These women are heard, but not seen. And they are everywhere. See page 4.

GSS drops image of 'happy hours'

By Bryan McGill

The Graduate Students Society, noted traditionally for its "happy hours" and wine-and-cheese socials, now has an executive which is trying to make it politically active to improve conditions for its "apathetic" membership.

It is even considering the possibility of becoming a bargaining unit for teaching assistants, lab instructors and markers.

President Al Rydant and Vice-President Jamie Alley, both grads and teaching assistants in the Department of Geography, have drawn up a brief for presentation next week to the university's executive council recommending "radical changes" in the treatment and support of graduate work.

UVic has never been committed to graduate work," said Rydant and Alley. "At one time they said let's have graduate studies at UVic; and so it came to be. But the graduate office has never had any power or money.

Their major complaints are the inequities in teaching assistant pay rates and graduate student fee structures among UVic, Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia, an "unfair and inadequate" allocation of fellowships and scholarships among UVic graduate students, and the

Attention, pregnant women. Keep away from this familiar, fuzzy household pet. It's a menace. See Page 4.

University of Victoria

UCBC yet to be convinced over music wing

Despite a decision last week to hear UVic's appeal, the majority of Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) members are not in favor of providing funds immediately for construction of the much-needed music wing of the MacLaurin Building.

Most are in agreement with UCBC member David Hellwell of Vancouver, the author of the report which excluded the music wing from projects requiring immediate funding.

UCBC which distributes provincial grants to the three B.C. universities accepted Hellwell's report and sent it to Education Minister Pat McGeer for approval.

After two meetings between McGeer and UVic President Howard Petch the UCBC recommendation was overturned by UVic and the council has agreed to meet UVic officials again to discuss the issue.

Bernard Gillie, the lone Vancouver Island member of UCBC, said Hellwell's statements, reported in the Oct. 20 edition of The Ring, reflected generally the feelings of the 11-member UCBC.

In that interview Hellwell questioned the wisdom of starting construction of the university centre at UVic when other buildings were needed.

"The university centre at UVic is a luxury item," he said. "It seems to me that UVic had the money for the music wing and spent it on the centre. I am concerned about UVic's priority ratings."

Gillie said he agreed with Hellwell's statements, but that he and the other members of the 11-member UCBC would have open minds when UVic officials make their appeal to the council Nov. 16.

"We discussed the case at considerable length at our Oct. 28 meeting and if we are proven wrong we are prepared to accept that," said Gillie.

UVic officials, meanwhile, are confident that if UCBC looks at all the background material on the issue they will agree to provide funding for the centre. The music wing was approved by UCBC in March, 1976, and has been ready for tenders to be called since December, 1975.

Board of Governors member Ian Stewart, a lawyer, calls UVic's case "overpowering."

He and BOG chairman Joseph Cunliffe will be making a trip to Vancouver with President Howard Petch to present UVic's case to UCBC.

The same trio met twice with McGeer who advised them to appeal the UCBC decision. Petch said after the meeting with McGeer that he was "pleased" that the minister had given UVic officials the opportunity to present their case.

Cunliffe said he feels that UCBC made their decision without adequate information. "I believe that if all the material had been considered there would have been a different decision last time by the council," he said.

BOG members have expressed surprise that construction of the $8 million university centre had become an issue in the funding of the music wing.

While construction did not start until this year the centre was approved in 1972 by the provincial government before UCBC existed.

"To me the whole thing is illogical," said Cunliffe. "The centre was decided on years ago and proceeded with before the new financing procedures were worked out."

Gillie: denies unfair treatment of UVic

Cunliffe said if UCBC followed a policy of questioning past decisions it "would mean looking at every university building each time a new building is proposed."

Cunliffe said he was concerned that the decisions are made on priorities for academic courses and buildings within UVic remain with the Board of Governors and Senate.

"We're the ones who set the internal priorities, not UCBC," he said.

Both Cunliffe and Petch have expressed anger at some of the recommendations contained in the report by Hellwell which was accepted by the UCBC.

They feel that the recommendations appear to be an attempt to usurp the powers of the universities.

UCBC chairman William Armstrong, Hellwell and Gillie feel this is not the case.

"The council doesn't do any of these things," said Gillie. "But we must have contact and consider university policy so that we can have some understanding in coordinating and relating programs in the three universities."

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"lack of quality control" in the present set up of graduate studies here.

After being asked by past UVic administrations, the GSS has found a sympathetic ear in the person of President Howard Rydant. He said he held a recent preliminary meeting with Petch, the president, whereby Rydant made the suggestion that the council, "was aware that this situation has gone on as long as it has."

