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Pit Pub Gets New Dub

By: Anton Bassel

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Sitting at the Shit Hole: Hold on a second, is this the pub, or is it the guys washroom on the basement of the SUB?

The AMS announced yesterday in a press conference that the Pit Pub will receive a new name. This means that the next time your friend says that he or she passed out in a "pit" last night, you might want to be more concerned than usual. Reporters at the conference found themselves dumb when the AMS announced that starting March 31st, the Pit Pub will be called the Shit Hole.

The press secretary for the AMS, Smokes, explained the reasons for the name change. "So, like, nobody was going there, right. I mean, the line-ups are shit, the service is shit, the bathrooms are shit, crazy shit with police goes down, and the events are shit compared to clubs n' shit. And we were, like, yo, let's just call a doobie a doobie, right? That way, people won't be disappointed when they get here," said Smokes.

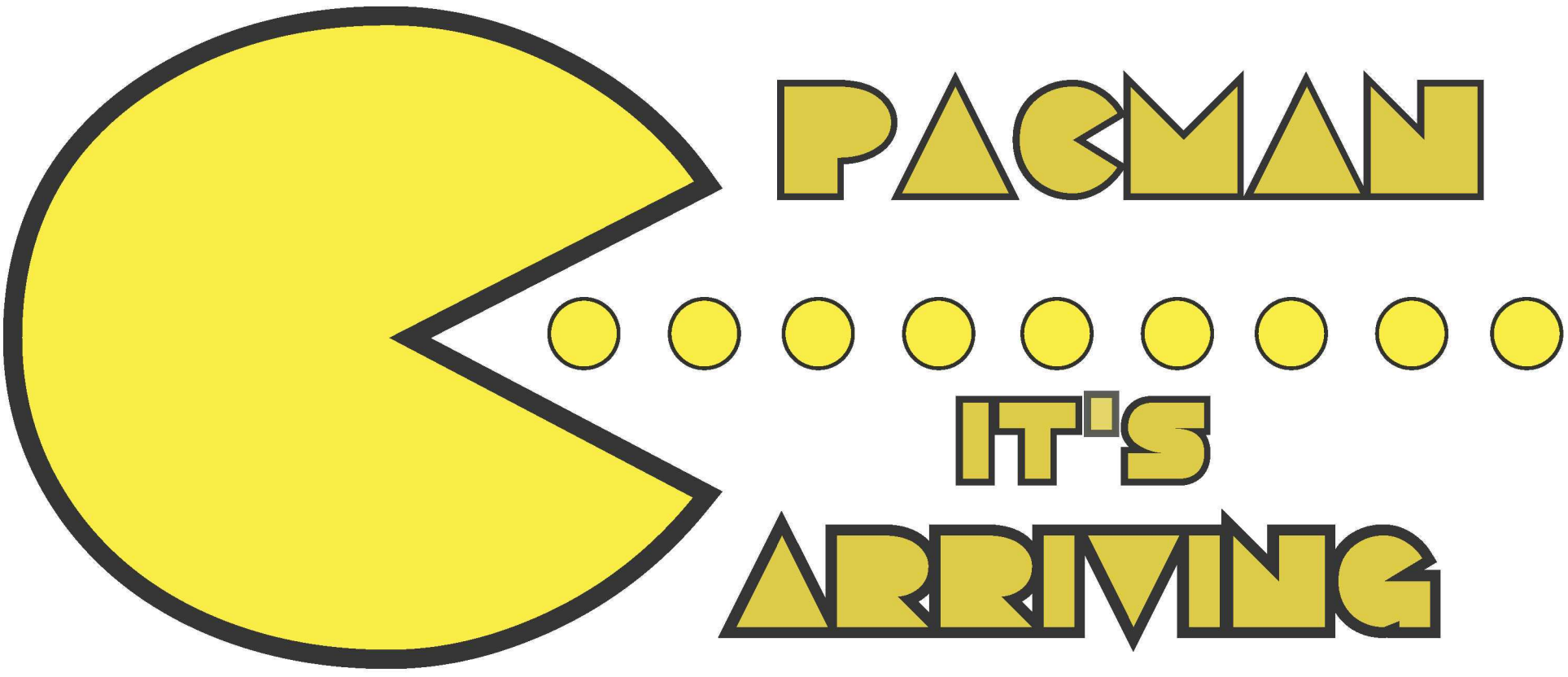
Smokes said that the decision came from up high as part of a "blazin' plan" to spark up a buzz, grow grass roots, bake brownies, lay down new stones, fire buds that were being dragged for too long, and light up the entire joint to get the wasted pub ripped for the next session.

