



association of university and college employees

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To the Editor,

On Sunday, Sept. 30, 1984, the Province ran an article entitled "Salaries '84: Who makes what". The authors' statement concerning the Association of University and College Employees is inaccurate. Neither AUCE at the University of British Columbia, nor AUCE at Simon Fraser University has received a wage increase for the 1984-85 year. AUCE Local One (UBC) has not yet negotiated a contract for the current year. The University is offering a zero percentage "increase" over two years, and, in fact, refuses to pay even our annual step increments, which have been a constant in our contract since 1975.

Hot on the heels of their inaccurate statement about AUCE, the authors state that "while an average professional wage is \$48,000 a year, an average university or college employee makes \$30,000 a year". I would like to point out that the top AUCE wage (a Senior Computer Operator) is less than \$28,000. The bottom wage is just over \$15,000. There are only about thirty people in the top three wage categories, and about three hundred and fifty in the bottom three. The average wage is around \$19,000.

We would appreciate it if you would publish this letter to set the record straight.

Yours truly,

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