On the other hand, said Rydant, "we are getting zero support from our membership," and added "there is no plan to drop GSS scholarships, but there is no support for their rights. It is the squeaky wheel that gets the grease."

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Though there are no plans to drop GSS scholarships, "there is no plan to drop GSS fellowships and scholarships." The present equitable system for allocating the existing funds and even if these funds are obtained would be shared with graduate students. "It is to get rid of the 300-plus faculty body that constitutes the Faculty and establish a strong graduate studies administration." Rydant also said with a Ch提供优质服务，扭曲了正常的治学生涯。

VA's teaching assistant whether he is working on a M.A. or a Ph.D., receives $370 for a 1-month, 4-hour exam, $546 for an M.A. and $665 for a Ph.D. at SFU for 15 hours and $450 for both at UVic. Fees for both UVic and UBC are the same at $900 for an M.A. and $3,750 for a Ph.D.

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Philip Dearden, a doctoral student in the Geography Department, was given national recognition for his research into the distribution of plant communities on serpentinite bedrocks. He was recently granted the prestigious Canadian Association of Geographers award for work at the master’s level in 1974. The Canadian Association of Geography is a local area.

Dr. Bryan Cooch and David Thatcher, both of the Department of English, collaborated to produce Musical Settings of Late Victorian and Modern British Literature: A Catalogue, just published by Garland Publishing. The catalogue establishes which composers have taken their vocal texts from — or whose orchestral works have been inspired by — the works of major British authors who were writing in the late Victorian period and up to 1900. It attempts to fill a need for a catalogue of composers and their work that is not available to the general public.

Artistic purposes now kindly return them please, art snared with the words of thy mouth.”

You can buy this original on campus

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All graduating class students are invited to a Graduation Dinner in the Upper Lounge of the University Student Union Building Nov. 4 (Thursday) starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Graduate Student Society is seeking interested graduate students to serve on its executive committee. Some positions still open are on the president’s task force on athletics, the Senate committee on Continuing Education, the Food Services committee, the Ceremonies committee, the Bookstore committee, and the Finance committee. All positions will be open for the fall term. For Senatorial positions, RSU elections will be held in December. Any student wishing to volunteer to serve on the executive committee or run for senatorial positions should contact the GSU office in the McPherson Library.

The Graduating Student Society has been invited to participate in the 10th anniversary celebration of the City of Victoria and the University of Victoria. The celebration will be held on Saturday, May 7, 1977. The Graduating Student Society will be invited to participate in the official program of events and to have a table at the reception.

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You are invited to attend a public lecture in the Gold Room of the Commons Block Thursday (Nov. 4) at 10:30 a.m.

Curriculum laboratory access hours will be revised on a trial basis throughout November. Precilla Scott, head of the McPherson Library circulation department, has announced. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, and noon to 6 p.m. weekends. Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS
Pregnant women should keep away from cats and not eat rare meat to avoid the possibility of contracting a common infection that could cause mental and physical retardation to newborn children, two UVic scientists warn.

The infection is called toxoplasmosis, which is caused by a microbe commonly carried by cats and found in raw meat, but which has been ignored medically in North America mainly because of a lack of information, according to Dr. K.A. Karim, an immunologist studying the disease in association with Dr. Trevor Trust, chairman of the Bacteriology and Biochemistry Department.

Karim said if a fetus is infected it will likely show signs of either brain damage, psychomotor retardation, epilepsy or ear problems a few weeks or months after birth. Contrary to medical practice now, "pregnant women should be tested for toxoplasmosis as a matter of routine in their general prenatal checkups."

He said that the problem of detecting the disease in an adult is that it has symptoms similar to flu. If it is a mild infection, the symptoms are a fever and lethargy, which last a few days, and if it is an acute infection a fever along with swollen glands for about 10 days. Clinically the infection cannot be distinguished from flu or glandular fevers, but it can be through laboratory blood tests.

Until recently, said Trust, blood samples of pregnant women suspected of the disease were sent only to the College of Veterinary Science in Guelph, Ont., and this meant a long delay in finding out the results. Now, he added, some testing is being done in the provincial Department of Health laboratories in Vancouver, and with the recent addition of Karim to his staff, at UVic's Bacteriology and Biochemistry labs.

"One reason for the ignorance about the disease is that there is little information on it in Victoria, in the province, and, generally throughout Canada," said Trust.

Karim, who developed improved diagnostic techniques on toxoplasmosis while he was researching at Leeds University in England, said Great Britain and France have now taken notice of the disease and are informing pregnant women of its presence and consequences.