A conflicting account of the reasons for the name change was given by the vice-president of public relations for the AMS, DJ Spin Master, during an interview.

"It ain't got nothin' to do with smoking doobies 'n shit. That motherfucker Smokes couldn't read da script I gave him. Probabably too high. [The AMS] chose to rename [the Pit Pub] cuz it be da least funny name out of da places dat we own 'n shit, like Honour Roll—Do you get the joke? Dat's how I roll, motherfucker! Yey-yeah! Holla!—so, we had to do something about dat, you know what I mean? I wanted to call it da Seal Club—you know, like da seal on da White House—but them playa-hatin' liberal activists went bananas over dat. Pshh, whatever, you know what I'm sayin'?" said Spin Master.

Which of these accounts is true cannot be confirmed by 432.

Another AMS-run facility already bears the name Shit Hole. The men's bathroom in the SUB was named the Shit Hole in September of 2007. Student concerns of privacy have now been raised as patrons of one Shit Hole may mistakenly enter the other Shit Hole and catch someone with their pants down.



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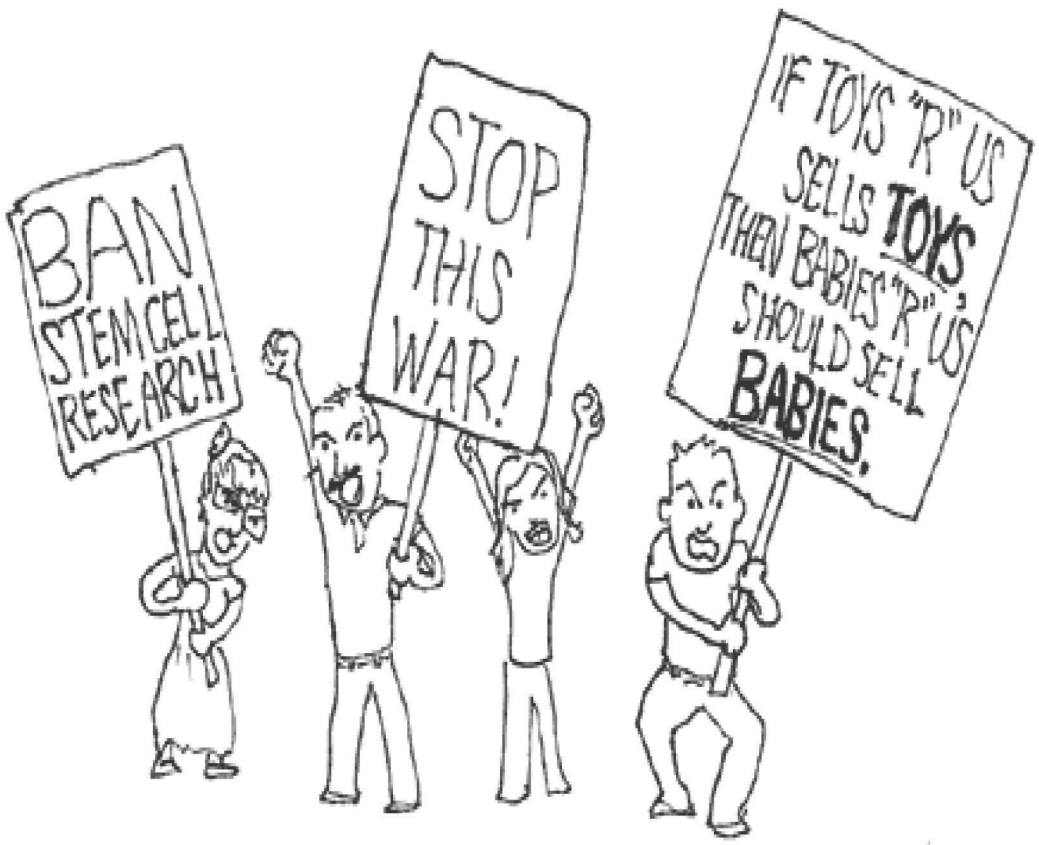

