Research funding debated

by Shaun Dychko

A professor of botany is concerned that scientists may be forced to change the direction of their research in order to secure industry funding.

"Scientists should be left to pursue their curiosities," said Anthony Glass, who is worried that faculty are putting their personal interests aside to conduct research for the private sector.

According to university figures, 24 per cent of all external research funding to UBC comes from industry sources. Seventy-six per cent of research funding still comes from public sources.

Glass said he doesn't agree with industry making profit from publicly-funded research.

No company gets exclusive rights to see the results of UBC research, since it must be publishable within 12 months of completion.

UBC's University Industry Liaison Office helps UBC and researchers capitalize on new technology by, for instance, licensing the technology to existing companies, or creating a spin-off company.

But Glass stresses the importance of continuing to do basic research, which is motivated by curiosity and the desire to learn about the fundamental nature of the universe.

Researchers can gain financially by being a part of private-sector arrangements. UBC also takes a cut of any royalties, and retains a small share in the spinoffs.

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A lesson learned?
Investigation into contraceptive ad campaign nears completion

by Alex Dimson

"If anything, it's a thought experiment. I think in the end that there is no right answer. As long as the companies are being truthful and not misleading, there's no reason why they should not advertise their products.

But at the same time, there is a need for regulation. The government needs to step in and ensure that these ads are not misleading and that they are not infringing on anyone's rights. The last thing we need is for people to start thinking that they can't control their own bodies because of what they see on TV.

But ultimately, the best solution is for people to do their own research and talk to their doctors. They should not rely on what they see on TV to make decisions about their bodies."

Ray Chepsiuk, Pharmacological Advertising Advisory Board

Health Canada did not directly approve the ad before it was aired because Canadian law does not require "mandatory pre-clearance" for prescription drug ads.

Duncan said that if and when Health Canada receives formal complaint about ads, it investigates, as it has done in the case of Alesse.

But the length of time it has taken Health Canada to investigate the campaign, which is now in its last phase, has angered some academics.

Milton, for example, is "very concerned" that Health Canada didn't respond right away. Milton is currently researching the potential impact DTC prescription drug ads could have on consumers.

"With an advertisement, if it's illegal advertising, if a misleading statement is shown, you've sent a message to quite a few Canadians that's too easy," she said.

But Duncan indicated the Health Canada investigation stems from complaints that were only recently filed.

A LIFELesson?
Wyeth-Ayerst Canada's ad campaign for Alesse is under investigation. The crux of the investigation is whether the public understands from the campaign that Alesse is a birth-control drug.

If the investigation concludes that the ads are in violation of the law, Duncan said, Health Canada has a number of enforcement options, including requesting "a cease-and-desist order."

If an agency refuses to pull the ad, said Duncan, Health Canada may take the complaint to court, or even revoke its right to sell a product.

In the midst of the investigation, the Alesse ad campaign has sparked debate about issues surrounding birth control.

"It's pushing the lines, it's pushing the edge. Did they go over? In my opinion, yes, I think they went over the line. Are they far over? I think they went over the line."

Wyeth-Ayerst Director of Communications and Public Affairs Theodos Samiotis said that the ads were approved by Advertising Standards Canada (ASC), a national advertising association responsible for regulating the advertising industry.

ASC is one of two third-party agencies that have the right to review pharmaceutical ads for Health Canada.

But while the ASC has been delegated by Health Canada as the authority on ads for over-the-counter drugs aimed at the general public, it can only make recommendations to the advertisers about direct-to-consumer (DTC) ads for prescription drugs.

Health Canada retains final authority for prescription DTC ads.

According to Sarah Crawford, communications director for MusicMusic, the cable TV channel that carried both sets of Alesse ads, ASC includes a "guide to examining the debate about issues surrounding birth control and to ask questions to make informed decisions."
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**NEWS briefs**

**GSS to address psychogeographic problems**

The Graduate Student Society (GSS) has set up a working group to address psychogeographic problems experienced by graduate students employed at UBC who are not receiving their full package.

The GSS is trying to impress upon UBC the importance of actually paying people what they're worth, and not just being satisfied about a $200 per month allowance, said GSS President Roger Miller.

