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## FACULTIES TO REPORT TO SENATE

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UBC's 12 Faculties are to be asked to report to Senate in the spring of 1971 on the actions each has initiated to improve the quality of teaching.

This was virtually the only concrete action which resulted from a two-hour special meeting of the UBC Senate on March 4 to continued debate on recommendations contained in the report of the Senate Committee on Long-Range Objectives.

The motion asking Faculties to report their actions to improve teaching wasn't even on the agenda for discussion during the meeting, but was proposed by a Convocation member at the conclusion of a lengthy debate on one of the more contentious issues recommended by the Long-Range Objectives Committee.

### BOARD OF UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION

The committee recommendation under discussion was number 10, which called for establishment of a board of university instruction to arrange for instruction in university teaching in each department, school or faculty.

In principle, the recommendation said, "such instruction ought to be compulsory for all Ph.D. students who intend to engage in university teaching" and "optional for all teaching members of the department."

Senate was told by the registrar, Mr. J.E.A. Parnall, who is also secretary of Senate, that not a single UBC Faculty had positively and affirmatively approved the recommendation. Graduate studies had come closest to approving it and of the other Faculties seven had clearly stated they were opposed and three had made no decision.

After a lengthy debate, recommendation number 10 was withdrawn and Senate finally approved the following resolution: "That the Senate, recognizing the importance of good teaching, its assessment and reward, strongly urge Faculties, Schools and Departments (a) to develop ways of improving the effectiveness of both teaching and learning in the programs they offer, and (b) to afford formal opportunities for graduate students to develop teaching and learning skills in keeping with their professional education and training."

### ORIGINAL MOTION WITHDRAWN

The withdrawal of the original motion and the substitution of a watered-down version disturbed a number of Senators who wanted some teeth put into the recommendation.

Convocation Senator F. James Cairnie then moved that the Senate ask each Faculty to report in the spring of 1971 on the steps taken to improve the quality of teaching. His motion passed.

Senate then considered recommendation number 11 of the report, which asked that each Faculty, School and Department use its committee of

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## Summer Job Prospects

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Students are once again dusting off their crystal balls and trying to get some glimpse of summer job prospects. This year as every year most of what they see are thick clouds of question marks. When the clouds occasionally part, the sign everyone is looking for sometimes appears and this year it spells "worry".