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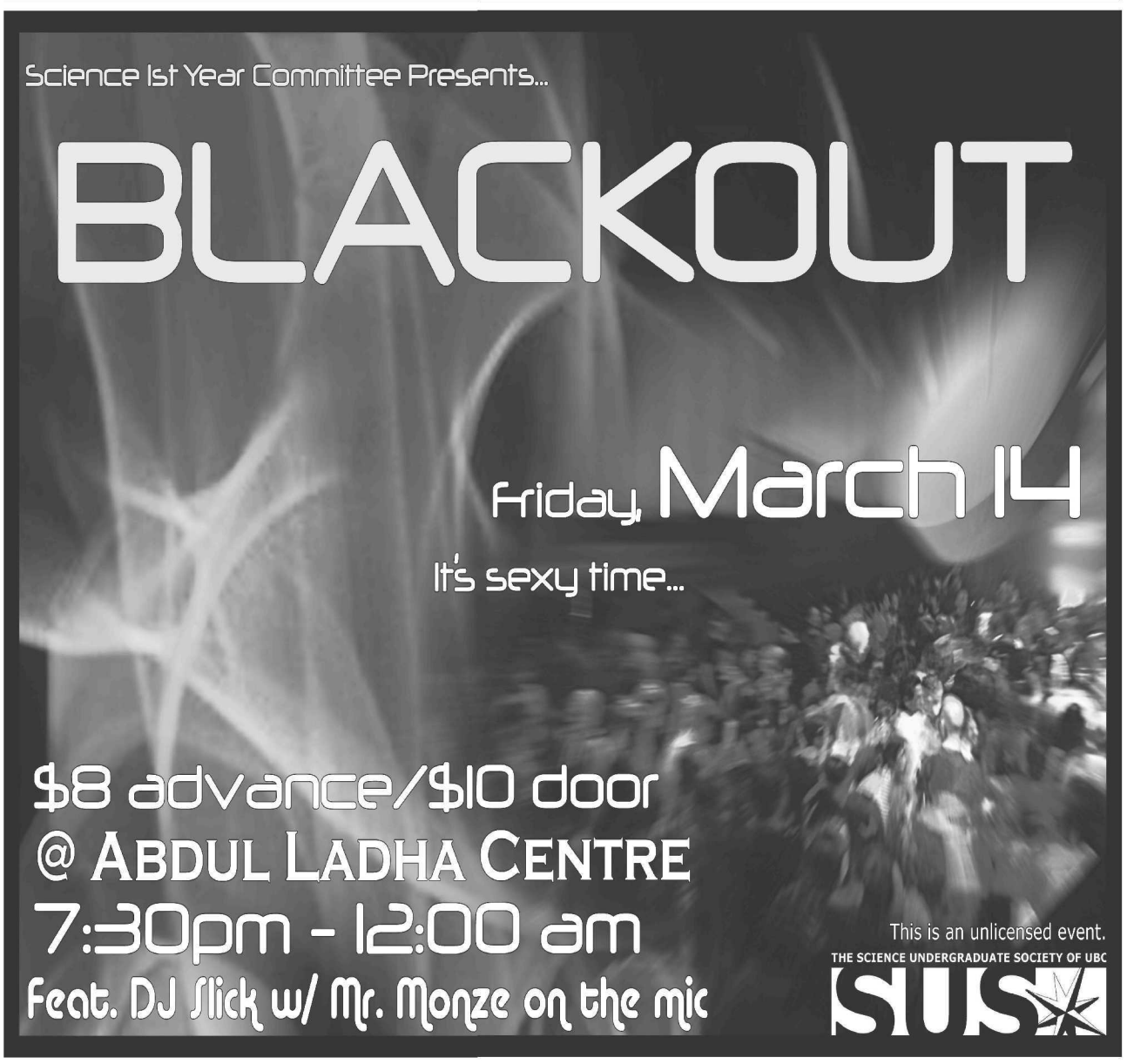

