINSFIELD

## CALGARY WOMENS GROUP AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO FEMALE STUDENTS

CALGARY (CUP)--The Calgary Status of Women Action Committee (SWAC) began the new year by awarding four women \$250 scholarships.

This is the first time any self-supporting women's group in Canada has established a scholarship program, according to SWAC worker Joan Fish. The scholarships were awarded to "recognize the efforts" of women furthering their education, she said.

About 15 applications were received and reviewed individually by a committee of three women selected by the SWAC board of directors, Fish said.

SWAC "Hopes to be able to carry on with this aspect of supporting women who are furthering their education," Fish said.

"We hope to increase the amount but will need donations" to add to the \$1,000 SWAC is "able to set aside."

## PELTIER TRIAL SET

FARGO, N.D. (ENS-CUP)---American Indian Movement (AIM) activist Leonard Peltier has been ordered by the U.S. government to stand trial for murder here on March 14.

After his extradition from Canada to South Dakota in early January, Peltier requested that he be tried on the Pine Ridge reservation as provided for in the 1968 treaty between the Sioux and the government.

Following the U.S. government's announcement the Leonard Peltier Defense Group on the Pine Ridge reservation issued a statement saying that the Oglala Lakota Nation "is the only site and government with jurisdiction in the matter."

"We know that Leonard Peltier could not receive a fair trial in North Dakota any more than he could in South Dakota."

Peltier is charged in connection with the deaths of two FBI agents in a shooting incident on the reserve in Oglala, South

# whole earth

Dakota on June, 1975. Although all three of his original co-defendants have since been acquitted of the murder charges, Peltier was in Canada at the time of their trial. He was arrested in Edmonton last February and sent to a Vancouver prison where a lengthy trial ended with his extradition.

## KING KONG

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS CUP)--A Soviet publication is charging that the movie King Kong is

being widely promoted to keep people's minds off the economic crises in the west.

The weekly Literary Gazette asks "What is the reason for the wild advertising campaign around the film?"

According to the publication, the first version of King Kong was released during the depression to distract Americans from their economic problems, and the new movie has the same goal.

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# letters

In the festive season of Christmas cheer, good will was expressed by Ken McCoy (campus supervisor) when he had my car towed out of the student parking lot (N. West) for no apparent reason.

The car failed to start because the battery cell was dead, and funds to replace the battery were low at the time. Returning, with help, some days later to retrieve the car, I found it "gone." Thinking it was stolen I called the police to inquire the car's whereabouts and to report it stolen.

On the advice of a friend I consulted the campus cop, Ken, to inquire whether or not he knew of the car's whereabouts. To my dismay I discovered he had had it towed away. The excuse was that the car had no

identification or note stating it was broken down. "It could have been stolen, or deserted by a drunk", replied Ken when asked "Why?"

The car was legally parked, and I felt reluctant to pay Buster's tow cost. A \$32.00 tow bill may be just a drop in the bucket for "some" people, but for a poor struggling student with a family, (just before Christmas) it is a lot of money.

Ken could have put a notice in the *Other Press*, left a note on the car, inquired with the police to find if the car had in fact been stolen, or could even have posted a notice on the bulletin board. Sigh. But he did none of these things to my knowledge.

signed....

Disgruntled Terry Lagace.



## New constitution proposed

A new Student Society constitution that would radically restructure the present system of student government--campus councils and a student council--is currently being drafted by student council chairman Ray Harris.

The Harris constitution defines the bodies of student government as an executive, a senate, and a general assembly made up of representatives from the four campus councils.

The executive body would be made up of a president, a vice-president (internal), a vice president (external), and a vice-president (treasurer). The senate would be comprised of the vice-president (internal), who would act as chairperson, and the chairperson of each campus council.

The responsibilities of the senate would be the allocation of funds to clubs and other groups within the college, and when a fund request is made in excess of \$500, the decision is made by the general assembly.

Harris said in an interview last Wednesday that the proposed constitution is to be brought before a general meeting of students Feb. 11, after the "kinks are ironed out" by the student council. At press

time, no council meetings had been arranged.

Reaction to the proposed constitution by student council members has been mixed.

New Westminster chairwoman Darlene Zerr said Thursday she doubts whether there will be enough people on council to fill the positions, and complained that council has not had "the right kind of input" in drafting the constitution proposal. She added that the proposed system of budget allocation is "too much hassle".

Geoff Nash, Surrey rep, said Thursday the proposal "has problems, but it's not too bad." He added that the expansion of the college will increase student population and therefore would increase involvement in the student government.

Richmond chairman Jack Lich said last Tuesday that the old constitution is workable, but just needs to be updated.

New Westminster Rep Sheilagh Cahill also complained that council members haven't been consulted properly about the proposal, and that the system of government in the proposal would be unworkable. "It would be fine if we had 100 members on council," she said.

## A plea for unspent money

A plea for unspent money allocated to departments was asked for at Tuesday's meeting of Principal's Council in the New Westminster Boardroom.

