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**"Confucius say, 'You go to jail, Bad Boy!' "**

*-Russell Peters*

# "U-Fail," Spencer Keys Announces To Translink

## U-Pass Scandal: AMS President Elect has phobia of buses

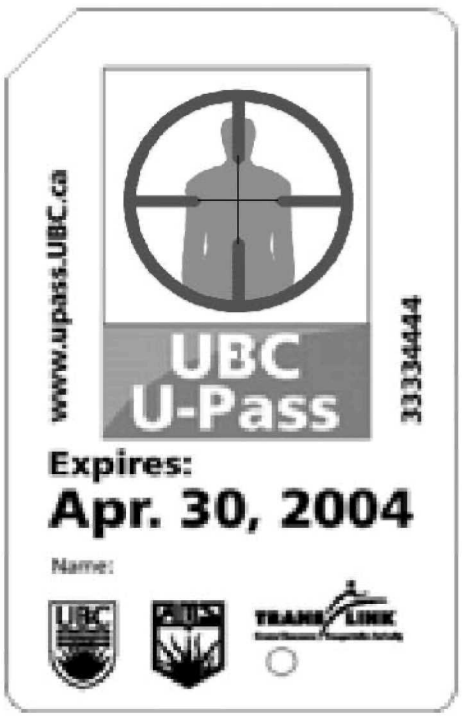
As has not been well publicized by the industrial machine that is UBC, a referendum is taking place from January 31 to February 7 to determine the fate of our beloved U-Pass. This annual ticket to transit paradise is now an endangered species: if the majority of voters in the referendum vote "No," or if fewer than 4,000 people vote, yet another knife will be driven into the financially crippled back of UBC students i.e. the U-Pass will cease to exist. If the majority votes "Yes," the U-Pass will perpetuate for an increased cost of $2 per month. In case you're confused, voting "Yes" is by far the lesser of two great evils.

And now the question: why this absurd desecration of rationality? Why would UBC not publicize a referendum that, without 4,000 voters, terminates our beloved U-Pass? The answer, once again, lies with the AMS Executive and specifically the newly elected President-to-be, Spencer Keys.

In a recent interview with the Ubyssey, Mr Keys revealed the shocking motives behind his deliberate mismanagement and concealment of the U-Pass Referendum.

When asked why the AMS was not publicizing this important referendum, which would affect over 15,000 students, Keys was quick to explain, "Well, as you well know, everything I do is in the best interest of the university's most important resource. Money. Wait no, no, the students! I love each and every one of them. They're like my children, except stupider and uglier and probably legitimate. Anyway, the referendum is not being publicized because I want to see the U-Pass terminated."

This announcement was clearly shocking. Currently the U-Pass has met with overwhelming success. In its first year alone, it has increased transit ridership by 53%, decreased greenhouse gas emissions by 16,000 tonnes, and saved the average commuting student nearly $800. With such a positive response, the decision to scrap the U-Pass program has left many students puzzled.




**U-Pass: Environmentally friendly time and money saver, or menace to student safety?**

In a later interview, Mr. Keys explained himself a little further.

"I just don't like it. Quite frankly, it reminds me of the phrase "up ass," which as an outwardly straight man I must appear to disapprove of. In addition, it requires the use of public transit. Can you not see the tie which I sport jauntily yet which adds an air of seriousness to my appearance? Do you not understand that I must not share transit with mere mortals? It might sully my presidential aura, or worse - cause a debacle of debate-competition-sham proportions! Imagine! My campaign manager would have my neck! Besides, how am I to commandeer AMS funds towards a presidential helicopter fleet if there's already a paid alternative? Dubya got a 6.1 billion dollar chopper fleet, all I'm asking for is one or two so that I can buzz about the city calling myself chopper 9-point-1. The ladies love that shiznit, as it is referred to."

Others feel the President's indignation towards the U-Pass program stems from deep-seated psychological problems involving childhood bus trauma or possibly an Oedipus complex. When confronted on these issues, Keys was quite forthcoming in his response.

"Well, a couple of weeks ago I watched the movie *Speed*, and it got me thinking. What if that happened to a bus here? What if my beloved students got stuck on a bus that was about to explode? I'm afraid I cannot take that risk. From now on, UBC students will stay off the buses. As for the Oedipus complex, I don't know where that idea came from. Do I look like I would kill my father and sleep with my mother? Just because I am against parental stipulations on student loans, does not mean I would murder my dad."

The interviewer proceeded to correct Keys' logic, saying that even with no U-Pass, students will continue to take the bus; they will just have to pay more, which drew this response from Keys, "Not true: I'm in the process of contracting snipers to be positioned on the roof of the SRC as an extra deterrent. Any student seen attempting to board a bus will be shot on site… for their own good. The buses are just too dangerous."

As the session continued, the interviewer brought up Mr. Keys' alleged addiction to Extra-Strength Tylenol, upon which Mr Keys ended their intercourse prematurely.

Outside the AMS office, the interviewer remarked on the U-Pass situation. "It was obvious to me that Mr. Keys is strong in his conviction, and, whether drug-induced or not, he'll do anything to see the U-Pass destroyed. What's next? No library card, so we can't be swept off our feet by Shakespeare's romantic sonnets? No gym pass, so we can't be swept off our feet by the running machine that's going too fast? No Ski and Board Club membership card, so we can't be swept off our feet by our complete lack of balance due to beautiful one-dollar beers? No! There may come a day when students are herded like cattle around campus, told what to do and how to do it, but it is not this day! So, rise up (figuratively, we don't want anyone to get sued) and vote "Yes" in the U-Pass referendum. It will save money, the environment, and a little of this university's dignity."