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THE SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY OF UBC

SUS

ELECTION CANDIDATES 2008

President

Jamil Rhajiak

For those of you who don't know me, I'm a 4th year Honours Geological Sciences Student...yes...rocks, and I love them. I've had the great privilege to serve on the Science Undergraduate Societies Executive Committee for the past 3 years; twice as the Director of Sports and just this past year as the VP-External. Through increased sports rebates, a successful Science Week 2008, large sponsorship deals, and successfully organizing the very first Science Frosh program I feel that I have added tremendous value and relevance to the Society. It is from these experiences that I wish to take on a stronger role in the direction of the society by being President. With my dedication, knowledge of the society, appreciation of the average science student experience, and strong leadership skills I will see that the coming year be one of the Science Undergraduate Society serving its members (YOU) in a more complete manner, from social events to academic support I would like to see every service of the Society raised to new standards. VOTE YES FOR JAMIL RHAJIAK!

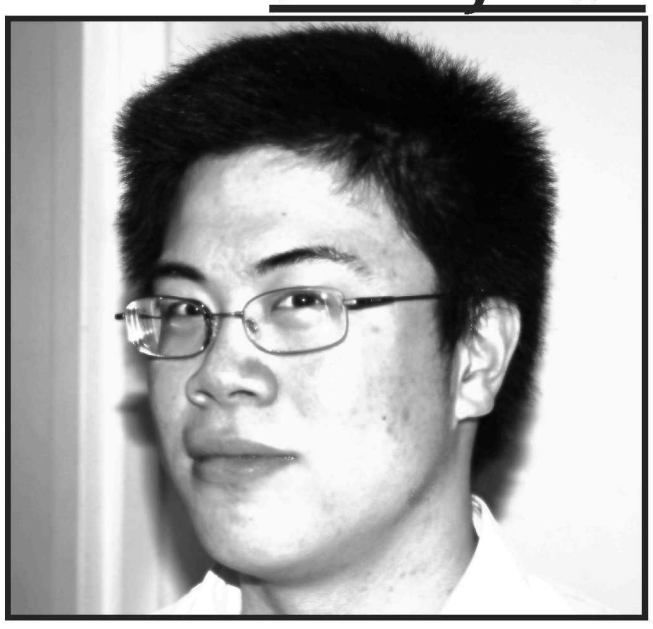
Vice-President External

Lawrence Chow

My name is Lawrence and I am running for Vice President External. The VP external has several jobs - to coordinate science frosh, to be a liaison with science clubs and SUS, and to coordinate science week. Although I am running unopposed, I would still like to take the time to convince you why I am an excellent candidate for this position. I have been a dedicated member of SUS for two years now, holding notable positions as a councilor and an executive. I have extensive event planning experience as a Science Frosh director, and this year's social coordinator. I have a vision for the society and plan to instill this vision in present and future generations. My dedication and experience will ensure an excellent year ahead for SUS. I am competent, experienced, and above all else, passionate in what I do. You will not make the wrong choice.

Vice-President Internal

Jimmy Yan



Hey everyone, I'm Jimmy Yan, you're friendly neighbourhood 2nd year science student and I am gunning for the re-election to the position of Vice President Internal.

But why reelect me? Well, to start off, I do have the experience in what to do in for this position. I have learned a lot this past year and am looking forward to keep the progress up if I am reelected. Secondly, with my role as VP-Internal this current year, and as CSP representative last year, I participated quite a bit in the Science Undergraduate Society, and from that, I have had the opportunity to see it grow, and in which direction it is heading towards. Finally, I really enjoy working for you guys and for the Faculty of Science, and I will use this opportunity to continue make sure SUS council is relevant for all science students. So between March 10th and 14th, when you go on webCT to vote, vote YES for Jimmy Yan.

