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AMS representative Chris Chapman and Promotions coordinator Zoë Shipley were among the active participants in this fun event. Spectators looked on with glee and amusement as UBC's very own mini-gladiators. OKER CHEN PHOTO

Presidential race gets serious

AMS vet Friedrich goes head-to-head against joke-turned-serious Maxwell Maxwell

by Brandon Adams
NEWS EDITOR

While the electoral race between Jeff Friedrich and Max "Maxwell Maxwell" Kuhn may have seemed like a foregone conclusion, yesterday's Alma Mater Society (AMS) Presidential Candidates' Forum might have a few people thinking otherwise.

On January 15, AMS candidates, elections officials, Voter Funded Media (VFM) contestants and students gathered in the conversation pit of the SUB for the Presidential Candidates' Forum.

The forum pitted concurrent Board of Governors candidate and current VP Academic Jeff Friedrich against Maxwell Maxwell, an arts student, former *Ubyssey* culture writer and CITR host.

"Ladies and gentlemen, last year I did not vote in the AMS elections," said Maxwell in his opening statement. "Neither did any of my friends. In fact last year I think something like...13 per cent of the student body did vote."

Maxwell, who says he decided to run for AMS president on a whim, arrived at the January 12 All Candidates Meeting under the influence of alcohol and dressed as a pirate. The surprise for Maxwell was that there was only one other person running for president.

"Much to my surprise I saw that there were only two candidates, myself and Jeff here. If I hadn't decided to run on a whim we wouldn't have had an election," declared Maxwell during his opening statement at yesterday's presidential candidates forum.

"The state of affairs here," said Maxwell, "is that everything is just happening in secret, nobody cares about it. The voters are apathetic, their money is being spent without their knowledge, often without their consent."

Maxwell summed up his platform by saying that a vote for him is a vote "for cheaper beer, more fun, less government, more money in your pocket," and "stylish white pants."

Friedrich followed Maxwell supported by cheers and opened by

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FUTURE PRESIDENT? Presidential candidates Jeff Friedrich and Maxwell Maxwell had the first debate of the AMS elections in the Student Union Building conversation pit. OKER CHEN PHOTO

BC tsunami advisory cancelled

Tsunami threat to coastal area always a possibility, researcher says

by Eric Szeto
CUP WESTERN BUREAU CHIEF

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The provincial government called off a tsunami warning on January 13 after an 8.2 ocean-floor earthquake near the Kuril Islands just north of Japan was determined to pose no threat to the northern tip of Vancouver Island and Alaska.

"There was no damage anywhere," said Bruce Turner, a science officer at the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center, a national service that broadcasts tsunami warnings to emergency organisations including British Columbia's Provincial Emergency Plan.

The current generated from the force of the underwater tremor was felt across the Pacific, all the way to South America. The highest measured waves, according to the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center, were in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, and stood at about 70 centimetres or just under three feet.

Last Friday's earthquake didn't provoke a huge tsunami scare to the northern BC coastal region, Turner said, but anything in excess of 8.5 is likely to present a danger to communities on northern Vancouver Island and Alaska.

Officials of Hokkaido, an island of Japan, issued an order to evacuate 85,000 in the immediate areas as a precautionary measure, Turner added.

Aftershocks were also felt in the region, the largest weighing in at around 6.0 on the Richter scale.

"It's a really remote part of the Pacific. [The Kuril] islands are unpopulated and remote, so I was doubtful that anybody felt the earthquake next to where it [happened.]" said Turner.

Roy Hyndman, of the Centre for Earth and Ocean Science Research, said that the potential for a tsunami to hit Vancouver Island or the greater Vancouver area always remains a threat.

"[Vancouver Island] largely protects the Georgia Strait, [but] not completely. The large danger for tsunamis in the Georgia Strait area is secondary to underwater landslides," he said, citing the Fraser Delta, the largest delta in Western Canada, as a susceptible area.

The largest recorded tsunami in BC came from the 9.2 Alaskan earthquake in 1964, which resulted in millions of dollars in damage to Port Alberni, Tofino and many other small communities on Vancouver Island.