The idea is that people are paid for teaching assistants and research assistants in particular are often delayed because of lost paperwork or improperly processed forms.

UBC Payroll has indicated that they will work with the GSS in the near future to resolve the concerns and that the current working party will be re-opened as soon as possible.

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and made us see the realities of the country," said Salas. In Spanish at a talk last week at the Social Justice Centre student resource group.

A member of the UNAM strike committee, Salas later added, "It's the problem of hunger, not having adequate medicine and not having jobs. It's not just the problem of what classes we can't have.

The majority of the Mexican popula- tion lives in poverty, with the minimum wage at less than US$5 per day.

"I learned more in nine months being on the strike than in 15 years of being in school," Carillo said.

According to Otero, the strike was a continuation of several waves of student protests that occurred in Mexico during the latter part of the 20th century, including the student reaction to the 1968 police occupation of the UNAM campus.

In February, a mass rally on UNAM's main campus led to a small battle by armed federal police led to nearly 1000 arrests and ended the strike, but the issues remain unresolved.

"The Mexican government did not find a solution, and only used force. So the strike continues today," he explained.

Salas said that although there is no ongoing full-blow strike, students are occupying the faculty room and the auditorium—the only two free spaces on campus—on rotation for a few hours at a time.

Reports from the international media have indicated that Vicente Fox, the winner of Mexico's most recent presidential election who will assume office in December, has promised to make changes for education.

The victory for Fox, the Partido Accion Nacional candidate, represented a huge upset of the Partido Revolucionario coalition of liberals and conservatives, which has governed Mexico since 1929.

"The neoliberal model is probably going to stay, but there's still a question of whether the new administration might try to engage in social policies," Otero noted, who added that he is uncertain of the direction the new government will take.

Salas has been in Canada since early September and said that her trip has allowed her to compare the problems in the private education system.

"Being in Canada helped me to understand the reality in my country...the model of university that exists in Canada is the one we want to implement in Mexico," she said.

Salas said she is visiting schools across Canada to bring information back to Mexico about a planned protest action for the Summit of the Americas, which will be held in Quebec City next April. Negotiations for the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas are on the agenda for the Summit, a meeting of government leaders of North, South and Central America.

The two students indicated their strong opposition to the free trade agreement, which they say would exacerbate the social inequalities in Mexico.

"For us as Latin Americans, it's important what is going on in Canada; it's the kind of a platform to resist what is going on at a continental level!" he added.

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**Student Striker: Oscar Carrillo is now living in Montreal.**

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**NEWS briefs**

**UBC honours Michael Smith's life**

On Tuesday, at 11:30 a.m., UBC plans to host a formal celebration to honour the late Michael Smith, a former UBC student who died in 1984.

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by Julia Christensen

Students at UBC are taking action to raise awareness about the violence in the Middle East that has been ongoing since the latest round of Palestinian-Israeli unrest began in late September.

"The Palestinian-Israeli conflict has existed since 1948. It's not just the conflict we're concerned about," said Haitham Tayyar, a graduate student at UBC and an executive member of the Student Union Blacklist (SUB). "People are dying and that is what students need to care about."

At least 130 people have died since this wave of unrest began on September 28, the majority of whom were Palestinian.

Daniel Mikelsberg, a fourth-year Science student and a representative of the Jewish Students' Association (JSA), said that Jewish students at UBC have been actively supporting each other during the crisis, and praying for family and friends in Israel.

Mikelsberg, who visited Israel on an exchange program last year, said that his familiarity with the places and people of Israel makes him increasingly frustrated at being so far away from the site of the conflict.

"I feel as separated from what's going on," he said. "Reading e-mails and watching the news doesn't make it real."

For other students, the conflict is a teaching lesson in Jewish community, however, the violence hits closer to home.

"We have family in Israel," said Judy Mandleman, vice-chair of the Canada-Israel Students' Association. "And their two sons are in the Israeli army. I feel very close to the issue."

Tayyar, meanwhile, a Palestinian whose family sought refuge in Lebanon in 1948, added that "it is important for students to be able to talk to those of us who are directly impacted by the conflict."