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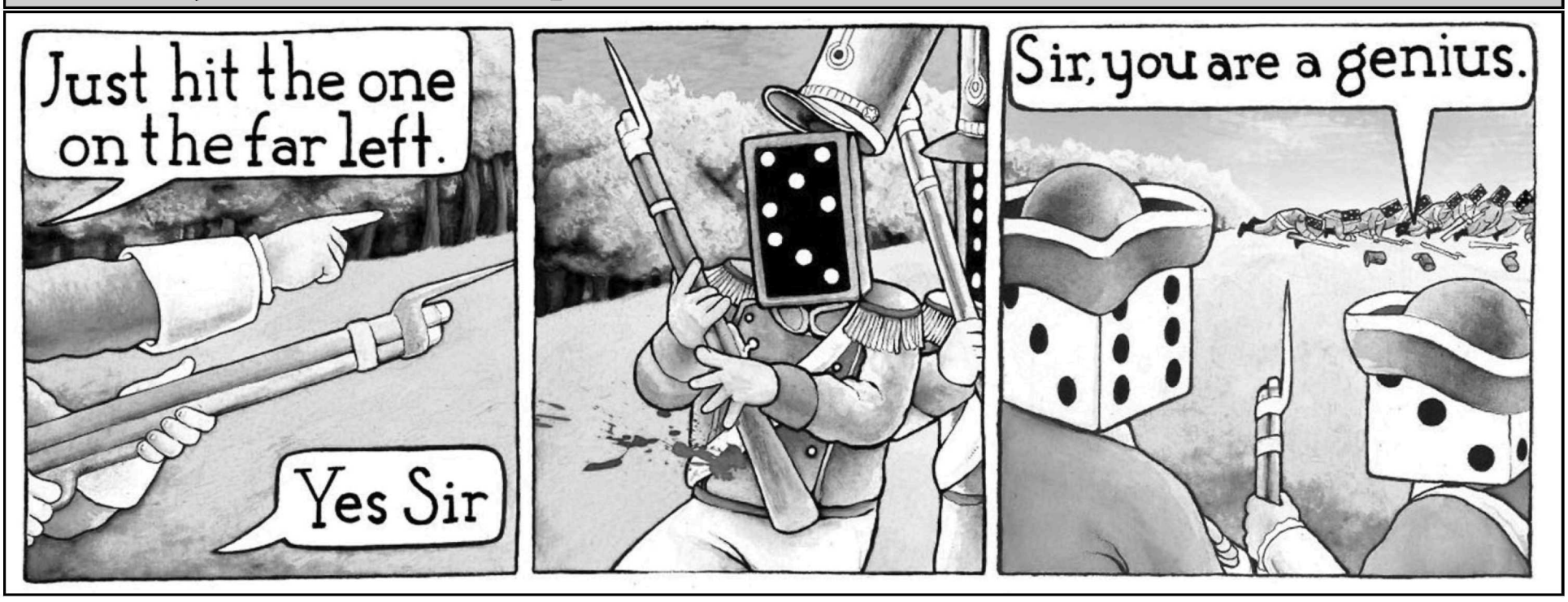

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# 100 Things To Do Over Reading Break

1. Recover from the Buck-A-Beaker
2. Climb the fence and take one last swim in Empire Pool before it gets demolished
3. Kiss Jon Lam
4. Kiss Martha Piper
5. Visit the Museum of Anthropology
6. Visit your TA. Ignore restraining orders
7. Steal the Science lab rat
8. Do a happy dance
9. Buy liquid nitrogen from Chem Stores
10. Make up a backup plan for when you don't get into Med School
11. Throw away all your homework, and pretend the dog ate it
12. Visit Special Collections at UBC Library and read old copies of the 432 or the Red Rag (the predecessor of the nEUSpaper)
13. Run around the mall like a maniac, and see how long you can evade capture
14. Ordain yourself as a minister online at the beer church
15. Walk backwards for a day
16. Go to the bookstore and talk to the Mac guy. Pretend you want to buy a Mac. Get him to explain all the different models, different options, etc. Ask complex questions, as well as mundane ones. At the end, say that you were just looking and that you bought a computer from Mac Station earlier that day
17. Go beg on the corner of Main and East Hastings. Have a contest with a friend, and see who can collect the most money in a specific time period without getting beat up. Give the money away.
18. Go to the UBC Botanical Gardens and find the Monkshood (also known as Wolfsbane). Do not eat. Alternatively, find the Datura, or Angel's Trumpet
19. Hug a Doug(las fir)
20. Get a copy of the Underground and circle all of the mistakes and inaccuracies. Send it back to them
21. Write a sonnet
22. Make a new friend.
23. Make a collage. Naked people optional
24. Eat a meal that contains two, and not more than two, instances of each food group
25. Solve a math problem for fun
26. Ask your TA out. Once again, ignore the restraining order
27. Only communicate in the form of "I spy with my little eye" for the whole week
28. Do that homework that was due last month
29. Celebrate Christmas in February
30. Cross the border. Buy milk. Come back
31. Read the Bible
32. Read the Karma Sutra
33. Compare
34. Write a letter to Spencer Keys telling him your opinion on anything and everything to do with the AMS
35. Write a letter to George "Dubya" Bush telling him your opinion on anything and everything to do with the US
36. Write a letter to Osama Bin Laden. See where it gets delivered to by placing a small GPS tracking chip inside
37. Run the Heart Healthy route in the Endowment Lands
38. Look up the (1927) Solvay Conference and see how many names you recognize from your textbooks
39. Research where butterflies go when it rains
40. Learn to write your name in at least three other languages
41. Do all of your math homework using Roman Numerals
42. Make an elastic band chain
43. Learn to knit
44. Fly a kite
45. Phone your grandmother
46. Write a letter to your grade two pen pal
47. Talk to your neighbour and wish him or her a good day
48. Read
49. Write an article for the 432
50. Find a copy of the ResErection to read the other 50 things

Bob the Angry Flower By Stephen Notley (http://angryflower.com)

# A Science Week Recap: A Week In The Life Of The Lab Rat

**Monday**

The first day of Science Week always gets me going. I almost forgot how much fun it was. Sure, it was stressful; setting up and organizing it, but I think overall I had a lot of fun and I was in an excited state all day.