Bob Lisson, assistant bursar, proposed to Council that this capital be returned to a central fund and be redistributed, based on urgent needs only, for the remaining months of the fiscal year (which ends in two months).

Lisson told Council that unexpected costs had arisen. Capital allocated to other areas had to be used for emergency roof repairs for which the government said they would pay.

"The Deputy Minister said go ahead, and then reneged," Lisson said. "They also said that they would pay for the paving of 92nd Avenue in Surrey."

He said some departments

have urgent capital needs for new programs or equipment. "The construction management class need \$10,000 to buy tables for drafting."

College Bursar Bill Morfey asked council to take a "college stance and not a divisional one".

Also recommended at the meeting was an English placement test for people entering the Career Program.

"The placement test is not to be used as an entrance test," stressed Harold McInnis, English and Communications instructor and Discipline convenor for Communications.

"We want to make it relevant to courses students are taking. There is no use a student in a career program studying the subjective tense," he said.

The matter was referred to the Curriculum Committee for further discussion.



R. Bull conducts College Band at Orientation Day Friday noon.

## Further tuition hikes a possibility

OTTAWA (CUP)--Tuition fees across the country, which have been or will be increased in every province this year, are not likely to level off in the following years, thanks to an agreement reached between the federal and provincial governments in December.

The provincial premiers accepted a new formula for the financing of post-secondary education which allows their governments to cut back on expenditures without a resulting decrease in federal matching grants, at the first ministers' conference Dec. 13 and 14.

"Established Programs Financing" is the name for the new formula that will replace the 50-50 cost sharing between Ottawa and the provinces on provincial health and post-secondary education programs, when the Fiscal Arrangements Act (FAA) expires March 31.

The new financing arrangement is the answer the two levels of government have been seeking since 1970 to limit the growth of these programs, according to a federal ministry of finance document for a meeting of federal and provincial finance ministers the preceding week.

In opening the first ministers' conference Prime Minister Trudeau said the new formula would mean "provinces will have a greater incentive to implement what are admittedly difficult measures designed to restrain spending in these fields."

Provincial cutbacks in education spending have come into increasing focus in the last few years. Yearly increases in Ontario's post-secondary education budget have been on a downward spiral since 1974, while British Columbia's education minister recently promised almost no additional funding for the province's colleges and universities next year.

The premiers came to the conference demanding this be replaced by a transfer of four tax points to the provinces, amounting to about \$800 million. Ottawa compromised and granted the equivalent of two tax points, or \$400 million.

But the "common front" the provinces presented under the leadership of Ontario premier William Davis, came to the conference ready to accept the other federal proposals.

The freeze on post-secondary education growth will be contrasted by increasing enrolment, estimated to go up by 4 per cent or more next year.

An article in the Student Advocate, the National Union of Students' newspaper, says tuition fees will be the only source of revenue for post-secondary institutions once the effects of the latest freeze are felt.

NUS has called for a full inquiry into the financing and long-term goals of Canada's post-secondary education, which finance minister Donald Macdonald and secretary of state John Roberts agreed to, conditional upon provincial acceptance, on National Student Day Nov. 9. B.C.'s education minister Pat McGeer told student representatives recently he agreed to the idea.

The established program's financing will likely become legislation early this year, to be followed by the provincial budgets this spring.

Unlike previous federal-provincial fiscal arrangements, which had to be negotiated every five years, the established programs financing is open for an indefinite term, while no changes can be made to the program until five years have elapsed.

This has been complemented by the provisions governing fiscal transfers under the FAA, which limited increases in the federal government's share to 15 per cent yearly.

Under the terms of the FAA, the federal government matched dollar for dollar what the provinces spend on their health and education programs. Provinces which cut back on their health and education budgets could expect a corresponding decrease in federal assistance.

The new financing programs allow the provinces to cut back without sacrificing federal contribution from actual spending by the provinces and provides "more incentive to save and less to spend," according to the finance ministry document.

The new arrangement increased the provinces' tax revenues by transferring 13.5 points of personal and 1 point corporate, tax from federal jurisdiction to the provinces, providing about 50 per cent of the fiscal transfer.

The remainder will be an "unconditional" cash grant, based on the rate of Canada's economic growth.

According to recent economic forecasts, growth of the Gross National Product will be about 3.5 per cent in 1977, down from last year's rate of 5 per cent.

While the new financing arrangement will give the provinces \$680 million more for all the shared cost programs next year, according to Trudeau's calculations, they will lose \$900 million from the federal government's cancellation of the revenue guarantee program, originally designed to compensate the provinces for lost revenue due to changes in the federal taxation system.





# events

## CAMPUS

### SFU

Five members of the Royal Shakespeare Company in residence at SFU presenting, Feb. 8, 8 p.m.: "Lovers and Madmen: A Shakespeare Frenzy". Feb. 9-12:30 p.m.: "The Play's the Thing". Feb. 10 - 8 p.m.: "Grouping/Gropings". Feb. 11 - 12:30 p.m.: "The Tarnished Phoenix". Feb. 12 - 8 p.m.: "Wooing, Wedding and Repenting: Shakespeare and Marriage". For more info. call the SFU box office.