According to geological records, the last major local tsunami hap-

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Legitimacy concerns loom over Voter Funded Media

by Colleen Tang
NEWS EDITOR

Questions are being asked about the Voter Funded Media (VFM) contest, an $8,000 experiment designed to boost election coverage and provide funding for alternate forms of media, due to past lower than expected participation and questionable reportage.

"The whole point of VFM is to target student apathy," said Tiffany Glover, VFM administrator. VFM's mandate is to create more informed voters and generate increased coverage of AMS elections by providing participants with cash incentives worth up to $1500.

The system works by providing voters with an additional ballot section during the election at the end of January. In this section they can vote for the media outlet they felt provided the best coverage. The cash prizes will be awarded based on the number of votes each outlet received.

But motivations for entering the contest seem to have strayed from the original intentions of Mark Latham, the creator of Voter Funded Media.

Cameron Funnell, current student senator and participant in the VFM contest, said that his primary interest in the contest is the $1000 cash prize. "That's basically what I'm banking on really," he said.

Funnell indicated that he wasn't the only contestant banking on name recognition alone. "If you look at Mike Duncan and Sean Kearney, they are merely banking on recognition alone virtually unless they actually do [some election coverage.]"

Funnell admits that contestants' strategies might be different if there were 20 participants and that "it would be interesting to see what Mark [Latham], creator of VFM would have to say about whether or not this was what he had originally intended."

Currently three of the eight candidates involved in the VFM contest sit on the AMS council: Stephanie Ryan, AUS president and head of *the Underground*; Duncan, SUS president and part of the Duncan-Kearney Media Group; and Gina Eom, University Senator and contributor to the *Election Insider*.

Jeff Friedrich, VP academic, was ambiguous when addressing this issue.

"I guess there are cases where it could be a conflict of interest if they're trying to advocate for a certain cause," he said. "There is nothing to stop them from making a blog in the past. Just because there is prize money I'm not sure it's fair to say it's a conflict of interest or not."

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AMS Elections are around the corner. Keep watch for our AMS election supplement...January 23.

Relevance and accessibility of AMS issues debated in presidential campaign

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immediately addressing Maxwell's statements regarding voter apathy and the relevance of the AMS.

"If you go back to the 1969 [*Ubyssey* issues] at...the height of student activism and opinion on campus, there were common comments that weren't dissimilar to the ones that Maxwell just made," said Friedrich. "That is to say that the apathy argument, the argument that the AMS doesn't matter...is not a new one and is probably not one that is gonna go away in the coming year."

Friedrich defended the AMS, saying that many students use AMS services without realising it. "Things like your U-Pass...your health and dental plan...every time you join a club, every time you use a building, every time you use a business [you're using an AMS service]."

When asked about increasing student participation and decreasing voter apathy Maxwell said: "When students don't participate in the issues of this university, it's not the fault of the students, it's the fault of the issues—that they don't matter to people. We need to provide them with a set of issues that they care about. If they're not paying attention to us it's not their fault. It's ours."

"There are a variety of issues this year which directly affect students of which the AMS had an ability to influence," said Friedrich in response. "Those include issues around campus development, issues around the quality of education at UBC and the AMS was in fact relevant and did do a lot to accomplish headway on those items."

Friedrich explained that he would re-orient the AMS Volunteer Connections to better connect with students in order to address student apathy and the lack of student involvement.

When asked what was the biggest problem with the AMS, Maxwell tackled the question bluntly.

"The biggest problem the AMS has right now is that it wastes too much of its constituents' money," said Maxwell. "We need to trim the fat from its budget. Because paying over $450 for things most people don't even know exist—that's just criminal."

Friedrich's responded by pointing out that UBC has some of the lowest student fees in the country and that students receive a wide number of services including the U-Pass and the AMS/GSS Health Care Plan. Friedrich said that the biggest issue is that students are unaware of what their fees are going towards.

When asked by the speakers what qualified each of them to be president of the AMS, both candidates gave completely divergent answers.