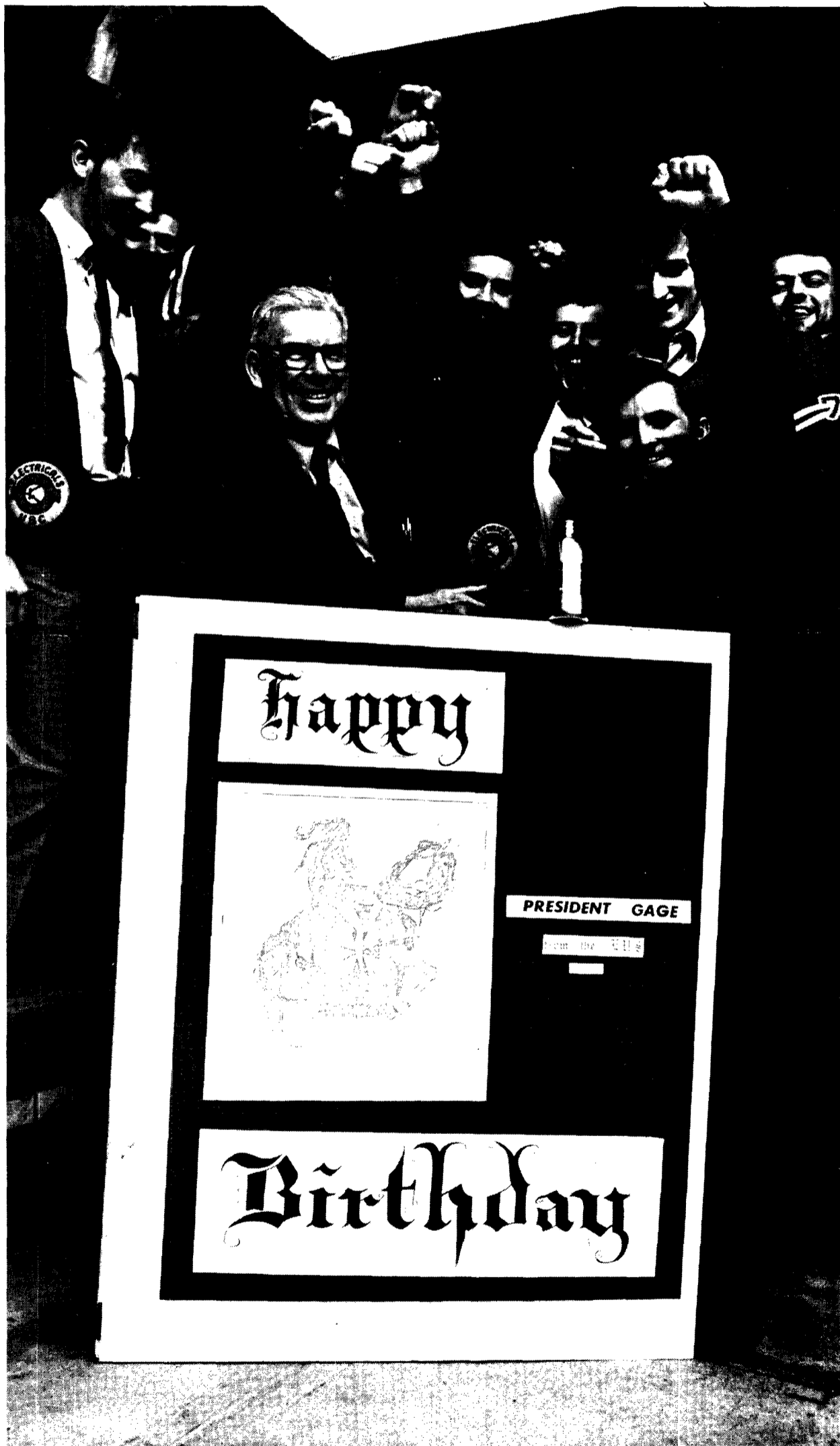
This much and nothing more from the oracle, because giving a definite prediction of summer job

prospects is impossible. Anyone who ventures a prediction without heavy qualifications is foolish.

Jobs for students, as for anyone else, are geared to the economy. This applies to librarians as well as engineers. Predicting summer job prospects is really forecasting the economy and the person who can do that reasonably accurately hasn't been born yet.

The best that can be done is to outline forces which may affect prospects. Here are a few of them:

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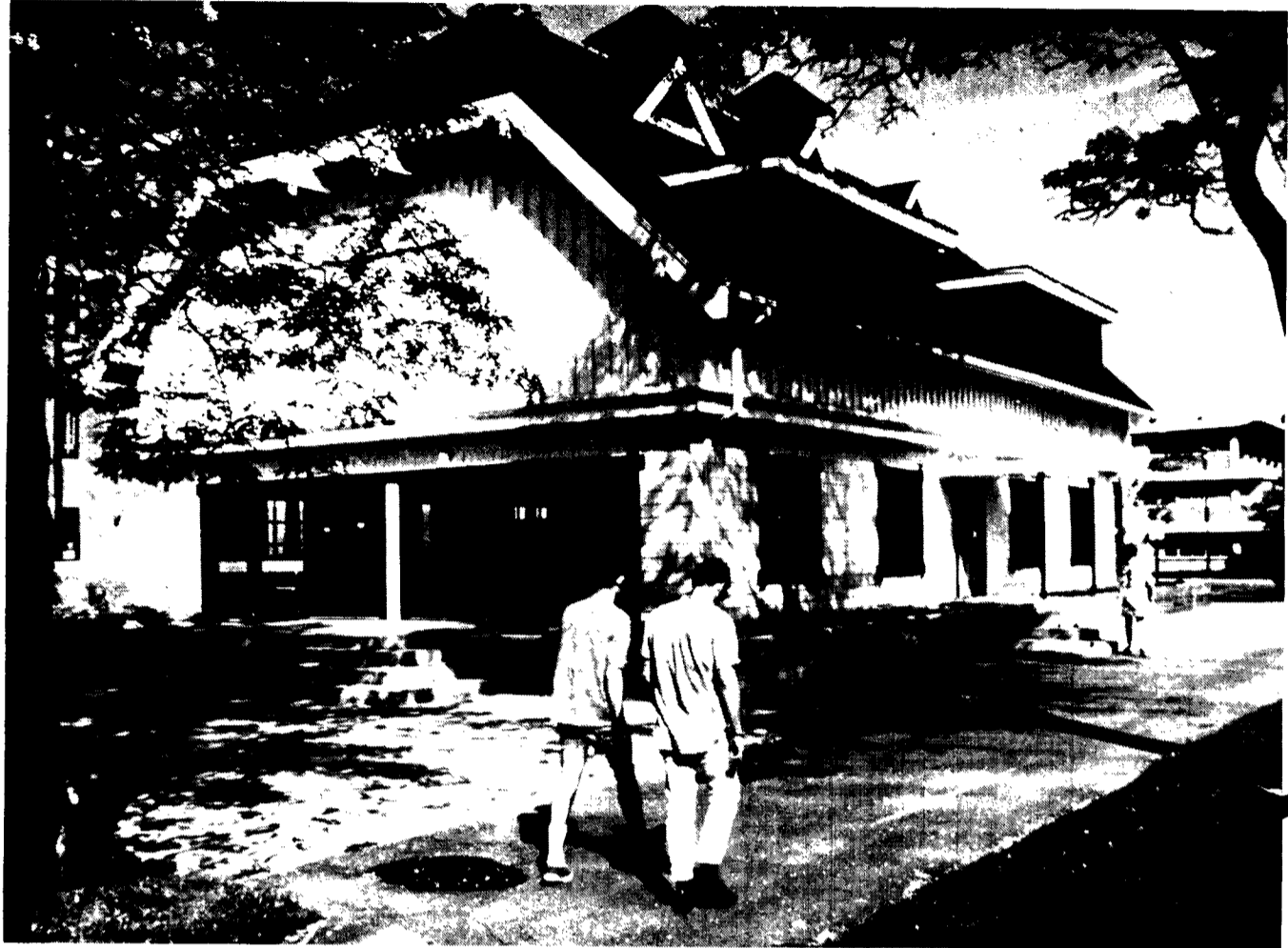
UBC ENGINEERS marked President Walter Gage's 65th birthday March 4 by honoring him at a luncheon in the Student Union Building. EUS President Duane Zilm, right foreground, presented President Gage with a giant plywood birthday card signed by the

some 200 applied science students who were at the luncheon. President Gage holds another gift, a metal gavel which he jokingly told the engineers would be handy in Senate when the Arts representatives got up to speak. Photo by Extension Graphic Arts.



*Genial Ruth Blair, left, director of UBC's Department of Food Services, has the difficult job of satisfying the individual culinary tastes of the some 25,000 persons who make up the daily campus population. One of the newest and most attractive facilities where students and staff can*

*satisfy the inner man is The Barn, shown below, one of the original Faculty of Agricultural Sciences' facilities on the campus. Completely renovated and painted in gay colors, The Barn is located between the Forestry-Agriculture Building and the Education Building on the Main Mall.*



*The Ponderosa, below, is one of two large cafeteria-style eating facilities at UBC. Its counterpart in the Student Union Building is usually crowded and students who want faster service and a less-crowded setting should pay a visit to the Ponderosa at the corner of the West Mall*

*and University Boulevard. The menus are identical in both cafeterias. The Black Cross, right, is one of two campus groups—the other is International House—which provides unofficial food services for students. All pictures on this page by Extension Graphic Arts.*



# FOOD

MEANS THREE MEALS A DAY TO MOST PEOPLE, BUT TO RUTH BLAIR, DIRECTOR OF UBC'S DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SERVICES, IT MEANS SATISFYING THE CULINARY TASTES OF THE SOME 25,000 PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP UBC'S DAILY POPULATION. THE PROBLEMS AND POLICIES INVOLVED IN RUNNING UBC'S FOOD SERVICES ARE EXPLORED IN THE ARTICLE BELOW BY DORIS HOPPER, ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER AT UBC.

