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And so much more...

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to prosper."

-Benjamin Franklin

Hype Surrounds New iPod Product

-Saint Louis, AP

The scrutiny of the portable music industry and multiple human rights agencies has once again turned to Apple. Amidst rampant rumours and speculation circulating the internet, Apple has thus far released few details regarding its newest developmental release to the portable music sector.

In a press conference Saturday, Steve Jobs hinted at a vastly improved player capacity in the "Three to 1,000 terabyte range," with a "highly evolved biochemical energy system that far exceeds the primitive lithium ion batteries of the current generation..."

With the release of this product, all of the other companies that are marketing these so-called 'iPod killers' will be out of business, since anybody who follows through would be committing a felony under US and Canadian law. In fact, even threatening to release an 'iPod killer' could land any offending company in jail.

Jobs also alluded to the media upload process as "the most innovative feature yet, with an 'always-on' interface that forms roaming ad-hoc networks with any system that has adequate signal strength in the 20Hz-20KHz range."

In an unexpected move, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has wholeheartedly endorsed the product due to its purported ability to preferentially play back catchy jingles and Top 40 hits. However, RIAA has continued to reserve its right to sue the iPod player and its owner for any intellectual property infringement.

Dubbed the iPod Sapien, a brief specification sheet shows that the average weight of the player would be between 168-183 lb, with heavier models sporting increased continuous playback duration, offsetting lower lifespan and higher risk of sudden failure. Other notable features include a regeneration system for physical damage, self-locomotion, and a premium 'chauffeur' option.

Features in development such as 'generate monetary income' currently face substantial licensing issues with the

federal government. Later releases will support quasi-video playback, with scenes of extreme sexuality, violence and explosions replaced with mimed equivalents.

Despite the use of non-swappable skins, Apple offers a wide variety of branded 'clothes' that can be used to customize the Sapien. The Sapien appears to be the most advanced portable entertainment system ever slated for commercial release.

Initial reviews leaked to the internet were far less glowing. Reports point to inconsistent playback times ranging from a few hours up to 72 continuous hours. Playback was reported to be spotty, rife with tonal errors, difficulty playing songs with vocals in a certain gender, or issues with reproduction of extremely high/low frequencies.

Players tended to die a slow death with skipping, static, and playback errors that increased in frequency until ultimately crashing. One tester reportedly said, "At one point she, I mean the Sapien, just kept repeating the chorus to 'Crazy Train.' Everybody knows that 'Crazy Train' is the best song ever, but the Sapien just kept looping until I initiated a hard reboot."

Beta players also suffered through very slow charge times on the scale of two hours of standby/sleep for every hour of use. Testers also complained about the unpredictable firmware, which did not permit downgrading and often did not support multiple languages.

More disturbing rumours also point to the possibility of pre-installed rootkits that could threaten the physical integrity of nearby non-Apple devices as well as any other easily-negotiable assets. However, Apple remains optimistic that the product will keep the company in a dominant industry position using "19th century smarts applied to 21st century sensibilities."

Jobs declined to comment on Apple's recent material acquisitions in third world countries. The release date and price of the iPod Sapien has not yet been set.

Dance Dance Revolution

Due to the alarming inability of couples to keep their hands off one another in classes, UBC is planning a new course that will be a requirement for all first year students. The new course will be titled "Dr. Relationship" or "How I learned to keep my hands off my girlfriend and love the prof".

Professors across all faculties are applauding the new course. Said Physics prof Barney Glotz, "It is so distracting to see a couple in my class whispering and giggling. If they were if they were being a more entertaining I wouldn't mind so much, but as is they are only distracting everyone without providing any real entertainment."

Included in the course will be a mandatory "Dance Lab". It was brought to the university administration's attention that many UBC students, especially those of a certain pasty complexion and masculine gender, have a lack of dance skills. The lab will be held on Friday and Saturday nights at the Pit.

Dance styles to be taught in the lab component include salsa, swing, and break dancing. Line dancing was included in the original syllabus, but was removed when organizers remembered that they were trying to increase the quality of dance around campus, not decrease it. It was also feared that an associated decrease in fashion sense would accompany the line dancing section as students seize the opportunity to pull out cowboy paraphernalia. With the recent "thong above pants" trend recently quenched and ugg boots still relatively popular, authorities are unwilling to do anything that would encourage similarly heinous fashion trends.

Government officials are encouraging the course as they feel it will be a good way to boost the low birth rates that Canada has seen in recent years. Premier Gordon Campbell is convinced that a return to old fashioned wooing techniques is just what the doctor ordered to get British Columbians to keep maintaining the population size.

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The Joy of Flem

Not to be confused with the Joy of Cooking

Colleen Atherton

Editrix

Reading Week

A time for fun, travel, and relaxation, unless you are me. Whilst the rest of you were out gallivanting, or at least catching up on all the homework you had neglected, I was making out with dummies. No, you sick bastard, I wasn't taking advantage of those with lower intelligence, it was a first aid course! Oh, the joys of CPR.

Disease

My body has finally rebelled against my

drunken, sleep deprived existence and my lungs have decided to wage a war of independence against my body. Usually my immune system manages to be a fairly good negotiator and reconcile the differences between myself and my organs. Unfortunately, as part of the hostile action, my lungs kidnapped and murdered my immune system and have been unwilling to come to any negotiations. Offerings of more sleep, less alcohol, and cold medication have been repeatedly rejected by my lungs. I would be glad to grant my lungs sovereignty, but as they perform an essential service, I can afford to let them go as much as Canada can afford to let Quebec go.

Roomates

While at my folk's house over reading break, I was able to come home to a clean house every night. It wasn't until I got back to Rez that I realized how nice that really is. I never thought this day would come, but people, I might finally be ready to move off campus after three fabulous years. To not have to clean up crumbs, or find dirty dishes in the sink, or hair clogging the drain in the shower... oh joy! Oh rapture! Alas, perhaps I'm just trying to console myself for not getting into Rez again for next year, *tear*. I thought the creation of the Marine Drive Tower was supposed to solve this housing crunch.

Hell's Angels Goes Green

Andrew Provan

Heaven's Devil

The infamous international biker gang Hell's Angels announced yesterday a stringent and somewhat radical plan to effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the organization. The announcement comes amid recent heavy criticism of biker gangs by the United Nations Climate Change Committee. The committee released a report last month listing the Hell's Angels as a major contributor of carbon dioxide to the already-suffering atmosphere. Carbon dioxide, as has been well publicized in the last few years, is the main culprit of global warming because it traps heat inside the Earth's atmosphere.