The SUB was so sciency. Science Frontiers and Psi-Factor were happening outside and they managed to draw out a big crowd, which was awesome. I'm really glad the first years were able to put together such a successful event. I was being really happy and running around a lot.

You know, people always say I've got a lot of energy. You remember in high school when you got people to sign your yearbooks? Well mine always had messages like "Damn, your body is fucking hot" and "I want your sexy body. NOW." But besides those ones, I remember a lot of people telling me "Your positive energy is awesome," "You're really good at making people smile and laugh," "You have contagious enthusiasm," "You're always smiling and that makes people around you happy." Those made me feel good. I mean, I always figured I was an attention whore but it seems I can use it for the powers of good. Nowhere was this more apparent than today, while promoting Science Week. Man, I was totally born as mascot material.

I handed out handbills and laughed and greeted everybody I met. I hugged random people and gave them Science Week 432s. It was so much fun. Fun. and draining, but I loved every minute of it, especially when people smiled back or said thank you when I wished them happy Science Week and gave them stuff.

Around that time, I went to the AMS offices and handed out 432s, and waved at random people and hugged more random people. Except I hated it when people tried to walk by me and ignore me. What the fuck? How can you ignore a giant lab rat? At least wave back or smile or say Hi or give it a hug when you see it. That being said, I expect all of you to treat your mascots with more love and respect. It's hard work. Not to mention that it was fricken HOT in there. It was like a sauna, and you know, for the first time ever, I

think I actually had to use my eyebrows for what Mother Nature intended them to be used for. Gross.

**Tuesday**

Did I mention that today was a most awesome second day of Science Week?Well it was.

I had class early in the morning and it was really really boring as usual. I was nodding off in class for a while and I wasn't sure if it was because I've only been getting 3 hours of sleep for the last week, or if was because the class was actually that boring. I think it was the latter. Anyway, when we got a break around 10:00, I bolted and headed to SUS to help with the open house... although it didn't seem like they needed much help: there was nobody there. I ended up taking a 20-minute nap on the couches before I had to wake up again and go to my next class.

About halfway through class we took a break and I left early again to help set up the Prof Show.

The Prof Show was amazing. It went so well it almost makes me cry when I think about it. It was definitely the most popular and well-attended Prof Show we've ever seen. Heck, Mike said it was the most popular and well-attended Science Week event he'd ever seen. Everything went so well. The acts were good, the turnout was AMAZING. I think we had about 500 people show up and that's no exaggeration. I'm so proud and slightly disturbed by how obsessed students are with their profs…

Dr. Bingle and Comissarow were so funny. They performed an adaptation of Romeo and Juliet. Bruce Todd and his buds did their gun-cotton thingy again. Dr. Love told chem jokes, Dr. Maclean sang, Dr. Cassidy made animal noises. It was so much fun and a good laugh was had by all. Many laughs in fact. The Bachleorette skit was great. The whole show went off amazingly. Sure the show was kind of rushed near the end and a few minor setbacks, but I think all those things paled in comparison to the success.

At the beginning of the show we were kind of rushed too. We were actually running late to begin but that was because *SOOOO* many people showed up and we had to take their donations, give them free pop and raffle tix. We ran out of free pop early though. I collected donations at the door and gave out program guides (we ran out of those too...) it was just mind-boggling, although I think we could have raised a little bit more money. I definitely got a lot of people to donate. I'd like to think it was because of my good looks and charm, but we all know what I look like.

So a big big big thank you to all of you who showed up and helped make this the best Science Week I've ever had. This day alone makes my week. <3

Eventually I went to SUS to procrastinate a bit and do nothing, although I can now reproduce a periodic table up to Z=109. ... I am so geeky. Sports committee showed up a while later to work on Science Olympics stuff and Jell-O Wrestling organizers came by too. I tried to help out randomly and do no work. It was fun. You know, it made realize the real reason I love SUS. I don't think I really knew it before, but now that I've given it some thought, I'm pretty sure Science Week is the main reason I love SUS. I remember Science Week in First year was so much fun. I went to so many events and even won that gift certificate at..... The Prof Talent Show!

So anyway, back in the SUS office, Dennis and Mike wanted to test out the inflatable pool that they wanted to use for Jell-O wrestling. After rummaging around for a while, they found the pool and started to pump it... with a hand pump.... by hand. Seriously. That thing was meant to blow up balloons, not 600L inflatable pools. Argh, that basically made no progress so I suggested that they go to a Superstore or something and pick up a foot pump. They figured the closest Superstore was in Richmond, but neither Dennis nor Mike knew how to get around in Richmond very well, so they ended up dragging me along.

Ironically we never ended up going to Richmond, and ironically we ended up going to my house... in Surrey. It was the most random thing ever. But it was an awesome roadtrip! What ended up happening was that Dennis found out that there was another Superstore on Marine Drive and he decided to go to that one at the last minute. At first I was like, "Um... what the hell, why did you drag me along then?"

It turns out it was my destiny to get dragged along!!! =O

When we got to the Superstore we looked around and asked around to no avail: Superstore didn't sell and pumps or inflatable pools, especially not during this time of year... Disheartened yet unwilling to return empty-handed, Mike suggested that we drive down a bit further to see if we could find another place to buy a pump... eventually we ended up FAR, like Marine Way and Boundary. I don't remember how it came up but we decided to go to my house in Surrey to borrow my foot pump. It was so random.