Director of Administration

Maria Jogova

My name is Maria Jogova, and I am running for the position of Director of Administration. I have had a lot of experience on Council, serving as General Officer this year, and as the Science One representative and Executive Secretary last year (when I did the same job for a month). This year, I continued taking minutes and attendance, organized the SUS Open House, and drafted an equity policy for Council, which I promised to do last year when I ran for this position. I have also tried to get the word out about SUS to students by talking to more people about it at events like the Open House. Next year, I would like to be able to further spread the word about what goes on in Council by making Council agendas and minutes more accessible to students and opening up our organization. I hope also to work on the SUS Constitution, cleaning it up. Vote Maria Jogova for DA!

Bryan Tomlinson

Hey Everyone,

My name is Bryan Tomlinson and I'm running for SUS Director of Administration. I've got two years of experience with SUS, as the Psychology Representative and the Interim Director of Administration. With this experience comes the accumulation of some wisdom; I've got some ideas that will definitely benefit SUS.

First, I'm interested in streamlining SUS such that needless bureaucracy is a thing of the past. This way more can be done for science students in general! Second, I endeavor to ensure that minutes and agendas will be publicized, increasing the transparency of the organization as a whole. Third, I intend to make sure councilors are accountable to their jobs, and that their responsibilities are better upheld. As the chair of the BMC, I also hope to maximize and assure student accessibility in the Ladha Center.

Visit bryantomlinson.dyn-o-saur.com for further details. Cheers!

Director of Finance

Aaron Sihota

Hi!!!

Why you should vote YES! for Aaron:

1. I am committed to ensuring full control on spending and facilitating measures to minimize the society's losses through streamlining operations, and look forward to providing students a balanced budget, while not compromising the quality of services the SUS provides for students.
2. As Grants Coordinator this year, I helped introduce the Student Initiative Fund and Conference Grant Fund. I am committed not only to keeping these funds operational for next year but will also look to increase the total amount of each.
3. I also like to ensure SUS's accountability towards science students, by implementing the usage of a quarterly budgetary reporting system, and a blog to inform them of our spending habits.

Having served as Interim Director of Finance and a SUS councilor for 3 years, I have a good understanding of the portfolio.

Visit www.aaronsihota.ca for more details!

Public Relations Officer

Sumedha Sharma

WOOT! You are finally at my blurb!

What have I been upto? This past year, I have been running around planning Science Week, spear-heading Canuck Place Visit and organizing dances, barbeques, movie nights and fundraisers with the First Year and PR Committee.

Why am I here? Coz I want YOU to know about all the ways in which SUS is here for you and how YOU can enjoy ALL the AWESOME SUS and Science club events! When it comes to "SUPER" Fun, I have passion and experience in organizing fundraisers like the Gift of Time Gala which raised a million dollars! Talk about Cha-Ching! I promise a bigger Career Fair to increase YOUR exposure to research, summer jobs and work opportunities.

I am very outgoing and have spirit, enthusiasm, energy and great ideas for a great year to make your SUS Truly YOURS! Visit my Facebook group for my full platform, or email me at sharma.sumedha@gmail.com.

Kristen Ford

KristenFord.is-a-geek.com

Being involved with the Science Undergraduate Society for the past two years, I have viewed council from two different perspectives: once as a club representative and once as an ex-officio. As the building manager, I saw the crucial role the ALSSC plays for all students. In our hands we hold a great tool for reaching out to students for academic and social opportunities.

Next year is OUR year. Let's do it together.

- Innovative and creative marketing
- Cross-promotions for all SUS events
- Comprehensive online directory of all councilors and science clubs
- Mailing list reaching all science students
- Website revamp aimed at encouraging student involvement
- A calendar of all campus events for science students
- Sustainable merchandise available earlier in the year
- More Buck-A-Burgers and cotton candy sales!
- More interfaculty water balloon fights!
- More Labrat!

