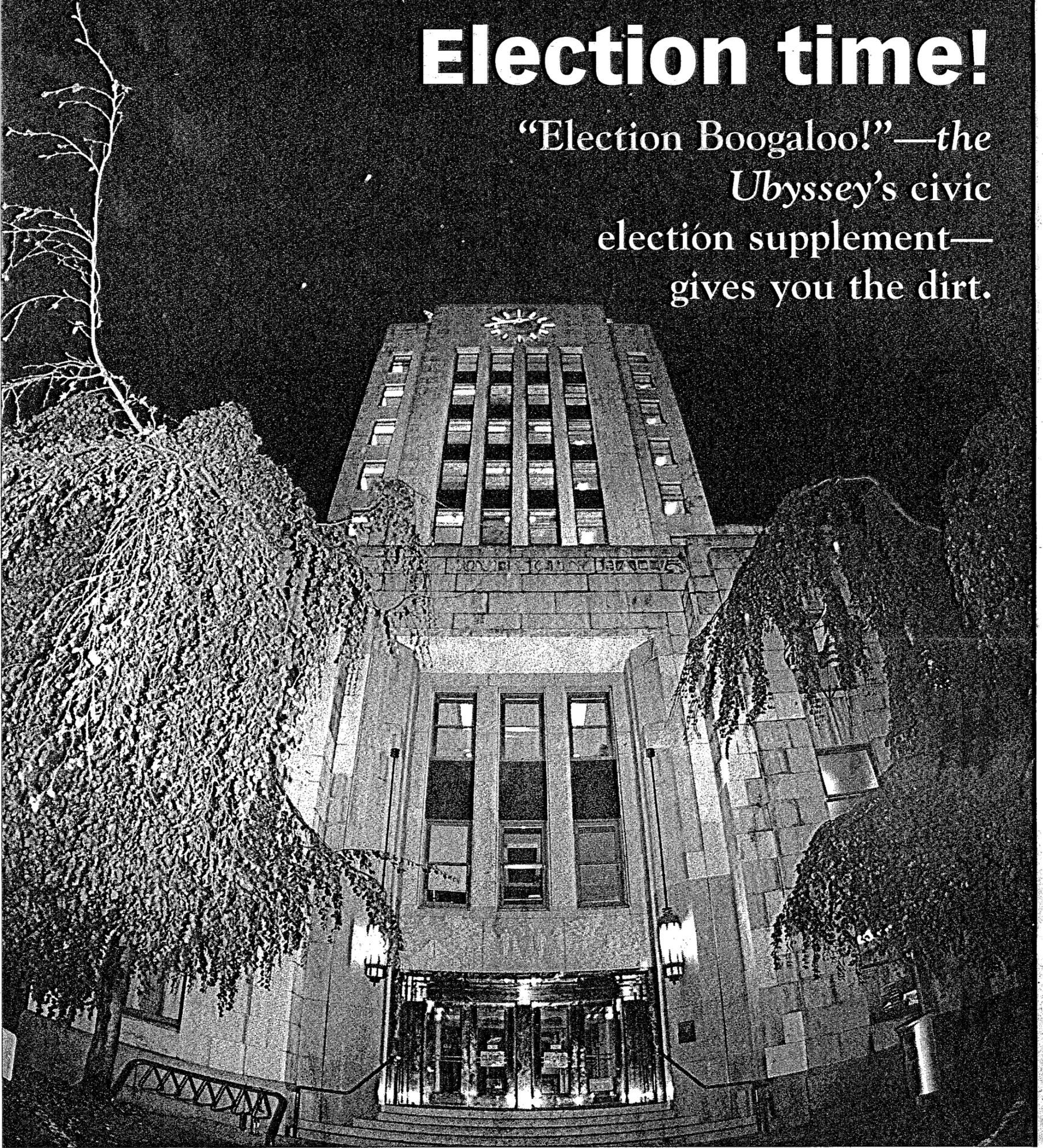


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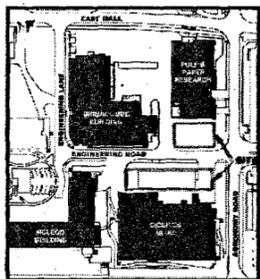
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Public Information Meeting