Anyway, we got back to SUS with my foot-pump from home and started to blow up the pool and clean all the dried up brown Jell-O that was stuck on from last year. Gross. It was hard to blow them up because there was a big hole that could be used to let out air. It was supposed to have a cap or a cork or something but we couldn't find it so we were freaking out about how to plug up the hole... eventually I saved the day by finding the whole bag of rubber stoppers to plug up the hole. Then we let the inflating and cleaning continue. Oh yeah, at one point, there was plug on the bottom of the pool that we thought we were supposed to fill up the floor of the pool with. So we all took turns pumping in air with our feet and after a while nothing happened. After a loooong while we were like "What the heck, why is this taking so long, is there a leak?" So we turned the tub over and realized that the valve actually opened to the outside. The valve was meant to drain the pool and we had spent the last half and hour pumping air into nothing but more air. Man we felt dumb. Eventually we got it cleaned, inflated and ready to go... well mostly... Then we all went home and went to bed.

**Wednesday**

Another Science Day gone...

I love being the rat, it's so much fun and I can put a lot of energy into it. The really crappy part was that I can't talk while I'm inside of it. Usually the rat has a partner, somebody who goes around with them and interprets for him. The person outside is supposed to speak for the rat and interpret his actions. But today I was going without backup most of the day.

That was okay though because Jell-O Wrestling was so much fun! So much sweet slippery action! No words can truly describe the awesomeness that is Jell-O Wrestling. I hope you all got to see for yourselves, and if you didn't… well, better luck next year.

The Keynote was also tonight. It was actually interesting and involved about as much science as politics and wit. Dr. Pauly was a fun guy. The speech was about marine conservation or something and how we all suck and the oceans are all gonna die. He compared it to the story of Easter Island which had at one point been a fertile land inhabited by colonizers from the continent. The Easter Islanders developed into a prosperous and cultured civilization. The pinnacle of this development was the creation of the giant Eater Island head statues. These heads were apparently some kind of prestigious symbol and so everybody started making them. Of course, either before or after you made them you had to move the stone to its designated location, and to do that, you needed logs to roll the statues along. Well, eventually the islanders became so obsessed with this statue making, they devoted more and more time, but also more and more trees. They had to cut down more trees to make the log rollers until eventually they had to cut down all the trees. ***All*** the trees. Then they had no wood so they couldn't build houses to live in or boats to fish in or anything like that... so their culture collapsed.

The end. What a great story!

**Thursday**

Today started off so slow. Tuesdays and Thursday usually do. After class though, I brought a bunch of friends to the Science Week booth and made them all buy Cold Fusion tickets. After that it was off to the Chemistry Magic Show! I love the Chemistry Magic Show, really I do. It has a special place in my heart. It would have a specialer place if the first three rows weren't always reserved for invited elementary school classes. After looking at more glowing reactions than were good for my eyes, and hearing more exploding reaction than were good for my ears, the show was over and I was left with numbed senses and the conclusion that kids are way too smart these days.

**Friday**

[Memory Cleared]

– Courtesy of Cold Fusion]

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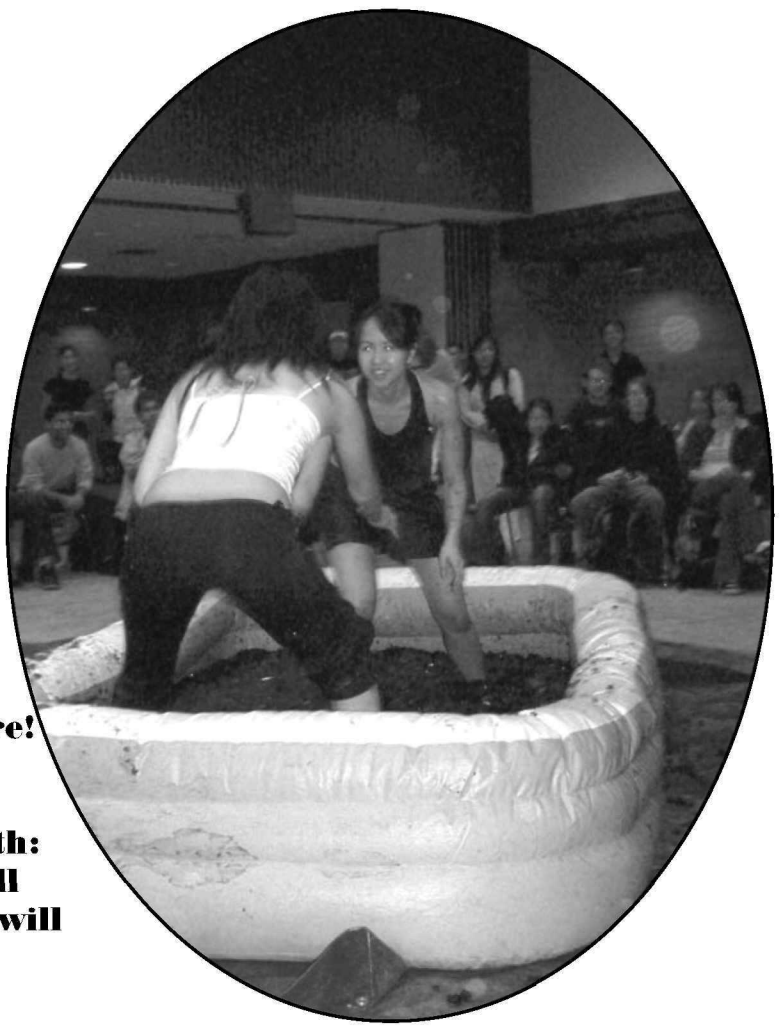
# Three Cheers For

**Well another Science Week has come and gone and what a smashing success it's been! Hopefully everyone managed to catch at least five events, or for the underachievers out there, at least one. Word on the street is that this has been one of the most successful Science Weeks in recent memory, and for good reason! SUS VP External Mike Long has worked long and hard (no pun intended) to bring this year's events to all of you out there. Along with his committee's support, Science Week volunteers and the general interest and enthusiasm from the student population, we've made a Science Week to remember. So thanks again to all of you, yes YOU, all you Science Week Heroes out there who did your part. We love you very much and we'll see you all next year!**

Science Students making stuff at Science Frontiers

Dynamic Duo: Lab Rat and Science Boy!



