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**"Why the fuck are all these recycling bins in my office?!? There's fucking dozens! And what's with the 70s porn?"**

*-Spencer Keys*

# AMS Introduces Impenetrable Protection On Wheels

## Money spent on UPass sparks student driver jealousy

(Reuters, Vancouver)

In another effort to keep students "safe" and taunt sustainability at the same time, the new AMS executive unveiled plans last week for an additional service to be made available to students. The new initiative was spearheaded by VP Academic Gavin Dew, who explains, "We have the UPass and that costs a lot of money. Unfortunately it's only the public transit commuters who see any benefit. That's why I suggested this new program, so that driving commuters would feel included in the AMS' exorbitant spending. Oh, and the new program being planned is called Safedrive."

As many students know, the AMS has been providing a foot patrol service for years. The service known as Safewalk accompanies anyone walking late at night on campus. In a similar manner, the Safedrive service will provide even more security and peace of mind by protecting students as they drive home.

AMS Safety Coordinator Paul Sutton backed the plan. "The roads are a dangerous place, and we felt that letting students drive home unprotected was just unacceptable," he stated. "We won't sit idly by while students risk their lives on their drive home - not on my watch!" Currently, the plan calls for the purchase of 28 armored vehicles, at a cost of over $1.8 million.

According to Sutton, the bright red vehicles will work in groups of six, traveling in convoys with the car to be protected. They will be directed to crush anything impeding the path of the Safedrive client. Sutton also explained that they "have thought of the problem where two Safedrive users could arrive simultaneously. In those cases, we let the Safedrive volunteer drivers pick. That way it's a surprise and the drivers get to have a little fun picking who gets crushed and who lives."

**Above: New AMS program will keep (most) students safer on the roads.**

Among the specialty features that the new Safedrive will be equipped with are caltrops, the small spiky shards designed to pop the tires of aggressive tailgaters, cloaking capabilities, to ensure that unsuspecting targets remain that way, and heavy-duty flamethrowers, to deal with icy road conditions as well as those annoying squeegee kids.

Gavin Dew seems confidant that the proposition will succeed. "We feel that this is a necessary step to ensure the safety of all UBC students. And now that I'm finally being noticed by the media, let me also say: ladies, this VP Academic is hot and rarin' to go. Do the Dew!"

# Shit Wreck'd!

## Money spent on UPass sparks student driver jealousy

(AP, Vancouver)

Students were stunned this week when UBC announced that a colossal sewage treatment facility is to be constructed on Wreck Beach. With groundbreaking to occur in early April, the university seems to have avoided any form whatsoever of student consultation.

UBC administration have issued a press release declaring the rationale for their decision. A copy obtained by The 432 seems to be completely unintelligible, literally just a jumbled collection of phrases such as "sustainable development towards a motivationally inclusive global citizenship", "dynamic uses of exciting sewage, pushing towards exciting transparent responsibility", and on the final page just the word "sewage" repeated in boldface hundreds of times.

Plans of the facility were shown to engineering grad student Henderson McPhee. "A facility of this size is capable of processing the sewage from perhaps 9 or 10 million households, it's enormous" he declared "I just can't overemphasize this, it's probably the biggest building of its kind in the world."

Raw sewage is to be dehydrated and then burned, a controversial process which produces a modest return of energy at the cost of massive environmental damage. UBC Plant Ops Engineer Henry Lunson was asked why this process was used rather than more sustainable options. "Good question!" he said, and then began thoughtfully munching on the carcass of a baby seal. After several painfully awkward minutes of this, he finally added, "You see the massive Walmart to be constructed in the endowment lands will require tremendous quantities of energy, some of which will be provided by burning feces. It's a beautiful idea really, burning your crap to sell you crap."

Wreck Beach enthusiasts have been outraged by the slated construction. Smoke will be expelled by the plant 24 hours a day, smothering the beach in a thick, foul smelling blanket that will reduce visibility to near zero. Additionally, when the fecal burners are running at maximum capacity, excess raw sewage will be released directly into the ocean. Administrators have reassured concerned students that the beach will still be safe to use for at least a couple of days a week, so long as they don't go into the water.

Plant Ops plans to follow up this project with several more plants to be erected over the Grassy Knoll, and McKinnis Field.

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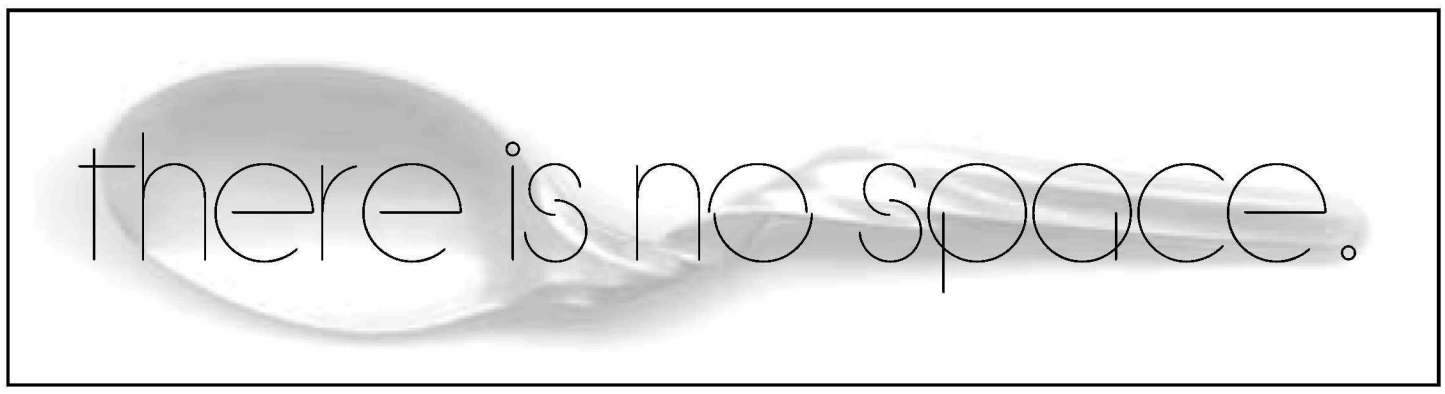


# Written In The Stars

**Dan Anderson**

*Do what I say. I know all.*

**Aries (Mar. 21 - April 19)**
Plastic viking hats do not count as power ties. Stop wearing them to meetings before you get fired.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**
Men are from mars, women are from venus. We have no fucking clue what planet /you're/ from.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)**
Your power level is over a million! Impossible!

