

# the *Other Press*

## A.G.M. S.O.L

By Aeriol Alderking

The DCSS AGM was cancelled when Rick Shepherd asked for quorum at the beginning of the meeting, on Thursday, March 17th. There were approximately 33 people present. The SGM on February 25th was also cancelled when quorum was asked for by Herb Hanna. There were 78 students at that meeting, but as students were leaving prior to the end of the meeting, only 60 were present when quorum was called.

Herb Hanna said that the reason it is important to have at least 100 students at the meeting is that there be adequate student body representation. He also said anything passed without quorum is illegal and can be challenged and struck down.

The next AGM will be held April 7th. Rick Shepherd said this way "April 7th gives us time to work effectively to achieve quorum because I know someone will call quorum again. If we can get a student committee to actively pursue the attendance for this AGM, hopefully we'll have at least a 100 students there."

As quorum was called immediately upon accepting the agenda, no DCSS business was handled. "This next AGM is critical" says Shane Pollack. "If we don't provide audits on a yearly basis we lose our status as a society and cease to exist." One of the agenda items is to choose the auditors.

This is not the only reason to attend the AGM though. There are other issues being raised such as the funds being lent to athletics. Four athletes were lent \$800.00 to curl in Manitoba with the understanding that the money was to be paid back by December, 1987. Only \$100.00 has been paid to date and another cheque for \$100.00 bounced. The DCSS also lent \$4000.00 to the men's and ladies's basketball teams to go to Hawaii to play exhibition games. They repaid \$2000.00 but were unable to pay the balance and asked the DCSS to write their debt off, which the DCSS did.

This is just one example of the agenda items to be discussed. As Shane said, "This is the student's time to voice their concerns." One concern that might be worthy of addressing is the recent escalation of job action by the DKFA.

Another agenda item is the amendments to the DCSS constitution. One such amendment would not allow people who have been impeached from their positions to run for office for a period of five years.

Scott Nelson, who is running for vice president, was impeached from the position of president of the DCSS on February 5th, 1987. Scott was accused of election irregularities in the Oct 8th by-election. This story was covered in the

Other Press November 10th, 1986 issue. The CRO said that his polling clerks overheard both Scott Nelson and Mike Bouchard telling people to vote for Bouchard. Bouchard's ballot was pulled by the CRO who was then allegedly threatened by the pair. "I was there when they had their discussion and no threats were made," said Nelson, who added, "but I probably would have hit the son of a bitch."

The December 8th minutes of the senate meeting addressed a problem with the ski club social. There was apparently differences in the ticket and raffle sales and \$80.00 went missing from the shooter bar. Chris Lirette reported "Revenues turned in were confusing. There was money transferred from the shooter bar to the cashier, and the money was not seen for quite a while. The President, (Nelson) who was a student that night, brought money from the till without proper accounting. The Social coordinator chased him back to the DCSS office and brought back a receipt. The sobriety of the President was questioned at this time." Scott replied, "This was the third time I collected the money. It is not a matter of sneaking around with the money. I was asked to take the money due to the fact that there was too much in the till to handle."

Chris goes on to state that "after the money was counted, the President and Mike Bouchard threw the money around the office. It hasn't been recognized that the executive in charge or the President can take money from the cashier; a serious violation on the part of the President."

There was a party held afterwards in the DCSS in which Scott took part. There was drinking, dancing on the tables, and beer bottles smashed on the floor. Security tried to remove the participants and were met with animosity. Disciplinary action was taken and Scott was requested to turn in the main office key to Terry Leonard. He was denied access after 9 p.m. and had to make a written and verbal apology to the security personnel involved, Terry Leonard, and the Senate members.

There was also a motion at this meeting calling for the resignation of the President. Chris said, "throughout this meeting and previous meetings there has been concerns regarding Scott. He states rules are made to be broken." Brent Wilson said regarding the SGM that had been held, "Scott did not acknowledge the challenge to the chair and at this time swore and was drinking before and after the meeting." Scott said, "he tends to be nervous and wanted a drink."

At the Special General Meeting held February 5th, 1987 it was further found that there were irregularities in the quorum count for



## Faculty forced silence

By Ronaldo Horvat

Faculty walked away from a Douglas College board meeting on March 17 feeling disgruntled and angry at Douglas College administration. At the college board meeting, which a great deal of faculty members attended, Len Millis, President of the Douglas/Kwantlen Faculty Association, said that faculty wanted negotiations to resume in order to squelch any type of job action that faculty might take. To much applause by faculty, Millis presented his cause followed by Fiona Cairns, Vice-President of DCSS, who stated the students view of the situation to the board members present. Cairns said that students were afraid of possible job action taken by faculty and urged administration to resume negotiations and settle on a contract.

Bill Day, President of Douglas College, responded by saying that administration was also interested in negotiating a contract.

The board members present were then asked if they had any comment. None of them had any comments so the meeting moved to the next item on the agenda which was an auction for the Douglas College Foundation.

Faculty walked out of the meeting feeling ignored by administration and very angry. Some harsh words were said by faculty as they left the board meeting.

Faculty are expected to meet on Monday, March 21 to have another "study session" and discuss possible job action recourses.

the passing of the athletic levy to which Scott argued that he had done the count himself. It was at this meeting that Scott Nelson was accused of "willful and total abrogation" of the student society constitution and was swiftly voted out.

During the past year Scott has had to appear before three disciplinary hearings, one of which was for assaulting the bar manager. He had been instructed not to serve Scott and informed the bar staff to do likewise as it appeared that Nelson was intoxicated.

Currently the Yeti Ski Club, of which Scott is Vice-president, has been accused of selling tickets illegally at their social on February 26th. There appears to be \$100.00 missing from ticket sales. Scott informed me that the ski club was giving Crimestoppers, \$100.00, but this is supposed to be done through the DCSS and Rick Shepherd said that no cheque, to his knowledge, was issued. Later Nelson changed his statement to the effect that the missing money was from ticket revenue that had allegedly been given to the cashier but no receipt was given to the ski club member. Nelson also stated that the ski club would be willing to write the money off so as not to accuse anyone?

Scott was also President of Colmneetza high school student council and was impeached for "overstepping his authority and abuse of power."

This is why the DCSS executive

believe it is important for students to attend the AGM. It is the opportunity, not only to voice concerns, but ask questions and become more aware of the functions of the DCSS.

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# Student Society candidates

by L.C. Di Marco

## POSITIONS:

### President --

Karen Downey  
Aiaz Perez  
Herb Hanna  
Scott Riley

### Vice-President --

Scott Nelson  
Marcel Chambers  
Carla Crozier  
Ronaldo Horvat

### Treasurer --

Julian C. Smit  
Cathy Schofield

### Secretary --

Tracey Harrison  
Sonny Kisch

**Karen Downey:** "It is my belief that experience working with people is essential for an effective leadership role. These are some of the issues that concern me:

1. Funding
2. Services
3. Quality Education
4. Liason between students, faculty and administration
5. Equality

I have the experience and the desire to be effective, and with input and support I can ensure that student concerns will be recognized and promptly acted upon. For further information regarding these issues, please attend the all-candidates meeting in the concourse Thursday, March 24 at 12 noon. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you have for me during this week and at the All-Candidates meeting."