Alice Artzt, Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$4, \$2 students. Available from all Vancouver Tickets Centres. SFU Theatre.

Tuesday Evening Series presents selected works from the Canadian Student Film Festivals 1971-76. There will be four programs: Feb. 1, 8, 22 and March 1 in the Images Theatre, at 8 p.m. \$1.00 at the door.

The Simon Fraser Gallery presents Johnson SS Chow: Chinese Paintings, Feb. 7-25. Free

### UBC

Museum of Anthropology re-opens Feb. 1 with "Beginnings," an exhibit of prints and carvings by Tsimshian artist Roy Vickers.

### LANGARA

Studio 58 presents Anton Chekov's "Three Sisters" opening their 77 season, directed by Svetlana Smith. Feb. 7-26 nightly at 8 p.m. \$2.50. Studio 58, 100 W. 49th Ave., Van. 324-5227.

### KIDSTUFF

Jabberwocky Theatre for Children presents "A Dream of Sky People," based on the Cree legend of creation, Sun., Feb. 6, 2 p.m. \$1.50, \$1 children. Van. East Cul. Centre, 1895 Venables Street, Vancouver 254-9578.

North Van. Community Players present: "Old King Cole," a childrens play by Ken Campbell, Feb. 4 and 5 at 7:30 and Feb. 6 at 2 and 6 p.m. Hendry Hall 11th and Hendry, N. Van. \$1.50, \$.75 980-5552 or 985-8676.

Drama Workshops for kids 9-13, \$1 session. York Theatre, 639 Commercial Van. 253-4391.

Canadian books for children-a project created for the purpose of promoting the writing, publishing, selling and reading of childrens' books by Canadians. For more info. write: Canadian Books for Children, Book and Periodical Development Council, P.O. Box 6428, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1X3.

### DANCE

"Les Grands Ballets Canadiens," Feb. 10-12, 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$4-7 from VTC and outlets QET.

## THEATRE

Janus Theatre holds over "Our Town", Feb. 7-12, 14-19, 21-26 at 8:30 p.m., Sats. 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets \$4,\$3 Reservations: 669-0931. DYH Lui Theatre, 1036 Richards Street, Van.

"School for Scandal", the classic comedy by Richard Sheridan runs to Feb. 12, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 p.m., Sats. 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets from all VTC outlets. Arts Club, 1181 Seymour Van. 687-5315.

"Canadian Skittish" runs to Feb. 12, noon hour 12:15 Tuesday-Fri.; evenings 8:30 p.m. Thurs. - Sat. \$2. City Stage, 751 Thurlow, Van. 688-7013.

ACME Theatre presents: "Vancouver Revued Renewed", Feb. 1-5, 8:30 p.m. VECC, 1895 Venables St. Van. 254-9578

"King Lear", Jan. 31-Feb. 19, Mon.-Fri., 8 p.m. Sat. 4:30 and 9 p.m. A week of special student matinees Feb. 21-25. Tickets from VTC outlets. Playhouse.

Westcoast Actors present "The Merchant of Venice", directed by John Sichel featuring Antony Holland as Shylock. Feb. 11-12, 14-15, 17-19, 22-26 and March 1-5, 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$3.50 weekdays, \$4 weekends. VECC, 1895 Venables St., Van. 254-9578

Cultural Funk presents Valri Bromfield in "You're Eating out of the Dogs' Dish!", Sun. Feb. 20, 7 and 9:15 p.m. Reservations advised. VECC, 1895 Venables St., Van. 254-9578

### ART

Vancouver Art Gallery presents: Changing Visions: The Canadian Landscape, Feb. 6-27.

English artist Granville returns to Place des Arts with the first exhibition in Canada to contain lithographs and visual show as well as the regular canvases. Other works by this artist can be seen at Gallery Six and Gallery Twenty-two. Place des Arts, 166 King Ed., Coquitlam. 526-2891.

Burnaby Art Gallery presents its 77 exhibition opener including three shows with works by Heikke Seppa-Jewelry; Bob Steele-Prints, drawings and photographs; Joy Long - paintings. Continues to Feb. 6 Bby. Art Gal., 6344 Gilpin, Bby. 291-9441.

Ace Gallery, 1724 Davie St., Van. - Group show of Contemporary paintings.

Alexander Calder - Memorial Show, Atelier Galleries, 2267 W. 41, Van. 263-4710.

Art at Work - art for the corporate environment to Feb. 5. Equinox Gallery, 3rd floor Penthouse, 1525 W. 8th Ave., Van.

## MOVIES

Monday Night Movies presents "Hollywood Stars of the Golden Era": Feb. 7 - TBA; Feb. 21 - "My Man Godfrey"; Feb. 28 - "It's a Wonderful Life". All films at 8 p.m. \$1.25. VECC, 1895 Venables St., Van.

### HUMAN INTEREST

Van. People's Law School - free audio-visual tapes on Women and the Law. 610-207 W. Hastings, Van. 681-7532.