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)**
Don't come prematurely. Timeliness is next to godliness, after all.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**
Just because auto-erotic asphyxiation has the word "erotic" in it doesn't mean that your lover will let it count as adequate foreplay.

**Oregano (Sept. 4 - February Never)**
There once was a lady from Venus, her body was shaped like a mangled pile of molten flesh, exposed to the highly toxic and corrosive gasses in the Venusian atmosphere.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**
You're treading on thin ice. Now put on some House of Pain and, as the saying goes, "Jump Around."

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)**
You share a birth-month with Yagar, the king of the Orcish peoples. This grants you +2 to Str at the cost of -2 to Int and Cha.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21, 433 AD)**
Run! Run! The Huns are invading!

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
Your discovery of a new way to make paper-thin computer monitors is brilliant, but vastly ahead of it's time. You will not live to see the Panasonic CrayonScreen make it big, but it will eventually capture over 80% of the under-5 demographic.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
(Brought to you by the Hitachi Magic Wand)

You love to love your loving machines,
The wall-plug one is just a dream.
Your neighbours though are sick of screams
And wish that you would cease to cream.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
You have finally come of age - now for the love of everything holy, please stop asking us to boot for you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)**
You'll spend the entire bus ride tomorrow morning trying to get away from the stinky old creep, only to realize that you forgot to put in your contacts, forgot to shower, and have been running from your bus-window reflection. Good job.

**Trigonal Bipyramidal (Dec. 52 - Tuesday)**
Your pentacoordinate geometry will make it hard for you to get far in life. Guard your axial ligands as you would guard your life... or your wife... or a knife... because people will try to take them away from you. When your mother tells you she loves you, she is lying.

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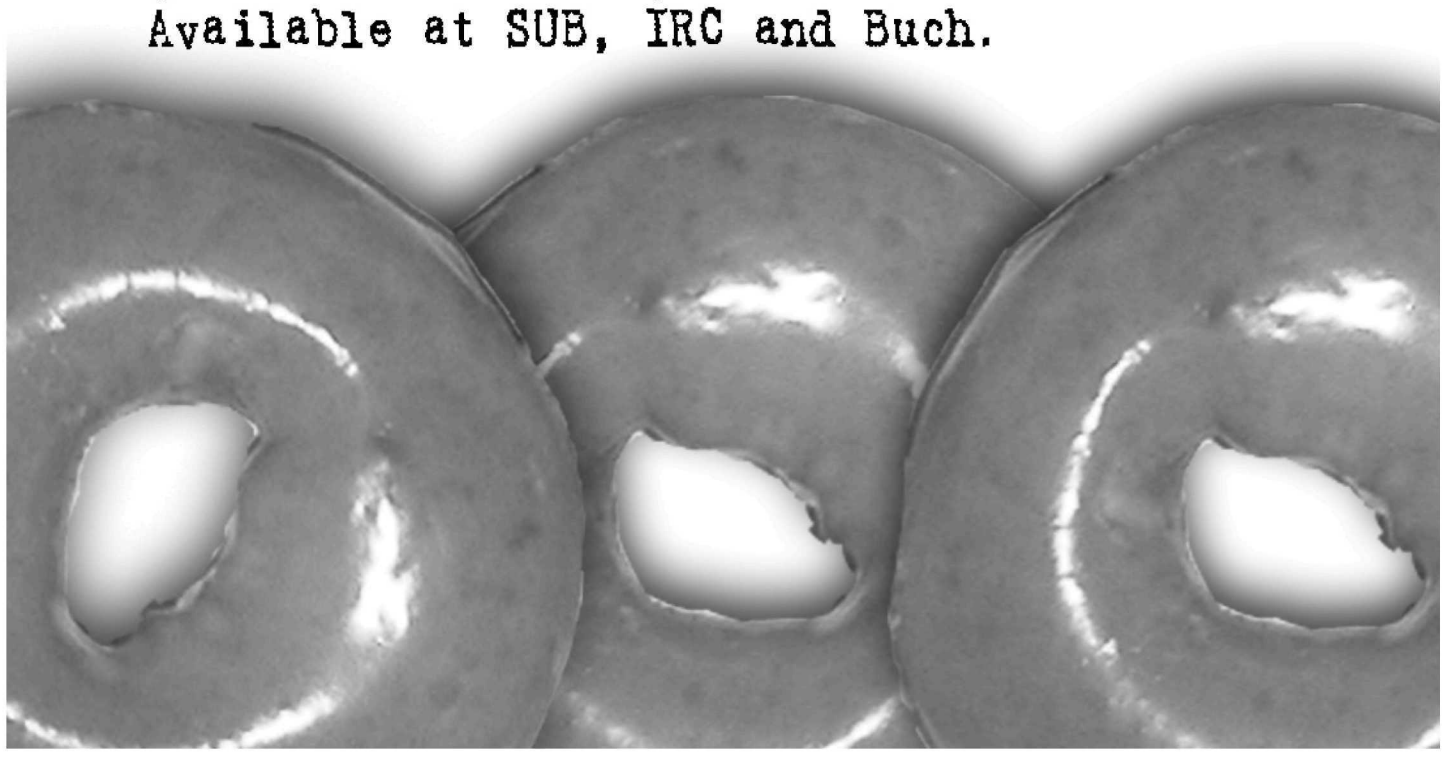


# Beware Sheep Sex

**Jo Krack**

*Warm and fleecy*

Part of my job here in Japan involves, as it does for almost every native English speaker in this country, English teaching. I use the term "teaching" very loosely, as I have great respect for teachers who've actually earned that title. I, on the other hand, have no formal training, but I speak English, so surely I must be qualified to teach it, right? With that logic, I am dispatched twice a month to an after-school center, where I attempt to teach fragments of English to hyperactive, feral children who are much happier playing "Punch Your Neighbour" than "Duck Duck Goose." And really, who can blame them?