**Aiaz Perez:** "1. Lower cafeteria should be student run and operated, providing student employment - a student discount should be given to provide more affordable food.

2. Educational opportunities should be enhanced for single mothers, by lobbying administration to expand day care facilities, as well as fund them.

3. Emphasis on the quality of education. Lobbying for more courses (especially second year and summer programs) and to reduce the cost of books and tuition.

4. Raise the level of international consciousness by bringing in speakers, having debated focussing on issues of global concern such as: South Africa, Latin America, Middle East, The environment, as well as examining Canada's role in these issues. These are the issues that I consider to be of primary importance, for I feel that their implementation will cause nothing but positive change."

**Herb Hanna:** "This is the age of technocrats - I'll have to ask my campaign manager to write my platform."

**Scott Riley:** No platform submitted.

**Marcel Chalmers:** "I am the best person for the position of vice because I stand for that which is in the best interest of the student body. I would be available to all the students at the New West campus Mon/Thurs for as long as possible and on Fridays I would be at Maple Ridge listening to the concerns of our annex campus. In this way I would guarantee that the concerns

of our total student body would be heard and well represented.

Among immediate issues that I would attempt to deal with are:

1. Canada Games Pool (Admission) - I would wish to meet with pool officials to discuss the possibility of lowering entrance prices and to write up a contract holding them to a set student rate for a period of time.

2. Transit fares - I would arrange a meeting to discuss student fares for bus and SkyTrain users. As a bus user I hate paying so much it is almost better to drive a car, but...

3. Student parking - should be free for those students who drive to douglas. If Capilano and Langara students have free parking why shouldn't we? We have the space. Why should IMPARK have it? I want to see students running the parking lot, and free, (or at the very least greatly reduced) parking rates.

4. C.F.S. - The vice is expected to work with the Canadian Federatrion of students which gives us a great many services. Some of these are Student-Saver Discounts, Travel Cuts, Swap, and much more. My stand is for CFS since it helps us! I feel that we should stay with it. SO...YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR MARCEL CHALMERS FOR VICE...VISIT ME IN THE STUDENT SOCIETY LOBBY."

**Ronaldo Horvat:** "If elected as vice, one of my first priorities is to create greater clean-up attempts in the concourse area during college hours. There are many employment opportunities within the college that are presently being carried out by contracted organizations. These opportunities should be given to students in financial need. The cafeteria is run by a company that is profiting from STUDENT sales. The prices are outrageous, so if elected I will try to make the lower cafeteria into a student-run cafe with an espresso bar and pub. This will create student employment opportunities while offering cheap prices. I would be committed to the creation of stronger support for Douglas College from external organizations in the hopes of having greater lobbying power to promote the interests of students. Presently the Student Society office has not been as accessible to students as I would like. The photocopying machines in the office are paid by students therefore

the society office should keep longer hours so students can benefit from these machines. If elected I will keep extended office hours so all students can have a chance to voice their concerns to a person that will listen and act upon those concerns. The present mode of advertising for events around the college is in definite need of upgrading. If elected I will make sure that students will be properly notified about all issues concerning them. I believe that students are not here for faculty and administrat but rather they are here for students. Faculty and administration have a duty to uphold and that is to provide the highest education standards achievable as well as improving student services. I aim to make sure that these standards are upheld and where possible, greatly improved."

**Carla Crozier:** "I am a responsible and open individual who will work for student needs. My practicality allows me to debate a broad spectrum of topics and come to concise conclusions. The Student Society needs to be more visible. More emphasis needs to be placed on keeping students informed of the Student Society actions, as well as those of the Canadian Federation of Students. I am more than willing to discuss my stance on issues at anytime. If you have any questions concerning the eledctions, please feel free to talk to me."

**Scott Nelson:** "Vote Scott Nelson for Vice! Avoiding a strike and negotiating a contract between faculty and Douglas College is the most important issue affecting Douglas College and its students at this present time. We must continue to apply pressure to both sides for a quick settlement. Issues of vital importance such as the possibility of a strike is where your student government can voice your

opinion. I've been at Douglas College for 2 1/2 years upon which two of these have been involved with the student society, intramurals, ski club, and other student interest groups. With your support as vice, I hope to:

1. Help get a contract settlement between faculty and administration.

2. Pressure the gov't to increase spending on education.

3. Increase day-care funding for single parents.

4. Push for campus pub.

5. Bring your interests forward to senate.

6. Pust for more job programs which help fund student jobs."

**Julian C. Smit:** "I welcome this opportunity to inform you, my fellow students, of my background and experience, and why in voting for me as treasurer you shall be acting to elect a trustworthy candidate capable of faithfully executing the duties of the office. Prior to attending Douglas College I was employed in the Canadian Financial industry as a corporate banker; stock, bond and futures broker; foreign exchange trader and as an investment portfolio advisor and co-ordinator. I hold membership in the Vancouver Society of Financial Analysts, Canadian Society of Financial Analysts, Royal Economic Society (Cambridge University), Canadian Bankers' Association; and as a Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute. Further, I acted as a Canadian representative and advisor to both the Aga Khan Foundation and the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development. I hold a universty degree in Economics, Politics and Philosophy as triple-majors. While at Douglas College, I have acted as a Health/Dental rep. to the DCSS and as a Senate member I have

regularly attended numerous College committees and the Douglas College Foundation and College board meeting. I sincerely feel that with my experience in both the financial world and a Senate member I am uniquely qualified to coordinate an annual budget of over \$200,000. The treasurer's office is one that must be filled by a candidate that is qualified, popularity alone is not enough."

**Cathy Schofield:** "I would like to explore the possibility of employing students in the cafetiria. I would like to improve student awareness of the political scene and of the various activities on campus and I advocate employment of funds to the benefit of the student body as a whole."

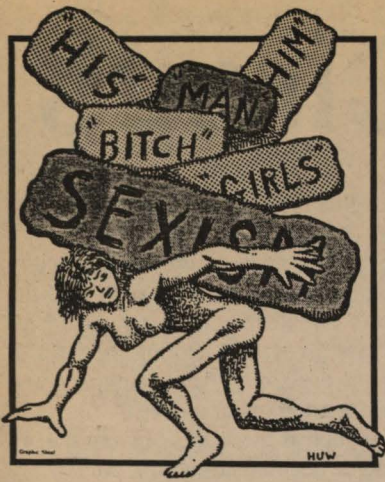
**Sonny Kisch:** "I have participated in school politics before and I have also been a member of the work force for 3 years. Having attended Douglas College since the spring of 1987, I am concerned about: increasing the child care services, student parking facilities, student employment as well as supporting the possibility of getting a Pub."

**Tracy Hanson:** "The gal in the flying wheelchair is Tracey Hanson and I'm running for secretary. I have worked in previous settings in the community as recording secretary, both office and board of directors. I intend to put a big "E" in for effort if elected. Regardless of who wins the secretary position, next year's secretary will certainly be a capable and worthy individual to assist the senate."