Vote for experience. Vote Kristen Ford for PRO.

Social Coordinator

Stephen Yoon

oh... oh oh oh oh oh
oh oh oh oh oh...
oh oh oh oh
oh oh oh oh oh....

I just want you close
Where S.U.S. can stay forever
You can be sure
That it will only get better

You and S.U.S together
Through the days and nights
I don't worry 'cause
Everything's going to be alright
People keep talking they can say what
they like
But all i know is everything's going to be alright
No one, no one, no one
Can get in the way of what I'm feeling
No one, no one, no one
Can get in the way of what I feel for SOCIAL, SOCIAL, SOCIAL
Can get in the way of what I feel for SOCO

None of them can love S.U.S.
like I do
My feelings for SOCIAL COORDINATOR.

Director of Sports

Jingyao Yu

As a major contributor to the SUS Sports Committee this past year, I would like to accountably and effectively implement the following:

- more BALANCED allocation of SPORTS REBATE funds targeted to science students that play recreationally and not just competitively
- increase student engagement
- more CAMPUS-WIDE events you've seen so far plus Capture the Flag (ninja/pirate style), Man Hunt, Water Balloon Dodgeball Fights, spud, HOCKEY nights
- bring back Sports Appreciation BBQs
- more volunteer & leadership OPPORTUNITIES in sports & recreation
- rebates for participation in UBC Rec classes such as yoga and dance

Experience: SUS Councillor 06-08, current Ladha Building Supervisor, Biosoc Exec, former Equity Ambassador

I'm dedicated to every role I take on. I have the experience. I know what works and what SUS can and should be doing for students.

Vote JINGYAO YU for SUS DIRECTOR OF SPORTS!

Director of Publications

Jacob Cosman

If you're an science student, chances are you aren't reading this in the 432. Currently, SUS produces two regular publications - the 432 and the Paradigm - and neither really sees a significant readership. Boxes of undistributed copies of the 432 are piled in the SUS office. Why are we overprinting this paper nobody reads?

The publications of the Science Undergraduate Society need a major overhaul. As a regular contributor to the 432, I have worked with the last two Directors of Publications to find ways to increase relevance and readership. Elect me and you will see an in-depth consultative process and major changes to the format and frequency of SUS publications.

For more information, you can email me at jacobforpublications@gmail.com or check out my blog at jacobforpublications.blogspot.com. For real change and less waste, vote Jacob Cosman for Director of Publications.

Chris Tarantino

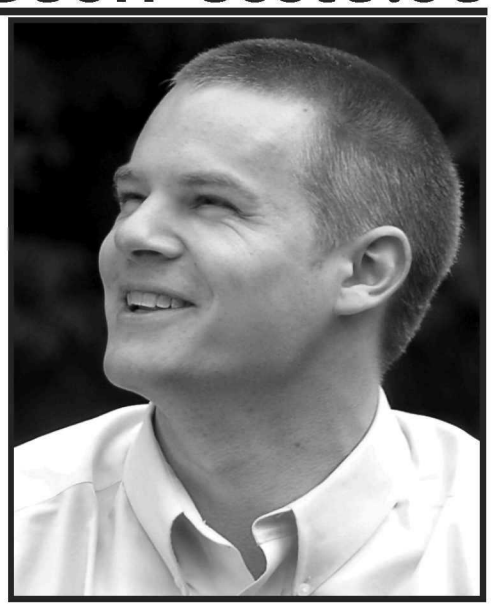
Hey, Chris Tarantino here running for Director of Publications. This position is about getting useful information to Science students, something I think is really important. If elected to this position I'd like to do a few things, such as:

- Upgrade the SUS website to provide current and informative news blogs from each department in the Faculty of Science.
- Make the 432 newspaper more current, balanced, and meaningful with a 1/3-1/3-1/3 split of humour, SUS news, and topics relevant for Science students.
- Setup program packages for students entering their degree program giving basic tips, the ins and outs, and other useful stuff about their department so they can be more informed and successful.
- Overhaul The Guide, our first year publication, to better smooth the transition to UBC.
- Not hire anyone named Uma.