And the source of Hell's Angels' noticeably exorbitant gas production? The classic Harley-Davidson motorcycles, stereotypical of biker gangs worldwide and revered by all who claim to have an interest in the subject. The stifling popularity and apparent importance of these motorcycles to the testosterone-driven ego of these men makes the plan, which involves phasing

out the Harley-Davidson for a more eco-conscious tricycle, slightly surprising. Hell's Angels spokesman Jerry "The Extortionist" Sampson said, "We plan to phase out the motorcycle over the next three years, thereby effectively reducing our carbon dioxide emissions by 100%."

The tricycle model of choice for the organization will be the Fisher Price Ready-Steady Ride On. Sampson commented on the selection: "It's a basic model, but it scores top marks in stability and control, and has good horsepower if you peddle hard. Many of our members are new to the tricycle, so we felt the Ride On was a good place to start." Sampson also mentioned the possibility of upgrades to the model: "We can also add Power Wheels for the extra bad-asses who have mastered the vehicle and feel they can handle a motorized five-mile-an-hour rush. Keep in mind the Power Wheels are electric and do not harm the environment."

And more options exist down the line for these valiant climate lovers. More lavish and, needless to say, expensive models are available should the gang indulge: Super Talk Barbie Sun Jammer, Jeep Aftershock, Kawasaki Guide 'n' Drive Cycle and the Jeep Jr. Toddler, to name just a few.

However, global warming was not the

only incentive for Hell's Angels to make the switch from bike to trike. As Sampson brought to light, the increasing obesity rate within the organization has been of concern for some time. The matter was thrown into the spotlight last year when, at the Hell's Angels convention in Las Vegas, 32 percent of the attendees were unable to fit through the hotel door.

After a popular vote among members, it was decided that cutting down on fast food was not an option, except at McDonald's on Fridays when the special meal is Filet-o-Fish. Sampson commented: "There was another option: liposuction! Unfortunately, however, most of our members do not have health insurance, so we settled for an exercise regime instead. We discovered that the tricycle, while quite relaxing going downhill, provides a strenuous workout going uphill. We'll be watching the fatness of our members with great anticipation as we bring in this physically demanding vehicle."

Hell's Angels: villains intent on corporate coercion and brutal manipulation of the media, or health-conscious friends of God's green Earth? This reporter was threatened to support the latter, and he does so unequivocally.

WE HAVE JACKETS and WE NEED PATCHES!!!



The Science Jacket initiative has gotten off to a fabulous start. We sold over 70 jackets within a week of starting this project. BUT we are not finished yet. We need to get some sweet patches for these jackets. This is where YOU come in. We are looking for people to submit wonderfully fantastic designs for patches for these jackets. Some of the types of patches we are looking for are: department, clubs, council, science sports, hacks, editors, and other such things. If you think you have a cool design or another idea for some group that needs a patch for the jackets please contact Mike at pro.sus@gmail.com



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Chairman Resigns As Head of International Blood Bank

Andrew Pare

No Apples

Scandal rocked the New York Stock Exchange Monday, as new evidence came to light over the recent discrepancies in the International Blood Bank accounts. After years of heavy investment and expansion the IBB seemed poised to finally overtake competitors and become the world's largest supplier of hemoglobin and plasma related products. With the largest budget towards R & D, high investor confidence, and impressive quarterly growth the International Blood Bank seemed to not only be at the top of its game but to be inventing its own rules along the way. This turned out to be true in more ways than one.

In a series of fraudulent accounting claims and corrupt distribution procedures the IBB top executives were able to embezzle billions of pints. It has been rumored that CEO Drako Draven personally had stockpiles numbering in the thousands of litres. In a bizarre turn of events Draven agreed to cooperate fully with investigating teams if he was provided with a new cell mate every night, with type AB- blood, while awaiting trial. "Sure it's a little weird, but, if it allows us to get to the bottom of this and make sure it never happens again, it's worth it," senior agent Smith commented. In fact most of the companies senior executives are cooperating and claim, "We're really enjoying this incarceration with easy access to feed and little inquiry

into suspicious biting." Stories are emerging of the top executives rampant disregard for the company's clients and personal greed. Some insiders claim that whole shipments of blood were re-routed to executives estates and replaced with juice, and in some cases not even red juice.

The whole medical service provider industry has been rocked by this scandal as stocks across the board took a dive in response to this week's evidence. With financial institutions and banks withdrawing investment from this sector it looks like tough times ahead for anyone needing O-, B+, AB, and for that matter any kind of medicine for the next several months. With spreading concerns over misappropriation from nurses, pharmacists, and witch doctors, "It's going to take a long time for people to regain the trust they had," says local quack Richard Stanfield. CFO of Organs-To-Go Igor Zombie was also concerned, proclaiming, "With this scandal it just makes it harder for the rest of us if, say, we get hungry and need a brain at 3am."

With legislation and new restrictions pending it looks like tough times ahead for the little guys like Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, and Wyeth as they struggle to assure investors of accounting transparency and honesty. Individual investors lost approximately \$3 billion dollars in the recent crash according to the US Securities and Exchange Commission. Local man, Philip Owens remarked, "In retrospect I should have suspected something was up when the yearly financial report included pictures of executives playing slip and slide with pints of A-."

Shocking Harry Potter 7 Details Revealed

Lois Chan

Life-like

J. K. Rowling, the author of the children's series Harry Potter, has confirmed that the final installment of the famous series will be titled 'Harry Potter and the Academy Strikes Back.' It will contain some shocking and some not-so-surprising back-stories for the Potters. In an exclusive interview with The 432, Rowling has revealed some of these terrible secrets. She was really quite giddy about her upcoming book, The Half-Blood Prince, and even more so about the classic sci-fi films she is openly mimicking.

"I adore George Lucas," she told The 432. "I simply could not resist the idea of making Voldemort his father. It would be a brilliant tribute to my favourite screenwriter of all time."

She disputed other rumours, such as Dumbledore being either Harry or Ron from the future, and that Aunt Petunia has no magical abilities. But she also entertained other rumours: Hermione may have to magically perform abortion on her child with Ron because the Academy frowns upon teenage pregnancy; Harry may be castrated in a horrible broom racing accident; or that a normal twenty-year-old dork might wake up in the middle of the night from this cold nightmare that is the world of Harry Potter.

