

# UBC engineers sued for sexism

VANCOUVER (CUP) — UBC's engineers face an investigation by the B.C. human rights branch on a charge of sex discrimination.

Five Vancouver women's groups have filed a complaint with the government agency alleging "the continuing pornographic and sexist publications and activities of the Engineering Undergraduate society discourage women from entering the engineering department of the faculty of applied science and create a dis-

criminatory climate within the university."

Administration president Doug Kenny, applied science dean Martin Wedepohl and EUS president Russ Kinghorn are named in the complaint, filed on behalf of the business and professional women's club, the council of women, the Vancouver status of women, the BC federation of women and the Canadian advisory council on the status of women.

The engineering students' activities discriminate against

women who might otherwise have chosen engineering as a career, Joan Wallace, the groups' spokesperson said in a news release February 23.

Lorette Woolsey, UBC women students' office director, said she is glad there is going to be an investigation. "It is absolutely in keeping with what we've said all along."

Woolsey said the involvement of a wide spectrum of women outside the university shows a widespread disapproval of the EUS' actions, which

include the annual Lady Godiva ride where a nude woman is paraded around the campus. The students also publish the *Red Rag* newspaper during engineering week, scheduled for next week, which has traditionally been filled with sexist and racist comments.

Wallace said the university administration is primarily to blame for failing to speak out against the engineering students' excesses. But Woolsey said the blame for the situation lies with the EUS and not the administra-

tion. "The EUS — that's the group I think must be stopped."

Wallace said in the release that enrolment of women in the male-dominated faculties other than engineering has risen dramatically in the last nine years, but the percentage of women in engineering has only risen from one to five per cent in that time.

Woolsey says Wallace's figures are frightening. "That is not a welcoming environment. I absolutely think it's sexual discrimination."



Chilled water anyone? Supplies should be plentiful when this addition to the U of A's cooling plant is completed in 1980/81. University buildings use chilled water for air conditioning.

## Africa lecture subject

African affairs activist and Lutheran minister Dr. Paul Wee will be lecturing on *Images of Hope in a Wounded World* this Friday at the U of A.

Wee, currently General Secretary of the Lutheran World Ministries in New York City, has focused his work on such crisis areas as apartheid in South Africa, independence for Namibia, the movement for black majority ruled in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia and the deterioration of freedoms in Ethiopia.

As a result of his mediating work with the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), Wee was asked by the United Nations to establish a civilian observation team to monitor the elections for independence in Namibia. (Those elections were later cancelled.)

The lecture will be held



Dr. Paul Wee

Friday, March 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 158A SUB. Wee will speak Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Student Center, 11122-86 Ave., on *Chronos and Kairos: God Active in Our History*.

For further information contact Steve Larsen in the Chaplains' offices, phone 432-4513.

## SU to make brief to Board

Students' Council is stepping up its fight against tuition fee increases and cutbacks.

A brief will be presented to the Board of Governors (B of G) at their Friday meeting, when a 10 per cent tuition fee hike will likely be approved.

The brief is intended to raise the Governors' awareness of the problems facing students on campus.

"It's fairly clear the initiative for tuition increases didn't come from the board," said vp external Tema Frank.

"We're going to the B of G to get them to admit they are being forced to raise fees," she said. "This will place the blame where it belongs, on the government."

"As well, some of the board members do not believe students are having financial problems," she said.

This sentiment was echoed by Minister of Advanced Education Jim Horsman, in his meeting with student representatives last week, Frank said.

Some councillors also say the Students' Union should play a larger role in informing students about the options they have to fight the increases.

"Students don't know where to go, and they don't want to

fight the red tape," said Berni Conrad, Commerce rep on Council.

Council also discussed the response to the Awareness Week information booths and possible future action.

## Travel tricks for the cheap

Are you planning to take off for parts unknown but unsure how far your monetary resources will take you?

Well, with a little forethought and help from an expert it may take you a lot further than you ever expected.

The Canadian Youth Hostelling Association and BACUS are co-sponsoring a travel lecture to provide students with some money-saving ideas for their European travels.