The problem is that first of all, I have no training in "English as a Second Language" (ESL) teaching methods, let alone teaching children, and second of all, these kids aren't ESL learners in the first place… they're EFL, which stands for "English as a Foreign Language" and not "Evil Frolicking Lilliputians," as I initially thought. For the majority of these charming little elementary school angels, English is something their parents want them to learn, like math and science, not something they can actually imagine having any practical use for. In their world, all English speakers are English teachers, and who wants to communicate with them anyway? Sure, they might wish they'd paid attention by the time they're teenagers and want to travel abroad or watch Hollywood movies without having to read the subtitles, but what eight-year-old really believes they'll turn into a teenager anyway? I sure didn't.

Besides, once those Pokemon-obsessed children flee my class, they're once again surrounded by the English-free world they know and love. School? Japanese. Home? Japanese. Playing with friends? Japanese. TV? Japanese. Sure, they see stuff written in English here and there, but I doubt they're driven to ponder the meaning of the t-shirt that proudly proclaims "Get the Precision Invisible Dipwave." Due to the prevalence of such mangled English (nicknamed "Engrish" by a popular website displaying a variety of hilarious examples – www.engrish.com), most Japanese people are surprised when I explain that in English, you can't "let's" a noun or a verb in "ing" form. No "Let's playing!" No "Let's soccer!" No, no, no… let's leaving English alone, OK?

All things considered, it's much more fun for me to teach English to self-motivated adults, so twice a week, I volunteer with adult English clubs. They're all there to learn English, but I end up learning a lot too. For example, I use far too many idioms. And casual speech is tricky: how should they be expected to know that "so he's all like" or "so then he goes" both mean simply "he said"? "How's it goin'?'" or "How's life?" both sound very different from "How are you?", too. It's not hard to believe that two non-native English speakers find it a lot easier to understand each other than to understand a native English speaker… I'm aware that very little of what I say on a daily basis has any chance of ending up in an English textbook.

The best part, however, is teaching them all that's unsaid. For example, in a recent English club meeting, one member brought in a joke he didn't understand. It goes like this: a tourist is walking around Scotland, and meets a Scottish man with a dog, a horse, and a sheep. The tourist asks, "May I speak to your dog?" The Scot replies, "Are you crazy? Dogs can't talk!" But the tourist goes ahead and asks the dog, "How's it going?" and the dog promptly replies, "Pretty good." The Scot is shocked, and the tourist proceeds to have a conversation with the dog about how it's treated, etc. Next, the tourist asks, "May I speak to your horse?" The Scot is a little wary, but confidently replies, "Horses can't talk!" The tourist asks the horse, "How are things?" and the horse replies, "Fine, thanks." They proceed to have a little conversation about how the horse is treated by its owner, while the Scot looks on in amazement. Finally, the tourist asks, "May I speak to your sheep?" The Scot quickly replies, "The sheep's a liar!"

Now, how do you explain to the class which, by the way, includes some of your senior co-workers, that the Scot is afraid the sheep will reveal itself to be his sex partner? "There are more sheep than people in some countries," I explain, "so we naturally make jokes about those people having sex with sheep." Silence. OK, maybe that's not such a natural conclusion to draw. I keep trying: "Uh, not that they do, of course… well, I guess I don't honestly know if they do or not… but, uh, sheep buggery is a common joke topic. Uh. Yeah. If a sheep appears in a joke, there's probably bestiality involved. That's my culture, folks!" In the end, the class still doesn't get it, and I'm left feeling quite sheepish (pun not intended). Obviously, the next intercultural event I plan for the community will have to have a section explaining the rich history of man-sheep lovin' as a source of comedy. Come on everyone, let's sheep-loving!

# Can I just skip the make up lab?

**Jon Adair**

*Stabbity stab*

Jon enrolled once in a lab:
"Organic Chemistry"
He didn't pause to fear because
He'd learned 'optimistry'

Ignorantly unprepared
Jon's notebook lacked instruction
Unheeding warnings from that morning's
Lecture introduction

Dr. Cliff seemed adamant
When telling us to try
To prevent experiments
On anyone nearby

So Jon came into the lab
Breathing ether vapour
He didn't mind the undefined
Meaning of standard taper

His glassware apparatus
Was built unsafe, unsound
Unimpressed, he cleaned the mess
He soon found on the ground

Jon surmised he was behind
But he was a slow learner
He felt the need for reflux speed
And grabbed a bunsen burner

He should have researched all the stats:
Flash points, autoignition
Instead Jon flew a foot or two
(Not of his own volition!)