Rowling is eager to tell the books' fans that the best avenue to confirm or dispute rumours is her official website, but she also warned that she and the editors are likely to be releasing "rumours" of their own soon, as the publication of her seventh book looms.

Below is an excerpt of the manuscript that Rowling has graciously allowed us to show you:

Stunned, Harry slowly stood up amidst the cheering crowd and was pushed towards the stage. As he mounted the stairs, Dumbledore smiled a warm smile at him, extending the golden chalice towards Harry's outstretched hands. He clutched at it for a moment, and with a wild grin, shook Dumbledore's hand before the old man pulled him into a tight embrace. His classmates' cheers surged.

Then something extraordinary happened. Harry turned around and, dramatically dropping his pants, proceeded to moon the entire hall. The cheering halted abruptly. Knowing that he was quickly running out of time, he hastily shoved the chalice up his anus, then pulled it out. Without a second thought he lifted the chalice above his head, and threw it backwards into the waiting hands of his classmates.

"Catch the bouquet!" he bellowed.

The interviewer is shamelessly looking forward to the release of the books. She also wants to thank (or blame) her IRC posse for the excerpt suggestion.

Sudoku: Constants Edition

Marlon Richmond

Liquifaction Danger

You know and love the number game, well now you can have the same frustration with constants! Each constant must occur in each row, column and sub-box once and only once. If you solve it, do let us know.

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ε ₀			h		G			√2
	√2	π						R
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Midgets and More in Eight Below



Dan Anderson

Midget Lovin'

Eight Below is an action-packed movie, a romp for everyone. Everyone, that is, who likes to watch a man walk around with eight midgets strapped to his legs.

While the story is a little thin - the midgets are never explained, or even named - the fight scenes more than make up for it. Jackie Chan may be hot, but you haven't seen anything until you've seen a jump kick where the kicking leg has many little fists projecting from it. The grappling moves

alone are worth the price of admission - who knew that midgets had such a great strength to weight ratio?

The actor - a hitherto unknown martial arts expert named Jack Bologne - is whimsically fun, his French accent is almost unnoticeable, and his lower-body strength is phenomenal. The only real problem with the movie is the climax; while watching the midgets tear apart a pack of feral wolves was an interesting idea, it just wasn't executed well. The biting and flying fur looked all too real, and children in the audience might become afraid. But the execution was immaculate and the slow-motion fight against his evil twin and eight mustachioed evil midgets was inspired, so I rate it sixteen thumbs up!

AMS What!

Patricia Lau & Chris Baitz

Totally Not Helpful!

Turnover is coming!

- Patricia = Councilor of the Year
- Safewalk is being reviewed
- People dressed up
- 25 students went to Victoria for Lobby Day for Post-Secondary Education
- Executive final remarks and good-byes

This black box brought to you by Patricia Lau and Chris Baitz with their lackluster AMS report

December's Fantastic Crossword Solutions

Across

1. phi
2. squirrels
3. clocktower
4. shits
5. bedrock
6. radical beer faction
7. student
8. friction
9. black plague
10. sylvanus
11. blue jello
12. pms
13. foot in mouth
14. science social space

Down

1. artsies
2. hallett
3. C2H5OH
4. SUS hacks
5. cheese
6. wreck beach
7. empire
8. fratboys
9. ethanol
10. fignewton
11. meatmarket
12. cold fusion
13. Sb

My Gaydar is Broken

Satirical Steve

Not Homophobic. Really.

No, really, it is. I'm serious. No, I have not seen a doctor yet. I mean how do you even bring that up? What is the proper term? Is gaydar the medical term? I'd prefer to learn the proper medical terminology before I start talking about it to an MD. Do gay people know this? But how do I even ask any of them? I have a hard time as it is asking my gay friends if they're tops or bottoms. I think I'm doing it somehow improperly because universally they all get offended and don't tell me. I don't mean any offence by it! I'm just curious.

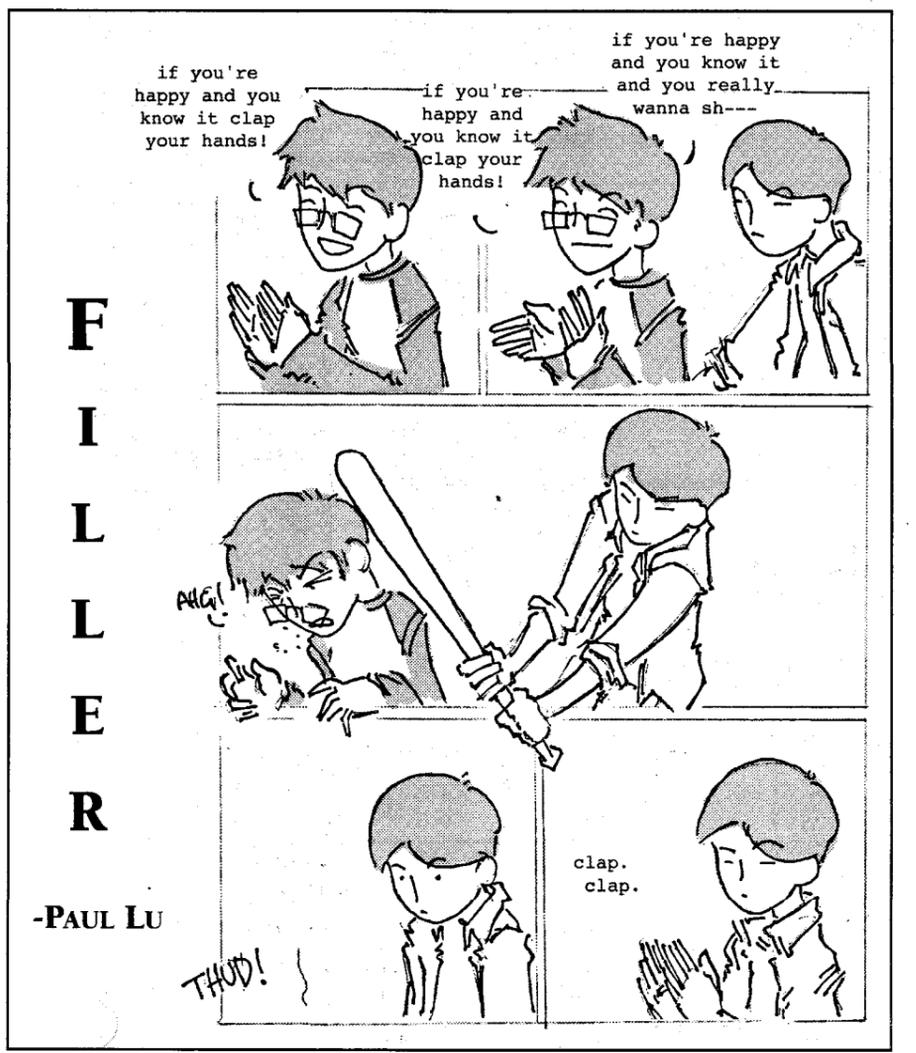
I don't want the doctor to get offended, too. Especially if he's gay!! I mean how would I even know - my gaydar is broken! I'd have absolutely NO idea! The guy could be as flaming as RuPaul covered in lighter fluid in a bathtub full of magma, and I would have no idea. I mean sure, I just want some help curing my gaydar, and he's a medical professional. But then again, hypothetically, what if he was Iranian, and I came in and started mouthing off about how the fucking Muslims are all fucking terrorists and I want to fucking kill them all. Can a person really be expected to remain professional in light of such offence? Maybe all I needed from him was KY jelly but would you really think less of him if he ended up giving me Frank's Red Hot Sauce instead? In a situation like this, it would certainly be warranted. Luckily, I'm not blind, so I'm safe from middle-eastern doctors. But with my gaydar out of

