Mayakovsky's huge voice dents collective ignorance

By Lise Magee

Mayakovsky the person, but only to a precipitous close. He was 36 years old.

"Love's boat" may have "smashed against the daily grind" (his last words) but not before this giant had made his huge voice heard loud and clear . . . and plenty. During his 20 years of work he had been primarily a poet but also a playwright, artist, actor and an avant garde falurie; "rabble-rouser." Mayakovsky's art not only reflected a great, ingenious talent but also his commitment to revolution and to creating the language for the "New Soviet Man." He wholeheartedly offered his supple voice to his collective society, even going so far as to produce propaganda. Yet he was also his society's most vehement and outspoken critic and as such, his disillusionment was inevitable. He counted among his friends such familiar names as Pasternak, Meyerhold, Gorky and Eisenstein. His funeral procession included more than 150,000 mourners. He had the dubious honor of being hailed by Stalin as "the best and most talented artist of the Soviet epoch." In the Soviet Union cities are named after him and statues stand in his honor while here in the West, on the other side of the proverbial Iron Curtain, his name is virtually unknown.

The UBC theatre department's production of Mayakovsky intends to make a dent in our collective ignorance. This is not only the North American premiere of a play that was highly acclaimed in Europe, but we at UBC have the privilege of having the East German playwright of Mayakovsky, Stefan Schutz, in our midst. He is here as guest and keynote speaker in the Artist and Society Symposium at UBC this week. He too is an artist who had to work from within a communist regime and his play articulates the struggle and frustration with bureaucracy that he and Mayakovsky shared.

Unlike his Russian counterpart, Stefan Schutz is hardly flamboyant or arrogantly self-conscious. He is a quiet, gentle man whose casual style, jean jacket, shoulder length hair and perpetually lit cigar cannot belie the power and intensity of his artistic voice. His warmth, artistic integrity and uncompromising commitment to "tell the truth" transcend the language barrier.

Despite the inevitable jetlag of a 20-hour flight from Hanover, West Germany where he has been living since 1980, he is still willing to talk about his relationship as an artist with society.

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LM: How do you see your role as an artist in relation to society? Do you think your responsibility is more to your internal creative voice or to your social, political ideas?

SS: You can't really separate the two — at least I can't. I see myself primarily as a kind of "seer" who sees certain things that other people haven't seen yet. I try to make people an offer, the offer might be utopian but it is still a possibility. I see myself as standing in the marketplace and telling people of possibilities which they haven't discovered yet. I believe they can discover them and give hints, ideas, I prod them a little bit and I even use certain words and ideas which are shocking in order to provoke and spark interest and a thinking process. But you cannot separate the two in my mind, whether it is artistically or politically centered. They are inextricably connected. Any art, if it is good art, changes society regardless of what label you put on it.

LM: What inspired you to choose Mayakovsky as the subject of your play?

SS: Consciously and unconsciously I was looking for an experience parallel to my own. I think that I found it in Mayakovsky. I don't want to compare myself to Mayakovsky the person, but only as an artist and society regardless of what label you put on it.
Mayakovsky also wrote propagandistically an indictment of Stalinism, trying everything possible to contribute to totalitarian regimes or to the future of an artist? also be interpreted as a play about a German artist from our position of what he did but it explains it. This conflict that Mayakovsky and I had in common can also be interpreted in a positive way, that the tension itself creates a fertile soil in which something positive can grow. Art will be flat and unimpressive when the challenge and need are no longer there. L.M. What criterion is your play for a Western audience in 1985? S.S. When I wrote it I was aware that it would be understood by those who had to live under that kind of bureaucracy every day and it would undoubtedly elicit a different response from a Western audience.

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Indeed Stefan Schwartz has written a play about a horrible possibility, but whether or not it is limited to totalitarian regimes or to the future is indispensible. The theme is all too common — whether you’re to be true to yourself or to sell out in the name of pragmatism, the almighty buck or, for some, survival. Mayakovsky is a man who is living proof that there is always the possibility not to lie.
By ROBERT BEYNON
Speakers beside a small stage blared out the heavy metal band "Twisted Sister" and the rain came around Main library's plaza in government post-secondary education funding.

Writinglickers and camera people bustled around, much to the discomfiture of small groups waiting for the speakers to start and the rain to stop.