Jell-O galore! The crowd awaits with baited breath: Who will fall first?! Who will look sexier covered in Jell-O?

Psi-Factor: Blended up McHappy Meals! The McBreakfast of McChampions!

I love you, Lab Rat! Kiss me!

Volunteers chill out at Cold Fusion

# Science Week 2005!

The CSPA Science Olympics team celebrating their victory

He finally won the AMS Presidency, but can Spencer Keys prove himself outside the political ring?

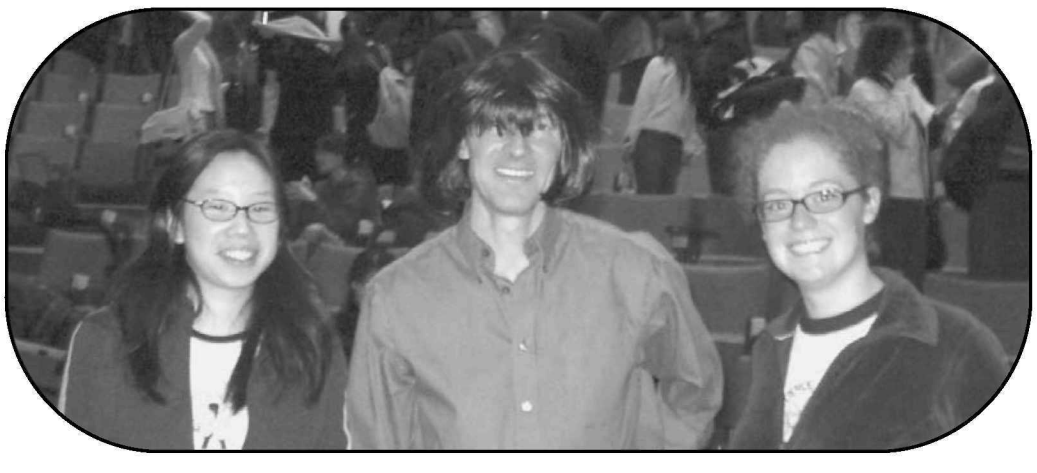
First years feed hungry students at the FYC Science Week BBQ

Chemistry does it again: Two time Science Olympic Champions!

RAWR: HULK SMASH!

Mr. Science Week, Mike Long Rocking out at Cold Fusion

Dye the Prof! Dr. Brownsey wears his Science Blue wig



# Mmmmm... Bittery Goodness

**Jordana Laporte**

*Bitter like a bitter sandwich*

Every school year roughly this time I feel it is important for me to establish the sole cause of my troubles, the thorn in my side... the bane of my existence (BME). It's important because about this point in every school year I start to lose my focus on why I signed up for this, as I'm sure many of you do. At this time, I am bothered (more than normal due to the fact that I am graduating this year and anticipation is high), by annoying people, places, events, or irrelevant details and need to vent my frustrations by finding a scapegoat. I seek to elect one particular item that will represent to me the reason why this school year is rounding out to be unsatisfying, irritating and seemingly pointless.

What is this ongoing stressor in my life? Why the anger? Why the shaking of my fist forcefully in the air? Well, I'll tell you and perhaps it will help you to alleviate some of your personal inner turmoil. This persistent problem is the bane of my existence and by identifying what exactly it is my world will have closure (at least for another year).

The BME is usually determined to be a confined system of events, persons and policies, but can be a specific individual if absolutely necessary, which it has been in past years at times of utter frustration. Normally, I reserve the award of Arch Enemy (AE) for specific persons, an award given out at multiple times throughout the year, to multiple people. You know these individuals, they're the annoying dorks and overachievers you meet on the bus, in class, at home or at a party and you instantly feel that the launching of a significantly large book into the back of their head would bring you immediate gratification. A person of this nature is your AE. Embrace that fact. Identify your AE today.

I have the feeling that the revelation of this year's BME will not yield an individual, though I have encountered many AEs throughout the year, none were so intense as to qualify for the prestigious BME title. Deciding upon this year's BME will be tough for me, as there are so many options. Will it be the University of British Columbia (former BME) for delaying the transfer of my credits, forcing me to drop and add 2 courses without knowing if that was the right decision and raising my level of anxiety to well above its maximum? Maybe. Could the BME be Mother Nature, in turning my favourite, traditionally mild, city into a suitable backdrop for the Ice Capades or the set of Bing Crosby's Holiday Inn? Mother Nature sure got on my nerves this year, as I left Ontario anticipating sunny days and was almost instantaneously shutdown by snow, ice, freezing rain and above all COLD. Should I blame Mother Nature for my discontent or should I focus on the fools who told me that all I'd need when I came to the coast was a sweater and a raincoat? Hmm, tough decision.