Dr. Cliff surveyed the scene
The air began to clear
He had to sigh and wonder why
This happened every year

Jon's remains were moved aside
Beneath him was a tray
His product remained purified
And so he got an "A"

## YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:

SUS is currently looking for interested individuals to fill the positions of Room Managers and Webmaster for the next academic year. While these jobs are not as flashy or impressive on a resume as some of the "elected" positions you hear about, they are nonetheless important ex-officio members of the society. The jobs also have some added perks that puny normal students don't get. If you're interested at all, please feel free to email sus@interchange.ubc.ca

# DEMOCRACY IS UNDER ATTACK!

## IT NEEDS YOUR HELP: VOTE IN THE 2005 SUS EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS!

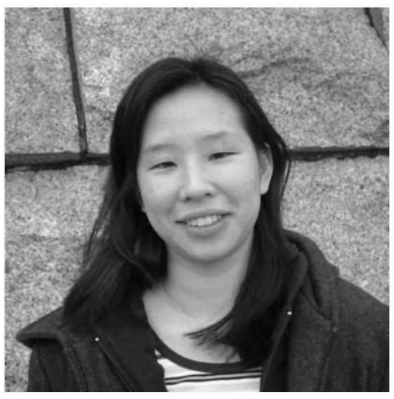
BECAUSE REMEMBER:
IF YOU DON'T, THAT MEANS YOU HATE FREEDOM

VOTING BEGINS MARCH 15TH AND ENDS MARCH 22ND, VISIT WWW.SUS.UBC.CA FOR MORE DETAILS

# SUS Executive Elections

## President

### Patricia Lau



Hi Everyone! As your SUS President last year I am really looking forward to continuing on and getting even more done! This year I want to 1)continue work on the Undergraduate Education Experience Project (a proposed annual student survey used as a report card for the Faculty), 2)get the ground broken for that (behind schedule but amazing) social space building and 3)increase communication within the society. Additionally, with University Town looming over us and the new partnership with UBC-O being formed, I will continue to be a strong voice representing student opinion to the AMS and the university.

## VP External

### Jonathan Lam

You may be asking yourself, "Why should I vote Jon Lam for SUS Vice President External?" Well, his qualifications for the job are threefold:

1) He likes Science: can sing the element song unaided in its entirity on command

2) He likes SUS: has experience working with Council as General Officer as well as the Executive Committee as Director of Publications

3) He likes Students: has never been ~~accused~~ convicted of killing any fellow students

## Director of Sports

### Jamil Rhajiak

You know, I can't think of anyone better to manage SUS sports activities than someone who actually plays them! That's right, someone like ME! Not only do I LOVE playing sports I loved coaching a high school volleyball team for 2 years. I'm clearly someone with experience and passion when it comes to this type of thing. Elect me, and I'll ensure all your sports cravings are met (including but not limited to: volleyball, soccer, tennis, football, AND BADMINTON!!). So score the winning goal by voting JAMIL RHAJIAK as Director of Sports!

### Amin Sabzerari

I am running for Director of Sports, a vital position in the Science Undergraduate Society. Science students constitute a very active community, and it is important that they are kept aware of the various Intramural sports and activities available at UBC. I will provide rebates for registered science teams, and I will make sure outstanding SUS athletes receive their due attention.

### Edmond Tung

Hi my name is Edmond Tung and I am running for Director of Sports. The reason why I am running is because I feel, and I hope you agree that this is the perfect position for me. I hope you consider that I have all the qualities to become an effective director. I'm responsible, reliable, organized and hardworking. I will commit 110% and will participate willingly on school related events even if I have to miss getting my facials and spa treatments. So make sure you DO IT! And tell your friends to DO IT too! I mean vote you sicko.

## VP Internal

### Kiran Bisra

Why vote for me? My record speaks for itself. I helped organize the Undergraduate Research Night, and humiliated prestigious faculty through the Professor Talent Show. I am an Imagine Squad Leader and a Sci Team member. In the summer, I was hired by the Faculty of Science to develop a survey to gain valuable student feedback about the allocation of tuition money. Currently I am working with the university to develop an Undergraduate Research Opportunities Network. As Internal, I will centralize Undergraduate Research Opportunities information and create a website that provides YOU information about NSERC eligibility, Work Study, Co-op etc.

### Gabriel Hung

Hey, my name is Gabriel Hung and I want to be your VP internal. I will build great relationships with first years and aid them in planning events. I will also promote SUS leadership and teaching excellence awards. I will approach the Dean of Science with your academic concerns and ideas and make things happen.

My Experiences include:

-Co-Treasurer of First Year Committee, SUS (02/03)
-Academic Committee Member, SUS (02/03)
-3 years of SUS council experience as:
-CSP Representative, General Officer, MISA representative
-Imagine UBC Squad Leader
-2005 UBC Student Leadership Conference Program Coordinator
-AMS Speakeasy Peer Counsellor

### Andres Ruberg

I have been serving the Science Undergraduate Society for the past 4 years gaining experience that would make an excellent VP Internal. This year I helped organize the first Science Week Scavenger Hunt and am helping create a mentorship program for First Year physics students. As Vice Chair on the Academic Committee (2002-2003) I aided in drafting the Student Leadership Award document. I was even a keen first year, proxying for SUS Executive at AMS meetings. Please cast your vote for Andres Ruberg, someone with drive, commitment and a strong concern for the academic and social welfare of Science students!

### Aaron Sihota

Hey there! I'm Aaron Sihota serving on SUS Council as the EOS Department Representative and an elected member of 4 committees this year including Academic Committee and being Vice-Chair of Science Week 2005 as we raised over $7000 in sponsorship and prizes. If elected VP Internal, I'll make processes involving the Science Social Space Project more transparent to students and push for the beginning of its construction as Science students have paid over half of its cost!!!. Slated to finish by spring 2005, also housing a 24 hour study space, construction has not begun yet!!l. Vote Aaron-the good guy!

## Director of Finance

### Chris Baitz

I'm a fourth year Biophysics student and I feel I would be a good Director of Finance. I have a lot of experience, as I have been a bank teller for three years and I have been the Treasurer of the Biophysics Student Society for two years. I am currently the Physics/Astronomy Representative on SUS and have helped with Imagine UBC for the last three years. I enjoy being a part of UBC and would like to help everyone else have a good time as well.