It was UBC's third Great Trek, organized to protest provincial government post-secondary education funding. The crowd filled south-west through the university, War Memorial gym and east along University Boulevard.

The crowd, despite police control attempts, walked right down the blocks on foot, blocking traffic. On the south side of the boulevard as RCMP cruisers, with its lights flashing, kept pace with the crowd.

As Bleecker street some of the crowd entered buses rented for the trip, others trudged on foot to Kitsilano and walked, many almost 1,000 people — marched down Tenth Avenue, blocking traffic again.

Phil Reinick, Great Trek organizer, encouraged the crowd to march downtown to Robson Square. The crowd to march downtown to Robson Square where a second rally was organized. The crowd filed south-west through the bus stop and into War Memorial gym and east along University Boulevard.

UBC conference on biotechnology in primary resources research. Industry should invest in primary resources research & development

By RENATE BORNER
The federal minister of state for science and technology says he thinks Canada faces great opportunities in the country with the greatest potential that any person could ever imagine.

Tom Siddon, a UBC professor on leave in British Columbia, researches, industry representatives, and graduate students at a faculty club banquet Thursday that Canada needs "new seedings of intellectual creativity," added it is important to team new technology with primary resources.

Siddon, speaking at a two day UBC conference on biotechnology and forestry, challenged industry to invest more research and development in primary resources. He said the long-term growth of Canada's gross national product is rivaled half of that of the U.S. and only one quarter the rate of Japan.

Pat McCgeer, provincial universities, science and communication minister, said B.C. could become a world leader in applying biotechnology to the forest industry. "If you want to get into a new area in film, in true, you've got to be leaders — perfect. Here's the field, the time is right," he said. But no one should expect immediate results, McCgeer said. "Toomediate results, McCgeer said. "Too many people expect too much too soon."

McCgeer claimed the government policy has been to leave research up to the industry. "We turn that responsibility over to the private sector with some assistance from government."

But Doug Little from NorthWest Pulp and Timber said industry is not responsible for reestablishment of crops. "This is the government's position, McCgeer said they will manage.

McCgeer claimed it was a question of how much tree for how much Crown land. Siddon added that a sub-agreement, placing high priority on reforestation, would be signed shortly between the provincial and federal government.

The Alma Mater Society council voted last Wednesday to write UBC's president and request that the athletic fee proposal before the board of governors be tabled until a management structure to administer the fund is created.

McGeer and Siddon both stressed the importance of encouraging students in both fields, "It's the young people that we look to for success," McCgeer said.

When the speakers left the stage, the focus was on construction.

Jeremy Mouat said Monday: "They've upped the rents specifically to generate a surplus. We really object to the idea we're being used to fund new housing." Mouat said most residents are already surviving on student loans and will have to take out larger loans to finance a move increase in tuition this year. The board may raise fees $400 per year in Acadia and $320 in the huts so students must borrow up to $2,000 more for a five year program.

UBC's board of governors voted last spring to increase rent, 18 per cent on average in 1984 units, and they vote March 7 on a 17 per cent hike in the 1,600 units in Acadia and some $600 per year in tuition costs.

"I'm not a sociologist but I feel they could be more sympathetic," Mouat said.

Mouat said the student board members in office last spring, Don Holubitsky and Dave Frank, seem to be doing a good job.

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McGeer misses media and Trek

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MONTREAL (CUP) — The trial of Ernst Zundel on charges of disseminating hate literature is unique in the Western world because it is challenging the existence of the Holocaust. A McGill University law professor. Irwin Cotler said in the United States, Sweden, France and West Germany the systematic extermination of six million Jews in Nazi death camps during the Second World War is accepted as historical fact and not debatable in the courts.

The well-known human rights lawyer said many judgments made by courts in different Western countries have noted the fact the Holocaust did occur and cannot be challenged.

"Here, however, there has been a reversal of roles," he said. "It almost appears it is not Ernst Zundel that is on trial, it is the Holocaust."

Zundel is on trial for circulating pamphlets which state the Holocaust is a hoax.

The media faith-fully reported on the comments of witnesses who testify in the trial and who say there was no extermination of Jews by the Nazis, the diary of Anne Frank is a forgery and the gas chambers in death camps such as Auschwitz never existed.