*These are the unedited versions of the candidates platforms. Candidates that are elected will be in office for one year. We hope this will better enable you to choose the candidates that represent your concerns.*

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Chronicles

Floyd had a plan to guarantee graduating at the top of his class.



## Sexual Assault and You

by L.C.di Marco

Were you there?

Is there a problem?

If so, what can we do?

According to the panel present at the February 25, 1988 symposium:

Sexual assault occurs in different forms. Although there are cases where men have been assaulted, women still make up the larger number of those being assaulted. Sexual assault is defined as a person being forced into a sexual situation against his/her will.

### Some Facts:

- One in 17 women will be assaulted in her lifetime.
- One in four women will be raped at some time in her life, most often (80%) by someone she knows.
- One in four women and one in ten men are sexually assaulted before 18 years of age.
- Ages of females are from 6 months to 90 years of age.
- Ninety per cent of working women felt they had been harassed on the job at one point or another during their working career.
- College women are more vulnerable.

### Suggested solutions:

- Be AWARE of yourself and your surroundings.
- Improve security at the college and workplace.
- Take self-defense classes.
- Be informed of support systems such as WAVAW (Women Against Violence Against Women).
- Overall education (physical & mental).
- Avoid walking alone in late evening and around parking lots.

NOTE: More information and tips available at Douglas College's Women's Centre.

### Open-Question Period:

At the end of the panel's presentation, the audience had an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions to panel members.

A fair number of students and staff who came to show their concerns at the forum hoping for resolutions and guidelines left the symposium upset.

In all fairness to those concerned, the comments from various sources will be unidentified.

"I feel that it was worth coming because it shows that people are concerned."

"The more noise we make, the more meetings, the more the issue will be taken seriously."

"The WAVAW members were quite informative and I'm comfortable knowing that someone somewhere cares for the safety of women."

"I didn't like the security officer because according to his comments, he felt an increase in security was unnecessary unless there was an increase in assaults

first. Does someone have to get raped first?!"

"I was appalled, shocked and horrified by some of the panel members' comments."

"I went to the symposium with a positive attitude and I left angry and upset at the thought that that particular security system was to be our guards and protect us."

"The police officer wasn't reassuring to me. He seemed to be there just for the sake of it."

"The key players, administration, should have been there. The whole issue is not really the security's fault, but the fact that administration doesn't think there's a problem. I almost felt sorry for the security officer because he was being attacked on behalf of those who should have really been there in the first place."

"I hope that administration will put more effort into strengthening the security system."

"I was offended by the two officers in the manner in which they

referred to women as "girls."

"To Security Officer: Just because a woman may take self-defense doesn't mean she's going to go out and attack at first sight!"

"The security manager said there's no point in getting more security guards for certain periods of the day because crimes are committed behind their backs. Well, doesn't it follow then that if there were more security guards visible, this would reduce the opportunities for sexual assault to occur?"

"I don't believe that the security or police officer dealt with issue effectively. The WAVAW members were the only ones that were of help."

Members of the panel have also been given the opportunity to respond after the symposium.

Jazz Singh (Security Officer) "During the meeting I never referred to women as girls. I also feel that they should be respected as women. The constable did refer to women as girls and that was disturbing to me too. We haven't

had any reports of harassment over a year. Harassment is serious in any form. There's no such thing as minor/major harassment of any kind no matter what. I also think that the women's centre should keep us informed of any harassment so that we can act on them accordingly. We are willing to cooperate with any of the groups at the college because they all serve as a useful purpose. I can understand the women's centre feeling uncomfortable in dealing with male security guards and if that's a problem then they can refer problems to female security staff. As far as security goes, I think that if the college as whole can justify a need for extra security then they should make the proposal to the responsible person(s). Personally, I think that the women's centre has excellent ideas as far as security for women and I hope that they'll work with security and let us help. I have no objection as to women taking self-defense. Also, I have no objection in women using it incase of

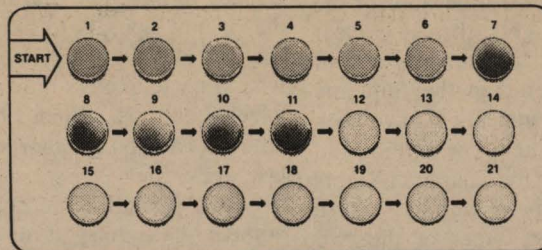
harassment. I don't think it's the only reliable resource available to them and you can't expect every woman to take classes in self-defense. I think they should use the existing services available to them and I'm referring to security as one because this hasn't been done in the past."

Chris Dean (Manager of Building's Services and Facilities) "We've installed a duplicate of a printer in security that has an immediate printout if an alarm in any part of the building goes off as a good safety precaution. We're trying to get a monitor system, but at the present time funds are unavailable. It is on proposal though."

WAVAW "Anytime a woman has a serious concern she should feel free to phone us. That's what we're here for: To Help. We also advise women to use the resources available to them such as Douglas College's Women's Centre."

Police Officer--Unavailable for comment.

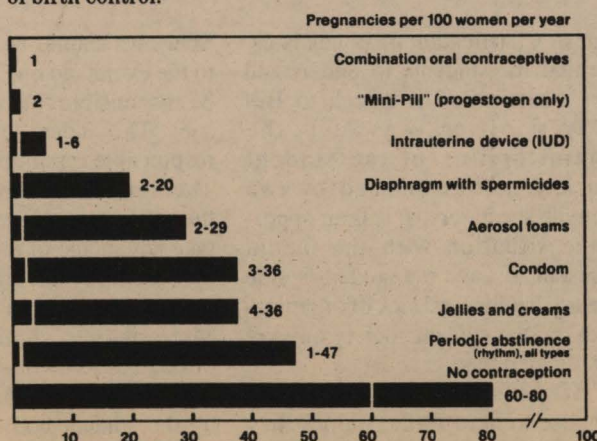
# FACTS EVERY WOMAN INTERESTED IN BIRTH CONTROL SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE PILL



In 1960 "The Pill" created a revolution. It is likely that no modern scientific development has had a more profound impact on society than the oral contraceptive. It is also likely that no other medical development has been more exhaustively studied, or more subject to controversy, confusion or misinformation. There have been enormously important advances in research and knowledge since 1960 and the most widely used oral contraceptives today are quite different from the one that started the revolution. If you are concerned about contraception you should understand the facts.