"What makes me qualified to be president of the AMS is that I haven't dealt with it before," said Maxwell. "I bring a new vision, I bring a new outlook, I haven't spent the past year holed up in the AMS building and removing myself from the affairs of the students of UBC."

Friedrich's response to the question was very different: "This is a hugely complex organisation with a budget which ranges from ten to 20 million dollars, depending on how you count it so experience counts and it also counts because important processes are underway which will affect students. Whether or not students are aware of Campus 2020 [or]... the governance review...[they're there,]" he said. "I have experience as a VP Academic, that counts a lot, and I can demonstrate that I have gotten things done."

When asked about the forum, current VP Admin David Yuen said: "Given Jeff's additional knowledge of the AMS he was able to speak a bit more in depth whereas Max had more of an external perspective, so it was interesting to hear both sides."

Some VFM entrants worry this will be a popularity contest

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Others feel their prior participation in the AMS provides them with unique insights and perspectives others might not have.

"I think we can draw from our personal experiences having been in student government and having participated closely with every position [in the AMS elections]," said Eom, referring to her participation in the contest with former student Board of Governor representative Tim Louman-Gardinier.

"Our main goal is to educate the student body," she added.

Glover offered similar opinions. "The people who tend to be in media tend to be people who are involved and it tends to overlap." She continued, "So I am very happy to see people are interested and getting involved in the process."

Candice Vallantin of *Election Erection Magazine*, a publication specifically created for VFM, isn't worried about the competition as long as the contest sticks to covering AMS elections.

"I think we're going to surprise the other competition, I think we have a good plan, we've been working on it for over a month," she said. "I'm worried that it might be a popularity contest."

Vallantin said the magazine might have an advantage as a print publication in a contest mainly composed of blogs and websites.

An optimistic Ian Pattillo, VP External, feels that even though two of the participants in the contest have declared that they are joke candidates, the serious entries will provide additional coverage for the AMS.

"That's still eight times more coverage than what we normally get," he said.

"[The participants'] chances are pretty good so at this point we might see some more people come out of the woodwork to try their hand at this. But no, I'm not really disappointed with there being eight entrants."

Don't go out and collect the shellfish; run away

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pened around 1700. "The average time between these giant local ones is about 500 years. It's highly irregular, but sometimes they're fairly close together," said Hyndman.

Hyndman did issue a caveat for those unfamiliar with tsunamis, stating if you observe the sea water receding rapidly it's probably a good sign a tsunami is coming.

If that happens, he said, don't go out and collect the shellfish; run away.

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'Any black male could fit that description'

York student arrested while protesting profiling on campus

by Carl Meyer
EXCALIBUR (YORK UNIVERSITY)

TORONTO (CUP)—A York University student was arrested on January 3 after vocalising his opinions about racial profiling on campus, primarily due to allegations to the police that he had been armed.

Ten police officers arrested Jon Boadi outside of the York University bookstore after they received calls from campus security and other bystanders saying he was waving a gun in the air.

Police later confirmed the gun reports were false. Regardless, Boadi was scheduled to appear in court last Wednesday.

York student Jason Young was sitting in a nearby restaurant when he noticed Boadi talking loudly outside. He described Boadi's actions as making a political statement rather than as posing a physical threat.

"To me, it seemed at first like performance art," Young said.

Witnesses said Boadi was demonstrating against a recent York Campus Alert that he considered an example of racial profiling on campus.

In mid-December York University posted a public alert along with a composite sketch from the police of an individual they believed to be responsible for sexual assaults in the area.