The incidence of it in France is high partly because of the preference in that country for eating rare meat. It is estimated that during the winter months, the cold keeps toxoplasmosis active in cats and it is transmitted to humans. The disease has only serious consequences for pregnant women, he said.

Karim explained that since a cat is a "natural host" for this microbe, the animal is not affected adversely by it. But he warned that as clean as cats are in their habitats any handling of them could easily transmit the infection.

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Karim said that to be on the safe side no cats should be kept around the house of a pregnant woman, unless she has been assured from tests that she is immune from toxoplasmosis. The organism is found in cat stools, and can end up on the cat's fur after defecation. Any contact with cat stools, litter boxes or areas where cats buried their feces, such as playgrounds, can result in infection.

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They inquired to secretary Joan Palmer about other veteran operators, and were told it was Dr. Douglas Ayers, a Faculty of Education member of eight years standing. Both had talked to Ayers often, in that he makes long-distance calls to federal penitentiaries in his role as UVic's co-ordinator of the Correctional Education Program.

Because of their nature of their job, the switchboard operators just don't get around physically though, of course, they are connected to every nook and cranny of the campus. "We can never get off together, and we could never have lunch together," said Forbes.

During daytime hours, the switchboard is constantly lighting up, as eight arms jab and switch away, pushing and pulling plugs from banks of sockets, as four mouths either talk to those on campus or want to place long-distance calls.

"It is estimated that during the winter incoming calls average more than 2,000 a day, and out-going long-distance calls, half of which usually go to Vancouver, average 200 a day.

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AN INDIAN IN LAW: 'They don’t know a damn thing about us'

By Sharon McMillan

Sharon Venne has no qualms about stating why she is attending UVic as one of the first two native Indian students to be accepted by the Faculty of Law.

"I feel personally we have extraordinarily interesting voices," she says. "I had a sense of identity and purpose. "Being a native one must always be concerned with voice within one's own society, which may be the dominant society of the area. "Euro-Canadians make an assumption and say, 'build 'facts' around it, instead of finding facts to support our view.'"

"I respect the knowledge of the non-native person, but I don't respect the knowledge of the native person," said Venne in an interview. "We are not the same as the nations in general. "People say that they know a lot about native Indians but really they don't know a damn thing about us," said Venne.

"I am here to learn the rules of the game, not for me but for my people. "My people have to learn how to use the law."

"I must always be aware that I am trying to do something, not for me but for my people," she said. "I see our future tied to the knowledge of the native Canadian."

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"The attitudes of people at the university toward native people seem to be the same as those of the nation in general. "People always say that they know a lot about native Indians but really they don't know a damn thing about us," said Venne.

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"History is a familiar subject to Sharon. She graduated with honors at UVic in Canadian Indian History last spring, the first student to do so. She has always been on the activities of the Euro-Canadians, almost exclusive of any reference to those of the native people."

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"If there were constant turnovers, the university would be thrown into "utter confusion" from uninformed operators. Forbes said it is "incredible" how many changes go within the university with a short time, and it is for this reason that the six part-time operators work at least one day a week so they don't lose touch."

"New programs or departments are established at the university, and we are constantly being asked to set up new programs around to different offices, and offices are asked to set up different buildings."

"One recent major change was switching all local numbers from three digits to four digits so that the university expanded from 700 to 1200 to keep pace with its growth."

"When Forbes moved from Victoria College, after gaining experience at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, she took care of 40 locals and 25 Canadians generally. Venne expected that the switchboard is open 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays."

"Despite the peculiar demands of the job, Forbes said "I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't love it."

"She added that made the job particularly interesting was to be dealing constantly with people—or, I should say, voices."

"History to date has been presented in an extremely biased manner. "Canadian history starts with the landing of some European on the shore somewhere and continues from there, focusing on the white culture. There is little or no mention of the Indians except in terms of massacres etcetera."

"The Indian people, said Venne, were actively involved in determining the direction of Canadian history. The emphasis, though, has always been on the activities of the Euro-Canadians, almost exclusive of any reference to those of the native people."

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Universities have an excellent opportunity to eradicate myths and broaden the scope of the courses that now exist, she said, adding that native people at a university are a unique resource.

"Many of these classes ignore the fact that Indian people are in the educational system. They should have native people come to these classes and talk about what reserve life and Indian history and culture are really like." Some 29 people were in the Indian history course at the May-June intersession, which must be one of the largest classes of any courses offered there.

"One would think that the university would have an interest in offering a course at any point in her post-secondary education, but really they don't know a damn thing about us," said Venne.