Muslim students plan to use Islam Awareness Week, which has already begun in the SUB concourse, as an opportunity to inform students about the conflict.

"A lot of people have no idea what is really going on between the people of Palestine and Israel," said Wala Al-Saidi, an executive member of the Rising Crescent Club, explaining that she thinks that the North American media's coverage of the conflict has been incomplete.

Mikelsberg said that the JSA is trying to keep students informed of the conflict, offering the Hillel House at UBC as a resource for those who are interested in learning more.

"The media can be very one-sided," he said. "We're trying to keep people informed of what is really going on."

"It's difficult for people to get the whole story," said Al-Saidi, adding that the conflict is commonly misunderstood to be a battle between religions.

"Muslims are not against Jews. Muslims and Jews have lived together peacefully throughout history. This conflict is not a matter of religion. It is a matter of nationalism," explained Rym Sabaheddine, an associate member of the Rising Crescent Club.

Mandleman has been in contact with the JSA, and said that she is "pleased and grateful that the negative dialogue or violent conflict has not escaped on UBC campus."

Tayyar, however, has recently emerged on university campuses in both Montreal and Toronto. Refqa Abu Remaileh, a UBC student from Jordan on exchange this year at the University of Toronto, confirmed that "there has been quite a lot of tension between the Arabs and Jews on [the Toronto] campus."

Some Arab students at UBC have shown support for Palestine by attending a handful of candlelight vigils held behind the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Students are also questioning the actions of politicians in the Middle East.

"Negotiation has been a waste of time," added Tayyar. "Every Palestine has lost faith in that word."

"It is long overdue for Arafat to step down," added Tayyar, who said he believes "Yasser Arafat's policies do not reflect what the Palestinian people really want."

Allen Sen, a lecturer in UBC's department of political science, said that Arafat is "in a very difficult position, forced to appease a lot of sides."

According to Sen, the "hollowness" of peace negotiations between Palestine and Israel set the stage for the recent unrest, saying that "the central issues between Palestine and Israel are not being dealt with. Peace negotiations have never been able to move past that brick wall."

Meanwhile, some Jewish Canadians are critical of the Canadian government's voting record at the United Nations on issues surrounding the Middle East.

"We're asking Canada to be more objective," said Mandleman, adding that she feels Canada is in a position of influence because they are currently a member of the Security Council, a major decision-making body in the UN.

"The UN resolutions have been very one-sided and unfair," claimed Mikelsberg, referring to a recent UN resolution condemning Israel for its use of force against Palestinian civilians.

Ninety-two countries in the UN General Assembly voted in favour of the resolution, six opposed it, and six member countries abstained, including Canada.

Sens, however, doubts that Canada will become more involved in the issue, adding that Canada's policy in the Middle East has "always been constructive, vague, maneuvering around the conflict in the interest of trade."

He cited the Canada-Israel bilateral free-trade agreement as an example.

Both Mikelsberg and Mandleman consider the United States, on the other hand, an effective mediator in the conflict.

Sens disagrees. He thinks that the only effective role an external party like the US can play is to prevent violence from spilling over into other countries in the region. He added that it is very difficult for a third party to remain neutral in such a volatile situation.

Tayyar and Sabaheddine said they believe that US involvement in the Middle East has worsened the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

But Mikelsberg and Mandleman say they have not lost hope in the situation.

"We see the immediate future as difficult," said Mandleman. "But we continue to pray for peace and we wish the peace."

"For me," said Tayyar, "what matters most is preventing the violence and the loss of life."

"But until we solve the main issues, the demonstrations are going to continue. If we keep avoiding the fundamental issues dividing Palestine and Israel, we're never going to solve the problem."
**FOOTBALL team's rocky season continues**

by David Wren

WINNIPEG—Shawn Olson played his final game as a Thunderbird Saturday in the national semifinal match as UBC teammate Stephanie Quinn winning consecutive CIAU titles in the past two seasons, schools to win since Dalhousie won in 1976, and they final Sunday afternoon to win their ninth national title.