### Francis Moon

I strongly believe I am the candidate who can bring accountability and integrity to our society's $400,000 annual budget. Entering my third year of involvement with SUS, some of my past experiences include General Officer, Department Representative, ISSA Communication Director and CSPA Club Treasurer. As Director of Finance, I plan to make clubs more accountable for their spending by creating an impartial committee to examine, and follow up on, proposed budgets. I also plan to expand club grants, and will efficiently and effectively allocate funds in the best interest of science students to make your SUS fee work for YOU.

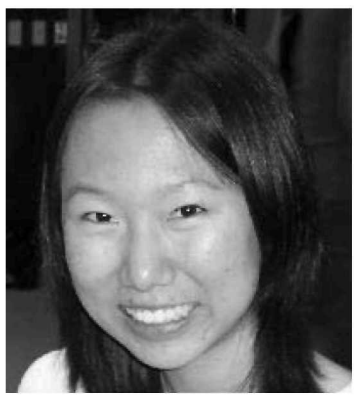
# 2005 Candidate Info

## Public Relations Officer

### Alison Bennett

Hey, I'm Alison, a fourth year biochem student returning to the wonderful world of science at UBC for one last year. What would make it that much more exciting would be to spend it as your public relations officer. I know all about Science at UBC and would like to bring this experience to the SUS exec. But more importantly, as PRO, organize charity events. I think the way to go is to involve profs and maybe get some interfaculty competition going. I've got some ideas that I would love to put into action, so vote for me.

### Diana Diao



Got a story to tell but not getting enough publicity? Wanna be more informed about employment and volunteering opportunities? Enthusiastic, efficient, and very hard-working, I will act as the liaison between Science students and other organizations. I am already playing active roles in organizations such as the UBC Learning Exchange Trek Leadership Network and the Tri-mentoring Program. If elected, I am hoping to establish and promote various networks for Science students in areas such as community service, employment opportunities, leadership, and global citizenship. So GET CONNECTED, vote for me as the Public Relations Officer in the upcoming Elections!

### Mike Duncan

Who am I? What am I running for? Why the heck am I always covered in blue? The answers are just moments away. My name is Michael Duncan and I am running for the position of Public Relations Officer for the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS). Anybody in this position has the primary task of promoting SUS. I am very willing to do anything it takes to promote SUS; I will dye my hair, paint my body, or shave "SUS" into the back of my head for the glory of science. Vote for me and SUS will never be the same.

### Dennis Yoo

In my three years at UBC, I find that most do not know how SUS benefits science students. Did you know:

- SUS gave away an iPod Mini, a Kaplan AND Princeton MCAT test prep courses during Science Week?
- SUS offers registration rebates for science intramural teams?
- SUS managed to convince Dr.Comisarow and Bingle to show their love on stage during the Prof. Talent Show?

As your Public Relations Officer, I will make sure you know exactly what SUS can do for YOU so you can get in on the action! Please visit dennisyooubc.tripod.com for additional detailed information.

## Executive Secretary

### Lisa Frey

There is no position more compatible with my affinity for officious paperwork than Executive Secretary. I am dedicated and diligent down to every detail. Through the Code and Policy, Curriculum, and SUS Improvement Committees, I have grown familiar with the nuances of our Constitution and Bylaws, and gained insights into the inner workings of SUS. If elected, I plan to use the SUS website extensively to allow convenient access to information such as agendas, minutes, and updated event calendars. Quite simply, armed with specific knowledge and continuing commitment, I'm here to ensure smart policy and its efficient execution.

## Social Coordinator

### Sean Kearney

I'm heading into my 3rd year at UBC and I'm looking to get more involved in campus life and SUS. I also enjoy organizing outrageous [and profitable] parties - exactly what SUS needs! I am currently the social chairman for Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and have organized many successful events such as formals, beer gardens, bar parties, and house parties. Organization, promotion, and originality are key elements of any large social event. Elect me and the kegs will be cold, the venue will be packed, and the music won't suck. Tell your friends, vote Kearney.

### Jocelyn Shih

Hello all!

Ready to have a good time? Well then vote me for SoCo! It sounds like I'm in it for all the beer… but I'm really not! There's more to being SoCo than the beer gardens, and being on SUS Council as CSP Rep this year I know what it's all about. I'm creative, hardworking and looking forward to an awesome year coming up, so, if you're like me and wanting to have some fun... vote Jocelyn for SoCo!

## Director of Publications

### Colleen Atherton

5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, 40-28-34

Interests: handlebar mustaches, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, ultimate Frisbee, illegal climbing activities, and sunny days.

Dislikes: animal flesh, umbrellas, apathy (especially the student kind), and unimaginative propaganda.

Running for position of: Director of Publications

### Lik Hang Li

Do you want somebody who can produce amazing layouts and unbelievable designs? Do you want posters or banners that are visually pleasing? Then I'm your guy! I can guarantee reliability; I get the job done!

My name is Lik Hang Lee.
I really want to be,
The one responsible,
For the accomplishable,
Publication of the three*.

Trust me with the task

And I will make it last.

Director of Publication,

This is my application.

And this is all I really have to ask.

Vote for me,

Lik Hang Lee!

(*the 432, the Paradigm, and the Guide)

### Varun Ramraj

DON'T PANIC.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy has this to say about Varun Ramraj:

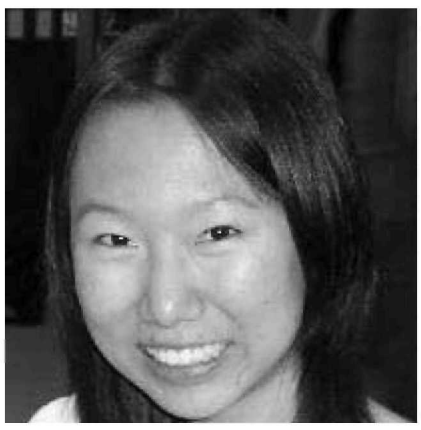
A humanoid who wishes for ultimate control of "The 432". He proves his worth by joining committees, working overtime at events, and spreading good cheer. Always a presence in "The 432" with his off-beat articles on Life, the Universe, and Everything, his goal as Director of Publications is to create a cult for his team, his publications, and himself. He says: "If I am Director of Publications, readership of Science articles across campus will increase unless the Earth gets destroyed to make way for a hyperspace bypass!"