On Sept. 18 last year, the West German supreme court declared that to deny what happened to Jews under the Third Reich offends every Jew. In 1982, the German federal constitutional court said the mass extermination of Jews during the Third Reich must be regarded as obvious ("offenkundig") and requires no further proof.

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Aid program never established

By ROBBY ROBERTSON
A financial aid program for needy international students approved by the board of governors last spring was never set up, says UBC's assistant vice-president student services.

"It wasn't done, it should have been done, but it will be done," Neti Riesbrough said Friday. If implemented, the program will use one quarter of the extra money gained from UBC's differential fee on foreign students, he said. The levy which started this year requires undergraduate international students to pay 1.5 times the regular tuition. The board voted March 7 on raising this to 2.5 times the regular tuition.

"You've got to remember that the year it (the extra money revenue from differential fees) was a very small amount only about $10,000," said Riesbrough. Riesbrough said most international students would benefit from the fund never make it to UBC. "You've got to show them migration you've got sufficient funds to support you," he said.

International students must only $10,000 before they can receive a student visa.

Riesbrough said although the fund was not set up, International House director at UBC is acting as a liaison between undergraduate international students and the financial awards office, as he has in the past.

"If the differential fee is renewed next year, I am looking forward to the fund being set up," said McClaine. He said implementing the differential fee was a well-informed decision, adding he will present a comprehensive set of recommendations to McBlane next month.

McBlaine said there has been no UBC response yet to students applying for assistance through him this year.

UBC received about 8,000 admission inquiries and informal applications this year from foreign students.

About 80 of the 169 undergraduate and graduate students abroad to avoid upsetting UBC's assistant registrar.

The majority of UBC's 294 undergraduate international students are from the U.S. and Great Britain.

Biases replacing accurate reporting

By ANGUS FRASER
Good accurate journalism is declining as news reporting is being replaced by biased political commentary. A Vancouver Sun columnist told 5,000 people Saturday.

Marjorie Nichols warned the crowd in Woodland IRC 2 and three other rooms with video cameras about the growing politicization of journalism.

Nichols said in the United States, Senator Jesse Helms is trying to take control of CBS by stamping out its left wing bias. In Canada it is not the CBC budget cuts that are worrisome, she said, but how reporters write what they do.

"The real issue is when the press starts doubting itself. I call this the crisis of journalism. It is when the press becomes more concerned with discretion and appeasement of leaders than actual reporting."

Nichols said the new hybrid of journalists today is a cross between a reporter and a politician. The media has reached the point where it is a duty to become involved in political commentary, she said.

"We deny the reader the material to make rational judgments and instead we give our opinions on our editorial pages first. The new trend is to hire politicians as analysts rather than reporters," she said.

Nichols said the best journalists in the country are the ones who keep their political affiliations to themselves. She named four: BCTV's Jack Webster, Southam's Allan Fortheringham, Jeffery Simpson of the Globe and Mail, and Richard Gwyn of the Ottawa Journal.

And real political coverage is declining in B.C., Nichols charged. She said, for example, several years ago the Sun had reporters covering both government houses, focusing in on cabinet and MLA.

"Today Southam news covers the national scene and the B.C. members remain nobodies," she added, adding once the press stopped its accurate reporting of legislative debates, the quality of those debates dropped significantly.

Nichols said the demarcation line between journalism and politics, and between criticism and advocacy must be established. She said if economics is the problem then the commentators should be paid and a group of "cracker-jack" reporters adhering to the ethics of honesty, accuracy and fairness should be hired.

CUPpies converge

By CHARLIE FIDELMAN
VICTORIA — The Canadian University Press spring conference descended on Victoria last weekend to decide the business, services, and coverage of CUP.

Eighty-five delegates from student papers across Western Canada participated in workshops on writing, investigative journalism, graph design and editing.

Among the non-scheduled workshops and seminars organized by CUP were ones on dancing on the roof. It was well attended, especially by those Ubyssey staffers who lobbied for elected positions.

Ubyssey collective member Robert Benveniste, a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant male, was elected to the student newspaper board. When asked why he ran Benveniste replied, "guilt.