The T-Birds fell 1-0 in the national semifinal Saturday coming into the tournament, the safe bets were on the teams had played already this year, both Bison victories, Manitoba scored a total of 68 points and averaged 339 yards rushing yards per game.

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4. Post Mortem
5. Other Stuff

Wednesday 12:30 Sub Rm 241K

THE UBSYSEY Meetings

Buy Nothing Day Tuesday 11:30
PowerCup Wednesday 1:30
Rant Wednesday 2:30
Women's Caucus Friday 12:30

All meetings will be held in Sub Rm 241K

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000

2. CUP stuff'
1. Elections

What is the cosmos? How did it come into being? How are we related to it and what is our place in it? UBC English Professor and cultural historian Dennis Danielson assembles for the first time in one volume the great minds of the Western world who have considered the cosmos: Heraclitus to Hawking (Helix Books/Perseus Publishing)

The two teams from BC were neck-and-neck coming down the course, and it looked like UBC was already entering the final 50 metres, but UVic crossed the line first and stole the victory. UVic posted a time of 5:49.1, with UBC just 1.5 seconds back. The University of Western Ontario was only a second behind UBC in what was the closest race of the regatta.

"Everything had gone perfectly, we would have won, but UVic showed its experience," said Mike Pearce. "We're a young crew and we've made a big step-up in our level of rowing."

"Rowing" continued from page 1 to fight to hold him off." Pearce also placed third in the men's lightweight double, with partner Mike Tessaro. His perfomance in both races at the regatta impressed UBC men's rowing coach Mike Pearce (no relation). "Fraser's done a fantastic job," said the coach. "He's starting to develop a superior sense of feel for moving the boat and he's essentially taught Mike [Tessaro] how to scull by rowing with him in the double."

In the heavyweight men's events, the UBC men's eight almost pulled an upset when it nearly knocked off UVic in the final race of the day.

The UBC men's eight wasn't smiling when it nearly pulled off a upset against UVic. "We finished second in 6:26.3, eight seconds ahead of the rest of the field in time of 6:18.5. UBC finished a solid second in 6:26.3, eight seconds ahead of Trent and Brock."

UBC's second-place finish, a repeat of last year's CURC result, didn't surprise women's coach Craig Pond. "We finished exactly where I thought we'd be," Pond said. "Though it's hard coming second and not being able to judge yourself against UVic."

UBC also finished second in the lightweight women's single (rowed by Elizabeth Wallace), the men's single (Rob Whiteman), the light- weight double (Wallace and Dionica), and the lightweight pair (Mike and Diane Wilson). The men's pair of Geoff Hodgson and Adam Gant finished first, in the B final, placing them fifth overall. The UBC rowing team next races November 12 at the Head of the Lake regatta in Seattle.

Future plans
On Saturday November 4, coaches and UBC vied to form the Canadian University Rowing Association (CURA). The first task for the new association is drafting a constitution and rules for hosting the annual CURC.
**SPORTS**

Tuesday, July 7, 2000

**THE UBDYSSEY**

**The playoff curse**

UBC women’s soccer loses heartbreaker semi-final to Victoria

by Trevor Kew

Victoria—On a cold, clear Friday night at the UVic Stadium, UBC women’s soccer coach Dick Mosher watched anxiously as a huge upset materialized in front of him.

The University of Alberta Pandas (3-1-6) had just defeated the previously undefeated University of Calgary Dinos (7-0-3) in a shootout to advance to the Canada West final. Memories of UBC’s shocking shootout defeat by those same Pandas in last year’s final was surely dancing through Mosher’s mind, and those of his team, as they took to the field to face the home-town University of Victoria T-Birds in the Canada West semi-final match of the night.

The T-Birds came out hard, impressing a buzzing and boisterous home crowd that had braved the cold to cheer on their team. Right away, the T-Birds dominated the game, with Mosher describing his team’s play as “aggressive.”

But the Dinos were able to weather the storm and manage to hold their own, with Victoria goalkeeper Sian Casey being forced to make some key saves to prevent any goals. Despite the T-Birds’ early dominance, UBC managed to hold on and eventually split their home-and-away matches with the T-Birds this weekend, in War Memorial Gym the following Saturday.