# AMS Representative

## Chris Baitz

I would make a good AMS representative as I have experience proxying for AMS council representatives in the past and am familiar with the way council works. I enjoy being a part of UBC and I am currently the Physics/Astronomy Representative on SUS and have helped with Imagine UBC for the last three years. I believe that everyone should know and have a say in what is going on around campus and as your representative I would be happy to relay any AMS information to you.

## Diana Diao



An AMS Council Representative always carries with her the best interests of Science students, and represents them in the AMS Council. I am someone who strongly believes in active student involvement, teamwork, global citizenship, campus and community leadership, and effective student representation. Your opinion matters a lot to me! Please voice your opinion at the upcoming SUS Elections, and vote for me as an AMS Council Representative.

## Mike Duncan

AMS Rep., what the heck do they do? We just finished voting for the AMS executive, but there is much more to the AMS then just the executive. Every faculty gets to have a certain number of seats on this council to ensure that you are heard. My name is Michael Duncan and I want to represent the faculty of Science on the AMS council. I truly care about making the AMS more accountable to all students. Vote for me and I will make sure the AMS listens.

## Reka Pataky

As some of you may have noticed, this is the first time that AMS representatives for Science have been elected alongside the SUS executive. This year's reps must therefore be held to a higher standard of accountability than in the past. My three years of heavy involvement in SUS, including one year on AMS Council, have made me confident in my ability to ensure that the opinions of Science students are heard. I aim to encourage awareness of AMS issues by providing regular and thorough updates through SUS media. Contact me at reka.pataky@gmail.com with any questions or concerns!!

## Aaron Sihota

Hi there once again! Vote Aaron for AMS Rep as he has contributed to forming a stance on tuition consultation and if elected will be a strong voice advocating the concerns and best interest of the Science Community. Serving as EOS Department Representative on SUS Council this year, I was a member of a core focus group addressing an Academic survey on what Science students were encountering difficulties with in terms of class size, tutoring services available, and professor evaluations. I can use the results of this study to lobby for more resources to the AMS for science students.

# Science Student Senator

## Vladimir Choi

The Senate is the University's highest governing academic body. At such, Science students need effective representation to voice concerns over the deteriorating academic situation that they currently face.

I am committed to:

1) A standardized and comprehensive teaching evaluation system for professors and TAs

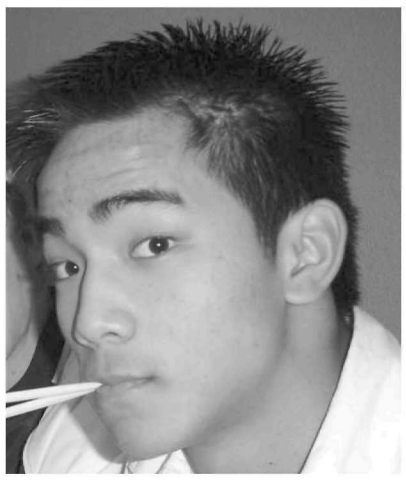
2) Increased transparency so that students are more informed about undergraduate research opportunities

3) A policy regarding midterm equality and hardship

As a SUS councillor and having spoken to many students on such and other related academic issues, I am prepared to go further and speak out for all Science students on Senate.

Vlad for Senator!

## Kevin Chu

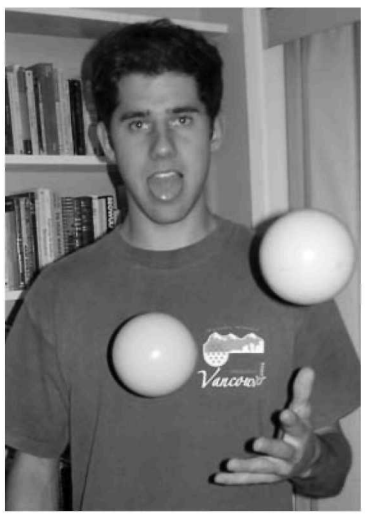


As currently the President of the CSP, I realize the position of Science Senator extends far beyond the basics of reporting to science students on the activities of the senate. I see my participation on the SUS exec committee as more of a free floating exec that will provide ideas and do the dirty work of the SUS events as well as leading some events of my own. I being in my first year of undergrad will mean that I will have much to learn but I bring much enthusiasm along with my inability to construct sentences when excited.

## Hassan Elmasri

If you want an AWESOME Science Senator who can express the views of the normal student and not just the super achievers; better hope I win. If hoping is not enough, you better go out and vote. The position of Science Senator comes with responsibilities which I, HASSAN ELMASRI can fulfill AWESOMELY. I have had a lot of experience with a lot of different positions and feel like my SUPER DUPERness will make a totally NEATO year filled with Senatorial CRAZY COOLNESS. Science students deserve an awesome Senator; if YOU think they do then VOTE FOR HASSAN EL MASRI.