How about my laptop? Sure, it's cooperating now, but there were times when it along with my printer, wireless notebook card and all the fixin's were nearly propelled from my window to kiss the sweet, solid pavement below. My laptop could be the BME for general disregard for my psychological health, causing incidences of paranoia, stress and severe mental breakdown. Several accounts come to mind: freezing during a major assignment, erasure of data, failing to recognize hardware, when clearly the said hardware was present and accounted for, sporadic colour changes of the screen, excessive noise when in idle mode and a sloth-like approach to daily tasks. Definitely two thumbs down for my laptop, but does it really merit the BME? Alas, no. After racking my brain for (well, let's be honest) minutes, I have the perfect BME. The sole nuisance causing continued distress this year is none other than . . . construction! Yes, that's it, construction! You've all seen it; the campus has been consumed by trucks, machinery, people in hardhats, and noise. From the 7 am wakeup call everyday as workmen hammer, drill, yell and transport materials, to the cement trucks blocking my path as I am biking to class, to the tire-tracked mud everywhere on campus, to the destruction of beautiful nature, construction at UBC is the BANE OF MY EXISTENCE!! I live on campus next to one of these glorious sites, where there is constant noise, whether it be from actual construction, from the workers at play or that beep-beep sound as the trucks plough down the tiny streets with a new shipment of crap to generate more noise. This year I have heard, witnessed, lived and breathed construction, and it has in turn tormented me.

I blame UBC for the sale of the land and the commissioning of new projects; I blame the workers, the architects, the construction companies, the manufacturers of supplies and trucks, the city planners and finally capitalism! The whole damn system is my scapegoat this year and above all the other irritants in life, construction takes the cake. So, congratulations construction, you win, I surrender (like I ever had a choice), you are the next worthy recipient of the award for the bane of my existence. You join a long list of BME winners and gain a 'special' place in my heart. I thrust my waving fist in your direction! Bravo.

I feel better.

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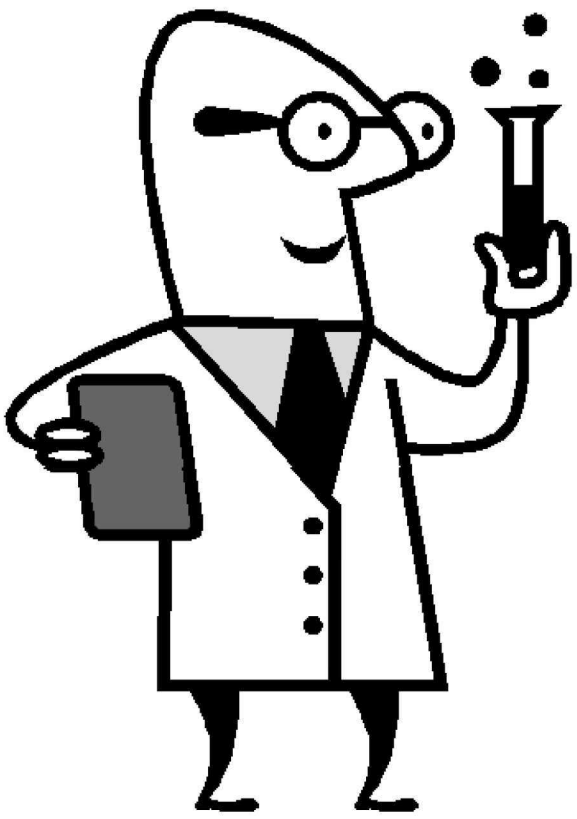

What: 3rd annual UCS Sublimation clubbing event
Where: Luce Club & Wine Bar ~ 686 West Hastings
When: Friday, February 18, '05 ~ 10pm – 3am
Music: Hip Hop, R&B, Reggae Dancehall
Tickets: Available from Chem 126A & Execs
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# The Drawers of SUS

## Vanessa Ho

### Director of Sports

Hey there – Holy Moley, It's February and boy have we had an incredible month full of activities! Thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication. Here's a recap of what's been going on for SUS sports:

1) Term 2 leagues are now in full swing. An awesome new addition to UBC REC this term is the Dodgeball league. Rainfest registration ends Friday, February 4th.

2) On Thursday, January 20th, SCIENCE stormed Winterfest 2005!!! Five teams from Science: Chemical Warfare, CSPA, the Usual SUSpects, the Unusual SUSpects and Whole Lotta Wild, joined fellow UBC students at the Thunderbird Ice centre for a fun night of slippin' and slidin'. Some of the highlights included European Handball where Whole lotta wild ended up tieing up the game against the Usual SUSpects in the last minute of play. Caf tray hockey was a blast with us all maneuvering ourselves on caf trays while trying to score on the net with mini hockey sticks. Human bowling was tons of fun with us all trying to calculate the angle at which we could hit all the pins in one sweep while trying hard not to slam into the wall. Thanx to the REC staff and the CVC teams for helping us in this endeavor. And a HUGE thank you to all that came out. =)

3) YAY, the sports jerseys are IN. Thanx to Jim and Sharon for helping us design the logos. If you're a science student who plays in intramurals and dying to show off your Science spirit then come by LSK 202 and get a sweet looking' "Science Athletics" shirt for the price of $10. How could you resist?!?!

4) Science week was amazing!!! The Prof. Talent Show, Psi factor, Quiz bowl, Jello wrestling, Cold Fusion and of course Science Olympics. On Friday, January 28th we were blessed with sunshine and from 12-1pm 6 enthusiastic teams, Micromaji, Where is my cow? UCS, K-Grimers, CSPA, and BPP, came out to the SUB south plaza and had a wacky time competing in events like the Skateboard boat race, the all time favorite Giant ski race, Polymerization – a 6 person seven-legged race, and Monocyte Tag which mixed tag, water balloons, and newspapers all together! Congratulations to UCS for coming in first the 2nd year in a row!! Thanx to all the teams for their enthusiasm and high spirits. A special thank you to the sports committee and volunteers for all their hard work in the planning, setting up and cleaning up. Hope you all had a blast!

It's been fun ~ Vanessa

## Anna Marie Bueno

### Social Coordinator

As another Science Week comes and goes, so too does Cold Fusion. T'was quite the event. Thank you to all who came (particularly the Kamloops duo) and an even GREATER thank you to all who made Cold Fusion happen. You all have made my job so much easier. Those who stuck it out to the end, you amaze me and you are my heroes. You have hearts of gold and I cannot express how thankful I am for your kindness and generosity. For the three years straight I have done this, I am still in awe of those who have consistently been there to lend a hand. Cheers to an awesome Science Week. Mike Long, you've done wonderful things; all the volunteers including the executives and council members, your time and dedication are greatly valued and appreciated.