commission, can I really be expected not to inadvertently offend a gay doctor? I mean, quite frankly, I can't even trust my family doctor. Sure, I've had him for longer than my gaydar was busted, but I never scanned him with it. He could be a total butt-ranger and I wouldn't know.

I don't know when my gaydar first started malfunctioning, but I do know it's now as useless as my appendix. Except, I actually want it back operational - it could save me from a lot of embarrassing social faux pas. We've all been there when our gaydar lets us down: "He's WHAT? No...no way. Come on, get real. Seriously? Wow. I had no idea! No, really, none at all. No clue. Wouldn't have thought that about him. Are you sure? Okay, I guess. Wow, though." When it happens, it is only a little annoying but recently it's been happening to me ALL THE FUCKING TIME!! Do you know how infuriating that shit is? How can I function like this? How can I deal with not knowing this about people, not having even the slightest sense? We take our gaydar for granted, and it's hard to believe how seriously my life is now affected. How can I now tell who I can and can't invite to my birthday parties? How can I pick which guys I want on my team playing basketball? I can't. I can't even walk down Davie Street anymore! What if I accidentally make eye-contact with one of them? I just hope that whatever's wrong isn't permanent. It would really suck if I needed a gaydar transplant.

I'm totally not homophobic but this does keep me up at night. I'm afraid to sleep. I can't even tell if my dreams are gay or just very friendly.

UBC Circle K Volunteer Club is hosting a campus-wide food drive for the Union Gospel Mission soup kitchen in the Downtown Eastside. Drop off non-perishable items from Feb 20 to Mar 3 at any location:
 SUB 266, Brock Hall (south entrance), Science Advising office, Arts Advising, International House, Engineering (Kaiser Rm 1100), Forestry (by Atrium), Land and Food Systems (GRS office, Macmillan Rm 346), School of Music, SUS lounge (LSK 202), Nursing Student Lounge, PSA (Kenny 2007)



-PAUL LU

Students Mourn Falling Grades

Lois Chan

Interwebulation

The leading cause of their downfall will be the release of Burning Crusade, which is an expansion of the hugely successful, massively-multiplayer online role-playing game World of Warcraft (lovingly called World of Warcraft.) Blizzard has already announced the introduction of the curvy Horde counterparts to dark-elves: blood-elves, whose violent histories and sexy avatars will no doubt attract enough players to balance the sides on any server.

However, this balance will be put to question again if the Alliance's answer is indeed the rumoured pandaren, a race involving critters resembling pandas that was brought forth as a joke on April Fool's Day some years ago. New areas will be added for all levels, along with new items, gear, and just about everything else a Blizzard lover would want.

Another MMORPG to watch for is Darkfall Online. Currently in the closed-beta stage, it is slated to be released "soon." Developed by some of the most avid players of various MMOs, the game is said to meet just about everyone's needs. The artwork is ruggedly gritty yet astoundingly beautiful, but that's not even its greatest

selling point. Not only does it have five vast continents for the explorative types, the continents are also fully shapeable by players. Combat will be real-time, meaning you can dodge missile attacks, even while mounted! (Seriously, why aren't there more games offering that?) Players can sail ships across the oceans and player-armies numbering over five thousand can march across land for spectacular battles. The developers also promise secure and stable servers; the days of Shadowbane's awesome battles on terrible, horrible crashing servers are over.

For a change of pace, you may want to try Supreme Commander. Backed by the creator of Total Annihilation (indeed, it is the 3D sequel in spirit), it will be the most stunning real-time strategy game this year, and probably for years to come. The scale is simply staggering: a player has control over his massive army, navy, and air force from a satellite view. He does not micro-manage his squads of infantry, or fleets of submarines. He commands — for he is the Supreme Commander. Hell, the units can fire as they move, just like in TA. The novelty!

Then again, what do I know? I'm just a girl. I don't know what this interweb thing is.

The inter-web-girl has a tauren hunter and a troll priest on Laughing Skull, LFG SM or WC thx.

States Introduces New Capital Punishment

Martin Sing

Punishable by Life

It has come to our attention that a new form of capital punishment is being implemented in states that still have the death penalty. In lieu of the recent reality TV buzz, they have decided to televise the death sentence in hopes of deterring would be psychopaths from killing. But how boring would it be to sit and watch a convicted killer have an injection or be electrocuted.

The new version is Manhunt. When the murderer is condemned to the death penalty, they are given the choice of the conventional methods or being hunted down by the victim's family. But why would anybody consent to such a degrading thing? For a chance.

The televised manhunt will take place on a deserted island. The manhunt will last for an allotted time period and if the convict is not dead by then, they are allowed to continue living in solitude on the island. The hunted will be given nothing but a head start while the hunters will be armed to the teeth. If the victim's family does not

want to hunt their family member's killer, then the television studio is allowed to auction off the rights of the hunt to the highest bidder.