Food means three meals a day to most people.

To Ruth Blair, director of UBC's Department of Food Services and her staff of approximately 400, it means satisfying the individual culinary tastes and preferences of the some 25,000 people who make up the UBC population.

With food one of the few gut issues that affects almost every member of the campus population, Miss Blair is more often the recipient of bellyaches than of bouquets.

Although sensitive to criticism, she has learned over the years to adopt a philosophical attitude toward the complaints that are her daily portion.

It is everyone's inalienable right to complain about food," she maintains. "It is an area where everybody has experience and an opinion to offer."

Although costs and quality are most students' biggest beefs, Miss Blair feels that some of the causes of criticism are psychological and result in part from UBC's isolated geographic locale.

## CAPTIVE CLIENTELE

"One of the problems is that we serve a captive clientele who have limited access to alternative eating facilities," Miss Blair commented. "Understandably, students resent this."

Nevertheless, Miss Blair and her staff constantly try to minimize cause for complaint. "I'm always willing to hear complaints," she said "and where there is just cause for criticism I try to rectify the problem."

Conversation with UBC students revealed that while complaints about Food Services are widespread, many stem from an insufficient or inaccurate understanding of the framework within which Food Services functions.

Also, while students may be committed to exploring the farthest boundaries of knowledge, many are remarkably unadventurous about exploring their immediate environment. Many students revealed a surprising unawareness of the wide variety of food facilities available on the campus.

Food Services' operating instructions are to provide a dining service to students, faculty and others on the campus at cost.

however, includes any capital financing involved in the construction of food facilities. As UBC's population has exploded, food service facilities have had to expand.

When the University wants to borrow money to finance the construction and equipping of new food facilities on the campus, an order-in-council must be approved by the provincial government.

Although many students argue that their stomachs as well as their studies should be subsidized, it is the present policy of the provincial government that any borrowings by the University for the development of ancillary services must be repaid both with respect to principal and interest out of the revenues generated from services provided.

## LIMITED FUNDS

The rationale is that with limited funds available, money should be channelled into development of academic resources and that those campus facilities capable of generating revenue should be self-supporting.

According to Deputy President and Bursar Mr. William White, these financial facts of life are the most compelling reason why UBC's Board of Governors has consistently maintained a policy that the University Food Services Department have exclusive jurisdiction over all campus food outlets, with the exception of the CNIB area which operates by special arrangement in the Education building.

"If we are going to protect our ability to repay the debts we have contracted to make the food service facilities available," Mr. White said, "we can't very well allow others to come in and participate in the provision

\*Food Services is one of six University-operated ancillary services. The others are: the Bookstore, Housing Services, Traffic and Parking, the Health Service Hospital and the University Farm at Oyster River.

of the service and minimize the University Food Service's ability to repay their debts."

There are, however, two other organizations on the campus which are currently providing a food service. One is International House. The other is Black Cross.

International House got into the food business as a means to an end. To counter charges that the House might become a ghetto for foreign students, International House sought to make itself a more attractive meeting place for all types of students by offering something that all students want — food.

The House offers authentic examples of foreign cuisines at reasonable prices. The food is supplied either by commercial restaurants willing to provide authentic food at a cost of not more than 85 cents per plate, or by local women in the community who cook their native specialties. The menu includes: Parratta (West Indian), Postitsio (Greek), East Indian Curry, Chili Con Carne and Chinese food.

The Black Cross organization intends to offer an alternative to the University Food Services and feels there is a genuine need among the student body for the service they provide.

Black Cross was initiated on the premise that a lot of students cannot afford to buy food at the prices Food Services charges, even if Food Services is selling food at the lowest prices possible considering operating expenses, a spokeswoman for the Black Cross, who wished to remain anonymous, explained.