Thanks for reading and VOTE CHRIS TARANTINO FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS!

Science Senator

Geoff Costeloe



The Senate is UBC's highest academic decision making body. It is important that Science students have a vocal and outspoken individual that will work on the Senate to support issues that will benefit our students.

One of the issues that I plan on fighting for in the Senate is the introduction of Interim Teacher Evaluations. If you profs can give you midterms then why can't you give them as well?! I was always frustrated when my complaints about a course weren't heard until the last day of class. Grading professors in the middle of a semester as well as the end will allow them to improve your experience in the classroom before it is too late.

This is just one of the ideas I have to improve the life of students in science. To hear more see my website:

www.geoff-costeloe.blogspot.com

Vote for a strong voice in the UBC Senate.

Vote Geoff!!

Sonia Purewal

I find that we are kept in the dark about policy changes until they happen if at all. The onus is on our representatives to inform and represent our needs yet an honest effort is rarely made to speak to us directly before decisions are finalized. UBC Senate makes crucial decisions on curriculum changes and academic policies and you deserve to be involved in the process. I will be accountable, take the initiative to hold open forums and propose policy with your input to implement change. These include:

1. Reviewing policies on repeating a required failed course to allow students the option to rewrite a final without repeating the full course in a modified course option
2. Review term and class scheduling to minimize long breaks and to propose an option to reintroduce evening science courses in seminar form to allow students to schedule days without class so they may work or study without disruption
3. To restructure the process for exam scheduling to minimize conflicts and strenuous schedules

Please contact purewal.sonia@gmail.com for more information

Raymond Pan

My name is Raymond Pan and I'm running for Senate. I am currently a Senator At-Large serving your needs and I'm still very passionate in benefiting others. I sit on many committees and have many on-going projects that I began and would like to finish these, which only can be accomplished if elected back again. Some of the projects are:

- Review the exam hardship policy and rectify it. Currently, the exam policy is being reviewed and I'm advocating in changing the exam hardship policy from 3 exams within 24 hours to 35 hours instead.
- Initiative in finding new venues for students to study, some which can be opened for weekend access. The Life Science Centre is a prefect example that can be a 24hour study space.
- Explore the possibility of studying career options as one of the modules in core course "tutorials."
- Teaching quality. Required teaching training that includes Professors and TAs.

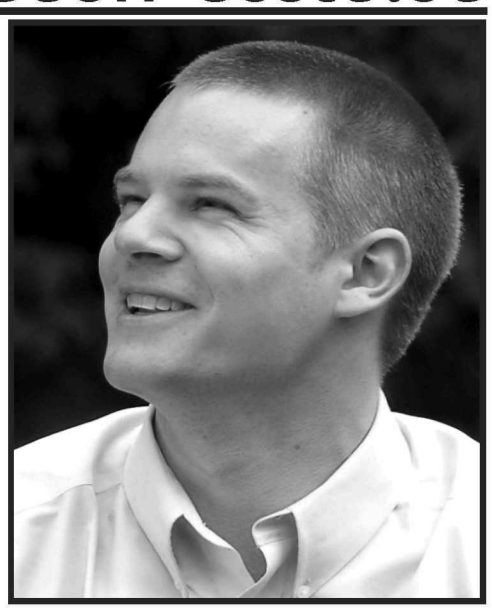
Please elect me to Senate because I am here to benefit you by creating less stress than the current situation. VOTE RAYMOND PAN for Senate.