In the second half, UBC continued to sit back on their lead, but they were punished almost immediately by UBC captain Yvonne Westie, who fired the T-Birds back into the game in the 46th minute. Tough tackles continued to be the order of the day, and the T-Birds seemed, at times, to have forgotten his whistle in the back of the league.

UBC held the ball inside UVic’s end for most of the half, and were rewarded when Casey finally tumbled on several occasions. The UBC counterattack boomed continuously, however, when UBC defender Kim Mosher, who had a towering game for the Birds, powered a header that bounced over the top of UBC’s goalie. It was cleared off the line by a defender.

In the 50th minute, a scramble ensued in front of the UBC net, and UVic forward Carey Gustafson stole the ball to put the T-Birds ahead against the run of play.

“How many chances did [UVic] have in the second half? About two,” explained a disappointed Mosher after the game. “It’s unfortunate; somebody wins the tight ones. Somebody’s got to lose the tight ones. I just thought it might be our turn.”

UBC threw everything forward, and nearly scored on two injury time corners, but the score remained 1-1 for UBC when the final whistle sounded.

“I think we played well,” explained Westie. “We just have bad luck.”

Westie, Ferraby, Hicks and midfielder Kelly Donaldson all made the Canada West All-Star Team and Ferraby earned Rookie-of-the-Year. It’s “a big honor,” said Ferraby, holding back tears after the heartbreaking loss. “I’m happy about it.”

After the game, Mosher emphasized the contributions of veterans like T-Birds’ captain Christine Bonish, Spencer, Vancouver, Lie and Daisy Schweitzer to the program, all of whom had played their last game for UVic this weekend.

Fifty-year veterans Lie and Spencer both added that the commitment was “definitely worth it” to the Birds this season.

The weekend could be summed up as “just opportunistic,” said Mosher. “The weekend was worth the trip.”

**V-ball women win one of two**

New-look Thunderbirds volleyball team off to a good start this year

by Tom Peacock

Though things were generally pretty bleak for the Thunderbirds this weekend at War Memorial Gym the women’s volleyball team managed to split their home-opener doubleheader against the University of Victoria Dinos.

On Friday night, the Dinos came out on top after a grueling five-game match, but on Saturday, the Birds came out on top after a straight games, 25-21, 25-20, and 25-17.

“We practised [serving] a little bit. We had a little bit more focus on serving and what we wanted to do,” said middle blocker and team captain Kyley Boyd after Saturday’s match.

Calgary was ahead by five points in the second game on Saturday night when the team’s coach Michelle Collins subbed in and served for eight straight UBC points. The score was 21-18. UBC was already up 1-0, but the team was then down to only three in the game.

“Collins is our number one server for sure,” she has always done a great job and never lets us down when we need her,” said Boyd.

But UBC’s dominance during the second match was not just about serving—the Birds also changed their strategy at the net. And the results were evident. Third-year blocker Sara Cummings, for one, had 13 kills on Saturday—doubling their defensive blocks and kills at key moments in all three games.

“Going in, we talked about blocking,” said Cummings, “we blocked, we went up and focused on their angles, where they were coming at us from, and just got up there straight on, put big arms in front of them.”

Boyd explained. Unfortunately for the Birds, who out-numbered Calgary over the weekend, the matches counted individually and did not count toward the overall season record. So, the Dinos’ 1-0 victory was described as “rather pointless.”

The Birds did manage to win the bronze medal three years in a row, but on Saturday, the Birds lost to the Dinos in the bronze medal round, losing the first match 19-25, the second 25-19, and the third 25-21.

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**Nowhere to go: Calgary gets third in West**

Tara Westover photo

Volleyball men lose

On Friday evening in War Memorial Gym, the nationally third-ranked University of Calgary Dinos faced off with the “Thunderbirds” in volleyball, however, the latter were not to be intimidated. Although UBC wasn’t able to start strong on Saturday night, the Dinos were able to push UBC to the limit: losing two close games, 22-25 and 19-25.

The Birds began the match aggressively. Middle Jake Caliott and team captain Chad Grimm led an opening charge that saw UBC take a 1-0 lead. For a while, the 250 spectators in attendance had good reason to believe UBC would steamroll its opponents.