## Justine Chan

### PRO

Wow! The insanity has finally passed…and I must say, a job well done. Science Week 2005 was a huge success. Big pat on the back to everyone who took part – be it volunteering or attending the events. I myself had the pleasure of putting together the first ever 'Dye the Professor' charity event, with all proceeds going towards the Inner City Science Education Initiative – a very worthy cause. This initiative serves to introduce those less fortunate children to nature and science through funding field trips to the Aquarium, and the AquaVan outreach program. I'd like to thank all the good-spirited professors and instructors who agreed to wearing the Science wig should their class raise the most money. We had a total of 7 participants and raised a total of $379.32 from this event alone. Not bad for a first-timer. However, I am very confident that after seeing Dr. Roger Brownsey, our first ever 'Dye the Prof' winner, wear the Science wig, every Science prof will want to participate next year. =) Thanks to y'all who contributed for your generosity! I look forward to meeting more of you at our next event =D Happy studying kids!

# Be An Elections Administrator!

Want to be a Dictator? Well...we're not looking for one but here is something better. SUS will be appointing an Election Administrator on February 10 at 1pm in the Council Chambers.

The Election Administrator job is to take care of the upcoming Executive Elections. If you are interested and want more information, please get a hold of you VP Internal at andrewth83@hotmail.com.

## Reka Pataky

### Director of Finance

Dearest Science students,

Thank you for making this year's Science Week absolutely fantastic. When I finish recuperating from this terrible flu that I picked up on Thursday (thankfully, it was after Jell-O wrestling, or else I'd have been mighty upset), I'll finish sorting out the Science Week finances and actually write a real exec report.

Sincerely,

Reka

PS. Vote YES in the AMS U-Pass referendum before Friday the 4th, or else I won't have a cheap way of getting to school in order to be able to sort out said finances in future.

## Andrew Thamboo

### VP Internal

My term as VP Internal is almost over (about 1.5 months left) and still so much to get done before its over. We are setting up a Science Survey that will allow us to determine the academic concerns of Science students. It is key to determine this so that we can address the Dean about our concerns. With a survey, SUS will know what your concerns are rather than assuming what your concerns are.

For First Years: look for Beyond First Year to come back. This event, which is usually held during Science Week, is an opportunity to determine what possible Majors are out there. This event will take place early March and look for updates in the near future.

## Patricia Lau

### President

Yay Science Week! I hope everyone went to at least one event last week and had a great time. Congratulations to Mike Long for running a fantastic, and best ever yet Science Week and Anna-Marie Bueno for throwing a kick ass and very successful Cold Fusion. And, kudos to all the members of the Science Week and Social Committees for their hard work!

On the SUS front, the Social Space is chugging along as usual, with construction expected to commence in the Spring. That means that this time next year we could be hanging out in a brand new building with 6000+ square feet dedicated for your use.

Additionally, the SUS Executive elections are coming up in March so watch out for more information about nomination form deadlines. If you have any questions about any of the executive roles feel free to email that exec directly or me at

pwlau@interchange.ubc.ca

Lastly, don't forget to vote in the AMS Referendum, going on RIGHT NOW at www.ams.ubc.ca/elections. In addition to several important issues, the fate of the U-Pass is in your hands!

## Mike Long

### VP External

Wow, what an amazing Science Week!! Countless hours of organization finally feel like they've paid off. Our events were well attended, we amassed a large amount of money for our charity, and we successfully promoted the Faculty of Science as the best Faculty at UBC!!! What more can I ask for? Here, rather than getting into a self-congratulatory back-patting spiel, I would like to extend my greatest appreciation for my Committee; they were incredible, and besides, they did all the real work anyway. I would especially like to thank a handful of my Committee who took on a role far exceeding what was expected: Francis and Dennis for driving around aimlessly to gather our various supplies, Sarah for practically living at the Science Week booth, Chris and Mike for always being right there when something needed to be done, and Lisa and Kiran for putting in the effort to pull out what was in my opinion the most well attended and arguably the most successful Science Week event ever, the Professor Talent Show (not to mention their hard work stapling together various Science Week promotional items… hehe… sorry, inside joke).

Some of the highlights from Science Week 2005:

-Running two new events: Science Frontiers and a Scavenger Hunt, which featured a extremely popular 1st place prize, an iPod Mini (won by Jessica Ng)!

-Filling the Norm Theatre to capacity for the Professor Talent Show!

-Having a last minute bid off for our silent auction Kaplan MCAT course (Won by Fergus To), with all proceeds going to our charity!

-Dr. Brownsey wearing a blue wig for the duration of Science Week!

-Having the incoming AMS Executive going toe-to-toe in a pool full of Jell-O!

-Jessica Piper winning the Princeton Review MCAT course at Dr. Pauly's moving Keynote Lecture on Fish Conservation!

-Compiling approximately $6500 in cash and prize donations from some 15 sponsors!

-Learning the biology and projectile physics of the human body following the consumption of 2L of blue milk!

-Actually selling out of bzzr at our enormously successful Cold Fusion concert, featuring Default and Stabilo!

-Last but not least, a crazy guy painted in blue with a megaphone…need I say more…?

That's all I can think of, although there are many more highlights that I am surely missing. Thank you again to my Committee, and also to all of you who came out and showed off your Science spirit at Science Week 2005!! We couldn't have done it without you. You gave me fond memories of what was Science Week, and made my job as Science Week Chair seem worthwhile! Please send me any constructive comments of what you thought about Science Week to mjlong@interchange.ubc.ca. Your feedback will help us to better shape Science Week in the future years!