Lebbie Do (alias Debbie Lo) giggled and rolled her eyes into the teary audience. She is signed to investigate non-student run right wing papers masquerading as student opinions. When asked why she ran she replied with incomprehensible giggles.

There was a minority faction among Ubyssey staffers who discharged under the weight of the majority. Uncondemned, two first-year staffers integrated privately.

The business of CUP continued surrounding the roof. It was considerably and the Western Region CUP for increase proposal of 10 per cent was continued to no increase.

Delegations were passed to form committees at the national conferences, CUP 48 and 49 to arrange a reunion of past CUP members at CUP 50, a golden anniversary year. An other motion called for member papers to compile their individual histories for CUP.

According to CUP traditions, outgoing staff received a little sweet nothing for their efforts during the past year. Ubyssey staff members Eishemann, who represented the west to CUP's ad co-op, got him after a bit of silent ambushing by the crafty host paper Martleteers.

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Not again

Here we go again — another tuition fee hike. No, the board of governors isn't considering another 35 per cent increase like the one they dinged on us last year. The proposal is for 10 per cent.

But 10 per cent is well above inflation, and UBC tuitions are already steep, especially for professional faculties, because of last year's increase. And it seems students are the ones paying the most proportionately due to provincial cuts. Sure, recut salaries have lagged, but this year profs will receive a slight wage increase.

However, many students will never come to UBC because of the cost — many did not show up last year because of it. Ten per cent is an unfair increase at a time when student grants are nonexistent and unemployment is epidemic. B.C. already has the lowest participation rate for 18 to 24 year olds in Canada for post-secondary education.

UBC's board of governors should not make this rate worse. A tuition hike is a simple revenue source for its well-fed board to make, but many students already have huge debt loads, and we will never know about the invisible others, who never got here in the first place.

Come on students. Even if you can afford it, think about those who can't. Draft a letter to the board and deliver it in person Thursday March 7 at 2 p.m. to the old administration building, when the decision will be made. Bring a placard. Bring a friend.

Racist

UBC's undergraduate foreign students, a mere two per cent of the undergraduate population, are falling victim again to what can only be called racist attitudes. The proposal before the board of governors to make these students pay 2.5 times the regular tuition is not there to make money — the amount raised would be small.

If the board passes this motion March 7, it will be succumbing to pressure from a few vocal racists in B.C. who feel foreign students, mostly from Hong Kong, are getting a free ride on taxpayer money. This is utterly fallacious.

Very few foreign students are from Hong Kong, although this should be irrelevant, since B.C. has a strongly established Asian community some of whom have suffered enough racism from B.C. whites. Also, foreign students are a boon to the B.C. economy as well, since they must bring $10,000 dollars to pass through immigration, they must probably they have $10,000 for the year, more than most B.C. students have.

Don't let the board fool you by saying they'll create a fund for needy foreign students while raising the fees. They used this last year. The fees were raised to 1.5 times regular tuition, and the fund was never created. And people who must have only $10,000 aren't likely to need this aid.

Let's not give in to community pressure on racism. A university should be a model for society, not a reflection of its most disgusting prejudices.

Personal experience shows Peru's problems

By Brian Barber

Amnesty Canada and Annemey UBC have begun a campaign to educate the public of the abuses of human rights in Peru. I would like to share some of what I learned about Peru having lived there for three months in 1984.

What is happening in the Peruvian Department of Ayavcuch, Huancavelica and Apurimac is a war between the government of Peru and the "Sendero Luminoso" (Shining Path) guerilla movement.

The people have two options: to live and die slowly where they are, where their families have for centuries, or to migrate to the shanty towns of the coast.

Lima, the capital, has a population of eight million which is growing by the tens of thousands each year. There is no running water or sewage (not much of anything) for the newly arrived families who live in grass huts on the desert hill sides.

Three objectives were established for the fighting to begin: 1) his students were sent out to raise the political consciousness of the people; 2) Fighting squads were established in the communities; 3) a fighting strategy was developed.

Once these were secured they began to put their beliefs into action. Downing of power lines, bolstering of buildings and killing of public officials were used as tactics to shock the country and draw quick attention to the movement. They generated the response they wanted — a war.

Both the military and the SL use a common strategy; they recruit young people. This has created a polarization. People are having to side with the government or with the SL.