Van. People's Law School offers free legal courses in Occupational Health, Wills and Estates, Sentencing, Welfare Rights, etc. at the Van. Public Library, 750 Burrard St. 681-7532.

Women's Media Resource materials, films, slides, and video tapes donated by Isis Womens Media Centre available through Douglas College, New West.

YWCA Winter programme: classes in languages, personal exploration, business skills arts and crafts, etc. 580 Burrard, Van. 683-2531 local 222.

Jabberwocky Touring Company is now taking bookings for plays: "Listen to the Drum"- Eskimo legends for young people; "A Dream of Sky People" - Indian creation legends, for all ages. Plays with workshops attached are available for any school or library. Contact: I.N. Watts at 669-6642

### MUSIC

D.Y.H. Lui presents: Garrick Ohlsson, piano virtuoso and Chopin specialist, Friday, Feb. 4, 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 - \$6.50 from the Vancouver Ticket Centre (683-3255) and all outlets. QET.

Vancouver Opera Association presents: "Mignon" (French) by Ambroise Thomas, Feb. 3, 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets: VTC and all outlets. QET.

### Beer-a-thon

Anyone who made pledges for the beer-a-thon held December 4th and have not yet paid for them are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Payment may be made at any student council office. If you took the time to sign, take the time to pay.

### AUDITIONS

The Anna Wyman Dance Theatre is looking for strong male and female dancers. Training could be either classical or contemporary. Wed., Feb. 2nd at 12 noon. Anna Wyman Dance Studio, 656 - 15 St., Van. 926-8181.

## CHESS

To coincide with the opening of the DOUGLAS COLLEGE CHESS CLUB, CANADIAN CHESS EXPERT BOYD WINDSOR will be giving two simultaneous exhibitions.

On Friday, Feb. 4th, he will give a 20-board simultaneous exhibition. The first 20 people to show up with a chess set will get to try their luck at beating him. At this exhibition, Boyd will play against 20 different opponents on 20 different boards. This means that he will be moving 20 times as fast as any of his opponents. The location: Room 322 - the time: 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8th, he will give a 3 board simultaneous BLINDFOLD exhibition. This means that he will be playing against 3 people at the same time, **without once looking at anyone of the boards!** The first 3 people to show up with their boards will have the chance at beating him. This exhibition will be held in the same room, N322, from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Even if you don't get to play at these times, come and watch anyway! At the same time, you can register for the chess club, which will be meeting regularly each week. Boyd will be present to take on all comers. If you

want to play chess but don't know how, come anyway! We will teach you at the chess club.

### WORKSHOPS

Playwriting competition-prize of \$3,000 plus expenses awarded. Write to Ben Tarver, Dept. of Drama, U. of Alberta, Edmonton.

Writing workshops for both adults and children, \$12, 10 weeks, Kerrisdale and Dunbar Comm. Centres. For info. call Donna at 731-1802.

Movement workshops: Contact Improvisation with Re: Union. Workshops from Feb. 28-March 5. Registration at 40 W. 23 Ave., Van. 876-2431

Pottery Workshops with instructor Ruth Meechan, Feb. 26, March 26, April 30 at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each \$5. Place des Arts., 166 King Ed., Coquitlam. 526-2891.

Coquitlam artist Bill Sclater will give a workshop on framing paintings, Feb. 11, 7-10 p.m. \$3. Place des Arts, 166 King Ed., Coquitlam 526-2891.

Drama Workshop for those interested in working with children presented by Jabberwocky theatre, Feb. 19 and 26. "Writing Your Own Script" from childrens books. 2 - 5 p.m. 2 sessions - \$15 each. Jabberwocky 748 Richards St., Van. 669-6642.

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# arts



Leroy Schulz as "The Principal" in "Canadian Skittish"

## School for Scandal -passable performance

Gwen Odland

Richard Sheridan is one of those masterful writers who allows no misunderstanding of his plays' interpretation. The School For Scandal is undoubtedly one of the funniest scripts ever written, and if produced well can provide hours of relentless laughter. You can't go wrong with it.

I was slightly disappointed in The Arts Club production of The School For Scandal knowing how well the show could be done. Perhaps with Arts Club breaking the record for Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, I was somewhat deceived by their abilities.

The evening was not a waste by any means. In fact, I enjoyed a great many parts of the production; there is nothing quite as enjoyable in School for Scandal as the discovery of Joseph Surfaces' deceit and wretchedness.

For perhaps the first time, this show has made it easy for me to pick out two performers I enjoyed the most. Richard Fowler (Sir Oliver Surface), and Winston Rekert (Charles Surface), were incredible to watch with their display and exuberance and energy that seemed to lack with most of the other

players. The whole show was lifted somewhat each time they came on stage; the rest of the cast didn't seem quite up to par, though the show never stopped moving - it just slowed down in parts.

The production as a whole is very worthwhile seeing.

I'm sure anyone who has read the script with any amount of enthusiasm has conjured up their own ideas as to how it should be done. Arts Club hasn't exactly done it the way I would have, perhaps, but the show is still very well put together and does make for an enjoyable evening.