Black Cross provides mainly sandwiches, fruit, cookies and coffee and dispenses literature with the luncheons: material from Industrial Workers of the World, SPEC, Women's Liberation articles, Black Panthers, and American and Canadian new-left literature.

Black Cross is able to provide its service at low cost because whereas Food Services has contributed

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substantially toward the development of food facilities and pays its staff at union rates, Black Cross uses unpaid, volunteer help and existing facilities for which it pays nothing.

When UBC's Student Union Building was constructed, Food Services advanced over \$1 million dollars for the construction of the cafeteria and kitchen facilities in return for a leasing agreement with the student Alma Mater Society which gave Food Services sole jurisdiction over food sales in the building.

The Black Cross organization operates their food stall in the SUB building and does not have any leasing or rental agreement with the AMS.

The problem of breaking even is further complicated for the Food Services Department by the seasonal fluctuation in the demand for services. Food Services usually runs up a deficit during the quieter summer months when the campus population is drastically reduced and must try to recapture lost ground between September and May.

The Food Services Department provides two major types of food service which cater to a largely student clientele. Campus Food Services is a network of seven cafeterias and snack bars that operate on a cash basis. (Residence Food Services involves the provision of meals in the residence dining halls and operates on a fixed-income basis).

The seven campus food outlets are strategically located around the campus so that no student has to walk too far to the nearest meal.

They consist of two cafeterias — SUB and the Ponderosa — and a series of snack bars — the Bus Stop, The Barn, and others located in the Buchanan Building, the old Auditorium, and in the War Memorial Gymnasium overlooking the Empire pool.

SUB is the largest cafeteria with a seating capacity of 1,200. The Ponderosa, although smaller, is less heavily patronized and students who can't face the crowds at SUB might benefit by paying the Ponderosa a visit. The menus are identical.

The kitchen in SUB acts as the central dispensary and here 56 gallons of soup, 1,550 hot meals, 120 dozen cinnamon buns and other fancy breads and desserts consumed daily on the campus are prepared and delivered to the Ponderosa and the other food outlets by truck.

## FOOD INNOVATIONS

The snack bars serve a variety of short-order foods from hamburgers through hot chili to hot hot beef dip sandwiches. Recently introduced innovations — a hot Chinese dinner served in the old Auditorium snack bar for 85 cents and pizza and shandy served at The Barn for 65 or 75 cents depending on the variety of pizza — have provided added variety.

Variety, too, is the keyword to describe the environmental experiences the snack bars offer.

**THE BARN:** located near the Forestry-Agriculture and Education buildings, is the newest campus snack bar. One of UBC's original buildings, it was converted by Food Services into one of the coziest food facilities on campus. The interior is split into two levels, it's splashed with zany colors, has a jukebox and a free-and-easy atmosphere;

**THE OLD AUDITORIUM:** has proven to be one of the most popular campus eating places and emits what one student described as "home-made vibrations";

**THE GYM SNACK BAR:** overlooks Empire Pool and on sunny days it's a good place for pretending you're on holidays;

**BUCHANAN:** is for putting your feet up on the coffee tables or lounging on the carpeting.

**THE BUS STOP:** so-called because it was once on the campus bus route, is the original campus snack bar. It looks like a soda-fountain hangout of the '50's, but its bustling, friendly atmosphere sets the pace for the others.

Supplementing these facilities are vending machines located in the Law Building and the Library. Food Services recently experimented with a borrowed, mobile snack bar, which may become a permanent feature if funds can be found for purchase of a truck.

Student opinion on the quality of food at UBC varies widely from "lousy" to "terrific," although admittedly comments like the latter are few and far between. Although he might want to change his opinion in view of recently announced price increases, one student seemed to sum up the general feeling: "You don't get much, but then you don't pay much, so what do you expect."

Despite recently-announced price increases, however, students are still getting more than they would for the same price at comparable eating places downtown.

A comparison of random food items indicated that a hot plate such as breaded pork cutlets, potatoes and two vegetables that will sell on campus for 95 cents costs \$1 at a downtown cafeteria and \$1.25 at a popular downtown restaurant chain.