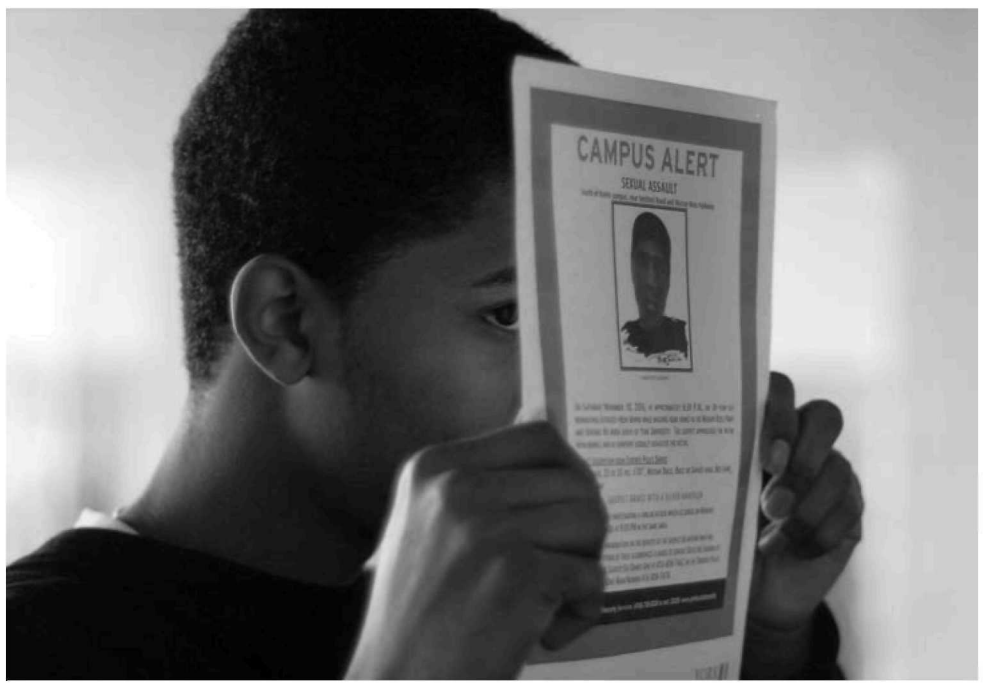
The campus alert displayed the police composite sketch with a written description underneath: "Male, black, 25 to 35 years, 6'0", medium build, bald or shaved head, red shirt, black ball-cap."

According to Young, Boadi "was proving a point—he was drawing attention to the fact that this is kind of a farcical example of [law enforcement] by the university."

"He was commenting on whether this is an effective way to deal with some terrible behaviour that's been going on on-campus," he added.

Although emergency calls placed to police stated that Boadi was brandishing a gun, Young finds it hard to believe that Boadi was giving this impression towards the public.

"He wasn't even holding [the object] like a gun."



PROFILIN' AIN'T STYLIN': Anti-profiling protest provokes the police.
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Young believed that Boadi's actions were not criminal, adding that the only thing that might have provoked anyone was that "he seemed to stray a bit from the point."

Nevertheless, Young said: "he wasn't causing any harm. The amount of force put on him was not necessary. Ten officers for one man is not necessary. It took about eight or ten cops to subdue him even though he was being completely peaceful," he added. "This huge parade of police officers coming to talk to this man who wasn't doing anything criminal."

Saada Awaleh-God, vice-president of media relations for the York University Black Students Association (YUBSA), maintained that the police responded with unwarranted force.

Ellyn Sylvia, a York student, saw police and York security march past her to the bookstore.

Sylvia agreed that Boadi was not struggling when police and York security led him outside. "He was pretty docile," she said.

Young also noted that during the incident, York Security blocked off the area near the bookstore.

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>
> *–Jason Young*
> *York University student*

"There were two security guards saying, 'You can't walk past here.'"

When Young asked why, he said he was simply told, "you just can't."

Alex Bilyk, director of media relations at York, defended York Security's decision to involve the police and block off the area.

"Nobody wants to fool around when they think there's a weapon involved," he said. "York Security took the measures they needed to take in order to allow the police to react to this case.

"If someone is causing a disturbance, and there is reason to believe a weapon may be involved, we'll take the necessary action to involve the police as soon as possible," continued Bilyk. However, Bilyk suggested that students should be wary of possible police involvement when considering taking similar actions to those of Boadi.

"Use your own head," he said. "In today's environment, people are all on edge and it's not an appropriate action."

Meanwhile, some students believe that the incident was provoked by the sexual assault campus alerts on campus.

The secretary of YUBSA, Yolanda Abrahams, suggested that the composite on the campus alert is not descriptive enough to be effective.