## books

### Makara-speaks for itself

Gwen Odland

For a few weeks last semester, The Other Press ran an ad for Vancouver magazine, "Makara." Earlier in January Makara released its' anniversary issue, celebrating their first year in print.

Produced by Makara Publishing and Design, Makara has come a long way from the format readers have accepted as standard for a magazine by women. Produced once every second month, each issue deals with a variety of aspects including issues that many are yet unaware of in our society. It is neither totally political nor a "fashion" magazine, both of which seem to be the limitations women publishers have placed on themselves.

Makara is, rather, a general

interest magazine in the broadest definition, including articles on Claire Culhane, Sharon Pollock, basketball team - The Edmonton Grads, and Kids Radio, to name only a few.

Previous to Makara, Vancouver lacked a magazine which allowed the coverage of areas that did not stem directly from news items. Areas such as childrens' books and their role in Canadian literature, or absence of, are relatively unknown.

Yet, falling into the categories of 'Canadian' and 'literature,' this topic should also be of concern to those not directly involved, as we are all in some way responsible for the support of Canadian publishing companies.

It has become increasingly

apparent that there is a great deal more happening in Vancouver (and other parts of Canada) which affect us all, not criticized by the public eye. Makara is an excellent source for awareness of these issues.

Between Makara covers also lie a beautiful selection of art, poetry, fiction, viewpoints, photography and general information, completing Vancouver's finest magazine publication.

Makara does speak aptly for itself, therefore two issues have been placed in The Other Press office to allow you your own opinion and enjoyment. When you decide to subscribe, simply fill out the accompanying form and send it to:

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Vancouver, B.C.

## theatre

### Canadian Skittish vs Vancouver Revued Renewed

Gwen Odland

Canadian Skittish and Vancouver Revued Renewed.

In this corner we have Canadian Skittish, weighing in at four players, all with a high level of enthusiasm, ready and rarin' to go.

In this corner, we have ACME Theatre, weighing in at six players, an ambitious and energetic enough group, also ready and rarin' to go.

Now, a little background on the teams for ya. Canadian Skittish, starring Guy Bannerman, Diana Belshaw, Kathleen Flaherty and LeRoy Schulz, is a short but cute arrangement of knock-downs and intimidations of familiar Canadian situations. Incredibly hard to punch all that out in 50 minutes. There's a lot of possibilities in their strategy, but it's going to be tough for this group to fight against Vancouver Revued Renewed.

This is my first time in the ring with ACME, but believe me, this team is tough and determined to win. Don Adams,

Beth Kaplan, Lani Asenhurst, Annabel Kershaw, Andy Rhodes and Alex Willows are bright players and really know their stuff.

Their back-up of course is being so close to trainer, Van. He's a tough guy to work with, but when you get the routine down, it's hard to beat.

Of course ACME does have a few unfair advantages over Canadian Skittish. The team has been working together for some time and have worked out their own moves.

Canadian Skittish, I believe, formed specifically for this particular run and are working with manager, Ray Michael.

Oh yes folks, this duo of great teams is going to provide some real excitement for fans. It's going to be a close match friends, and all I can say is: place your bets at The Other Press office, and go see the shows.

(See Theatre Events listing for times and places).

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# Ottawa report

## Government inaction on marijuana

OTTAWA (CUP)--It will be two years ago, Feb. 4, 1977 that discussion in committee began on the government's bill to amend the marijuana laws in Canada.

In that time the bill has gone through the Senate's legal and constitutional affairs committee, suffered amendments, was returned to the Senate and passed. It went to the House of Commons on June 18, 1975. It hasn't been heard of since.

That bill, S-19 was "an act to amend the food and drugs act, the narcotic control act, and the criminal code."

"The intent of this legislation," according to Marc Lalonde, minister of health and welfare in his testimony before the committee, "is to provide Canadian courts with needed flexibility in dealing with offences involving cannabis so that the penalties levied will be suited to the circumstances and significance of the offences."

A spokesperson for the minister said Jan. 19, 1977 there had been "recent discussion of the whole matter" but Loraine Andras said she could not say what was going to happen to the bill. She also said there was a possibility of some action of the matter at the end of January.

Interest in the legislation hasn't declined. According to Janet Ross of the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, studies shows increased use of cannabis, especially among 18-29 year old men with university education and earning \$15,000.

The Canadian Medical Association continues to "nag away" too, according to the CMA's director of scientific councils. Dr. J.S. Bennett blames "political expediency" on the lack of government action.

Even the chairperson of the original Senate committee that studied the bill, Senator Carl Goldenberg doesn't know why no action has been taken by the government.

He said that he knew the bill was "very controversial" but he said: "I thought I would have been told" if the amendments the Senate committee made were unacceptable to the government. He said he has heard "nothing whatsoever" about

the bill since it passed the Senate two years ago.

The government has now at least three options:

--It can put the amended Senate version of its bill on the House of Commons order paper and see that it soon comes up for debate.

--It can introduce a new version of the bill and take it to the House of Commons for discussion.

--Or it can simply drop the whole matter.

