

Hitching across the Americas

By GARTH L. WAITE

Robert "Bob" Sankey of Shopshire England, in the past five months, has hitched his way across Canada.

He has been on the road since May 19, 1987, travelling from Toronto, where he landed, to Vancouver Island, then back across the country to the Maritimes. He will be returning to England on November 19.

This is Bob's second trip to North America. In 1984-85 he spent thirteen months travelling through the various regions of the United States, including Alaska, as well as Canada and Mexico.

One of the highlights of this trip was the month he spent on Vancouver Island. While there he met a German traveller who he still keeps in touch with.

July and August he spent touring up and down the Okanogan Valley. He then set back out for Toronto and then the Maritimes.

During his travels he has met lots of friendly people and has been interviewed by the media many times. He was on the radio in Duncan, Vancouver

Island and in Adix, Alberta and was featured in newspapers in Orville, Ontario, Bathurst, N.B., and in both P.E.I. papers.

Bob had nothing but good to say of the folks he has met on the road. "They have been helpful and friendly, quite often putting me up, giving me food and even money."

Bob relies a lot on the kind-

ness of those he meets since he is travelling on a tight budget. Because campgrounds are too expensive, for example, he goes knocking on doors asking if he can pitch his tent on the lawn, quite often he receives a meal as well, and is sometimes invited to sleep in the house.

He would like to see a revival in hitchhiking. "There

are not too many people on the road now, but it's a real good way to see the country and meet its people." Needless to say, Bob really enjoys his task.

Even so, he admits that while the dangers of hitchhiking seem to have been overplayed, "it's a hard journey since people are not often picking up hitchhikers."

He has spent many an hour watching cars pass him by as he stood hungry on the road.

Bob's story and example should inspire those already contemplating a similar journey, while reaffirming for those who in days past have travelled by thumb that hitchhiking is still a viable travel alternative for the adventurous.

Mystery surrounding memo

By CARMEN MISENER

A mysterious new organization has been circulating a memo around the university campus demanding an end to the "political runabout". They refer to the channelling of S.R.C. fees into payments for court costs, and the 32 dollar increase in the student fee.

Named the Fair Fees Committee, the group proposes that the only way to stop "this outrageous waste of our money is by going to the Board

of Governors and asking them not to collect student fees".

Student Union President Jane Arnold said that "the budget was gone over three times

up form 30 dollars last year, is still less that a lot of other universities, commented Arnold.

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before April, and that there was plenty of time for students to voice their concerns". The S.R.C. fee of 62 dollars, hiked

people," said Arnold, who challenged the organization to come to her office to see the budget or voice its opinions to

her. Arnold has no idea who the group is or how long they have been in existence.

The memo named room 106 of the Student Union Building as the organization's office and C. Smith and D. MacDonald as its representatives. Room 106 is the HELP centre and "belongs to the Student Union Government," said Student Union President Jane Arnold, "and there are no students living in residence named C. Smith or D. MacDonald."

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