

Canadian government changes entry visa

by Elaine Ostry

Now it's a lot harder to sneak into Canada. The Canadian government, frustrated by the number of illegal entries into The True North, have changed their entry visa format. The previous visa was easy to counterfeit. Visas were being sold on the black market, with the names of former owners carefully erased by chemical solutions.

The new visa, issued this September, has an embossed seal which is difficult to imitate. The

most intriguing feature is the word "CANADA" which appears when the card is tilted at a certain angle to light. This feature is innovative and impossible to counterfeit, since special equipment is required for both of these techniques. The new visa also takes longer to process.

Kabir Khan, of the Gateway staff, was the first to obtain one of these visas. His visa was also the first of its kind that Heathrow Airport staff had seen. They became suspicious when they could not see the "Can-

ada" sign: "They kept on twisting it this way and that, saying, 'We can't see it, we can't see it!'" said Khan. Indeed, upon examining the visa, this feature is a little difficult to notice at first.

This new version of the Canadian entry visa should reduce the amount of trafficking of counterfeit visas.

Incidentally, this problem has not arisen with foreign students attending the U of A.

B.C. profs want more money

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Faculty will continue to resign at British Columbia's universities unless the provincial government makes salaries competitive with the rest of Canada's schools, say administration officials.

Fifty professors — twice the usual number — left the University of British Columbia this year, with losses heaviest in the departments of commerce, computer science, microbiology and psychology.

In the education faculty, acting dean Douglas McKie said, "we've already lost 20 to 30 faculty

members due to early retirement. Two outstanding professors have resigned this year, and restraint has clearly contributed to it."

Among the noted academics that left UBC recently are commerce professor Michael Brennan, now at the University of California at Los Angeles, and psychology professors Anne Treisman and Daniel Kahneman, now teaching at the University of California at Berkeley.

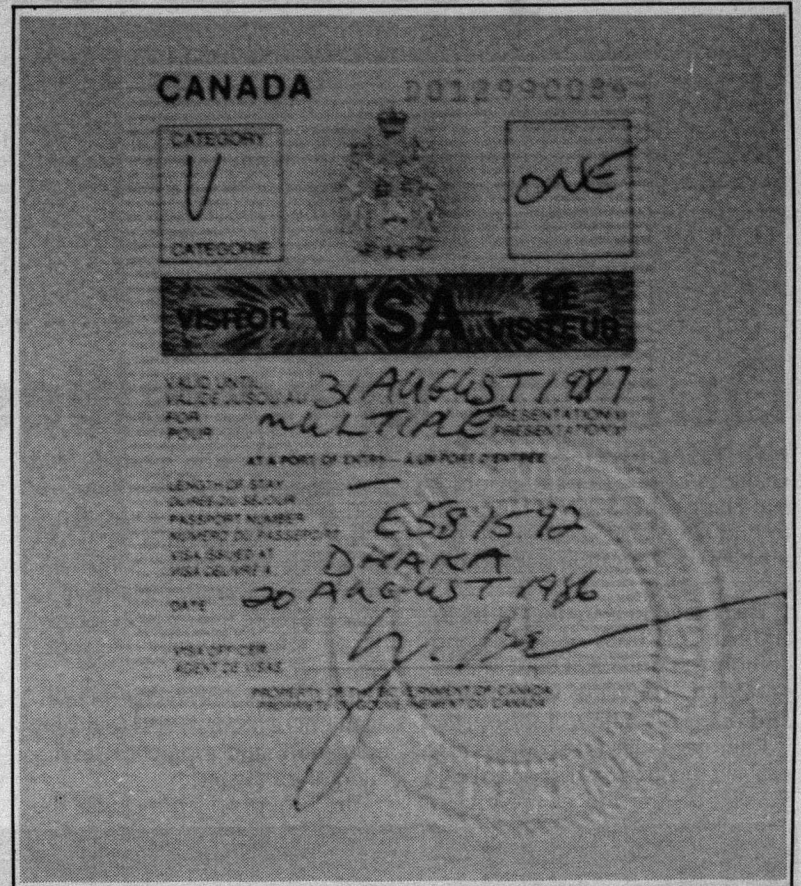
UBC salaries have fallen from the highest in Canada five years ago, to 18th this year.

At Simon Fraser University, vice-

president Ernie Scott said SFU has lost its competitive edge in the marketplace, due to four years of Social Credit restraint.

"We've lost on the order of ten faculty this year," said Scott. "Hiring is uncertain, and there may be future cuts to faculties because adequate government action has not been taken."