## Some important facts about today's oral contraceptives

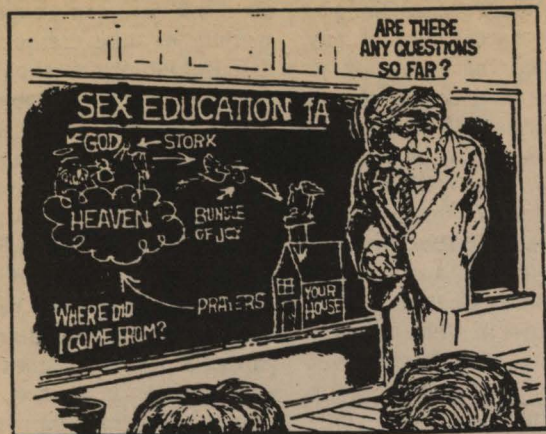
- The oral contraceptive most often prescribed by doctors today contains less hormone in an entire month's supply than the first product contained in a single tablet taken for one day.
- Today there are nineteen different brands of oral contraceptives available to Canadian women. They vary in hormone dosage and ingredients. Some are new. Others have been in use for many years.
- Until recently, oral contraceptives involved taking the same strength of pill throughout the monthly cycle. The first advanced triphasic oral contraceptive, introduced three years ago, varies the strength of both of the active ingredients in three stages. This permits a large reduction in hormone dosage resulting in fewer minor side effects.
- Here is a comparison of the effectiveness of various methods of birth control!
- Most oral contraceptives are virtually 100% effective in preventing pregnancy when taken as directed. They are the most effective method of reversible contraception available.
- As with any medication The Pill involves some degree of risk, although the low-dose products minimize this risk.
- There are certain groups of women who should not use The Pill. Your doctor will advise you if you are in one of these groups.
- Extensive studies show that women over 35 who smoke are at greater risk and should not use The Pill.
- There is evidence that women who take The Pill may receive important beneficial effects including:
  - reduced incidence of endometrial and ovarian cancer,
  - reduced likelihood of developing benign breast disease,
  - reduced likelihood of developing ovarian cysts,
  - reduced incidence of pelvic inflammatory disease which can lead to infertility,
  - reduced anemia due to reduced menstrual blood loss,
  - reduced severity of menstrual cramps and premenstrual syndrome.
- The health risk associated with the use of oral contraceptives is less than the health risk of childbirth except for women over 35 who smoke.



The figures (except for oral contraceptives and the IUD) vary widely because people differ in how well they use each method. Very faithful users of the various methods may achieve pregnancy rates in the lower ranges. Other women may expect pregnancy rates more in the middle of these ranges.

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# Three Ring Circus



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## An Open Letter on Abortion:

Mr. Brian Dickson  
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Dear Mr. Dickson:  
 Regardless of my personal views on the abortion issue, there are a few things that are confusing me in regard to the function of the Supreme Court and parliament.

In the first instance, was it the intention of the government of Canada, in introducing the new Constitution and the Charter of Rights, that this would result in some of the laws passed in parliament being struck down? I understand that this was indeed the case. If so, then they have created an instrument which is more powerful than parliament. If the Supreme Court, on the other hand, brings down a judgement because of the Charter of Rights, then it is clear that this same instrument is also of greater power than the Supreme Court. What appears to have been created in the new Constitution and particularly in the Charter of Rights is an instrument which is more powerful than either of the two most powerful bodies in the country; namely, what has been created is a form of god. As I have been reading the various judgements reported in the newspapers where the judges essentially plead: "The Charter made me do it." The picture that has been forming in my mind is that of a gold casket containing the Constitution and the Charter of Rights mounted on a high hill in Ottawas with all the politicians, judges and liberals bowed down before it while the lawyers pass through the crowd taking up a collection. When a nation has given up its faith in the pos-

Ladeeeez aaand Gentlemen...prepare yourselves for the fight of the century! In this corner...weighing in at well over a thousand gory pamphlets...PRO-LIFE!!!

And in this corner...the self-proclaimed realists...PRO-CHOICE!!! Let the battle begin.

Sound familiar? Did someone forget something? You bet. With everyone taking sides on the abortion issue, no one seems to stress that this is a very complex issue in which there can be no black/white good/evil lines drawn. I will be the first to agree that Bill Vanderzalm has the IQ of a Ritz cracker, but it is not possible to evaluate something as contentious and delicate as the abortion of a human life without seeing both points of view.

What this country and all the world needs is a comprehensive and detailed policy on abortion. While it is medically and morally difficult to decree the time at which life begins, certain practical considerations must be kept in mind. For example, a cousin of mine was born three months premature, in other words, her mother was six months into term. It should be pointed out that, while dangerous and frowned upon, abortions have been performed in the sixth month of pregnancy. Now, I must point out that my cousin was most definitely alive, and is now a healthy, happily married 21 year old. If her mother had decided that a baby was inconvenient at that time, my cousin would have just been a twinkle in her mother's eye. Also, in some cases abortions have resulted in live births, at which point the attending physician was forced to commit infanticide. Although this rarely hap-

pen, I can imagine it being very disconcerting in the least.

pen, I can imagine it being very disconcerting in the least.

Gruesome details aside, there are definitely cases where abortion is necessary, such as if the mother's life is threatened. In instances where rape or incest are involved, carrying the fetus to full term could be psychologically damaging, and has led to suicide attempts in the past.

In situations such as these, it is obvious that an abortion would be deemed necessary, but it is my opinion that abortions should not be used just as a form of birth control, as that is the epitome of carelessness and is by any standards barbaric.

Now, back to the idiot child premier...His policy on abortion needs one hell of a lot of rethinking. What it does is discriminate against low income mothers or those on welfare. Whatever the Premier's policy is, women who can afford abortions can get one on demand, for any reason, while those who cannot afford them are stuck, even if they are victims of rape or incest.

As you can now see, the issue is much more complicated than a yes/no position, so maybe people will begin to take a more rational and less reactionary stance.

by Dean MacPherson

sibility of a real God, a false god is usually erected to take his place. Unfortunately, false gods have a nasty tendency of deceiving their followers.

I have read the article "Here Come the Judges" in Maclean's. I am certain that if I were to get to know any one of you personally that I would like and respect you. But there is no way that I want a body such as the Supreme Court of Canada to have the kind of power that it now appears to have. The English language simply fails me when I try to express how strongly I feel about this. When I heard of your decision on the abortion issue last week, for the first time in my fifty-two years, I could not feel at home in the country of my birth. I suddenly realized that what I had been rejecting was in fact true - decisions will now be based on legality and not necessarily on morality; that, in fact, there no longer is a clear basis for morality in this country.

In my experience, when a couple realizes that the wife is pregnant they rejoice and celebrate the occasion. Immediate plans are made as to how to accommodate this new person coming into their lives. The unborn child is loved and cherished long before it is born. And when a couple I know lost their child through a miscarriage, they

genuinely grieved the loss. That, I believe, is the human reaction to conception and child birth. We should mourn the fact that in our society the conception of a child is considered little more than a nuisance by many. We also recognize that many parents are so unfit to have children that it is more merciful not to let the child come into being. That is the inhuman situation in our society. Therefore trotting out abortion on demand under the guise of the dignity of women and hailing it as a victory for freedom is a gross distortion of human values. How quickly the false god has deceived us. Had it been said that the situation in our country was such that a growing number of persons no longer want to take responsibility for their sexual activities; that in many cases the parents have such potential for abuse that it is more merciful to kill the unborn child; that children are not taught adequate moral standards; that, in fact, the whole drive behind the pro-choice movement is the decadence and lack of love in our society, and that providing freer abortion was seen as being the best solution to this problem, then I might have been better able to accept your judgement. But to attempt to disguise the abortion issue as being something honourable and being even remotely connected to

human dignity and worth and having anything really to do with freedom is symbolic of the blindness that besets this whole issue. It is this blindness that frightens me more than the actual possibility of abortion clinics in my neighbourhood. Who is safe when the bases for judgement are so uncertain? I may be safe with you but what about the man who may take your place? As a veteran of World War II, you know what it is like to sacrifice for real freedom. Do you want to give place to the proponents of pro-choice under the same banner of freedom? You may very well have given the victory you and many others won, as a result of World War II, back to Hitler; abortion was one of the main tools used in shaping the super race. As the attached article by Trevor Lautens of the Vancouver Sun points out: What is permitted today may become compulsory tomorrow.