## PRICES COMPARED

A cold cut and vegetable salad plate will sell for 75 cents on campus—a similar item sells downtown for 95 cents at cafeteria and \$1.45 at restaurant prices.

French fries, going up to 20 cents on campus, sell for 30 cents downtown. Hamburgers, that student staple, will be 45 cents on campus and 50-55 cents downtown. Pies will cost 30 cents on campus and from 30-35 cents downtown.

A 10 per cent increase in labour costs and increased costs of food are some of the reasons cited by Food Services for the price increases. Looming in the background, too, is the heavy burden of debt incurred for the development on campus eating facilities to date amounts to approximately \$1 million.

Of the total of \$1,125,983 revenue generated by campus food services in 1969, \$91,750 or approximately eight per cent over and above operating costs went toward repayment of debt.

Next week's UBC Reports article will look at residence food services.

# Fine Arts Degree Approved

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The University of B.C. will offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree for the first time in the 1970-71 session.

UBC's Senate approved a proposal from the Faculty of Arts to offer the degree after a long and languid mauling at Senate's meeting Feb. 25.

The Faculty of Arts' proposal said the program "does not aim to offer in any sense either a vocational training in one or other branch of the arts, nor even what might be considered a career training in art."

Rather the program is designed to provide "a university education for artists." It will give the student-artist "a university education in which he can take initial steps towards the learning and development of his art in conjunction with entering into other fields of knowledge and experience as offered by university courses and the general university environment."

Students can enter the four-year program in the first, second and third year, providing they meet necessary requirements. Applications must be received by the head of the Fine Arts Department by April 1.

The program calls for a total of 36 units of academic and 30 units of studio work.

Some Senators thought the studio work, which will make up nearly half of the work required for the degree, wouldn't provide the intellectual discipline essential for a university degree.

Debate also centered on two appendices which formed part of the recommendation to Senate from Senate's New Programs Committee. One appendix directed the Fine Arts Department and the Education Fine Art and Art Education Program of the Faculty of Education to meet jointly for a fixed number of meetings when the new degree program went into effect.

Dean William Finn of the Faculty of Applied Science argued that such directives weren't the proper business of Senate.

The proposal was passed with appendices intact.

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—U.S. and Canadian anti-inflation measures could slow down the B.C. economy, put people out of work and cut down on summer jobs.

—Larger than usual numbers of students and other young people from the Prairies may enter B.C. looking for jobs since the wheat-based Prairie economy is depressed.

—Most important of all, contract negotiations in B.C.'s major industries, if they lead to strikes, could limit summer jobs severely.

No less than 54 out of the 57 unions in the construction industry will negotiate contracts this summer.

Wages come up for bargaining in the forest industry which will affect both logging and mill operations. Involved are nine locals of the International Woodworkers of America, two locals of the International Union of Operating Engineers and two locals of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, often referred to as shingle weavers.

Unfortunately for students, the B.C. economy is based largely on primary industries like forestry, mining, fishing and agriculture. Secondary and manufacturing industries cannot absorb students as in Quebec and Ontario.

Despite these bleak possibilities, professional student placement officers refuse to predict disaster. What could happen might not occur. And they remember last year.

"The classic case of erroneous prediction was last summer," said the University of B.C.'s Director of Student Services, Mr. A.F. Shirran.

"If you remember, we had the worst winter in 50 years. Logging camps and mills were shut down all over the province. Unemployment was rising. People were becoming more concerned about inflation.

"Summer job opportunities seemed grim and this stimulated a lot of publicity and a number of student and business groups were organized to campaign for jobs for students.

"But last year turned out to be a very good year for summer jobs. In fact it was embarrassing. Stimulated by the publicity, people phoned our office and said they wanted to help out and would we send a lucky student down to their offices or shop tomorrow morning. And we would have to tell them we had no students to send."

Mr. J. Cameron Craik, placement officer with Student Services (228-3811), said 1,200 men and 1,030 women students registered for summer jobs last

year. So far 1,500 students have registered this year.

His department is sending out 1,000 letters to employers all over the province to try to line up jobs for UBC students.