Strong play at the net by the Dinos, however, allowed Calgary to climb back, closing the gap to 3-3. Eventually, Dave Delabranz, a 6’1” first-year setter, could the first set in UBC’s favour, 25-22, with a kill down the middle.

In the second set, UBC’s Ryan Goway, who was leading the game with a high number of digs, was fouled on the set, resulting in an offensive timeout. However, the Birds were able to continue their momentum and pull away, 14-12.

The Birds managed to win the first set, but the Dinos took the second, 25-19. In the third set, the Birds were able to force a tie-breaker, but the Dinos won that set, 15-13.

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Calgary also runs the Thunderbirds, who were unable to block the Dinos, whose replies killed every chance UBC had of mounting a comeback. It was “a total failure” of communication, according to Mosher, who had been “punched out” of the set.

“Playing in Winnipeg, last weekend was a good choice for us to get back into it, and tonight felt good.”

In the final set, the Thunderbirds were unable to block the Dinos, whose replies killed every chance UBC had of mounting a comeback. Calgary’s poor communication led to confusion, which culminated in missed block and serve kill attempts. As in the other games, the Birds stayed consistent and just going for it, not losing anything, were going as hard as we can.”

**BIRD BASKETBALL & HOCKEY**

**THIS WEEKEND**
This really

(name of person or group) has/have done it again. But/here/its (adjective) disregard for the basic tenets of (noun) that can barely (verb) at night. It's not enough that (noun) has been around for so long, so that they/be/she had to add insult to injury and start using (something people use) to (something people do) simply boggles the mind.

There was a time when (noun or group) was far less (adjective), and we could hardly (verb) him/her/them. But after last week's removal of (adjective) (noun), we wonder how (he/she/they) can live with him/her/themselves. The utter lack of common (noun), ofreasonable (noun) or of unaffected (noun) is beneath contempt. The world would be better off if he/she/they would simply (rude verb) all the way to (funny-sounding distant locale).

We realise our (noun or verb) may make enemies of certain (plural noun). We accept that (noun) is beyond all limits of (noun) and (noun) But the crushing cost of (noun) weighs heavily on our shoulders. We are after all, the only fighters against the injustice of (noun). So when (name person or group) comes (verb) on your door asking for (noun) let the door slam in his/her/their face. This is a call to all UBC (noun) Join our protest! Make your way to (specific locale) at (time and date) drop your pants (verb) and show the world what (noun) do to (noun).

If we come together for the right reasons, we, all of us can actually make a(noun).
Why the federal NDP is on the down-and-out

by Devon Rowcliffe

Election season is once again upon us. Platforms, promises, and personalities abound, as do all of the Canadian political parties vow for our attention, and inevitably for our vote.

One of the early pillars of the 2000 election campaign has been the issue of health care. Various recent polls have all clearly shown that the state of medicare is of great importance to Canadians.

These same polls also argue that Canadians see issues and party platforms as the most important reasons for voting. If this is the case, we should expect to see the parties that make the most promises to fix our health care system performing relatively well both in public opinion polls and in voting booths come Nov. 27.

Of the “big five” federal political parties here in Canada, the New Democrats clearly offer the most improvements for health care in the form of both increased funding and the establishment of a national pharmacare program.

This is where things become confusing. Polls suggest health care is the issue Canadian voters feel most passionately about, and yet the New Democratic Party (NDP) still lags in public support even though it has been campaigning heavily on health care policy.

Why is it that most Canadians seem to support fixing our health care system, and yet do not support the federal NDP?

An NDP representative recently made the excuse for her party’s current low support that health care does not surface in the polls until formal debate begins. However, this is clearly not the case.

Some would argue that it is because the NDP has never formed the federal government, and thus cannot be adequately trusted. But if this is the case, why does the Canadian Alliance (CA) have the support of about one quarter of all Canadians? The CA has never formed government; additionally, its leader Stockwell Day did not even become a Member of Parliament until late as Sept. 11 of this year.