Authorities agree that the auction revenue cover the production costs while most of the leftover will go towards the families of the victims since they have lost any potential income due to their loss. The final portion of profit will go to the convicted killer's family. Why? To make for a better show of course. If the killer just stands there and gets shot, then it would not be very exciting but if he gives them a run for their money in hopes of leaving something to his loved ones, then all the better. Furthermore, the convicted killer's family would also be losing potential income.

Protesters have called this new form of capital punishment unethical because it would turn the hunters into murders as well, but authorities argue that executioners would be doing this anyway. A further argument is that selling the rights will just be fueling current psychopath's needs to kill. Government spokesperson, A. Pauls, does not believe this to be the case. "Families would gain retribution and would-be psychopaths would turn into agents of the state" thus turning them into productive members of society.



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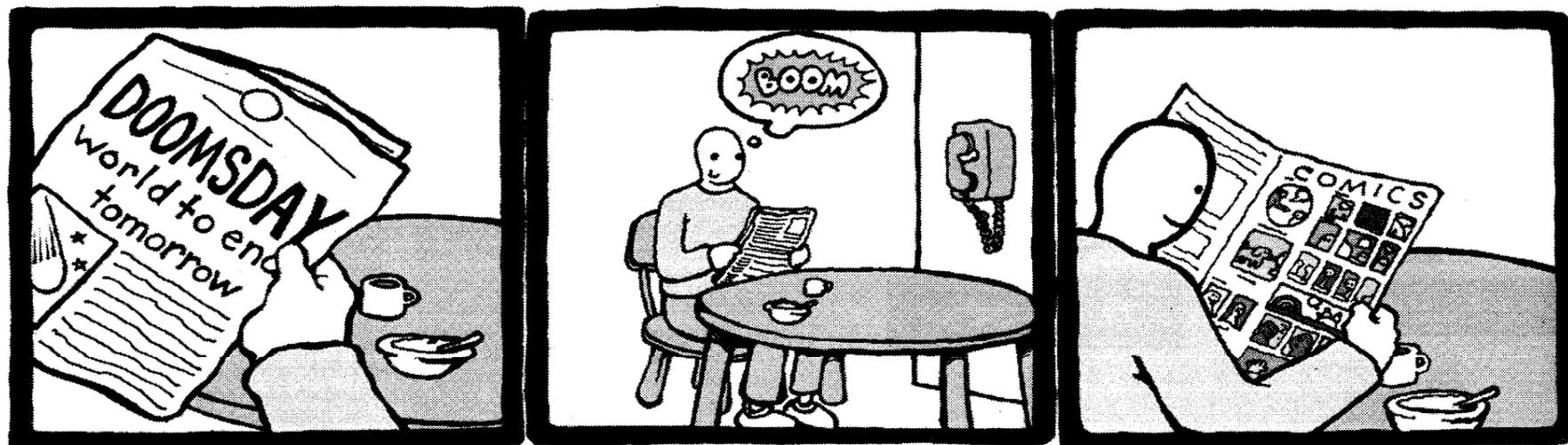
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Exec Reports: For Bathrooms and Kitchens!

Patricia Luau

Master of the Universe

What do you want changed about your university experience? If you have an answer to that question (which you all probably will) read on because this is important! Several years ago we underwent a process called 'tuition consultation' to brainstorm where we (any Science student that took part in the discussion) would like additional money to spent (ie better labs/equipment, TA training, etc). Unfortunately, the last year of the large tuition increases did not do anything for Arts and Science. The two largest faculties, which together comprise 18 000 undergraduates got nothing of the tuition increase so all our tuition consultation was for nothing. However, after speaking to our Dean earlier this month, we decided that it would be an excellent discussion to have to find out what students would like to see improved in their education and experience in the Faculty of Science. There is some flexible money in the faculty that could go towards initiatives that are brought forth through these discussions. So, if you have something you would like to suggest email me at

pwlau@interchange.ubc.ca

or attend the SUS Council meeting on Thursday, March 2 from 1-2pm in SUB 206.

Secondly, Science is hoping to set up some relationships with partner universities around the world to create tailored exchange programs for Science students. Students going on exchange to these universities will know what credit they will receive for equivalent courses before they go (rather than after like the way it works on exchange right now)! Stay tuned for more information as this program is developed.

Lastly, I went with a group of about 25 AMS Councilours, Executives and Commissioners to Victoria last week to lobby MLAs regarding tuition consultation. I rolled out of bed at 4:45am and didn't get home until 10:30pm but it was a good day filled with private and group meetings with over 70% of the MLAs. We discussed the AMS' four priorities for Post Secondary Education (PSE) - more collaboration between the federal and provincial governments (including dedicated transfers for PSE), core funding, tuition and student financial aid. Obviously the issues are complex but I had some really great discussions during the four meetings I attended so if you are interested in the matter, definitely email me at pwlau@interchange.ubc.ca for more info! I'd love to talk about it with you.

Jon Lame

VP External

Jonathhan has nothing significant to report except that he loves Science Week, SUS Executive Elections, Chemistry, and Jack Bauer. He has also recently

developped an unhealthy dependence on Facebook.

Again, if you need to contact me regarding elections stuff, Science Week stuff, or any kind of stuff in general, my email is

tcn@interchange.ubc.ca

Feel free to email me... I'm lonely. =(

Sean Kearney

Socialist Conspirator

Hey! FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 6 to 10pm in SUB 209 we'll be having a small beer garden... The theme: CHAIRMAN LAU TURNS 22. It's the usual spe-

cial: \$2.00 Beer and Ciders, perhaps some bubbly for \$5. Please RSVP me at seankearney@shaw.ca; if more people are interested I will expand the venue.

Anyways, to all those who are keen, the plan is to get boozed and then make the Long March to the PIT or downtown!

See you there, Comrade.

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Erector of Sports

Hello Science Students! I have amazingly awesome, fantastically wonderful news. UBC Rec's largest events are coming up...the Triathlon/Duathlon on March 11th (registration ends March 4th) and STORM THE WALL! As a special incentive for science students I'm giving the FIRST 4 teams

made up of all science students to hand in rebate forms for Storm the Wall 100% rebates on the event! (that's right...it'll end up being FREEEEEEEE for you!) Other teams, of course, will still get rebates on the event...but the first 4 teams will get it for free. Rebate forms are available on the Sports Board in the SUS lounge (LSK 202) and to hand them in, just put them in the "Director of Sports" mailbox. I'll be at both the Tri/Du and Storm the Wall, so if you see me come and say hi, ask about rebates, SUS, or anything else!