## Cameron Funnell



Tired of Student Senators who spend more time hiding their bizarre sex scandals and eating pie than actually doing their job? Tired generally? Does it burn when you pee? Prescription: 152 pounds of Cameron Funnell!! Cameron Funnell has everything you could possibly want in a Senator: Experience (CSP president, SUS Math/Stat Rep, MUG leader, intramurals), Enthusiasm ("Cameron shut up!"), and Integrity ("Whoa! I think you undercharged me here!"). Senate is UBC's highest academic decision making body and Cameron Funnell will ensure that the concerns of science students are heard. Vote Cameron, and all your wettest/wildest dreams, will come true.

members.shaw.ca/camforsenate

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**http://ssc.adm.ubc.ca**

# SUS Executive Reports & Info

## Mike Long
### VP External

Howdy! Wow, I can't believe this is my final exec report for the 432! My term as VP External has flown by, primarily because of the wonderful crew that I was fortunate enough to work with this year. When our executive formed last April we meshed right away. We worked very hard, and through our energy, I believe that we set a large precedence for the way SUS will be run in the future. We were also very fortunate to have an open minded and enthusiastic council, through which we were able to run some very successful events, and in the end, enhance our society as a whole (in my opinion at least!).

To the executive candidates, good luck with your campaigns! No matter what position you are running for, it is an important one to the society, so I hope that you take it seriously. There is no doubt that being a SUS executive is time consuming, stressful, and sometimes overwhelming, but there is nothing that can top the experience you will have (not to mention the free food!!).

Other than that, good luck to all on exams. To all those who are not graduating (SUCKERS!!!), I wish you all the best with the remainder of your time studying Science at UBC!

Cheers,

Mike BBH

## Andrew Thamboo
### VP Internal

This year has come and gone really quick. I wish I could have been here for one more year so I could have done more as VP Internal. SUS has come a long way since the first time I joined it - 2001 (so long ago). A new social space for Science students are on the way, the SUS scholarship for Science students has doubled and we have really close ties to the Faculty of Science.

I encourage people to join SUS next year. Its such an awesome experience. The skills that I have learned and the friends that I have made will last with me forever. I would like to thank this year's executive group (especially stink-bbh) for making my experience in SUS this year amazing.

Well..good luck on the exams folks!

Andrew

## Courtney Campbell
### Executive Secretary

Well, sadly, this is the last 432 report I will make as SUS Executive Secretary. On the committee front, Code & Policy has been quite productive this year, and I am pleased to say that we have submitted over 20 Code changes to SUS council as well as numerous changes to the Bylaws. I had a really great time working with the members of this committee - the discussions we had were witty, insightful, and fun.

On the Secretary front, I would have to say that the year has gone by relatively smoothy. Yes the SUS computers often deleted the minutes I had just finished typing up, yes the printer ran out of rink on a regular basis, and yes the photocopier tended to break down only when I was in a hurry and only when the photocopies were important. But all in all, councillors were agreeable to work with, which made up for a lack in such charm and poise exhibited by SUS stationary and office equipment.

On the Exec front, I honestly could not have been happier. This year's Exec team was a pleasure to work with and a priviledge to be a part of. I don't think that I will ever again have the opportunity of working with such a fantastic group of individuals as fun and dedicated as these crazy kids. Some of them have gone above and beyond the expectations of their role to represent and serve current and future Science undergraduates - I hope that you all appreciate and commend them for this as much as I do.

Alas, I am finishing off my term with a bang, so to speak, as SUS Elections Administrator. It is iexciting to see so many aspiring Executives as eager as we were when we all ran 12 months ago. And so, to end on a happy note, I can assure you all from my inspection of the prospects that SUS is going to be in good hands yet again...at least for another year...tee hee :o)

## Patricia Lau
### President

Good luck on those finals! I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. I have had an amazing time with the executive this year and I think that everyone has done a fantastic job! So if you see any of those execs wandering around give them a good old pat on the shoulder for a job well done.

On the SUS front, the UEEP survey is chugging along, although I'm not sure if it will be coming out this year. Both myself and the AUS President want to make sure that the final product is in great shape before it is released. Check sus.ubc.ca for further information about the UEEP's status as the weeks progress. Otherwise... the Science Social Space Project still exists! You haven't heard much about it from me because it seems like the status of the project changes every two weeks and I've never been sure when the last change would be the last. Anyhow, budgeting problems still exist resulting in the lack of construction. However, everyone involved with the project is eager to have it move forward as quickly as possible so I'm crossing my fingers that come September 2005 you will all see a hole in the ground. I want to see that darn building built as soon as possible so that all of us can make use of it.

Also, don't forget to vote in those elections! Let's get another great exec for this coming school year.

And lastly, a big thank you to (in alphabetical order) Andrew, Anna-Marie, Courtney, Dave, Jon, Justine, Mike, Reka and Vanessa for an absolutely wonderful year. You all made this year really fantastic and we had some great discussions and debates. We all supported each other and I feel lucky that my year as President went so smoothly because of the nine of you (as well as all those great SUS councillors!). Let's not forget to have our reunion in 10 (or 1?) year(s), stuff ourselves full of all you can eat sushi, watch another gory movie about zombies (wait, did I really say that?), play mafia, and then sleep all squished in one little room again. You guys are awesome.

## Anna-Marie Bueno
### Director of Sports

After a rather tumultuous weekend, for reasons not worth mentioning here, I am here, with a migraine and swollen eyes, trying to churn out submit an exec report to submit way past the deadline. I am very sad to report that this apparently will be one of my last exec report submissions for the year...and I will no longer have the opportunity to ramble on pointlessly about random nothings in the 432...oh and nor will I have the chance to report about Social Coordinator related issues. Yes folks...my heart is breaking, as I'm sure yours is too, but we'll get over this together. It's been a wonderful year. Thanks for the good times folks. Don't forget to holla atchur girl. ai_vi@msn.com. peeeeeeeeeeeeeace.

## Reka Pataky
### Director of Finance

Well, the finances for SUS are looking pretty darn good right now as the year starts to wrap up, but I've still had to work hard to keep Dave from eating (literally) through the last of the exec budget.