"The sketch looked very ambiguous. Any black male could fit that description," Abrahams said. "Racial profiling still exists on campus."

Other students have suggested that they could have done without the composite photo since they felt it was too general to be used as an investigative tool and that the campus alert bordered on racial profiling.

Thomas Lynch, a detective sergeant overseeing sexual assault crimes in the Toronto Police Sex Crimes Unit, believes that the process used in developing composite photos is highly scientific, though he would not provide details.

"That's a long process that we use through our forensic identification people, and that's a process I'm not willing to discuss right now, but basically we use the victims' memory of [their] assailant to prepare a composite."

"We would never solely...prosecute on a composite. We would have other evidence too," he said.

"We would use different kinds of identification for down the road, whether it be forensic or whether it be a photo of the actual suspect identified."

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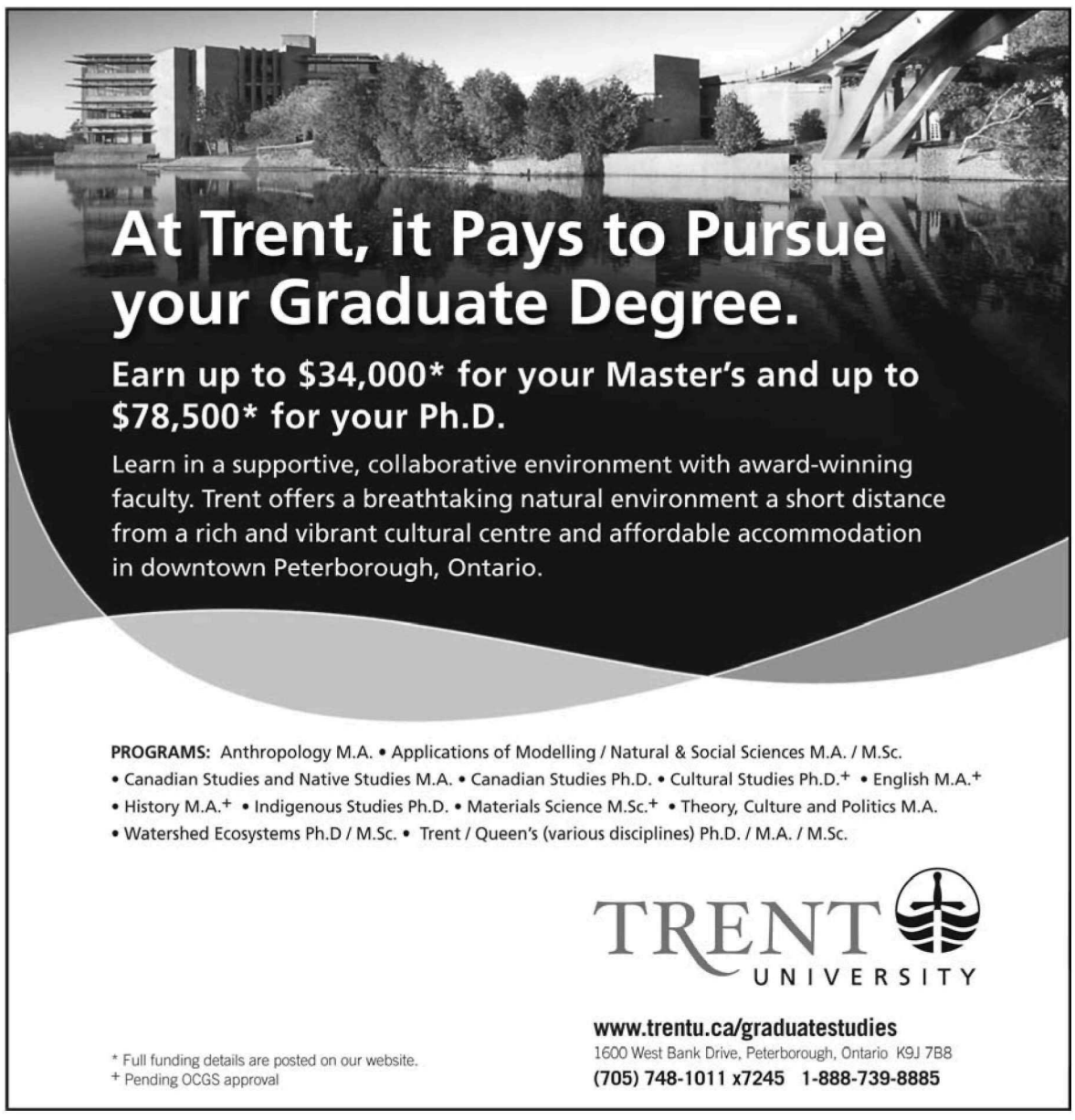