It is not my intention to be judgemental of individual women actually seeking an abortion. I am sure there is a lot of need for compassion for many of them. I am merely attempting to establish a principle.

Yours sincerely,  
 Al Harms

## DCSS Rally "Disorganized"

The rally the student society coordinated Monday morning during the 'study period' was a reflection of complete disorganization on their behalf. The poor turnout by students can be attributed to the complete absence of any sort of publicity campaign to inform students of the upcoming rally. The president of the student society was absent and no one bothered to account for where she was. Not one speaker had any sort of speech prepared and no one outlined the is-

issues. Clarification of issues is essential for students to understand the situation. The march to Bill Day's office was not the brainstorming of the student society, it was initiated by two female spectators. It was an opportune situation with the media present to have the student's side heard, but the total lack of organization by the student society quickly eradicated that.

If the student society should choose to have further rallies they should begin with a concentrated effort to get organized. The president or any member of the society missing should be accounted for.

Speeches should be prepared prior to the event and one speaker should be responsible for outlining the issues. The student society should be responsible for outlining the issues. The student society should have their own plan of action and should take advantage of the congregation of students by having volunteers go through the crowds with petitions. Microphones should be roving through the crowds as it was impossible to hear questions being asked by the student body. The student society must take their responsibilities seriously and inform the student body in a coherent manner. Suggestions for a more balance

presentation would definitely include representatives from both the faculty and administration. More flash and color should be utilized for the sake of the media. A public announcement of the next student society meeting would also be beneficial.

If the student society is planning on more rallies in the future, for the sake of Douglas College's reputation, please try to organize a unified presentation.

Sincerely,  
 Tammie Mitchell,  
 Bethany Edwards  
 Prospective educators

**Thanks for your help,  
they still need more.  
Send in those letters.**

I neglected to mention that Douglas College students were involved in the organizing of the Iran-Iraq protest reported on in the March 14th issue. Some of our students' families are in the war zones mentioned and have not been able to establish contact with their family members.

There are still March 14th papers available to anyone who would like to sign the letters that were run. The letters requested the Prime Minister to take a stand on Canada's behalf against the "war of the cities" in particular and the war in general; the UN to pressure both countries to stop bombarding civilians and known population centers, such as the schools, hospitals and shops; and to CTV National News requesting broader coverage of the current situation.

Every letter signed and sent is regarded by government to represent 15 voters who did not write but hold the same view. Your signature makes a difference.

I was approached by one of our students this week who thanked me and the Other Press for the concern we have shown for his people. We could not have done it without your support. Thank you for bringing your letters in to the OP.

We will be extending our deadline for mailing to March 31st to allow everyone the opportunity to drop their letters in. All letters will be mailed at the end of the month.

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## "Record" Response

In response to my editorial, "For The Record", Rick Shepherd met with me to discuss the intent of his actions. He said that it was not his intent to impede the progress of the Student Action Committee. "I guess people misunderstand me. The second petition was at the request of a student and the box for student action suggestions was created by Rick.

Rick says that he is just doing his job to the best of his abilities and that due to a lack of experience, he sometimes makes mistakes. However, when threatened, Rick states he has a tendency to become more stubborn about his position on a matter. "If I have spent a long time

thinking something through and it seems logical to me, I have a hard time understanding that others might not see the logic that I see. But I am willing to look at other points of view if I am asked to."

I was genuinely touched at the honesty with which Rick was willing to openly discuss my editorial and the image he has projected of himself. Rick went so far as to say that there are times that he does not like himself and he is actively engaged in improving his character and learning from his mistakes. I appreciate the courage it took for Rick to be frank with me knowing that I would print whatever he said.

Thank you for the interview, Rick. I think it's great when we can actually admit that we're just being human beings!

**Aeriol Alderking**

## Correction to "It's Your Money"

With regards to your article on the Douglas College Foundation, reported in your February 24, 1988 issue, I would like to point out that this article has been drastically misquoted. I realize it is not the fault of the reporter as that individual was given incorrect information by the person interviewed.

First of all, Scott Nelson recommended a \$10,000 donation, the Student Society gave only \$2,500

last year, and the \$60,000 was donated between the years 1984 to 1986. Also, there was no balance withheld from the Foundation as there has been no donation approved by the students at present. On March 7, 1988 there was to be a motion presented to the Foundation Board guaranteeing the Student Society two student representatives and as this meeting has not yet happened Anena Johnston feels that "It's the wrong time to make a donation".

Thank you for setting the record straight.

**Shane Polak**

# Law Takes Priority

**To the Editor:**

This letter is pointed at the topic of abortion. Before I attempt to make any statement I would like to clarify that I have no reference to the concept of giving birth because I am male. The gist of my argument is based solely in the practices of the society that we live in, and the laws of the land.

The position of the Roman Catholic Church and of many Pro-Life groups is that abortion is murder and that it can never be condoned. Regardless of the situation of the mother or that of the pregnancy. A child is a gift from God in the eyes of the Church.

Another argument that is used is the right to life of the unborn fetus (child). This argument stems from the idea that even though the child is unborn that they have the rights, pursuant to the constitution of Canada, of a child. This is the pivotal argument that they have in the support of their claim.

The argument that is employed by the Pro-Choice movement is simply that it is the right of the woman to exercise control over her body. The basis of this argument is that the fetus (child) is a part of the woman's body for the time of the gestation period. The constitution guarantees each individual a certain

semblance of control over their bodily functions.

So in the arguments of each side we see that both have valid points that are based in the law of the land. In terms of the arguments of some groups of either side there is a certain degree of sensationalism. Also since the subject is very controversial language and arguments can be loaded to emphasize the emotional component as opposed to the rational component of the issue.

Unfortunately another hydra is brought into the issue and that is politics. There are dynamic political motives involved behind the support to anything as telling as the abortion issue. Politicians are very afraid when they have to take a firm, unalterable stand on an issue that is polarized. This is due to the fact that they are pressured by both their constituents and by the party, more specifically the party whip, to conform to what is expected of them. Politicians also fear being labeled by groups that are powerful, due to the potential stigma that can be attached.

After all is said and done we must look at the most technical aspect of the argument that we are approaching. My personal opinion is that abortion is a legal and viable practice. The morals involved may be questionable but they are not

what has to be on trial in the abortion issue.