"They might be running ads in Sweden about 60-year-old Swedes who are more fit than 30-year-old Swedes," said Sandy Keir, head of the fitness branch of Recreation Canada, an arm of the federal Health and Welfare Department."

"Keir was at UVic last week to meet Dr. Martin Collins and his colleagues in the Physical Education division, and with a representative of the provincial government. Keir's department had nothing to do with the television ads which, he explained, were produced by Participation, an organization produced by Participation, an organization.

"Remember all those television ads showing a 60-year-old Swede skiing stoically through the snow while a background voice chided Canadians for their lack of physical fitness?" The average 30-year-old Canadian is not as fit as the average 60-year-old Swede the voice told us while the camera followed the spry, old Scandinavian over hill and dale. "In a myth." "That particular ad was designed to arouse interest in physical fitness among Canadians. "It certainly did its job," said Keir. "However, it wasn't based on any scientific evidence."

"Keir said nobody knows what kind of fitness level Canadians are at, but with a Health Canada Survey starting next year, "for the first time we'll have a handle on it." A team of fitness experts will go into 40,000 Canadian homes to find out what kind of shape Canadian families are in, with questionnaires and a series of tests including the Canada Home Fitness Test.

"Collins said the survey was the first of its kind in the western world and indicates the federal government's realization of the importance of physical fitness.

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The UVic soccer Vikings picked a bad time Oct. 21 to play what coach Brian Hughes calls "the longest game we've played in several years". The occasion was the Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA) championship tournament. That game UBC Thunderbirds knocked off UVic 1-0 and put the defending Canadian Intercollegiate championship into quite a hole. To defend their national title, the Vikings had to win the CWUAA championship and then qualify to earn a trip to Edmonton UBC had to lose a game while UVic had to win both of its remaining contests. Saskatchewan and Alberta are the two other teams in the tournament. "We're in a tough spot," admitted a coach. "All of our professional soccer player coached the Vikings to the national championship last year with a 2-1 victory over Concordia University. "On paper we're a better team than last year," said Hughes. "And we're back to playing well." With seven of last year's champions back UVic already has a win this season over the strong Victoria West Athletic Association team in league play.

Three members of the UVic Vikings rugby team have been chosen to the Crimson Tide which will start their seasons Friday (Nov. 5) against two teams. "There's been an interest in the kits from across the country," said Gardiner. "We'd like to raise the consciousness of university students about community colleges. There's an ivory tower attitude that we'd like to dispel." Events have been organized at post-secondary institutions to highlight student concerns about increasing tuition fees, rising unemployment, student aid changes and cutbacks in educational funding.

Gardiner said there were no protests or demonstrations planned, just a full day listening at the issues and trying to come up with some solutions. Events begin with a workshop discussion at Camosun at 9 a.m. and include another problem-solving workshop at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. "We'll be discussing such joint concerns as UVic owning the land on which Camosun is located," said Gardiner. A highlight of the day will be a panel discussion at 12:30 p.m. in the SUB on tuition increases. UVic officials are discussing the feasibility of such an increase.

Invitations to join the panel have been sent to President Howard Petch, representatives of Camosun, student senators, student governors, the Representative Assembly and high school students. The hearing was one of several held by the Governor queries hiring of wives. He expressed concern, at the October Board of Governors meeting, at the number of wives of faculty members who are being hired as sessional lecturers in departments where their husbands teach. "When we appoint wives of faculty members I hope we aren't depriving any local, qualified people of employment," he said. "I believe in spreading the good news." Vice-President K. George Pedersen said Pal's point was well-taken and assured the BOG that UVic was concerned about hiring the most qualified people as sessional lecturers. "In all cases on those appointments we have gone through the required channels and hired the most qualified candidates," he said.

As for the fact that several wives of faculty members had been hired, Pedersen said it is logical that wives often have the same background as their husbands. Pedersen said the hiring of sessional lecturers is the only reasonable way of providing a service. Dr. Alfred Fischer, Dean of Arts and Science, said that in the past, the university had tried to hire sessional lecturers were associated with UVic's prison program and students had to pay tuition fees to complete their training for a more expensive to provide regular full-time faculty. There are a number of sessional lectures appointed to replace those on study leave, he added.
While men compete, women learn

Vikings captain Gary Grant with treasured trophy

Vikings win west

Revenge is sweet even when it takes three years to accomplish, as the UVic Vikings are enjoying the dethronement of the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds as rugby champions of the Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA).