Debate on Bill S-19 began in Senate Dec. 5, 1974. In those debates the purpose and limits of the bill were made clear.

Senator Neiman: "Honourable senators, on Tuesday of last week the government introduced Bill S-19 in this chamber, by which it proposes to transfer the legislative provisions relating to cannabis from the narcotic control act to the food and drugs act and, in order to regulate those provisions more appropriately, to make amendments to the Criminal Code. I cannot stress too strongly that this bill does not make possession of the substance cannabis sativa legal, nor will it, I am sure, when the implications of these proposals are studied and fully understood, they do not tend to encourage in any way the use of the substance in any of its forms."

In that speech the government makes its plans clear. During the course of witness testimony before the committee and in the debates in the Senate, proponents of the bill repeatedly stated what the government had been saying all along. This bill will change the category of offence that smoking marijuana is but it will not make an act which is illegal now, legal.

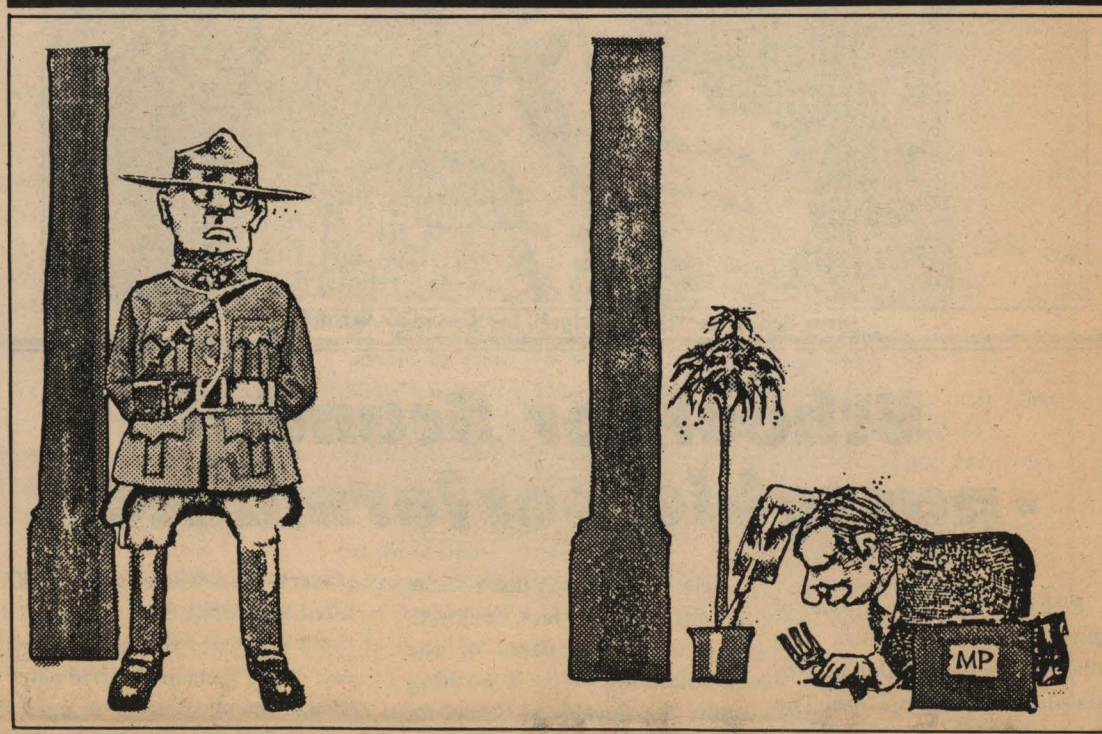
As Dr. Bennet of the CMA said during the hearing, "Surely in this day and age it is practical to make something an offence without necessarily making it a criminal offence."

One of the key amendments made by the Senators to the original bill referred to importation of marijuana for personal use. The RCMP had objected to this clause and before the bill went back to the Commons the

section was simply removed.

That section stated, "50 (1) except as authorized by this part of the regulations, no person shall import into Canada or export from Canada any cannabis," and later "except that sub-paragraph (b) (ii) (regarding penalties) does not apply were that person, after having been found guilty of the offence, establishes that he imported or exported the cannabis for his own consumption only."

The committee also recommended that first offenders would be given an absolute or conditional discharge after conviction for possession of marijuana.



### WHOLE EARTH cont'd.

"After sitting watching it for two hours, the cinema-goer emerges into the street struck by 'what could happen.' The lines at the unemployment office, inflation and the high cost of living are all for a while blurred in his mind by the fearful snarl of the gorilla, which makes him think that things could be worse after all."

### FOUR PESTS TOP CHINAS HIT PARADE

SAN FRANCISCO (ENS CUP)--As Stevie Wonder continues to dominate the hit album charts in the West, Mao Tse Tung's widow and the Four Pests have jumped to the top of the hit parade in the People's Republic of China.

According to Agence France-Presse, the hottest record in Peking right now is called "Indignantly Condemn the Wang-Chang Chiang-Yao Gang of Four." Performed by a Peking choral group, the album attacks Chiang Ching, Mao's widow, who was arrested last fall with three other radical leaders for allegedly trying to overthrow the government.