Using a hypothetical example, if we were to look at a European country with a history of a socialized health care that had recently seen a drop in the quality of its health services, political analysts could easily predict that country’s centre-left party to do relatively well in an election, perhaps even becoming the official opposition. Yet in Canada, such a party remains virtually unheard of.

The reason that the NDP lags in support is because of the CA, and its lack of coverage of parties other than the Liberals and the CA over the past couple of years. If newspaper readers are exposed to coverage of no more than two political parties, inevitably they will come to see the political realm as a two-horse race.

The idea that media coverage (or lack of it) significantly affects the popularity of political parties has been supported by recent research. Various studies have found that there is an unmistakable correlation between media coverage and electoral success.

Despite their lagging numbers in the polls, two factors may allow the NDP to breathe a small sigh of relief. First, with the current split of the right-wing vote, the NDP should be able to take advantage of its monopoly of the “centre-left” come election day. Additionally, it is also true that the NDP is virtually non-existent in Quebec, dragging down the NDP’s national average to a number that is likely lower than what it should be in most provinces.

But these are two small bonuses for a party that is in danger of finishing last come Nov. 27. The reality is that the NDP is being ignored by Canada’s media outlets despite the fact that the NDP apparently best reflects the issue Canadians want dealt with most.

Canadians have made it clear that health care is their number one priority, and thus the media should do a better job in reflecting the opinions of its readers. Media owners and editors should assume the responsibility to provide accurate and non-partisan news and political coverage to their readers. Pushing one viewpoint is a readership assumes that Canadians aren’t intelligent enough to make informed decisions on their own based upon the facts. Is this the message Canadian media outlets want to be making? Media should stop making decisions on behalf of Canadians, and respect their readership by giving them coverage of all political voices.

It is the responsibility of Canadian media to prevent such a political aberration as the right-wing two-horse race we are currently witnessing from occurring. If the 2000 election campaign remains a two-horse race, it is not because such parties as the NDP are irrelevant. Far from it. It is because the media, which apparently has far too great of an impact on the Canadian political system, has made it so.

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Le théâtre français bien réçu

Cap Enrage à la Maison de la Francophonie
Nov. 4

Teen love goes to extremes. L’Escaouette’s
A young boy, Martin, is found dead at the bot-
the National Arts Ce, and atre de la
mature which too place at p Enrage, NB.
Hermenegilde Chiasso the p ay investigates
afternoon.
Seizième is currently touring BC high§chools,
production between the N w Brun wick troupe,
Cap Enrage.

Written by renowned Acadian playwright
Hermenegilde Chiasso the play investigates
murder which took place at Cap Enrage, NB.
A young boy, Martin, is found dead at the bot-
tom of the cliff, and police suspect that two of
his friends (Lucas Prince and Veronique) may
have been involved in the killing. As the play unfolds and
evidence is brought forth, it becomes cl ar
that Martin’s love for Veronique was not recip-
walked off. Ar Patrice
and Veronique are evenhially
mark on both of them. Afterwards, Patrice
as produce their own work. When I poke to
theatrical directors and producers about how
to make Cap Enrage an appealing
show is touring • Ottawa.

The set needs to be minimal for touring
purposes, yet the scathing décor provides
various possibilities, and the actors make full
use of it. The three actors are strong in their
respective roles, but Yves Turbide as the
criminal stands out because of his ability to
bring both the dramatic and comic ele-
ments of his role. The majority of scenes end
with sharp lighting and sound cues, building
the suspense and drama (which is occasion-
ally too similar to a Friday night TV melodrama).
However, these technical aspects create a
televisual effect which likely engages the pre-
dominantly TV-hooked audience for which the show is geared towards. The scene presented, the pace and length (one hour) of the show, the nuanced and subtle dia-
logue, along with some strong production val-
ues combine to make Cap Enrage an appeal-
ing piece for both adolescents and adults alike.

Theatre de la Seizième is Vancouver’s only
French theatre company, inviting touring
to perform in their space, as well
produce their own work. When I spoke to
Artistic Director Allain Jean prior to the show,
he mentioned that one of their plays for
adolescents is currently touring in
Ottawa. Judging from the full house at the Cap Enrage presentation, certainly is an
audience wanting to see French theatre.

—Georges Belliveau