

# Robertson Quiet Area

by Ellen Perry

Students have mixed feelings about the new super quiet policy at Robertson Library, which was implemented at the beginning of second semester this year.

Though most students feel it is a good idea to have the study carrels designated as super quiet, they feel the upstairs lobby should not be designated as such.

However, Kim Stright, Senior Student Assistant, at the library, says this is necessary because people in the carrels can hear the noise even when the doors are closed.

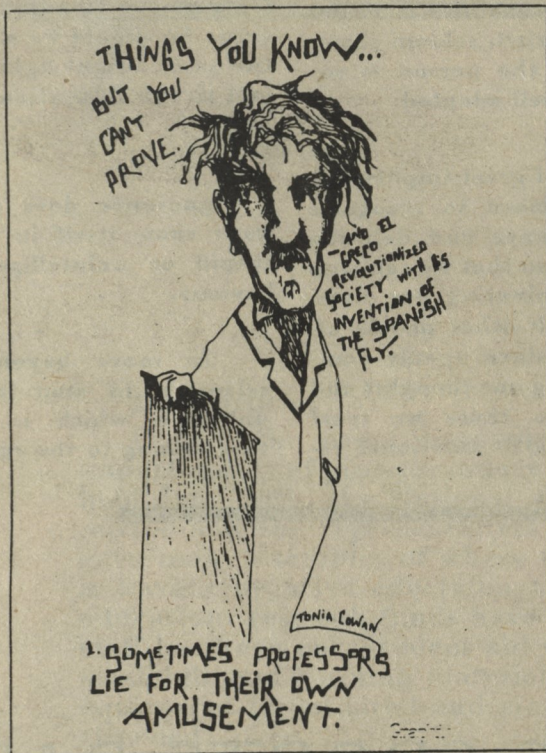
"Since sound goes through cement walls, it is necessary to have the lobby a quiet area as well", said Ms. Stright.

Suzanne Manovill, Circulation Supervisor, said the policy was implemented at the request of many students who complained that they were unable to study because of the excess noise.

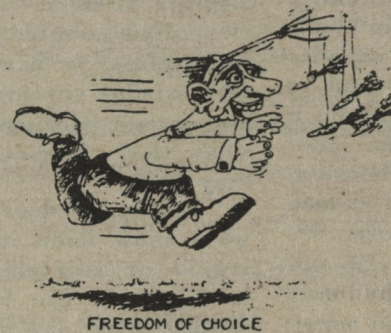
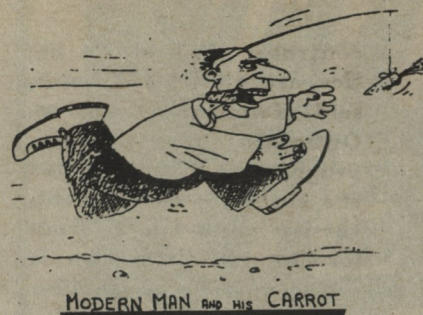
Most students say they use the library more or at least as much as they did before, though not necessarily because of the new policy.

"I study there because I have more work to do, but the quiet does make it easier to study," said one student.

Ms. Stright says the new policy will not cause any serious students to stop using the library, but those who use it for socializing may spend less time there.



Graphic/The Silhouette



## Two UVIC rowers die in storm

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(CUP) - Flags flew at half mast last week at the University of Victoria in memory of two UVic rowers who died in a storm during a practice on Friday January 15.

Gareth Lineen and Daryl Smith, both 19, were among the 18 junior varsity rowers who were thrown into the four degree celcius waters of Elk Lake when their sculls were swamped during a routine rowing practice.

Coach Lorna Ferguson had ordered the boats to return to shore after seeing whitecaps at the far end of the lake. She then ensured a pair (two person craft) that was also on the lake was safely to shore, then headed

back to the two eights (nine person craft) to check their progress.

Ferguson found one of the eights overturned and loaded the nine men into her coach boat to take them to shore. But roughly 15 metres from shore her boat sank, forcing all to swim to shore.

It was then she realized the other scull had been swamped. The group found shelter at a nearby house, and called for help from the local police and fire departments, who appeared within "fifteen to twenty minutes," according to Inspector Dennis Lush, in charge of the search.

Firefighter Ron Stubbings and Glen Goldie, found

the eight men clinging to their broken craft some 45 minutes after it was overturned.

"All we saw were hands reaching out of the water...they survived on pure guts and instinct...they encouraged each other, shouting at each other to keep holding on, and to keep alive," said Stubbings.

Once ashore, a roll call revealed that Gareth Lineen was missing. While the other eight rowers were sent to hospital to be treated for varying degrees of hypothermia, the search for Levine continued.

The first search and rescue team went out at 7:15 p.m., according to Rita Boe-

mer, a search and rescue coordinator on the scene.

A helicopter was called from up island, but could not fly to the site due to high winds. A coast guard helicopter arrived later, and scanned the lake with bright search lights, only to be forced away 15 minutes later by high winds.

The search was called off at 9 p.m.

Later Friday night, five of the rowers were released from the hospital, while two others remained until Saturday morning. Daryl Smith, from Youbou, BC, died Friday night from hypothermia.

The search for Levine's body continued through the weekend, but despite the aid depth-sounding equipment, the searchers found nothing.

The search was called off for the final time, Tuesday, January 19, but daily monitoring of the lake will continue.

Students, family, faculty, and friends of the two arts undergraduates gathered at a packed memorial service at UVic last week. UVic president, Howard Petch, also asked students unable to attend the service to recognize a campus-wide two minutes of silence.

Scholarships are currently being set up in memory of the two students.