Lick Hang Lee

D. of Publications

Over the last three weeks, several advancements have occurred in Publications. The 432 has gone on as usual. The upcoming Paradigm has been planned and is now in the writing stage. Look out for this issue as it will tackle many issues that will be of interest to many of you. And finally, news from the archival front. I put in applications to several funds to help fund the 432 archival project. Unfortunately, the AMS has

already declined our application to the AMS constituency fund, citing that we have already received a large amount this year for special projects. I am still anxious to receive news from the other fund applications. If all else fails, publication can still obtain an interest free loan from the AMS that can be paid back over time (and did I say...interest free?!).

And finally, SUS elections are coming up! Make sure you check out the "roles of execs" section in this issue of the 432. Then get the nomination form at the back page filled out and signed by your fellow science students!

Mike Duncan

Public Felations Officer

Now it is time for an exec report - ELECTIONS STYLE. Instead of talking too much about what I have done in the past two weeks, I would like to promote the Public Relations Position and hopefully get some people interested in running for it during the elections. If you hadn't already figured it out, SUS Exec elections are coming up in March and they are going to be a hoot.

Why would you want to be a PRO (Public Relations Officer)?

The PRO is a really cool position because there aren't a whole lot of things that are

mandated for this position. Instead, you have a lot of freedom to run whatever kind of initiatives and events you desire. That being said, you are in charge of fundraising initiatives for SUS and for generally promoting the society. A lot of the job of the PRO is to help out other executives when their jobs gets stressful. A few of the things that I have done this year include: running Buck-a-Burgers, designing and starting the Science Jacket project, running the Pie the Prof fundraiser and other fundraisers, painting myself blue (which is by no means a requirement of the position) and other such things. If this kind of stuff sounds cool to you, then I urge you to run for PRO. If you want more information about this position feel free to contact me at pro.sus@gmail.com.

Camoron Funnell

Senator

I've been senator for almost a year now. That's a long time, and some of my critics might even say it's too long. I must say this kind of feedback is not new to me, in fact I've had many lovers repeat the same protestations as my political opponents. That's never stopped me before though.

While a few months remain in my tenure as senator, I can wholeheartedly say that I've learned about all I need to learn about the senator position, unless of course some one has developed a sexual position known as 'The Senator', in which case I would need to learn about that too. In the

past several months, being senator has taught me the important of being good and evil. Unfortunately I feel that evil is severely under-represented. There just aren't any resources out there promoting evil.

On an unrelated note, I have set up a new charity tentatively titled "The Save the Gay Penguins Fund." For those of you unfamiliar with the homosexual shennanigans going on in the penguin compound of the Berlin zoo, here is some background:

<http://tinyurl.com/99c36>

This story is one that has a lot of personal significance for me. My best friend is a gay penguin, and no, I'm not going to tell you whether we've ever fooled around or not. In any case, it is my hope that this new charity will help gay penguins all over the world find alternative ways to have children, like adoption, for example.

Francis "Sailor" Moon

D. of Fine pants

When I was a young child, my mother used to bake me muffins. I loved these muffins very much and as I grew older, developed an unhealthy obsession with them. What started out simply as eating muffins for breakfast, lunch and dinner, quickly escalated to the point where I would sleep with muffins, bathe in muffins, build muffin forts, and even pleasure myself with muffins.

By the time I was 14 years old, the muffins my mother procured to satisfy my muffin-lust were numerous enough to feed every man woman and child in Cuba - twice. It was also around this time that the rationalist in me began to question the origin of

this seemingly inexhaustible supply of muffins. It was then that I learned the terrible truth: It was not my mother who made the muffins.

I discovered this secret quite accidentally, by threatening my mother until she told me where all the muffins were. I knew she had a stockpile of them, hidden somewhere in the house. The motherload, as it were, turned out to be hidden underneath the house. Through a series of intricate tunnels and catacombs, I eventually came upon the source of the muffins. It was a gigantic faucet protruding from the rock face and from it dripped a steady stream of muffins.

As I approached, my mother appeared from nowhere and, with superhuman strength, turned off the faucet and then ripped off the handle. Then she turned into a butterfly and flew away. I've been muffinless and motherless ever since.



12th Annual Chemistry Forum



Are you unsure about your career options?
Come Meet Top Industry Representatives!

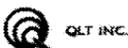
When: Thursday March 2nd 2005 8:30AM → 2:00PM

Where: Cecil Green Park House
(North of campus - 6251 Cecil Green Park Road)

Note:

- 1) 3rd and 4th year chemistry classes cancelled for the morning
- 2) Free breakfast and lunch provided
- 3) Dress to impress









So You Think You Want To Be A SUS Exec?

Interested in getting involved with the society but don't have a clue what the execs do? Here is a quick introduction to the positions. Still have questions? Feel free to contact any of the current execs, they would feel oh so special if you did.

So generally what do execs do? Well let's go through the rundown, shall we?

One of the most important parts of being on exec is working as a team. Sure each position has specific responsibilities but there are literally hundreds of things that pop up randomly during the year that SUS as an organization needs to deal with and none of these things would get done if not for the combined effort of the exec.

The second most important thing to keep in mind is that being on exec is a lot of work and commitment.

So what happens in April after you get elected? Well first off you probably forget about SUS and focus on exams for the rest of the month. But some time during the month, you'll get to meet up with your fellow newly elected execs along with the outgoing exec. Some time later (this can range from weeks to... months... to... well, never) you'll meet up with your predecessor and they'll give you a dandy little turnover report filled with tidbits of info that should help you along your SUS journey through the next 12 months.

SUS Execs don't get summer vacations. Well, they might get a short one, but there's a lot of work to be done! For the President, VP External, and 3 AMS reps, AMS business starts right away. You'll get oriented and acquainted with your fellow AMS councillors and start attending AMS meetings Wednesday evenings once a month. Senate meetings are a lot less regular but as senator, you'll start attending those too. For D.Finance, D. Publications, and D. Sports, you'll have to take the AMS Treasurer's test and get signed in, since the three of you are in charge of your own separate financial accounts.