A similar scheme is being developed by Canada Manpower. Mr. Richard Forbes-Roberts, head of the organization's student placement office (688-4611), said he began sending out 15,000 cards to Vancouver businessmen last week.

"So far 1,000 students have registered with us. The total registration last year was 12,000." This included high school students as well as students from regional colleges and other universities.

He said that many employers in the forest, mining and construction industries are reluctant to hire students this year because of the possibility of strikes and students may have to look for jobs elsewhere.

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instruction for inspection of teaching several times a year and that reports on teaching, including student opinion obtained from professionally designed questionnaires, be submitted to the appropriate individuals and bodies for use in considering the claims of candidates for promotion and tenure.

Prof. John Norris, the member of the Long-Range Objectives Committee who introduced most of the recommendations at the special meeting, suggested the following change of wording for the recommendation:

"That each Department, School or Faculty develop techniques for the assessment of teaching through methods appropriate to the discipline and that such assessments be considered as relevant data to be used for purposes of rewarding good teaching."

The motion was approved.

Earlier in the meeting, Senate approved recommendation 8 of the report, described by Prof. Norris as a "motherhood" resolution. The recommendation was included in the report, he said, because, being obvious, it might be overlooked.

Recommendation 8 is as follows and includes a bracketed amendment proposed by UBC Librarian Mr. Basil Stuart-Stubbs:

"(a) That each program should include in its first year a course, or partial course, providing an introduction to the discipline (and the bibliographic controls of its literature).

"(b) That all programs should include specific provision for the improvement of writing and verbal skills through tutorial papers, discussion groups and oral examinations.

"(c) That the last two years of each program should encourage a measure of independent study by the student, and include tutorial work as well as formal lectures."

Recommendation 9 of the Long-Range Objectives Committee report was referred to the Faculty of Arts for consideration.

It calls for an assessment to be made as soon as possible of classes given in UBC residences and that a decision on whether to continue the experiment, terminate it or enlarge it into a system of residential collegiate instruction be made early in the 1970-71 academic year.



BOB SPENCE

## Council To Subsidize 'The Rho'

UBC's Students' Council has taken the first step toward subsidizing a second student publication on the campus.

At a recent meeting, Council added "The Rho Publishing Committee" to its list of standing committees under Alma Mater Society by-laws, and designated the editor of *The Rho* as chairman of the new committee.

The move means that Council has officially recognized *The Rho* as a student organization and that it is eligible for financial subsidies. *The Rho* appeared infrequently in the past year and was subsidized by the Inter-Fraternity Council.

It means that for the first time Council will be subsidizing a second student-controlled publication in addition to *The Ubysses*.

AMS President Fraser Hodge told *UBC Reports* that no formal request for funds had been received from the editors of *The Rho* as yet. He said it would probably take \$2,000 to \$3,000 "to set them up in business."

All that Council has done so far, he said, is to recognize *The Rho* as an AMS organization. He said he didn't expect *The Rho* would provide competition for *The Ubysses*.

Hodge said the subsidies which will be given to *The Rho* will not be at the expense of the budget of *The Ubysses*.

Bob Spence, newly-appointed editor of *The Rho*, said the publication would appear 10 times in the next academic year in a magazine-style format.

He said the new format had been decided on because it was more adaptable to the in-depth type of article the magazine was planning to publish. In addition, he said he doubted that Council would have been willing to subsidize two newspaper-format publications at UBC.

Spence, a third-year honors political science student, said consideration was being given to mailing each edition of *The Rho* next year to every faculty member and registered student.

He said more than 40 persons had approached him in recent weeks with offers of assistance in the fields of writing, photography and production.

He said it was the intention of the editors of *The Rho* to maintain a connection with the UBC Inter-Fraternity Council. He said the magazine's editor has recently been appointed to the executive of the Council.

The magazine does not exist to publicize fraternities, Spence emphasized. "It should be impartial and present as many differing points of view as possible," he said.

The third campus newspaper, *The Cornerstone*, published by the Engineering Undergraduate Society, has no plans to apply for financial support from the AMS, according to EUS President Duane Zilm.

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