

## UBC overcrowded Lab danger

CUP - (Vancouver) Increased enrollment at the University of British Columbia has made chemistry labs "dangerous", according to chemistry head Larry Weiler.

"Labs are more than 100 per cent full, and we don't have the supervisors to see that the students don't get into trouble," said Weiler.

"If some emergency does happen, we won't have enough people to handle it."

The department was told this week it could not hire additional teaching assistants to open another first year lab, he said.

The enrolment increase of 600 students over two years has also affected second year chemistry majors, said Weiler.

One of their required courses was full before many students registered, forcing them to take an alternative course, he said.

"I feel devastated for the students," said Weiler. "The quality of their education has been eroded."

Lecture halls are not large enough for the number of first year students accepted into the department, Weiler said. Nearly a dozen students have to sit in one classroom's aisles.

"It's difficult to estimate how many first year students will continue in our department, but normally we would be able to handle the enrollment."

There is a tremendous need for more teachers and other resources at the undergraduate level, said Weiler.

If funding is not increased, potentially "disastrous" cuts might have to be made in other areas of the department, he said.

"Commitments have been made to our undergraduate program but we mustn't allow that to affect graduate education research."

Like other UBC department heads, Weiler is waiting to know if other budget cuts have to be made.

"I can't see it do anything but get worse."

## Combat stress

by Sharon Pickett

Uptight over exams? Troubles at home? These and other problems are dealt with at Student Counseling Services (SCS) located at 102 Athabasca Hall. Personal and vocational problems can be talked over with the staff of professional counselors.

The largest problems dealt with here are personal problems ranging in all types. Over the last 3 years there has been a rising curve in vocational concerns. Anxious graduates wonder what will be out there when they graduate," said Dr. Vanderwell, the director of SCS.

Study skills, seminars, assertiveness training, examination anxiety, public speaking and general university information can be obtained through SCS.

Most of these programs are on-going and can be taken at staggered times throughout the week. Costs are minimal if not nil. Occasionally students may be asked to pay the costs of a hand-out.

Last year approximately 7000 students visited SCS.

Right now a new computer system is under construction. The new system will store information

on subjects such as careers, self-assessment and learning research. The computer will enable the staff to keep an inventory of what is requested and keep up with current demands.

Feel free to either drop in or make an appointment by phoning 432-5205. Counselling Services are designed to make conquering University a little easier.

## Unemployed work harder

(RNR/CUP) — A Southern California psychologist says being out of work is hard work...harder than holding down a full-time job.

And as a result, says Susan Barstis, the unemployed need vacations as much or more than people with paycheques. Barstis says the stress of daily living is tougher on the jobless because they must cope with the pressure of looking for work while trying to support a family.

Since most people who are out of work cannot afford a "getaway" vacation, Barstis recommends stay-at-home activities such as running, hiking, gardening, painting or carpentry.



photo Bill Inglee

What has a wingspan of 18 feet and is 16 feet tall? A cast aluminium dove doubling as a flame tower, of course. The flame tower was in Commonwealth Stadium during Universiade and was moved to a site in front of the Administration Building last Thursday. The statue was donated by the Sawridge Indian Band and is valued at \$100,000. A dedication ceremony will be held, probably sometime in late October.

## SU drinks alone

by Mark Roppel

The Students' Union Executive slammed the door in the faces of students at University Night on Tuesday.

Only people with invitations (i.e. Students' Union political hacks) were allowed in between 8:00 and 9:00 PM.

Originally the event had been advertised as open to all students. This was changed according to SU President Robert Greenhill, when a story in the Gateway "ruined the intention" of the event by placing undue emphasis on the fact that free food and alcohol would be available.

It was felt that the MLA's and SU people should be able to eat and drink as much as they wanted before anybody else was allowed in - including the students who pay for the event out of their Students' Union fees.

University Night is intended to provide an opportunity for students to meet informally with MLAS and discuss student con-

cerns. But since students were barred and only five MLAS showed up, it is difficult to see how this purpose was fulfilled.

Said Michael, from Australia, "It's a bloody farce."

The alcohol, cheese and cold

cuts ended up costing students \$862.

The evening was not a total loss. Robert Greenhill presented a brief but delightful slide show about the history of the University

## Newspaper soak

HALIFAX (CUP) — Student newspapers often agitate the campus community, but one Atlantic paper recently soaked the administration, the student union and the campus bank with one spectacular spurt.

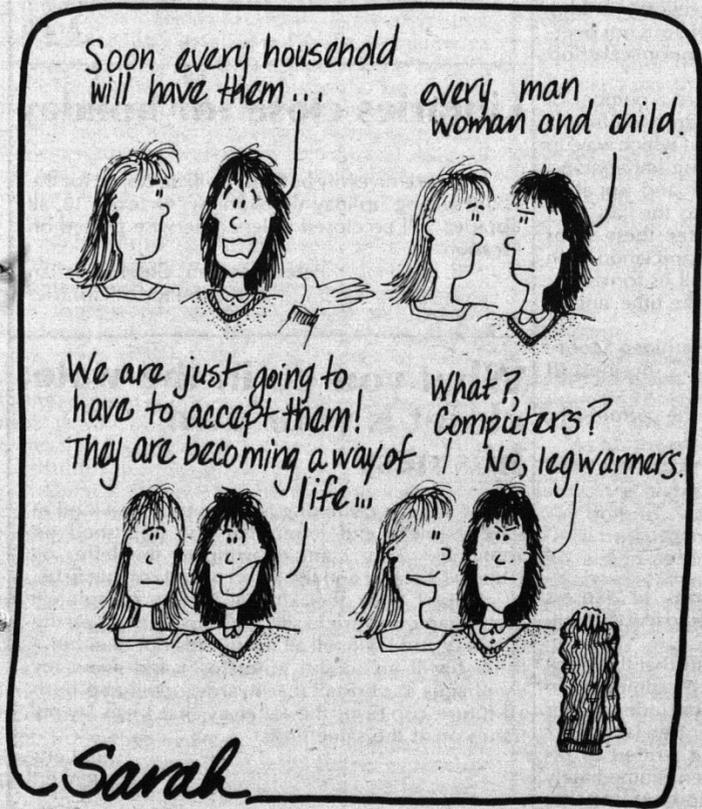
A flood that closed the university bookstore for several hours and led to a 15 minute evacuation of the Rosaria building originated in the darkroom of the Picaro, Mt. Saint Vincent University's student newspaper.

One inch of water covered

the Picaro's office floor Sept. 14 after a fire sprinkler burst. Before the break was discovered, water had crept into several corners of the student union offices, down a hallway and over a stairwell that led to the Royal Bank.

The water also soaked through the floor to the bookstore directly below. Several tiles broke and some light fixtures filled with water.

Photo editor Frank Zinck said about \$120 damage was done to the darkroom.



Join the Gateway. Staff meetings are held every Thursday at 4:00 PM in Room 282 SUB. Everyone is welcome.