The SL army does not wear uniforms and anyone in the community could be a guerilla. The government is fighting an invisible army and the result is hundreds of innocent people are being killed.

How many mass graves must we see in the respect of the sacred? The war has gone on much longer than foreseen by the military and as a result their tactics are becoming increasingly brutal. The government is trying to suppress the uprising instead of improving the standard of living — the root of the problem.

The situation is getting worse in Peru now with 100 per cent inflation, 40 per cent unemployment, 15 per cent unemployment, and the massive migration to the coastal cities. 1984 saw the emergence of another "terrorist" group, the Tupac Amaru Liberation Front, which is gaining popular support among the industrial based population.

The people are exploited, oppressed and starved. The military is ridding the population of those accused of being opposed to this system to protect the interests of the few and the mighty.

How many people must die? How many mass graves must we see on T.V. before we really understand what is going on in Peru and Latin America?
Letters

Engineers critique Godiva

A concerned group of Bio-Resource Engineers are as curious as to the statistical approach Rob Lazenby used in arriving at his reported statement that women in the engineering faculty did not object to the Godiva ride. (Ubyssey, Feb. 8, 1985, Crowd rejects EUS Godiva ride protesters.)

We suspect that he asked one or two female engineers and concluded that the opinions reflected those of all women engineers.

In our department, 15 per cent of the students are female. We conducted our own survey and found that all of these women objected to the Godiva ride. Ignoring the whole issue of sexism, the undersigned have the following objection.

Engineers are looked upon by society as professionals, as leaders who can work on problems with creativity and imagination and come up with feasible results.

We are students in engineering, training to eventually acquire knowledge that will one day give us the title of Professional Engineer. Engineering Week is a period when we have the opportunity to show the university and the general public our inventiveness and what we, as students, are capable of accomplishing.

Our main exposition of professionalism is to organize a mob to parade a naked lady around the campus. True, Engineering Week has become an engineering event involving technical aspects, such as Ingenuity Days and the models at the Engineer's Ball, but how many people know about these events or the legitimate work our undergraduate society accomplish.

The Godiva ride as a media event is excellent for publicity but all that people remember is the ride, it overshadows all our legitimate work.

It is true that the ride is a tradition, but it is a good one! Tradition is no excuse to perpetrate an act which lowers the respect and validity of our undergraduate society.

Before Rob Lazenby makes further remarks as to the opinions of engineers, he should ask some questions. Possibly a good one would be whether engineering undergraduate students want the Godiva ride at all.

Richard Senges
Neil Elliott
Ken Shaw

Acadia opposes housing plans

The Acadia Park Tenants' Association disagrees with the current policy of the university concerning family housing on campus.

We welcome current plans to build more family units here, recognizing the high demand and short supply for them. What we are opposed to is the administration's determination to fund this new housing with revenue generated from existing facilities.

We feel campus housing should be self-sustaining, not revenue producing. Nobody expects universities to turn a profit in order to fund other 'interests' it should be no different with university housing.

After all costs are taken into account (maintenance, administration, mortgage, etc.), the university will be making $400 from each of us in Acadia Park next year ($2252 from those in the arena units/Acadia Camp.)

What the management does for most of us is that during our five year stint here, we'll have to borrow an extra $2000 in student loans so that the university can build more housing.

While wholeheartedly supporting the idea of more family housing, we maintain that expecting us to pay for it makes as much sense as taking the unemployed to fund wake-board projects.

Like our fellow students, we face high fees, low job prospects and an uncertain future. In addition, we have to provide for our kids. The last thing we need at this stage is having to borrow another two grand to build somebody else's housing.

We are grateful for the low rents we've enjoyed in the past. Without them, many of us simply would not be able to attend.

To keep those rents low — and to keep this university open to at least some of us with families — the university must formulate balanced housing budgets, not ones like next year's aimed at turning a profit.

Jeremy Mourat, president Acadia Park Tenants' Association

Canada helps ‘Star Wars’

Wednesday, Feb. 13, Marc Garneau spoke at UBC, invited here by the Engineering Society, the AMS speakers' bureau and the UBC administration and sponsored by the National Research Council.