The last of the Science Week donations are expenses are slowly trickling in, but it definitely looks like this has been the most successful Science Week yet and the official charity for the week, the Inner City Science Education Initiative with the Vancouver Aquarium, will get a massive donation (outstripping the $1700 we raised last year)! Big donations make me happy.

I'll be distributing $4200 in Grad rebates to our clubs soon, plus an additional $3500 or so in general club grants, once I can confirm that we've received the rebate money from the Faculty of Science. I'll hold a Budget Committee meeting sometime soon to give away all that lovely money, so SUS club reps, keep your eyes on your inboxes.

Lastly, with elections just around the corner, I just wanted to say thanks for letting me play with SUS money for a year, and I'm looking forward to working with whoever the new D. of Finance will be to make next year's budget.

# More "Exec" Reports

## Dave Riendl
### Senator

Hi sexy audience, I've been working very HARD these few hours, you know, with it being mating season and all. I've been assigned a project where I have to observe animal mating rituals and techniques used by females to warrant off unwanted sexual advances.

You may be wondering what this has to do with Senate? Absolutely nothing, but thinking of the time I spent with Martha reminds me of my animal mating project.

However, monkey mating rituals have been well cockumented over the years. My particular interest centers around monkey masturbation and anogentital investigation. You see, it is thought that monkeys think about Dan Anderson while stroking, rubbing, and caressing their throbbing members.

But, my hypothesis is that monkeys are far more advanced than the average male commerce student. Monkey sexuality is more complex, and Dan Anderson's ambiguous gender doesn't provide enough stimuli to turn the monkeys on.

Therefore, I believe that the monkeys picture Jon Lam getting off by looking at Gundamn while they masturbate or are getting a handjob. This of course requires further study, as what they are picturing while receiving a blowjob is as yet unknown.

## Vanessa Ho
### Sports Director

Well.. I didn't get my report in on time, but I've got a really good explanation. Honestly! Unfortunately I did not submit an explanation either so my adoring editors have, using their keen powers of deduction, the skills of a crack team of CSIs and also a magic 8-ball, reconstructed the events leading up to this aggregious error in judgement. Ms. Vanessa Ho was last seen by coworkers and a super intelligent campus mutant squirrel simultaneously (through careful corroboration of stories) while exiting one of her classes, in the 'gasp' arts district of campus. From there, descriptions of a female slightly resembling young Ms. Ho have been reported across campus. The only reliable source has been a team of over drugged revelers exiting the Pit and eager to find any excuse to avoid their own incarceration. She was allegedly boarding the last sky train to Surrey. If she should return, she still has overdue library books.

## Justine Chan
### Public Relations Officer

Honoured Public Relations Officer for the Science Undergraduate Society at the University of British Columbia will be sorely missed by her regular clientele. Remembered most fondly for her shining sense of fashion, he will also be remembered for that time he came out of the bathroom with his skirt tucked into her pantihose and didn't noticed during his entire class presentation on the molecular composition of ceiling tiles. Upon acquisition of "the conch" from the infamous Lord of the Flies circa grade 11 English, she began shirking his duties claiming to have delegated them to qualified tribe-mates. Alleged delegations had increased in number, culminating finally in her expulsion from Council. Destroyed by the sudden realization that "the conch" gave her no magical powers, he withdrew to a shack on Wreck Beach and as she has not been seen for six months, he is presumed deceased.

# Smelly Skunk, Smelly Skunk

**Jeff Prowse**

*Skunks in the City*

Well, springtime is finally upon us. And I didn't figure it out by the nice weather we had for most of February, the fact that my mind is stuffed full of mostly useless information from my midterms, or from the fact that people are now wearing less then they normally do to classes. Nope, I figured it out from the skunk that keeps coming around and spraying one side of my house once a week.

I am certain that this skunk has a vendetta against us. Maybe it doesn't like how loud we are, or maybe it was hired by our landlord once they found out that we had too many people living here, and it was told to spray liberally all over the house in order to drive some of us away. That wouldn't surprise me, sketchy animals and sketchy people in cohorts with each other. The raccoons also come around, so the skunk could have recruited them to tip over our garbage cans in the middle of the night and strew trash everywhere. Unfortunately, that only wakes me up, so I am the one left to clean it all up.

Nocturnal bastards. Later in the spring, once breeding season begins, I am sure that there will be an elaborate territorial fight, so we can look forward to many more sprayings and possibly a skunk fight or two. If they do fight, I should set up a betting pool to see which one makes it out alive. If anyone wants in, just let me know.

Our skunk or skunks seem to have an overly potent smell as well. It permeated the door and stank up the whole basement in a matter of minutes, and there weren't any windows open. This made the opening of the bathroom window a dicey situation when someone made a stinky. What are you supposed to do in a situation like that, really? Febrezing doesn't even work because it isn't strong enough to cover the smells, even though in their advertising they say that they can eliminate odors. Clearly they don't try on strong enough smells, the jerks. That should be false advertising.

Realistically, I don't even see what ecological role these little bastards fulfill in the city anyway, aside from aggravating everyone who lives in the spray zone. So if anyone knows of a good skunk killer, let me know. I have a job for them.


## *The Science Undergraduate Society Presents*

### *The SUS Student Leadership Award*

*This $250 award is available to any science student who has shown exemplary leadership and contribution to the community. To be eligible, the student must be enrolled in the faculty of science, and have a minimum 65% average for the current year. Students may nominate themselves. To apply, please fill out a nomination form and attach a recent resume. All nominations are to be submitted to the VP Internal (mailbox in LSK, room 202) no later than 4:32pm on Wednesday March 16th, 2005. Nominees may also be asked to attend an interview with the SUS Academic Committee. Please note that SUS councillors are not eligible for this award.*

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*Nomination forms are available from the SUS Office and Lounge (LSK 202)*
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*VP Internal (Andrew Thamboo) at andrewth83@hotmail.com*


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