My reasoning behind this is that a fetus (child) is clinically brain dead until such a time that the higher cortex develops. I am not familiar with the exact time during the gestation period when this comes about, but I believe that the clinical view must be supported. Otherwise any person who is clinically brain dead and has been allowed to die has been murdered.

As a society we have set a standard by which we measure the actions of each individual, that is the law. This standard is absolute, and must remain absolute even though life is a study in exceptions. The abortion issue has no effect on me and thus I am capable of being absolute. But those that must make that decision are incapable of being absolute and that is where compromise occurs.

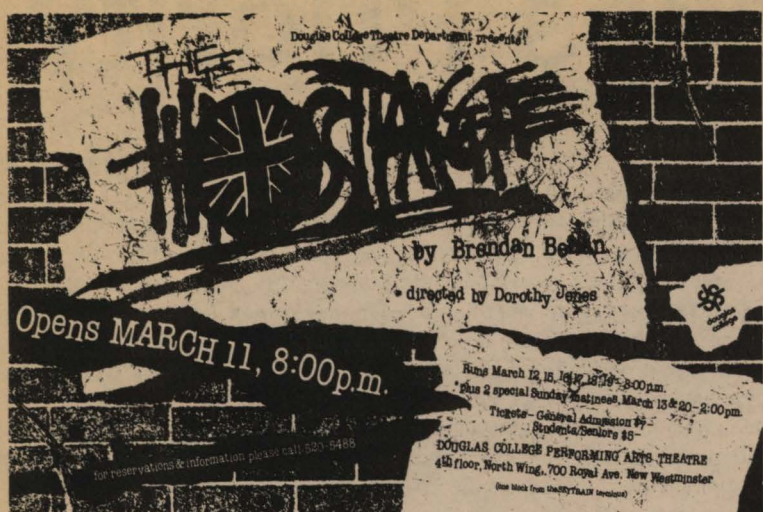
I invite response to this letter conditionally. If you violently disagree with my opinion please tell me, but think your argument out and do not use an emotional argument. Please respond through the Other Press, because that is the medium that I have chosen to air my opinion.

**Sincerely,  
David Mills**

# UNTAPPED WEALTH



**THE GOLDEN THROAT CHARMER, NOW ON DRAUGHT.**



by Veril-Gregg

"How real? It's almost artificial; how artificial, it's almost real." - Ayn Rand. (on 'stage', in WE THE LIVING).

A "tragic comedy employing farce, satire and song and set in a disreputable Dublin lodging house..." (1). "Behan originally wrote this play in Gaelic and enlarged it, later translating it into English" (2).

A wild assortment of characters grace the stage demonstrating easily that "Behan created characters larger than life and more human and colorful through the liberal use of anecdote, wit and song" (3). And this "wild assortment of characters and incidents that are hurtled along the wings of Behan's roistering, swaggering prose...vital racy language..." (4).

Let's parade the cast one by one in order of appearance, all of who have Limey-bloke inflections.

Henry Waack as Seamus (the pianist) at the 88 pools the music into a real ball soundly and vitally. Throughout the entire play he keeps his lonely and casual sentry talk of holding the music fort. His finesse is years of experience as an accomplished musician and tanks the music flawlessly on time to the very many individual active requests for music.

Meg played by Darlene Arcenault is very intense as the outspoken, ironic and racy gal whose gumption and a 'to hell with lies attitude' is top-notch.

Pat (Grant Patterson) is also intense besides on stage virtually non-stop in his superb lynch-pin role. He is so believable, he appears nearly like a magician holding up cue-cards as if relayed from the director. Utilizing every moment fully, his facial expressions, and gestures are uncannily exact. To use a metaphor 'anchorman of a news team'.

Rio Rita (John Trottier) is an effeminate homosexual in the play, his big stature lends irony sort of like an after the fact farce. In my Happy End salute I wrote "John Trottier is a very good actor". He is.

Princess Grace (Keven Keating) pulls over a good portrayal of 'down to earth egoism', which is Behan's overt miscast as the companion of Rio Rita.

Colette (Lisa Brown) does it again only selyly besides a living stylization; her cute touch of reading the newspaper matches the viewers reading her, ironically!

Russian sailor (David Jackson) ble 'no sweat effortlessness' bespeaks his earlier effort in Happy End loudly in a sensible and timely fashion, as the healthy virile male in the play.

Craig Martin as the "Monsieur", the kilted and uprightly honorable

soldier manages masterfully to make the stuffiness dignified, acceptable, besides believable. His voice was the best, and his stylization was highly philosophically presented.

Mr. Mulleady (Harvy Keith) is the old man with a gal-friend (Zoe Henderson) and both mesh together well in a twilight romantic flair bespeaking 'youthfulness is an attitude'. Her singing and uncanny stage-strut walk are top-notch. She plays the social worker who is big hearted. Harvy soars in the low place realistically.

Ropeen (Anna Marie Stricker and Gina Laver) are amazingly effective in this muted simplistic characterization.

Miss Gilchrist (Zoe Henderson) gets the immortal phrase "Well, if that's the kind of war you call a civil War, I wouldn't like to see an uncivil one!" (5). It's a bit of a shock to see her perform a sphinx-like massive integrated character of a marm-bookish-religious-good-hearted whore who despite this is closer to 'devout enigma'.

Theresa (Angie Cachay) as the gal who likes The Hostage (Ian Boothby) is very effective. She uses her beauty to great advantage both as a female and combination flexible styled vigour which is more than appropriate, it's excellent!

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I.R.A. officer (Stephen Cooper) as the no-nonsense, unflappably serious character who is ironic and has no time for yukking. His intensity is his EGO on full throttle "I'm the IRA officer and I'm serious about me! See?!" I see, Steve; loud and clear-with a hotrod he could drag the theatre to movies without a celluloid! Super portrayal. Excellent walk across the stage too. Wordlessly-very good and exact emotional response.

IRA volunteer (Jordan West) plays his role bespeaking dignity of a soldier despite his clumsy nervousness which gets erased by his uprightness and heart in the right place in a slow-motion direction which Dorothy Jones can take much credit for.

Leslie Williams (Ian Boothby) - the other visiting actor, besides Stricker - is convincing in his boyishness as THE HOSTAGE who is naive and finds out the grim realities of war literally. His singing is good, and so is his acting.

Extra Policemen (Emslander, Mushens, Mullock, and Pich) are the 5th Business characters rounding out the cast and finale to the startling conclusion of THE HOSTAGE.

The set is top-notch, as all the name credits attest; and, a salute to all of them; for as the French Political Economist once said "There is what is seen, what is not seen" (6)

(Faces).

Dorothy Jones efforts all integrate in the scenes' unseen is a fine logical presentation where she gets all the possible mileage out of the entire cast, especially with Grant and Jordan, besides Zoe and Harvy. She propels both Craig and Steve to ever higher plateaus giving them both much free-rein within the script as is also true of the rest of the cast.

The choreography is low-key and an ingenious pro like Lisa Corak knows she can integrate many aspects of dance irresistibly; such as the folk-square-dance baroque-like joyful opening which gets the play revved up and going beautifully!