This is direct participation of the Canadian government in the U.S. "Star Wars" program and is extremely dangerous for our future security. While Garneau was presented as a scientific pioneer, and the space shuttle program was glorified as a heroic adventure to expand the frontiers of space and scientific knowledge, behind this tinSEL is the brutal reality of preparation for inter-imperialist war.

The January U.S. space shuttle flight was kept secret because it was a military mission to establish the beginnings of a space platform and to implement Reagan's "Star Wars" plan.

With such weaponry, the U.S. hopes to extend its domination, in rivalry with the equally aggressive superpower, Soviet socialist-imperialism. In response, the Soviet Union is planning its own military space program.

The Canadian bourgeoisie supports these U.S. imperialist war plans for they are a source of high profits. So too it is militarizing the economy. In early February, Moloney decided to rebuild the Pinetree radar stations and said our tax dollars would pay for one half of its expenses.

Before, $1 million of our tax monies went to the Canadarm. Now we learn that UBC is a centre for satellite research and that the department of mechanical engineering has big contracts with NASA.

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UBC needs bylaw

What this university needs is a by-law, like the City of Vancouver, requiring election candidates to remove all of their campaign posters within a week after the polls close. The candidates made a considerable effort to get their posters up, but they do not seem to have much interest in taking them down.

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Yes, it's true. Anna Banana tells all her friends it's not too late to step into SUB 241K. Anna's friends are still coming in to cover fast-breaking news, write sensitive reviews, and learn more about provocative issues facing us today. Anna and company also participate in The Ubyssey Liberal Bowl (that's soccer) and attend crazy conferences. The only thing Anna is sad about is the lack of women on staff.

Check out Anna and her sidekicks any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday at noon.

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"We can't solve the problem, we must just manage it better." He said this is because there are many factors involved in soil loss — water, wind, salinization, acidification, compaction, urbanization, mining and petroleum activity.

Complicating the situation is the constitutional status of agriculture, with the federal government responsible for agriculture but the provinces in charge of land, said Sparrow. Sparrow's committee's first job is to inform the public about the problem. Public response to the committee's report, "Soil at Risk", is brisk with 30,000 requests to date, Sparrow said.

Any action will be tempered by the economic needs of the farmers, he said, who often "must" the soil for input costs are high and prices low. But he added much can be done without spending money, such as redirecting funds from increased production to soil conservation.

Other plans include developing comprehensive soil conservation policies, strengthening provincial land use legislation and creating financial incentives to defray costs of conservation such as tax concessions.

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The smoke billowing from the twin chimneys of the Noranda Mines copper smelter is nothing new; it hasn’t stopped in 50 years. But by February, the smoke is rivalled by trickles from chimneys on eight big processes, patches on the lake that spreads out below the city 350 miles north-west of Montreal.

That’s 5:00 a.m. and “Ti-Jean” Desjelly, a CEGEP student, standing in the middle of the circle of tents. He saw a log to make pieces short enough to fit in his tent’s wood stove so the four occupants wouldn’t freeze to death.

Local kids, 20 innumerable, all of them students, unemployed or on welfare, and under 25 years old, come to the kitchen tent to eat a breakfast of white bread toasted on the wood stove and covered with margarine and peanut butter. All the food is donated from stores in Rouyn and Noranda, the two cities surrounding the lake.

The town is called “Operation Below 30” a reference to the temperature and to the ages of the people in the camp. In the camp, people under 30 are paid $156 a month 40 hours of community work per week, or $400 a month for 40 hours of work and some training in a business or factory: $3.75 an hour in the first case, $2.50 an hour in the second.

When a program ends in one year, those participants are not guaranteed a job and cannot collect unemployment insurance. A group with members across Quebec, the Regroupement Autonomie des Jeunes has decided the programs as “cheap labor” and is calling for the creation of “real jobs.” The group also warns welfare recipients for those who don’t get these jobs. The lake Osisko is a unique place.

The concept is simple, explains Pierre Thibeault, who only works once in a while as a disc jockey at a local cafe. “I decided at Christmas that if I didn’t find a decent job in January, I would go pitch a tent and live on the lake.”

Statistics Canada says 27 per cent of the people in the Rouyn-Noranda metropolitan area of 35,000 are unemployed. But the Association of Employed Rouyn-Noranda adds to this number the people who have gone out looking for a job and are collecting unemployment. In total, 51 per cent of those able and willing to work are not working.