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SONATA FOR VIOLIN AND TURNTABLES
at the PuSh Festival for the Performing Arts
January 11

by Jennifer Chrumka
CULTURE WRITER

"What is the sound of you being alive?" asks Daniel Bernard Roumain in earnest from his apartment in Harlem, New York City.

Known simply as DBR, Roumain is a composer who's made a career out of stretching music genres and blending them together onstage around the world. The result is a unique musical style, a postmodern take on classical music that makes references to hip-hop, rock and jazz.

"For me it's wailing on a violin," he said.

Roumain picked up the violin at five years old and hardly seems to have put it down since. He received his PhD in music composition and theory from the University of Michigan and has since collaborated with artist, such as DJ Spooky, Cassandra Wilson, Ryuichi Sakamoto, Philip Glass and Susan Sarandon (she was the narrator of a piece for which he played background music.)

This past week he made the trip from the East Coast to the west to perform with DJ Scientific as part of Vancouver's PuSh International Performing Arts Festival on January 11th at the Chan Centre. The show was called *Sonata for Violin and Turntables*.

He claims that his music comes from the heart; indeed, it is stirring and complex. While his bow sweeps wildly up and down notes on his violin pouring out melodies, the assertive bass of hip hop brings it tightly together.

But not only is DBR a composer, he is a philosopher, a young artist on a path of self-actualisation. This night, with the TV blaring in the background, Roumain is revealing his convictions to a stranger on the other end of the phone.

"I've decided that I'm trying to be as cooperative a person that I can be," he said. "I've had enough of conflict."

"Sometimes the best way to lead is to follow," which is also the title of a piece he just wrote. "And not just anyone—choose who you want to follow. That's an act of leadership," he emphasised.

"One of the big choices I'm wanting to make in my life is to be cooperative, to be part of something constructive."

He is attempting to find meaning in small acts—from picking up a piece of litter off a sidewalk and pondering its lifetime, to paying attention to the candid acts of strangers that the rest of us ignore.

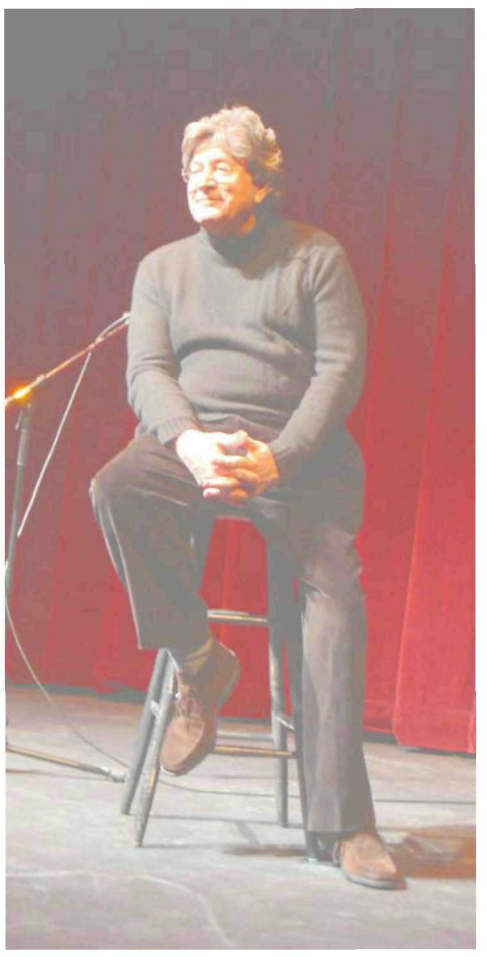
Sound a little cliché? Well for Roumain it all has meaning. "I went bowling the other night in Fort Lauderdale with my sister and it became about, not the game, but just being there with all of these people and watching them bowl," he said. "Watching this nine-year-old boy with long, long, hair, bowling with his family. Watching how he got so happy when gutter ball after gutter ball, finally, he got one. To see his family react!"