"I regard it with the exception of Brendan Behan's THE HOSTAGE as the finest piece of contemporary literature in the English theatre" (7).

A good play with excellent acting, directing, sets and marvelous backstage work and on and off stage efforts integrated and manifested in the cast and set. Go see it. You'll like it.

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## Jazz for Kids

by Aeriol Alderking

The Hot Jazz Club is havin a Hot Jazz Easter Afternoon on Sunday, March 27th. This event is especially for children and there are lots of activities planned.

On December 13th the Hot Jazz Club gave a Christmas party for children. As my son's birthday is that day, we thought that it would be fun to celebrate it at the club.

Several children attended the party including the manager, Morgan Jensen's little girl, Megan.

There was a Dixieland Jazz Quartet playing Christmas Carols and kids' songs; a magician (who lost his bird in the rafters) was much enjoyed by his audience; and after many traffic jams and telegrams, a visit from Santa.

Morgan, very kindly, included my son's birthday and all the children sang to him and shared his cake.

All the children were invited to become honorary members of the Hot Jazz Club. My son is proud of his membership card and is looking forward to seeing the Easter Bunny you know where.

The best part though is having him develop an appreciation for jazz. It's a delight to see the children dancing and having fun.



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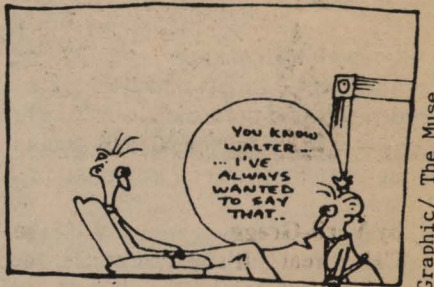
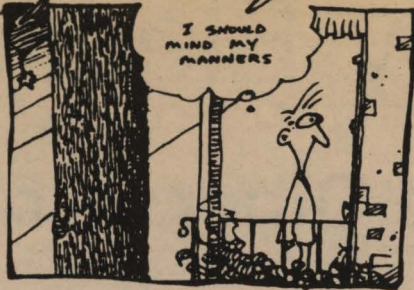
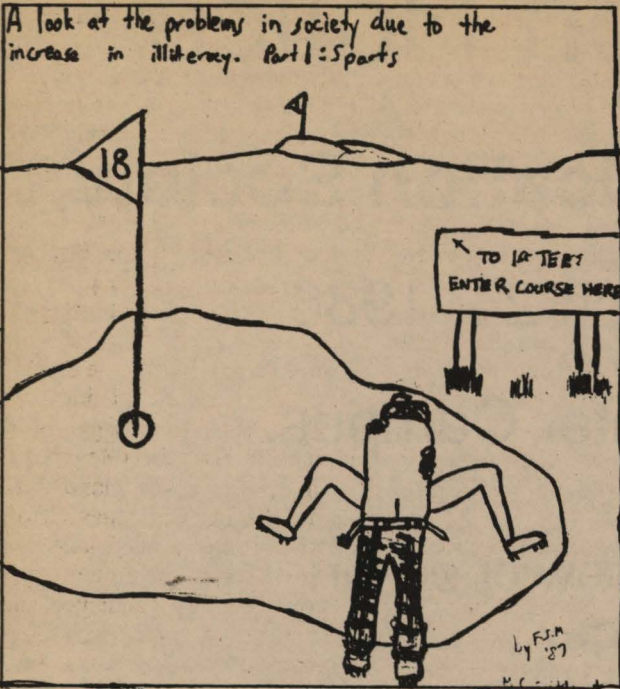