All the best,

Mike :o)

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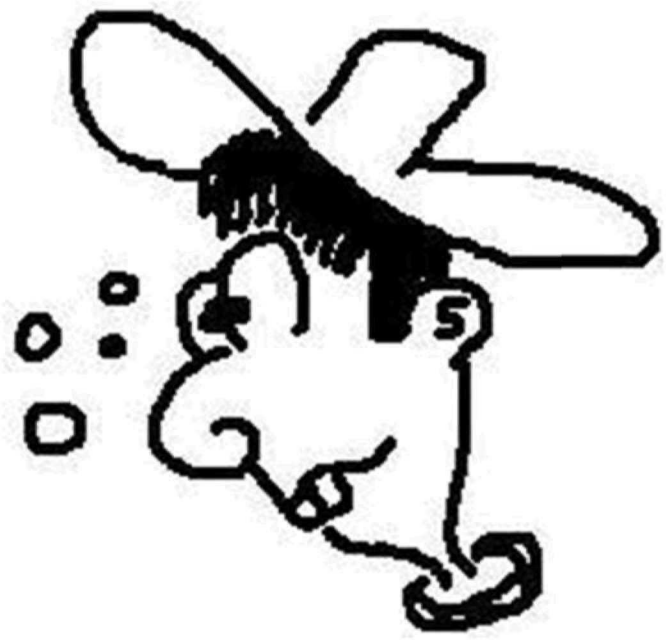
# Write for the 432!

# SAVE THE U-PASS!!!



**Quick Facts:**

- The referendum will decide whether the U-Pass program remains with a $2/month increase, or whether it is cancelled altogether.
- The U-Pass has saved 16, 000 tonnes in greenhouse gas emissions.
- In its first year, it increased transit usage by 53%.
- For more information, visit: http://www.upass.ubc.ca

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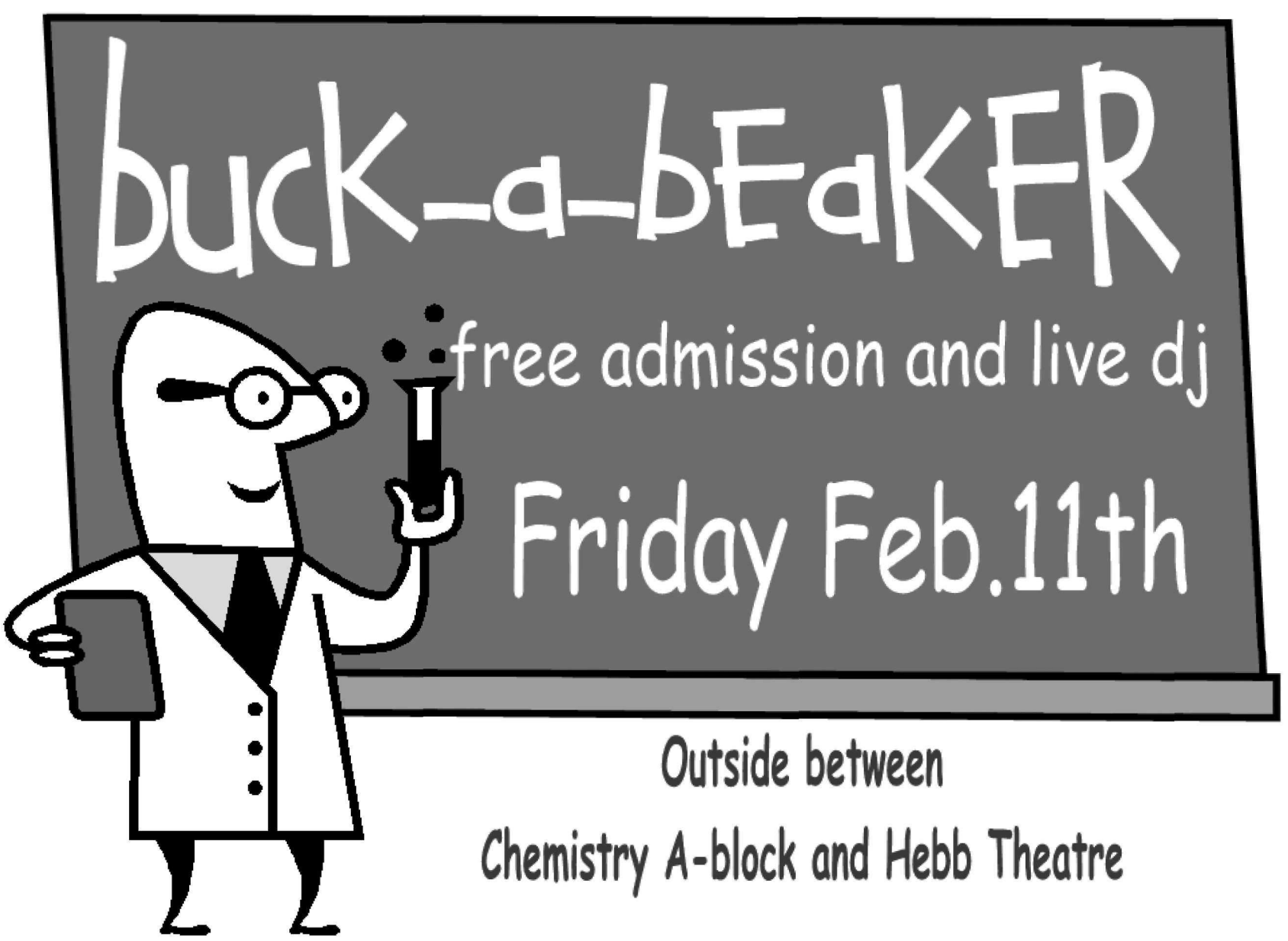
# HEY EVERYONE! IT'S BACK