For instance, did you know that:

- an international student's card will entitle you to cheaper accommodation, museum entrances

and train, bus and boat fares, for example. The card can be obtained from the Canadian University Travel Service (CUTS) in SUB.

- the differences between charter flights, Apex, youth stand-by, Laker skytrain and one-way economy tickets may mean big savings.

- a membership in the Canadian Youth Hostelling Association will entitle you to clean accommodation in 50 countries at a cost of under \$10 per night.

The lecture will be given March 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in Tory Lecture Theatre 11 by Sharon Rempel, a travel consultant and veteran traveller.

## Be a summer entrepreneur Seminar provides key to riches

An easy path to corporate riches can be yours if you're responsible and willing to work on your own.

That's the advice of Carol Peterson, Edmonton Hire-A-Student (HAS) student business co-ordinator.

And she's urging all students interested in running their own business this summer to attend a student business information seminar Tuesday or Thursday night.

"Every year, about 40 students set up their own businesses," Peterson says.

"We're just helping people get started."

This year, the information seminars at the U of A and NAIT will feature HAS representatives, Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Revenue Canada officials and students who have operated their own businesses.

"The government officials will talk mainly about the technical requirements," says Peterson. "They'll talk about legal licensing, how to do your income tax and how to register as an employer."

She says the program has often proven lucrative for university students in the past.

"I was talking to a business student who said he was sorry he wouldn't be back with his painting company this year. He figures he'll make less as an articling accountant than he did as a painter."

The HAS student business information seminars will be held Tuesday March 11 at 7:30 pm in Room 289 CAB and Thursday March 13 at 7:30 pm in the Little Theatre, Basement of H-Wing at NAIT.

## Kirk

## Kirkwood

The 1980 Winter Olympics are over and it's time to review the performance of our Canadian team. We didn't, of course, equal the medal output of the athletic superpowers such as Holland or Liechtenstein, but our courageous Canuck kids finished well ahead of traditional rivals Iceland and Chad.

So, the question Canada's top sporticos have been asking this week is, "What the hell happened?" I mean face it guys, we were beaten by Italy. And there weren't even events in kidnapping and kneecapping, Italy's strength. This is supposed to be a nation with ten months of winter and two months of poor sledding. Doesn't anyone out there know any winter sports?

The vice co-chairman of the Canadian Olympic Committee for Passing the Buck, Tony Zamboni recently tried to explain our failure to reach athletic respectability. "Much of our problem is that many winter sports are rather obscure. Quite frankly, we found out only last November what the Biathlon and Luge events were about. We knew we had an ice dancing team because the cancelled cheques kept coming back but we never actually met them until the opening ceremonies at Lake Placid."

Canadians were warned against expecting too much too soon from their amateur athletes by sports critic George Disgusting. "Our democratic nations will never stoop to the totalitarian but effective methods of eastern Europe. It's like this: all our crazy people are locked up. Their asylums are so full of dissidents that their crazy people run around free. This gives them an incredible advantage when recruiting for sports like ski jumping and bobsledding."

Still there were bright spots this year. Dashing, daring, Ken Read daringly dashed down the men's downhill course. Well, most of it anyway. Our Bobsledding team withdrew on the last day of competition. They realized you cannot hang an Olympic medal around a broken neck. Overall our athletes were among the best behaved in the Olympic village prison. And although several of our hockey players were rumored to be going to the United States not a single Canadian athlete defected. Canadian Olympic officials see this as a vindication of their system and a base to build on.

Actually, Canada missed a splendid opportunity to dramatically improve its medal production just before the games. A deal was in the works last January whereby Canada would have traded our entire Olympic team to the US for speedskater Eric Heiden. Ex Sports and Fitness Minister Steve Paproski explained, "Eric owns his own skates and everything so the deal would have brought our expenses way down and increased our cost-effectiveness incredibly." The deal fell through when the Americans learned that Karen Magnusson had turned pro in 1972 and that Nancy Greene had retired long before that.

Such a dramatic change in the Canadian Olympic team is now unlikely. In fact it's unlikely that anyone will give them another thought until 1984. See ya, fellas.