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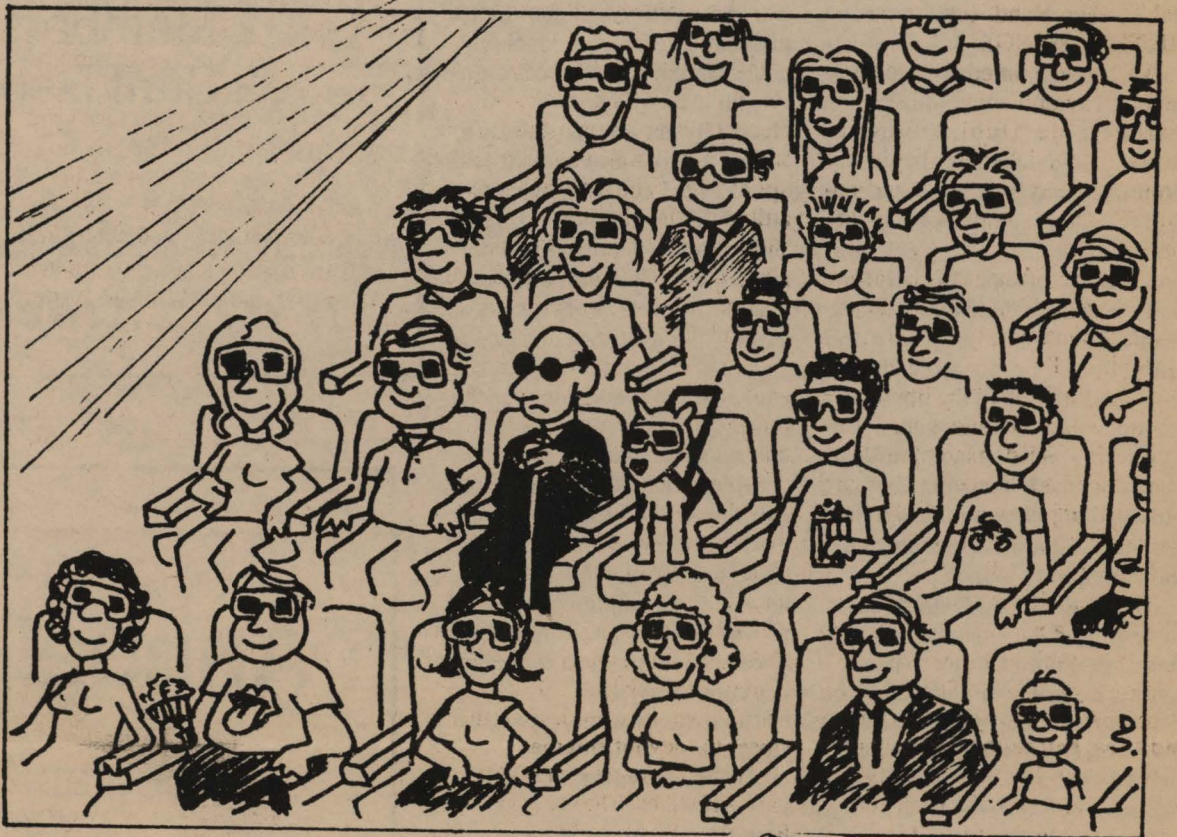
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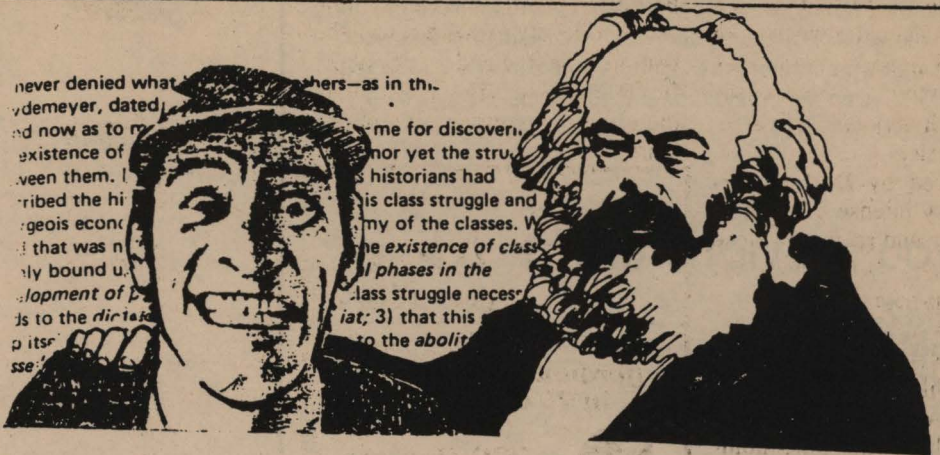
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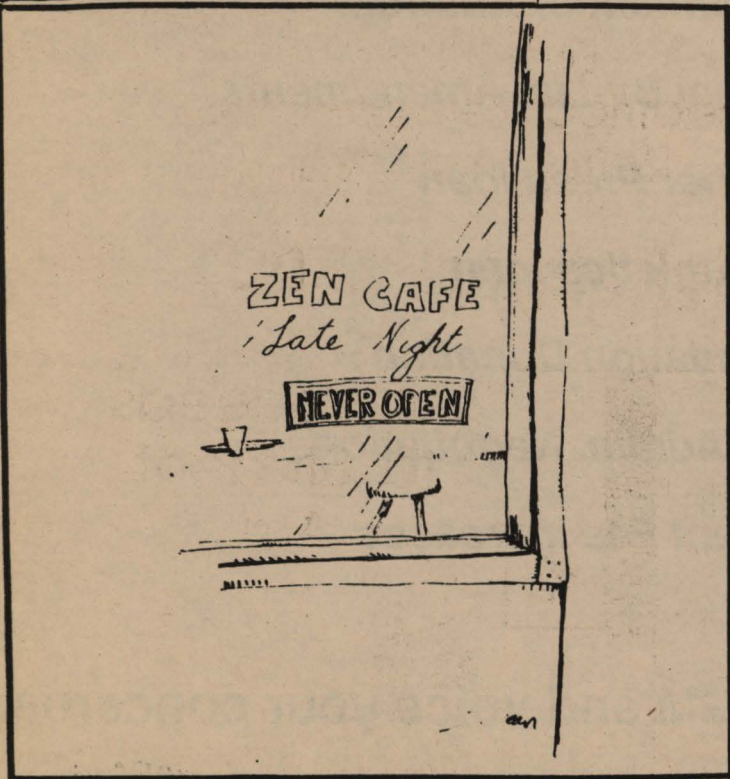
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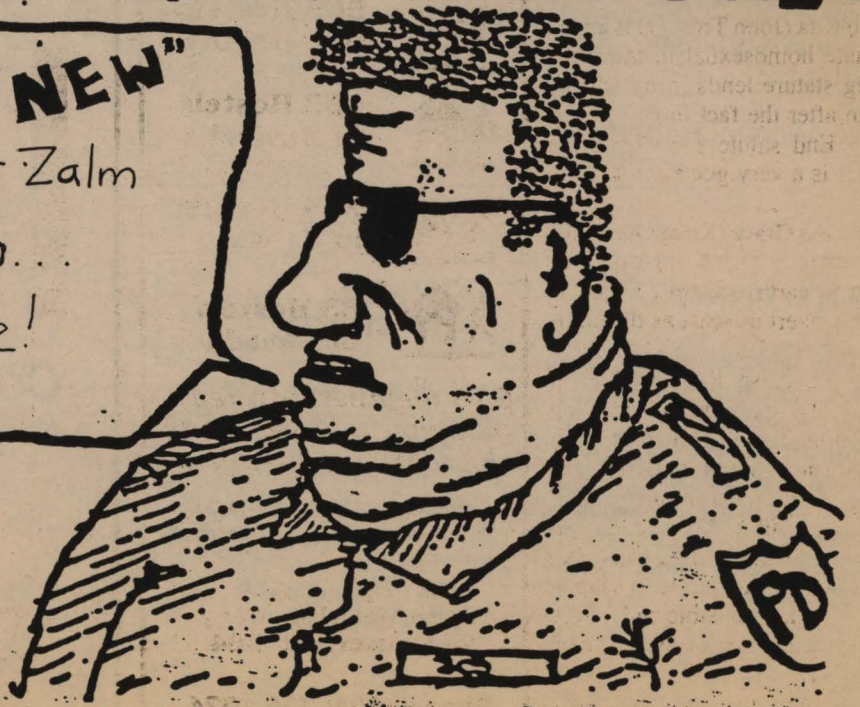
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# Student Aid Week

by Aeriol Alderking

This week a variety of activities are taking place to raise money for students in need of financial aid. The fundraising was launched with a pub night on Friday attended by about a hundred people. Sunday, the Douglas College theatre group put on a benefit performance of **The Hostage**.

Activities to follow are the Wild and Wonderful Auction on Tuesday at 8:00 pm and a flea market and bake sale on Thursday. Donations for these events are being accepted and volunteers are still needed to set up, man the booths and clean up. For information contact Phyllis Mitchell at local 4813. Leave your name and a number at which you can be reached. All proceeds will be used to build the Douglas College Foundation endowment fund for student aid.

The Foundation was created two and a half years ago in response to growing student needs. It was at this time that the government had eliminated student grants. Randy Duke, who was hired over four years ago as a community resource development officer, was the first to recognise the need. Many potential students were not coming to the college because of lack of funds. Randy's job is to identify the educational needs of community groups and then help find sources of funding to enable the college to respond to those needs. This work done in the non-instructional and non-credit areas has resulted in bringing in a half a million dollars into the community and helped to create jobs for the unemployed as well as students.

As a result of her community work, Randy became the executive director of the Foundation. The DCSS provided \$60,000. between 1984 and 1986 which was matched by the Vancouver Foundation. With the support of administration and the direct involvement of faculty, students and community volunteers, the Foundation was on its way.

This is the second annual student aid week. A planning committee consisting of four faculty, six staff and two students has volunteered their time since October to insure its success. There is also a campaign committee solely targeted at the business community.

This year the money raised will be matched by the provincial government. "We lobbied hard, along with other colleges and documented student aid needs" said Randy. The endowment fund is approximately \$450,000. and still growing.

Congratulations, Randy, on a job well done! Also, thank you to all the students who have participated and will be participating this week in helping the endowment fund grow. I am a single parent and received a bursary of \$500. from the Foundation this semester.

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