



"Last year the dressing room was filled with alumni after the game."

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"Where were they this year?"
— unknown Golden Bear.

Photo Bill St. John

Student exec accused of financial mismanagement

Faculte executive cling to life -barely

by Gilbert Bouchard and Suzette C. Chan

The executive of the Faculte St. Jean students' union narrowly escaped a vote of non-confidence at an FSJ SU general meeting.

Sixty-three per cent of those at the assembly voted to have the entire executive impeached on grounds of incompetence. The FSJ SU constitution states that to impeach executive members, a petition calling for a review of the executive at a general meeting must be signed by at least 10 per cent of

FSJ students and that 66 per cent of that assembly must vote for impeachment.

Defending himself and his executive, Marcel Desjarlais, the current FSJ SU president, said "We are doing a really good job."

Desjarlais blamed the students' union based on the main campus for the FSJ SU's financial woes.

"We expected to receive \$13,663 like we did last year, but Rob Splane [SU VP Finance] said that we would receive only half that amount."

Mike Nickel, SU president, denied that the SU misled the FSJ executive.

"The VP Finance last year mistakenly gave them \$2,000 extra but that was straightened out this year," he said.

The FSJ SU received approximately \$10,000 in a direct grant from the SU for 1985-86.

Desjarlais also defended his lobbying efforts for more funds from the executive on main campus but blamed Splane and Nickel's inaccessibility for the lack of funds at

the beginning of the year.

He claimed that the FSJ SU started the year with absolutely no funds and received no funds until the end of September, thereby curtailing the amount of work they could do.

Nickel countered by saying that the FSJ SU "could have gotten emergency money. It would have been made available."

For example, when the FSJ radio station, Radioactif, asked for more capital funds, the SU executive granted them nearly \$2,000.

Desjarlais was also attacked for his defense of a party where alcohol was served without a permit in the faculty's student lounge.

"It happens all the time," he said. "It's nothing new here."

The dean of FSJ, Jean Bour, was not amused. He sent a letter of reprimand to the executive regarding the incident.

Bour also expressed dissatisfaction with the student government at the assembly.

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'Sexist' UBC Godiva ride to continue

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Despite fierce opposition from their own deans and from campus groups, the engineers at the University of British Columbia intend to proceed with their annual Lady Godiva ride, now called the Peeping Tom parade.

The ride, which has taken place every February since 1951, involves parading a nude woman through the campus on a horse, surrounded by rowdy engineers.

"When the Lower Mainland community sees this ride, it sees that sexism is condoned," said Gloria Coombs, a first year applied science student.

Danica Gleave, a member of the Coalition Against Sexism on Campus, said: "This ride is a public display of violence toward women. Even if other people (than engineers) and women do not see the ride, it will still affect them."

But the engineers say the ride embodies the spirit of engineers and they are unwilling to break the tradition.

"Lady Godiva is the patron saint of engineering," said Rich Fitzpatrick, treasurer of the engineering undergrad society.

"The ride symbolises a kind of spirit (engineers share) to stand up for what you believe in under pressure."

Fitzpatrick said he doesn't consider the ride sexist or degrading although he admitted he would "probably" feel differently if the woman on the horse was his girlfriend.

"But that will never happen," he said.

Axel Meisen, dean of applied science said the ride is degrading to both women and men and asked the engineers to cancel the event. He said he lacks the authority to cancel it himself, but will consider closing the engineers' club house (the Cheese Factory) if they proceed.

"That would be a very unpopular move," said Fitzpatrick. "I don't think he'll do it."

In 1982, Dean L.M. Wedepohl padlocked the club house door, successfully pressuring the engineers to permanently stop producing their newspaper, the *Red Rag*.

Michael Davies, associate dean of applied science, said he wants to see the ride stopped because of the negative effect it has on female enrolment.

"I think there are a number of women in grade 12 who think about (the ride) and decide they don't want to go into engineering," he said.

About 15 per cent of the 1800 engineering students at UBC are

women compared to 50 per cent in other traditionally male-dominated fields such as law or medicine.

Lady Godiva was a mythical figure who intervened when her aristocratic husband mistreated the poor.

University could market own students exclusively

Employment Centre bye-bye?

by Ann Grever

The familiar Canadian Employment Centre on Campus (CEC-OC) on the fourth floor of SUB may soon disappear and be replaced by the university's own student placement office.

The federal government has recently announced that operations of the Employment Centres "are to be streamlined", said Dean Miller, Dean of Student Services. The agreement between the university and the centre also ends March 31.

"It's an opportune time to review what's happened, where we're at now and possibilities for the future," said Miller.

Miller has asked the COSS (Council on Student Services) standing committee on Career Counselling and Placement Services to assess

the work of the Centre, Employment Centres at other universities, and university-run offices at other universities.

The advantage of having an employment agency run by the university is that it would be run entirely for students says Miller and could aggressively market and place U of A students.

"An institution's credibility, reputation, and standing in the community is to some extent dependent on where its graduates end up."

One example cited by Miller of how the CEC-OC's "hands are tied by federal government policies" is in overseas placements, or placements for international students.

Donna Beech, manager of the Centre, said the office has not felt the effects of any streamlining yet.

collectively refused to watch her ride.

Only one man, Tom, defied the town and surreptitiously watched her. The myth gave birth to the English expression "Peeping Tom".

Beech pointed out that a placement office is very expensive. Last year, the office spent \$220,000 toward staff salaries.

Miller approximated a \$150,000 cost. "It's money well spent."

But Beech agrees with "whatever's best for U of A students. The office is set up for students."

"If the university did take the office over, the Commission (the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission) would support the university completely... to make the adjustment work."

"No one is questioning the quality of work done by the Employment Centre, given its mandate and resources," said Miller. "But with all the good will in the world, (the centre) is still a federal government operation and can't have as its number one priority the interests of our students."