AMS Representative

Tahara Bhate

My name is Tahara Bhate and I am a 3rd year student and current AMS Science Rep running for another term. My main focus this past year (and hopefully next year) has been transit and student financial aid, both of which were a big part of my job as Chair of the Lobbying Committee. These issues need to be addressed because a) rapid transit won't be here until at least 2015 and b) the provincial and federal governments have recognized that their financial aid systems are a mess, and are right now very receptive to our suggestions on how to fix them. I also want to work on communication, which is a clichéd goal to be sure, but one on which I think I have some good, but most importantly, pragmatic ideas. These goals may seem ambitious, but I've spent the last year learning how to get things done, both inside and outside the AMS, and if you want to see real changes, then give me a chance to really get these initiatives off the ground. If you have any questions about my platform or the AMS in general, please feel free to contact me at taharbha@interchange.ubc.ca.

Geoff Costeloe



This is an exciting time for the AMS. There are many issues coming up in the next semester that will have a direct impact on Science students. The renewal of the U-Pass contract and the SUB renovation are just two of the exciting issues that are coming up. As AMS Representative I would represent the best interests of science students at the forefront of these issues. I plan to work hard at these issues as well as broader ones and fight for students interests.

I want to ensure that there is large, public green space available to students at the end of the U-Blvd and Sub renovation projects. This means both fighting to keep the grassy knoll and getting an assurance from those developing the land that there will be green space on campus.

This election, vote for someone who will stand up and take action.

Vote Geoff!
www.geoff-costeloe.blogspot.com

Clark Funnell

Hello UBC Science!!!

My name is Clark Funnell; I'm a third year chemistry student who's currently serving as one of SUS's representatives on AMS council. I'm asking for your vote so that I can continue to be a strong voice for Science students. To some of you, the AMS may not seem relevant. As a first-year student, I felt the same way. However, I've become much more informed about how the AMS operates and can assure you that its top priority is YOU, the student. The AMS offers a huge variety of services including safewalk, minischool, tutoring, and club space. However, new programs and initiatives can and should develop when there is a student interest or need. As AMS rep, I will ensure that any and all of your ideas or concerns are brought to council and will not be afraid to challenge the status quo!

Questions? clarkfunnell@gmail.com

Raymond Pan

My name is Raymond Pan and running for AMS Rep. As I am currently serving as a Senator At-Large, I feel that I can serve the students even better by being on council. I sit on many committees such as the Admission, Student Appeals on Academic Discipline, Academic Advising Issues Relating to Culturally-Diverse Student Body, and Academic Quality.

I have the passion to serve your needs by creating less stress than the current situation and providing a quality university experience. If elected, I will advocate a better compromise with the RCMP regarding with licensing alcohol issues. I will advocate for more funding for students with regards to teaching quality and bursaries. Also, I will make sure that your student fees are not spent in lavish ways, especially with the new SUB Renewal.

I have experience and dedication to AMS. Vote for RAYMOND PAN for AMS Representative.

Sonia Purewal

The AMS votes on policies that influence your student life and have the power to effectively lobby the university and government to improve the quality of your education. However, many students view the AMS as a bureaucracy and many are unaware of the proceedings of the organization. There is a gap in the communication. If I were to be elected I would insure that you would hear about major motions and policies changes before they are finalized so that your thoughts are taken into consideration. I want to focus on expanding AMS tutoring service to include help for students in upper level courses, to insure that any future changes to UPass fees and Translink services are brought to the attention of students before the vote and to lobby AGAINST student fee increases for services that are not used by all students such as the recent 31.5% increase in Athletics and Recreation fee. I will do everything within my power and will hold myself accountable to protect your interests within the AMS.

Chris Tarantino

Hey there again, my name is Chris Tarantino and I'd love to be your AMS Rep for next year. I've become quite familiar with the happenings of the AMS during my years at UBC, including proxying at this level before. If elected, I'll focus the AMS' attention on matters I think are relevant to Science students, including:

1. Ensuring students are able to access programs, majors, and courses that are their first choice, not their second or third.
2. Making sure any new SUB construction is done properly and cost effectively
3. Addressing two of the big problems on campus: inadequate housing and poor transportation quality
4. Better communicating what the AMS does for us students, and what we can do for the AMS
5. Increasing the quality of food offerings in the SUB (as an Italian, this concerns me).

VOTE TARANTINO FOR AMS REP!!!