The hit album contains such cuts as "Down With the Anti-Party Clique of the Gang of Four," "Hail the Great Victory of the Crushing of the Anti-Party Clique" and "Everyone is Rejoicing over the Wiping Out of the Four Pests."

Maximum penalties for importing or exporting would be reduced to 14 years less a day from the existing 14 years. The law now states that absolute or conditional discharges can only be granted in offences that carry a penalty of less than 14 years.

Not all the discussion in Senate was serious however. One senator, Sullivan made his position on the whole matter very clear. "The use of soft drugs leads almost inevitably to the use of hard drugs. There is no such thing as 'simple possession of marijuana', I would remind Senator Neiman. They are all passing it on, or proselytizing. Furthermore, I am in favour of the death penalty for

heroin traffickers. You now know exactly where I stand," he said.

Another, Senator Lorne Bonnell said "Marijuana has no medical use, and its effect on our young people between 14 and 20 cost our society dearly. These youngsters lose their initiative, drive, sense of purpose and their ambition to succeed." It was in this atmosphere that the Senate passed the amended Bill S-19.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter said he favored decriminalizing marijuana smoking--reducing the offense to a misdemeanor from a felony--but not its legalization.

### DRESSING UP FOR NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST

LIVERMORE CAL.--The latest thing in nuclear fallout fashions is a synthetic fiber suit called NucleClean, designed and marketed by former nuclear engineer Marlin Ebert of Livermore, California. Ebert says growing public concern over the hazards of nuclear radiation from weapons or nuclear power plants prompted him to design what he calls a "radiation hazard emergency personal anticontamination kit." For just \$16.50, it includes a respirator, a pair of overalls, gloves, boots, mask and even special towels and detergent sponges for decontamination.

"What people don't realize is that they can handle fallout, like many other forms of contamination," Ebert says. "It's a really super garment," he adds, "and with the particle respirator it will keep you in good shape." He says the suit is made of DuPont Tyvek, a material with smaller "pores" than conventional clothing. Ebert says he hopes to sell to the same people who buy emergency foodstuffs for their fallout shelters. He's also aiming at the armed forces and the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency as potential customers.

GIVE YOUR TEETH A TOOT CHICAGO (ENS CUP)--We've all heard of whistling while you work but now a Chicago dental

supply manufacturer has figured out how to make the whistle work for him.

Wallace Erickson plans to make a bundle with a toothbrush you can toot. He has invented a whistling toothbrush which comes equipped with a slide for producing different notes. Erickson also has a patent pending on a toothpaste tube with a whistling gap.

### FEDERAL BUILDINGS TO SWITCH TO SOLAR

WASHINGTON D.C.--Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb has announced plans to introduce solar water heating in most federally owned buildings across the nation. Zarb says the Defense Department, the Veterans' Administration and the General Services Administration will all begin converting facilities under their authority to solar water heating wherever possible. Those facilities include military bases, veterans' hospitals and federal offices and laboratories.

Zarb noted that "25 per cent of the energy used in this country goes for heating and cooling buildings and for heating water." He said the federal conversion to solar "means less oil and natural gas used to heat water, a growing solar industry, and more jobs for Americans who will be needed to design, manufacture and install solar equipment."



# Rugby teams split with U of W

The Douglas College Rugby Club opened its spring itinerary with two matches against the University of Washington Huskies in Seattle on Saturday, and came away with a win and a loss.

The second team lost 13-4 to the Huskies second squad. The Douglas forwards were far superior to their opponents, but the Douglas backs were sadly out-classed. Thus on the few occasions that the Huskies backs did get the ball from their forwards, they either scored or threatened to score. The sole touchdown for Douglas was scored by Larry Backs, who, incidentally is a forward.

The Douglas first team fared better and dominated play early in the game to go ahead 10-0. But the Huskies never quit and in the second half Douglas seemed to tire and in a space of ten minutes the University

poured on the pressure to go ahead 15-10. This seemed to jolt the young Canucks back to their senses as they again switched into top gear to score two touchdowns in the last seven minutes of the game to win 20-15.

This was a most improved Huskies Club over the teams that got thrashed by Douglas last year to the tune of 22-0 and, believe it or not, 80-4! As usual, the Americans proved great hosts and provided much merriment for the Douglas teams after the games.

Scorers for Douglas were Dave Jagger and Jamie Booth with touchdowns, Mark Andrews with 2 touchdowns and Burt Kirby and Dave Jagger with a convert each.



## sports

### Ski trip a success

The annual Douglas College ski trip to Crystal Mountain, Jan. 9-14, was a tremendous success this year...there was even some skiing at times.

During one 24 hour period, over 100 gallons of beer was consumed by the 70 skiers, and needless to say, they all had a good time of it.

The snow conditions at Crystal, when they arrived, weren't much better than the local mountains, just as rocky and icy. The luck of the Canadians paid off though, not long after they arrived the snow began to fall, leaving about ten inches of fine white powder.