Guartlet, the official newspaper, according to its publishers, the University of Victoria also has a new conservative paper, The John Galt.

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EDMONTON (CUP) — A fledgling lesbian and gay club at the University of Alberta is an unqualified success, according to one of its founders. A. Dave Frank said the club has been well-received by Edmonton and has an active membership of 75.

The club was started last October.

"We've had an information booth set up at the student union building, which was very well received," said Tony. "After reading week, we will be bringing in speakers and we'll bring in an NFV film in mid-March..."

Tony said the club will not set up counselling services because they would duplicate those of the Edmonton gay group.

He said the club would direct any cases of discrimination to the campus ombudservice, and may provide educational information on discrimination in the future.

The response from the university administration and student council has been better than he expected, he said.

"It's in terms of response from the administration and the student council, it's been neutral in most cases, positive in some. I don't think we've been singled out..."

"The gays and lesbians on this campus are invisible," he said, adding acceptance will only come through increased visibility.

The club will approach student council this spring for operating funds and money to set up a library.

Meanwhile, the year and a half old Gay and Lesbian Club of Simon Fraser University has stumbled across funding problems.

The Simon Fraser club is an official support and services group, but has been unable to get money from council to defray its operating expenses because of a bureaucratic stipulation.

The UBC club became a student society service club this summer.

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Tuesday, February 26, 1985
Steele passed over in CFL draft

By MONTÉ STEWART

Trying to explain the motives behind the Canadian Football League draft is almost like trying to anticipate snowstorms in the Sahara Desert.

Eight UBC Thunderbirds were selected in last week's draft, held in Toronto. A losing record might explain why no T-Bird was chosen in the first round.

This season, UBC probably had more sheer talent among starters than national championship squads. But the 'Birds' poor record, 4-6, UBC missed the playoffs for the first time since 1980, probably lowered the market value of the Thunderbirds who were selected while reducing the chances of those who were not.

Another possible theory, which seems applicable, is that CFL selectors gambled instead of going on past performances.

Receiver Tom Munro, who has never scored a touchdown for UBC, was the first T-Bird chosen. The Ontario Ranger Riders took Munro in the second round.

Running back Glenn Steele, holder of 12 records, was not selected until the fifth round. He went to Winnipeg.

The B.C. Lions displayed rare local loyalty, selecting three 'Birds. The Lions chose defensive back Bruce Barnett in the second round, offensive lineman John Melvin in the third and linebacker Rob Ross in the ninth round.

Barnett, who scored three touchdowns for the Labour Day Classic winning B.C. Lions last season, considered a shoe-in as a first rounder. But at the beginning of the season, Melvin was expected to be on Barnett's first season on the offensive line. He did not make the starting lineup until George Piva suffered a season ending knee injury.

Ross, injured for most of last season, was UBC's leading receiver from 1981-83. He has scored 12 majors in his career.

Calgary Stampeder chose two UBC players. In the fifth round, they picked running back Terry Scott in the fifth round. He holds several records, returned to UBC after two seasons of junior college football.

Calgary also took Roger DesLauriers in the seventh round.

Don Adami should have been a first round pick. The St. Albert native had a fine season in the CIFW offensive linemen of the year, finishing second in national scoring in the fifth.

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If happen to be Lionel Pugh, you guide your track team to yet another convincing first place finish in the 60 metres. At the Canadian National indoor meet, the T-Birds won the NCSC title in Steamboat Springs, Colorado while the women came sixth.

During the summer, the UBC athletics department chopped the two ski clubs from the athletic budget. The teams gained some financial support from the provincial government.

The American teams, which compose the majority of UBC's ski program, regard the skiers as a renegade bunch. The U.S. schools are opposed to the idea of splitting the team, fearing that the association primarily because eastern Canadian universities are now pressuring the NCSC in an effort to join.

Birds take indoor crown

At the indoor long jump pit, Jurgen Korn landed a third with a 6.61 metre leap. Saturday Korn also received second place in the men's 4.3m flight. Teammate Boyd Cockcroft nabbed the first in the event while reducing the chances of those in the association primarily because eastern Canadian universities are now pressuring the NCSC in an effort to join.

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