For the rest of the summer, you'll be working with your fellow execs to set out a budget for SUS, plan out goals for the year, get ready to promote SUS to first years at Imagine and a whole bunch of other random things that, again nobody really knows about until they're sitting on your lap.

As soon as school starts, you'll help out with more SUS events, promotions, beer gardens, you name it. AMS meetings now happen twice as often as they did in the summer. For the VP Internal, now is also the time to start planning council elections and coordinating with the secretary to make sure all the paperwork is in place. Right after that, the SUS council retreat and orientation will be on the minds of all execs.

Once councillors have been elected and the dust settles, it's time to start setting up committees, making newspapers, planning events, and getting into the routine that will carry you through the rest of the year.

For the rest of the term, things will coast along pretty smoothly. They'll be a few major things to come up but for the most part, each exec will be busy taking care of business: meeting up with their fellow execs and councillors once a week to report and give updates on important events and issues relevant to science students; holding committee meetings and making sure they're fulfilling all the responsibilities outlined in the society's constitution; helping out wherever they can; going to class; buying groceries; etc... More of the specifics will be outlined later...

After a short break after December exams, things get back in full gear. Especially (but not exclusively) if you're the VP External. January is without a doubt the most demanding month of the year, thanks in no small part to Science Week. You may think that this is mainly the VP External's job, but who are you kidding? Do you really think one person can run a constituency week, collaborating with over 20 campus clubs, targetting over 7000 students, and involving a multi-thousand dollar budget? The answer is no. Events will be going on all week, in the SUB and around campus and you'll probably have your fair share of running around.

After that, Reading Week will save your sorry butt and give you a much needed chance to catch up on sleep and school-work. As the term progresses, you get more random things popping up during exec meetings and council meetings that you'll have to deal with as they come up, you'll keep chugging along and before you know it, it's exec elections time again!

Now I know, I've probably painted a very dismal picture, showing execs as underpaid, overworked, hyperstressed people, but truth be told it's a helluva lot of fun. That's why I've done it for so many years (not simply because I'm a masochist). You get to work and bond with an awesome group of people in ways you can barely imagine. You get exposure to an untold wealth of experiences, knowledge, and opportunities that the average student just doesn't see everyday. And while you don't get paid, it would be a lie to say that there are no material benefits to being involved at this level of an organization.

Okay so enough blabbering. You want to get down to the nitty-gritty. What does each exec position entail and which job is best for you? Well you can always check out the SUS Constitution available online (www.sus.ubc.ca) but as I said earlier, that won't tell you very much. So go find an exec, email us, visit us in the SUS Office, find out where we live and stalk us at our homes. We'd love to share everything we know about our jobs. But if you're one of those anti-socialites or maybe if you live in a cave and don't have access to email or maybe you just don't like any of this year's execs, here's a (very, very) brief summary of some of the key points of each job.

Anyway, I hope you found this little blurb amusing, or at the very least helpful. Good luck to all you candidates. And to the rest of you, stay tuned, you may find a few surprises in this year's elections...

-Jon

President

(Patricia Lau | pwlaui@interchange.ubc.ca)

As President, you have many primary roles! Within the constitutional duties, you have significant freedom to work on new initiatives within SUS, or externally with the Faculty of Science, the AMS and other undergraduate societies. However, a major project on the table that will be your responsibility next year is the Ladha Science Student Center, our new social space. When SUS moves in next year, the facilitation of the space will be up to the SUS Executive and it will be a big job to manage and write rules for the building.

The President is are required to sit on AMS Council. This seat on AMS Council is also what you make of it with the time commitment to the AMS anywhere between four hours every other week to four hours every week! However, as President of SUS you are seen as a leader and with Science being the second largest faculty, AMS Council will look to you as an

important and influential member of council.

You also manage SUS and the SUS Executive and liaising with the Faculty of Science. You are the leader of the society and executives and councilors will look to you for guidance, advice and help. As the primary liason between the Faculty of Science and SUS you will meet with the Dean on a monthly basis and be a member of the Student Advisory Committee to the Dean. It is very important for SUS to have an excellent working relationship with the Dean's Office and it is up to you to maintain that.

Vice President External

(Jonathan | bxm@interchange.ubc.ca)

Your official duties are comprised mainly of sitting on AMS Council, and planning Science Week. Sitting on AMS Council with the president and AMS reps. In terms of Science Week, you will be the main coordinator. You will need to schedule events, book rooms, and coordinate the different events, organize volunteers and chair Science Week committee. Science Week committee is made up of volunteers that do most of the detailed planning of events. The other aspect of Science is sponsorship and promotions, which involves organizing letters and phonecalls to be sent out to potential donors.

Vice President Internal

(Kiran Bisra | vpi.sus@gmail.com)

The VP-Internal has two main thrusts: academic lobbying and internal matters. She chairs the SUS Academic Committee, which gives out student leadership awards, makes academic information available to students, and attempts to liaise between students and the administration, for example. She is also chair of the First Year Committee, a thinly-guised way to recruit students to SUS while they still are still young and impressionable - a technique we shamelessly picked up from Phillip-Morris. The annual Whistler retreat/councilor orientation, the Year-End Party, and the Wine and Cheese are just a few examples of events planned by the Internal VP. She also makes sure Council conflicts are resolved and that none of the disputes among executives land us on Jerry Springer. At least, not again

Director of Finance

(Francis Moon | moon@interchange.ubc.ca)

As D. Finance, you're in charge of the money. You'll need to complete the AMS treasurer's test and sign-in, make a budget for the year and make sure everything is balanced. During the year, you'll also pay the bills, reimburse people for SUS expenses, distribute club funding and other fun things.

Executive Secretary

(Lisa Frey | sec.sus@gmail.com)

Meeting minutes! You take them! Simple! It depends. You organize what goes on during council meetings by preparing agendas, and you record what goes on. You also look after the office and lounge space, making sure supplies are well stocked and kept orderly. Communication within council is key, so you'll need to coordinate the mailing list and councillor mailboxes. Code & Policy Committee is also under your wings - you discuss and propose changes to procedure and how SUS is run. It is primarily through this Committee that the Secretary is able to

administer her Machiavellian tyranny. If the idea of hording office supplies and getting into heated battles over syntax gets you hot all over, then this may be the position for you.