The Vikings won the CWUAA crown Oct. 23 and 24 in Edmonton, ending the four-year reign of UBC. “Our level of cohesion and fitness is still not quite what I want,” said MacLean. “And our winning is no means set for this year.”

MacLean said players are welcome to come out to team practices which are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. UVic was whitewashed 44-0 by the James Bay Monsters in Wenman cup competition earlier this year but MacLean feels “we’ll be prepared for them once league play starts.”

MacLean said the Vikings were hurt by the loss of long-time star Ken Wilkie who is not attending UVic this year, but the younger players are beginning to fit into the team. He said he finds it puzzling that some UVic students are playing for other club teams in the Victoria area. “We’re struggling to get people out to practice and there are a number of players here playing with other clubs,” he said.

If statistics mean anything, it would appear that women at UVic are not into competitive sports, but are willing to learn a variety of recreational activities.

Men, on the other hand, are more interested in competition than in instructional classes. In total, more than 1,400 people at UVic are participating in athletics and recreation.

A full schedule of intramural leagues, instructional classes and general recreation is under way in and around the McKinnon Centre, and Penny Lough, co-ordinator of intramurals and recreation, reports there are about the same numbers of people participating this year as during last year.

Last year at this time there were 724 people registered in instructional classes and 626 in league sports. This year there are 738 people participating in instructional classes and while the totals aren’t completed yet, it looks like the number of league participants will be about the same as last year.

Last year women made up 80 per cent of those participating in instructional classes but only 25 per cent of those involved in league play.

“Could it be that most women were not encouraged to participate in team sports in high school and that’s why they’re not interested now,” said Lough.

Six leagues began play around the end of September, in volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, floor hockey, inner tube water polo, soccer and flag football. Leagues are divided into competitive and recreational divisions, and both individuals and complete teams can register for play.

About 30 referees, timers and scorekeepers, drawn primarily from experienced students, are employed during the six-week league schedules which end about the beginning of December.

Resident students are in the best position to form teams, explained Lough, because they have a ready-made group on campus. “But we do get teams from faculties and various departments,” she added.

This year volleyball appears to be the rage on campus. There are 35 teams with leagues structured to ability level, compared to 22 teams last year.

This may be due to the interest in the volleyball played at the Montreal Olympics. The Olympics could also be responsible for a sudden interest in team handball, Lough said if enough interest is expressed in this game which combines aspects of basketball and hockey, a league may be organized.

Lough is hoping that one of the biggest problems, game defaults, will be solved this year with the institution of a $65 deposit paid by all teams.

The teams get their money refunded if they show up for all scheduled games. “In the past a lot of people have been casual about showing up and this may help them to make a commitment,” said Lough.

Instructional courses include such popular classes as scuba diving, yoga and ballroom dancing which always fill up early.

There are also courses in racquet sports, sailing, aquatics, the martial arts of karate, aikido, judo and tai chi, a variety of dance classes, gymnastics, weight training, and fitness for women.

There are also hours for impromptu recreational activities in the pool or gymnasiums. All students, faculty and staff with activity cards are eligible for any of the activities. Anyone missing out on the activities during the first term can sign up in January when the whole program starts all over again.

Volleyball: everyone’s getting into the act

Hockey team seeks national crown

The UVic Vikettes field hockey team leaves Thursday (Nov. 4) for Halifax in search of the national crown they narrowly missed winning in 1975.

Coach Enid Jackson and her 14-member team swept four games to win the Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA) championship in Edmonton Oct. 23 and 24.

This marked the second straight year the Vikettes have won the CWUAA championship. Last year they lost a tie game to the Intercollegiate Athletic Union (IAU) finals 1-0 to the University of Toronto.

“Our chances are very good,” said Jackson, who is in her first year of coaching at UVic. “However, in team sports there are a lot of variables so we’ll need a bit of luck, too.”

At the CWUAA championship the team played excellently with crisp passing and attacking. “We played about 80 per cent of the play, even in those games where the scores were close,” she said.

The Vikettes defeated UBC 3-0, University of Saskatchewan 4-2, University of Alberta 1-0, and the University of Calgary 8-0 to win the west. UBC Thunderettes were second in the tournament with two wins and a tie.

The Vikettes have nine players back from last year’s team, including Jan Crook and Lynn Beecroft who are members of the national squad from which Canada’s team is picked.

“It’s a very good team and every player contributes,” said Jackson.
Student input sought on grading

About 50 written reports on grading practices have been received from faculty members by the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning. The committee has been asked by Senate to conduct an examination of marking procedures used or procedures which could be used and any collateral matter and to bring forward recommendations.

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