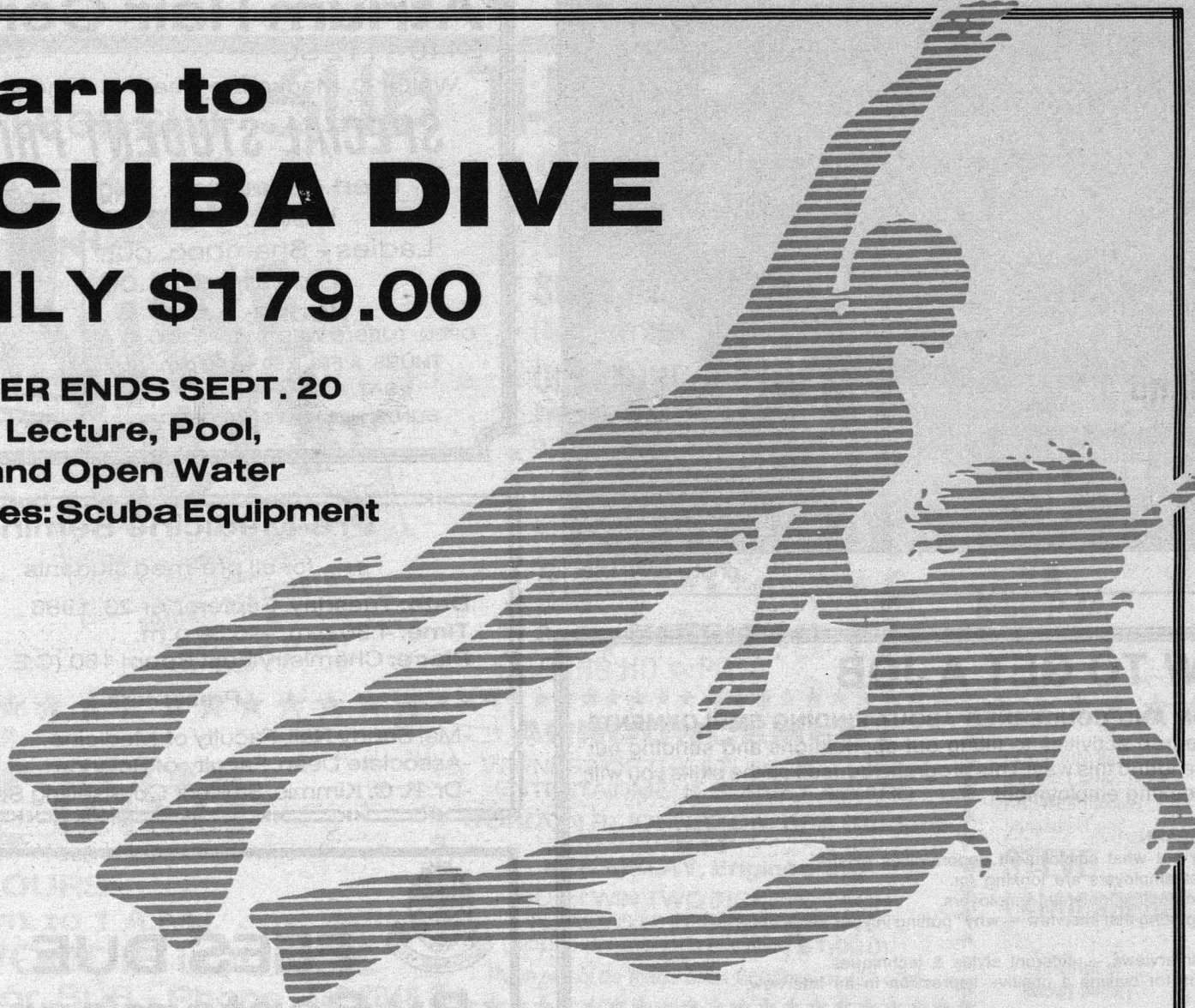
UBC president David Strangway said merit increases from the Government's recently-announced Fund for Excellence program will be introduced over the next three years, raising wages to a competitive level.



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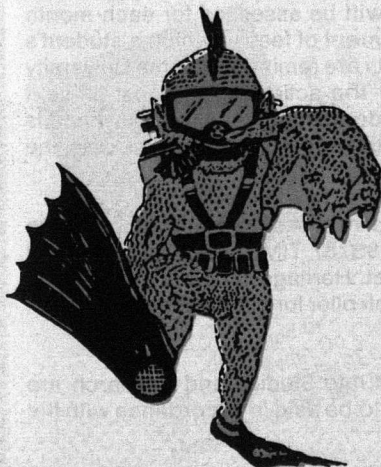
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