Director of Publications

(Lik Hang Lee | likhanglee@gmail.com)

D. Publications will be responsible for the publication of the 432, the Paradigm, and the Guide. In addition to helping with editing or being the editor for each of these publications, you will also need to communicate with the publishing/printing companies while you watch your costs in an ever decreasing budget and ever rising print costs. You are also in charge of the archiving of all the issues physically in the new Science Social Space, as well as passing issues on to the UBC library for preservation.

Public Relations Officer

(Michael Duncan | pro.sus@gmail.com)

PRO's rather nebulous collection of responsibilities involve promoting SUS to Science Students through various unspecified initiatives. These can be open houses, charity events, BBQs, Science Jacket sales and promotions. There's a lot of flexibility in this position.

Director of Sports

(Jamil Rhajiak | jrhajiak@interchange.ubc.ca)

As D.Sports, the gist of your job involves: Promoting UBC REC events/Athleticism amongst Science students; Chairing the Sports Committee; Processing rebates for UBC REC events; Attending UBC REC Sports Rep Meetings and work with the UBC REC Public Relations Team; Organizing and running the SCIENCE OLYMPICS during Science Week.

Social Coordinator

(Sean Kearney | seankearney@shaw.ca)

No easy job. You'll need to know how to run a mean beer garden. That means knowing how to procure the required paperwork (SOL forms, Serving it Right, AMS Alcohol Policy). It means having a close relationship with AMS Bookings, AMS Events, campus RCMP, Classroom services and of course your social committee. A keen sense of promotion and marketing will help immensely.

Science Student Senator

(Cameron Funnell | cameronfunnell@gmail.com)

Science Student Senator is pretty much self explanatory. You're a Science Student and you sit on Senate. Senate is the highest academic governing body at UBC so it's kind of a big deal. What you say and do could have very big impacts on students and their academics here at UBC. In general, senate deals with things like admissions, scholarships, curriculum, and exam scheduling policies, albeit in smaller sub-committees.

AMS Representative (Fake Execs!)

AMS Reps aren't part of the executive at all, but their elections happen at the same time. Being an AMS rep means you represent the interests of Science Students on AMS Council. You'll have to go to council meetings every two weeks as well as several smaller committee meetings. AMS reps will also need to report important updates back to council and to the student body in general, ie: through 432 reports.

Program-o-scopes

C. Atherton & A. Pare

Clairvoyants

Chemistry (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Spring is almost here and love is in the air, unfortunately you spilled a horrible chemical in your soup in the lab but didn't notice and now you have turned semi-vampiric, or is it just from too many hours in that windowless lab. Either way, as soon as you step out into the brilliant sunshine your fair skin will instantly combust making you significantly less attractive to the opposite sex. Luckily for you there is still a chance. The nurse who ministers to your charred flesh has a mean case of Nightingale syndrome. If you can learn to look past the leprosy, the two of you will be very happy together in your deformity. You should consider switching into General Science.

Genetics (Apr 20 - May 20)

Valentines day put you in a bit of a funk because everyone rejected your beautiful hand made creations. Next time I suggest using paper, glitter, and lace instead of your mutant creations to express your love. You will find people are much more receptive if the valentine does not try and eat their favourite pet. It is also recommended that you refrain from unleashing your most heinous creation yet, the small penis gene, on the world in retaliation. You should consider General Science.

Physics (May 21 - June 21)

You think you find the grand unifying theory of everything, but after presenting it a the annual convention of Theoretical

Physicist, you realize that you forgot to carry the one and really you just reproved pythagorus' theorem. You should consider switching into General Science.

Computer Science (June 22 - July 22)

Java is not your friend. Neither is C++. You might think they are, but they won't love you like that cute red haired girl in class will. You should buy her that pair of gloves. Sure, being the only girl in class she probably gets a lot of offers, but I think she really likes you. Of course you would have a better chance of scoring with her if you transferred into General Science.

Ecology (July 23 - Aug 22)

You have been spending a lot of time studying the local forest community, but you have been neglecting the flora and fauna of your colon. They are upset. They are preparing a coup of your digestive tract. It will not be pretty. You should consider transferring into General Science.

Geography (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

Wreck beach has already been mapped. Move on. Have you considered General Science?

Math (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

Half the books in the math library may be in Russian, but just sitting amongst them will not help you learn the language. Did you know that General Science has very lax requirements and you would actually have time to learn a language in that program?

Geology (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

The dinosaur in the Earth and Ocean Science building is cool, so stop trying to steal the bones for your dog. You know they aren't the real bones right? Have you ever thought that your skills might be better uti-

lized in the General Science program?

Astronomy (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Astronomy isn't a real science, astrology is where its at. Quit focusing on the small stuff, you are missing the larger picture. Just think how much happier you would be if you could predict the future. Wait a minute I'm seeing some serious tragedy in your future, maybe you would be happier not knowing after all. Especially if you transferred into General Science.

Zoology (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Sure the mating habits of the big eared hare are interesting, but perhaps you should be paying a little more attention to the mating habits of your own species. You would have known then that your girlfriend would not appreciate getting a dirt bike for valentines day. Might I suggest switching into General Sciences?

Geophysics (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Just because you want to be a volcanologist doesn't mean it's okay to make paper mache volcanoes for your class project. Didn't you get to make one of those in elementary school or did you grow up in the ghetto? I think an degree in General Science would be a better fit with your particular skills.

General Science (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear General Sciences, happy birthday to you.

It's that time of year again...

The Biophysics Students Society Is Going Curling!

Join in on the fun, don't miss out on this patriotic sporting event!



When: Saturday March 11
1pm - 3pm
Where: Marpole Curling Club
8730 Heather Street
How: Email biophysicsubc@hotmail.com

Visit <http://www.phas.ubc.ca/~biophys/> for more info.

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE

Science Undergraduate Society
2006 Executive Elections



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Student #:

I am aware of my nomination and am willing to run for the position of:

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We, the undersigned, 15 bona-fide members of the Science Undergraduate Society, nominate the above for the position of _____

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Completed nominations may be dropped off in the designated form box in LSK 202
Deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 9th @ 4:32 p.m.
A mandatory candidate meeting will be held March 9 @ 4:32 in LSK 202
Questions? Contact the elections administrator for Chris Anderson at elections.us@ugmail.com