Crystal is a massive mountain, with 29 different runs, seven chairs, three tow ropes and two t-bars. Unfortunately, only three of the seven chairs were in operation, but the Douglas College ski club was the only group of people on the mountain.

This year, the ski club broke all records made by the club last year. Some of the records broken were: most beer consumed (224 gallons), most hours spent in a washroom being sick--6 hours, most broken windows (five). Also, the highest number of skinny dippers in the heated outdoor pool (seven).

The lack of snow was a bad break for the people that hadn't been to Crystal before because two of the mountains most famous features were closed. One was the Campbell basin chair lift, which is apparently the longest continuous chair in North America. This chair stretches one and half times as far as the red chair at Whistler. From the top of the Campbell basin chair there is about 5 miles of continuous skiing. There are runs to satisfy the fresh beginner or the maniac hot dog skier. Another feature that Crystal is famous for is a

run called exterminator. This run is well named, it is about 2 miles of an almost vertical mogul field. The run is fairly wide open and ends in a spectacular jump, formerly used by the U.S. Ski team.

Some people took advantage of a fantastic sale that the Crystal Ski Shop had, while we were there. There was 30 per cent knocked off all items in the store which were normally lower than what we pay in Vancouver anyway. Some examples of the bargains were Olin Mark IV skis for \$125.00 and top of the line Scott poles for \$17.00

The Douglas College Ski Club trips to Crystal Mt. are an annual event, and hopefully the tradition will be continued next year. There have been rumors of a spring trip to Crystal as the people there expect the skiing to last into June. So keep your eyes and ears open and pray for more snow.

## off the track...

KATHERINE OF NEILSEN

Welcome to something different-sorta. This is a weekly column of idiocy, ridicule and blatant stupidity. Nothing here is the opinion of the staff of the other press, the readers or the author. These are just senseless wanderings of an even more senseless mind.

I also do requests, so if there is someone you have a grudge against and would like to see publically humiliated, just ask. To begin this trek across nowhere here's "What I did on my Christmas Vacation."

I reread an old Penthouse underlining the verbs.  
I repeated the name Naomi until my lips went numb.  
I slept.  
Dreams...dreams...strange, strange dreams.

I dreamt I was dying...my life passing before my eyes...growing up in Switzerland...Sven showing me how to ski...going down to the village to get some goats milk for mama...and I realized the wrong life was passing before my eyes.

Undaunted, I died and went to that big tutorial in the sky...I had been wondering for some time if the "pearly gates" of heaven were not really carefully disguised linoleum, but there was only a turnstile (a la Shoppers, Drug Mart)...

I signed in (noticing the number of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smiths' on the books) and made my way toward afterlife...Unfortunately no jeans were allowed so I couldn't go in.....What do the words "Derwood Kirby" make you think of? Send responses to the offices of the Other Press.

My excuse for all this is my home life. My father used to eat popcorn with a fork.

### Intramurals

#### planned for new semester

GABOR HAROMPOLY

Douglas College is off on another semester and intramurals are soon to follow. We have a fairly extensive list of planned activities and these are just a few of them: Soccer, Ice Hockey, Volleyball, Badminton, Floor Hockey, Inner-tube and Waterpolo, and Flag football.

All sports will probably be co-ed and will get underway as soon as response is greater.

Some other possible activities are Frisbee, 2-on-2 basketball, Darts, Duplicate Bridge, Underwater Hockey and Curling.

Anyone interested is asked to contact the people in the intramurals office, (Formerly the athletics store-room) and sign up for these activities.

There is also a list of free swimming times posted on the intramural bulletin board.

#### DOUGLAS COLLEGE TOTEM CONFERENCE HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Jan. 31 - Monday, 7:30 p.m. Cloverdale Arena - vs. Trinity Western College  
Feb. 10 - Thursday, 7:45 p.m. Newton Arena - vs. Langara (VCC)  
Feb. 14 - Monday, 7:30 p.m. Cloverdale Arena - vs. Capilano College

#### Intramurals ice time

Intramural hockey and skating clinics will take place every Saturday from Nov. 27 to Dec. 11, and from Jan. 15 to March 19, at the Queens' Park Arena from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., except the following dates: Jan. 22 and March 12.

The Douglas College Over-30 men's basketball team will practice again Nov. 24, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Queen's Park Arenex. Our first basketball game will take place Nov. 25.

#### Co-ed Floor Hockey

Do you like fast moving sports, with close body contact? Do you like group activity? Maybe you're one of those who like to work out until you reach the point of physical exhaustion! Come out and have fun playing co-ed Floor Hockey with other students on Friday afternoons, from 4:30 to 6:00 at the New West YM-YWCA.

#### Ping - Pong

Attention all you Ping-Pong enthusiasts. The first Annual Douglas College Intramural Ping-Pong tournament has begun. Check the schedule by the ping-pong table in the cafeteria for player match-ups. Check to see who you play against and phone him up to arrange a playing time. Winners and losers be sure to write your name on the board.

Two competition paddles will be available in the Athletic storeroom during business hours. Thank you and good luck.



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