"We've got to enjoy these moments. Bjork talks about this notion of love being everywhere."

Admittedly from the iPod generation, Roumain is a pop-culture musical mastermind. With dreadlocks to his waist and a classical violin in hand, he looks the part.

His growing audiences are challenged by his unconventional fusion of classical and electronic music. With Roumain on acoustic violin and DJ Scientific on turntables and laptops, his music has the ability to open minds. "It's not a matter of liking the music or not," he said frankly, "It's a matter of having an opinion about it."

Before he goes he has one final bit of advice: "You don't have to change the world," he said with encouragement. "Just change your world and your world is everyone you'll ever meet." @



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I stand for not voting—gimmick or status quo

'Cheaper beer, more fun, less government, and stylish white pants'

For the past 20 years, aside from a small spike in student concern in the late nineties, voter turnout at UBC for the Alma Mater Society (AMS) elections has hovered around eight and 12 per cent. Generally speaking, it doesn't seem to matter what happens over the years—sprawling development plans, tuition freezes, tuition defrosting—only a limited proportion of students at UBC ever seem to care about campus politics.

This problem is often labelled "voter apathy" and usually reflects badly on the electorate: UBC students come off as a new generation of jaded, grade-grubbing TV addicts. But is the problem the voters or the relevance of AMS elections platforms these days?

It may have been completely unintentional, but yesterday's presidential candidates' forum was perhaps more telling of a problem here that few people care to recognise.

The stakes? To preside over a student organisation that pulls in millions of dollars in student fees every year. To take the helm of our exceptional health plan, our U-Pass, our student union building and presumably make some changes for the better.

The candidates? An experienced AMS rep well-versed in dull political rhetoric and a joke-turned-earnest candidate who admits to showing up drunk to the debates and doesn't give a shit. And yet somehow, the systemic cause of 'voter apathy' still eludes us. Hmmmm.

Last year, Kevin Keystone won the presidency with no platform at all. His vocal stylings during the debates were almost Rumsfeldian in their pseudo-sense. Does anyone remember this?

"What the AMS is doing next year isn't about me and it isn't about I. What the AMS wants to do is what you want to do because you're the members and you're the students and we serve you because we're your students."

Keystone promised to make AMS issues more transparent to the public, a promise he obviously abandoned once he won. Now UBC students are facing another election just as uninformed, just as disinterested and just as vulnerable to the same short-term, predictable campaigning ploys as they were the year before and the year before that and the year before that. The beat goes on.

Each of the two presidential candidates this year embody a now-commonplace AMS elections archetype: Friedrich is the play-it-safe, obviously more qualified but likely inconsequential runner, while Max is the finger-pointing, almost refreshingly nihilistic wildcard. And the few thousand students concerned enough to vote will generally vote with one of two predictable, short-term concerns in mind: keeping things safe or shaking things up.

Friedrich defended the current AMS and in doing so seemed to remove any chance for change in his platform and therefore any change to the future of the AMS. While Maxwell's occasionally sharp and well-stated criticism of the AMS might have given hope to potential voters, his self-admitted unfamiliarity with regards to the AMS prevented him from moving beyond broad attacks to discussion of specific issues. And so yet again, stimulating debate on substantial issues took a backseat to bullshit.

The choice for those at the forum seemed to be between a fresh candidate with little knowledge and a knowledgeable candidate with little freshness. No wonder voter turnout is so low. When drunk, pirate-costumed candidates are considered by default to be legitimate presidential alternatives, it seems the only reasonable choice to make is to make none at all.

Streeters

Do you care about the upcoming AMS elections? Why or why not?

—Mark Wu
Human Kinetics, 3

"No, I would care if I felt it made a difference in tuition."

—Emily Hsieh
English, 3

"No, I'd care if it affected food prices on campus."

—Yiannia Himaras
Microbiology, 3

"Not particularly. They only have two seats on the Board of Governors, it's almost a formality."

—Oopey Mason
Fine Arts, 4

"Went to the debate, it was okay but kind of one-sided. Things will happen without me one way or another."

—Pablo Alvarez
Global Resource Systems ,4

"Totally. There is a lot of room for positive change though they could be more radical."

—Coordinated by Matthew Jewkes and Kellan Higgins

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CROWD PLEASERS STAGE COMEBACK

T-Birds score key victory in front of largest crowd of season at GM Place

Regina Cougars at UBC Thunderbirds

	1st	2nd	3rd		
UBC: 9-10-1,	0	5	1	6	Final
REG: 8-12-0	3	0	1	4	

UBC 6 — REGINA COUGARS 4

January 13, 2007 — General Motors Place, Vancouver, BC

by Bobby Huang
SPORTS WRITER

Vancouver's version of Hockey Day in Canada began with a blowout and ended with a bang. The UBC Thunderbirds capped a successful Saturday night with a 6-4 victory over the Regina Cougars, while earlier in the evening, the Canucks triumphed 6-1 over the Maple Leafs in a game broadcast live for fans in attendance at GM Place.

Powerplays were the story of the UBC-Regina tilt in a high-scoring, penalty-filled contest. The T-Birds fell behind 3-0 in the first period and, following a 4-3 loss the previous night, appeared in danger of being swept in a series for just the second time this season.

"After a period like that, there's not much to say," reflected UBC head coach Milan Dragicevic. "In a situation like that, everyone has to look upon themselves and worry about their own situations instead of blaming others. The fact that we stuck together as a hockey team was a really positive note."

After a strong opening 20 minutes, the Cougars deflated faster than a certain oversized marshmallow across the street.

Regina ran into penalty trouble early in the second stanza and the Thunderbirds took advantage to erase the 3 goal deficit. "We played really soft, commented Regina coach Blaine Sautner on the dramatic reversal of fortunes in the second period. "You have to bear down and get pucks out, and I don't think we did a good job of that."

The UBC powerplay went 6-for-13 on the night, including five consecutive goals in a crazy second period.

"We got our shots through and we got traffic in front," explained Dragicevic on the success of the powerplay. "We set a goal that we wanted our powerplay to be 19% in the second half and right now we're close to 30. We want that to continue because specialty teams will win us games down the road."

Defenceman Brad Zanon scored three powerplay goals in the victory, earning the distinction of being the only defenceman in UBC history to record a hat trick.

"We wanted our power play to pick it up this weekend and we did," said Zanon. "We got the puck on net and it paid off with the six goals we got."

On the unique opportunity to play at a world-class National Hockey League facility, Dragicevic said, "right now not everybody appreciates playing at GM Place but six to ten years down the road they're going to look back on it as a really neat experience. I thank the Canucks for giving us an opportunity to do this."

With the win, UBC improves their record to 9-10-1.

"They came out hard and we came out soft," concluded Zanon, "but in the end we got the two points and that's what we're happy about."

The team will now enjoy a bye week before playing two crucial road games on January 26th and 27th against the Manitoba Bisons.

BIRD DROPPINGS

Men's Basketball

The CIS No. 4 ranked Thunderbirds lost their first conference matchup in the 33 games dating back to the 2004-2005 season on Friday, falling 87-77 to the No. 8 ranked Brandon Bobcats. UBC never led in the contest, despite a solid performance from third-year transfer Chris Dyck who led all scorers with 27 points while going 7-of-8 from beyond the arc.

UBC managed to rebound the following night in Regina, downing the Cougars 85-80 on the back of a 30 point performance from star fifth-year guard Casey Archibald. The 14-1 Thunderbirds are in Victoria next weekend for a crucial two game series against the 13-2 UVic Vikes, with first place in the Pacific Division on the line.

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