Institute for Computer Information and Cognitive Systems (ICICS) and Computer Science Buildings

Tuesday, November 12th, 2002, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Auditorium, Asian Centre, 1871 West Mall

To present and review the schematic design for the Institute for Computer Information and Cognitive Systems (ICICS) and Computer Science Buildings proposed to be constructed on the site of the existing Vivarium Building at 2372 Agronomy Road, east of the existing CICS/CS Building and on the east side of Engineering Road. The proposed buildings are approximately 11,600 square-metres in area and include dry research labs, offices, and teaching facilities.



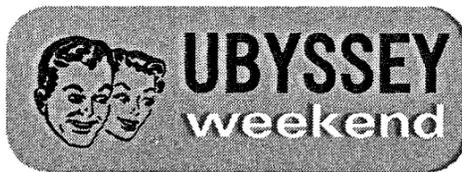
Subject to Board of Governors approval, construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2003 with occupancy in October 2004.



This event is wheelchair accessible. Please contact Deborah Mac Donald at 822-0463 for information on the location of the meeting or if you need assistive listening devices, captioning, or information on alternate media.

FREE PARKING will be available in the Fraser Parkade. Please pick up a parking pass after the meeting in order to exit the parkade without charge.

Questions or for further info:
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Jim Carruthers, UBC Campus & Community Planning, (604) 822-0469



MUSIC

Hot Hot Heat and the Dismemberment Plan at the Commodore Ballroom, Nov. 9 at 9pm

Indie rockin' darlins from Victoria (Hot Hot Heat) and Washington, DC (the Dismemberment Plan) bring their keyboard-infused-punk-with-a-twist to Vancouver. \$12.50.

Bleach Bypass at The Purple Onion, Nov.12

Fundraiser show to raise money for the UBC Film Festival. Contribute by coming to see local bands and DJs playing a variety of music from rock to punk to

house. Tickets are \$6. Profits go to advancing our minds and souls through a film medium. Get bizzy in the hizzy for your local filmmakers! Shizzy nizzy!

THEATRE

A Knight Out With Ian McKellen at the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre (Hamilton at Dunsmuir), Nov. 10, 7pm

Thespian, knight and Vancouver's biggest fan, Sir Ian McKellen takes his one-man show on stage for your viewing pleasure. Despite the pricey \$40 ticket, the night promises to be candid as McKellen discusses his career, and gay lifestyle. All proceeds go to the Playhouse itself. What a guy! ❖

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WHEN: Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.
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Election revisited

by DUNCAN M. McHUGH

Vancouver's first election took place on May 3, 1886, when voters elected the city's first mayor, Malcolm Alexander MacLean, a Scottish realtor. Since then, the city has had 35 mayors, all of them straight, white and male (as far as we can tell).

This year's election is notable for two reasons, 1) the city has a pretty good chance of electing its first female mayor (Non-Partisan Association [NPA] mayoral candidate Jennifer Clarke or vcaTEAM candidate Valerie MacLean) and, 2) for the first time since 1986, the city has a good chance of electing a non-NPA mayor (Coalition of Progressive Electors [COPE] candidate Larry Campbell). Either way, this year's civic showdown is proving to be the most exciting election in years.

A benefit to the closeness of this year's race is that voter turnout may break past the apathetic levels that they've been at through the 1990s. In 1999, only 37 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots. The most telling number of this statistic though is that only 94,271 votes were cast, the fewest number since 1976. Hopefully, given that both the right-wing NPA and the left-wing COPE have a legitimate shot at winning, a majority of Vancouverites will feel an impetus to vote.

Where the parties are

by KATHLEEN DEERING and MICHAEL SCHWANDT

Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE)

The Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) made its first appearance as a party in Vancouver civic politics in 1968, in an effort to oppose the dominant party of the day, the Non-Partisan Association (NPA).

COPE's campaign materials state that the party represents economic groups "at the opposite end of the spectrum from the NPA." Labour and small business groups have been particularly supportive of COPE in terms of membership and financial backing. The Vancouver and District Labour Council was one of the groups that helped to found COPE, and has been a major supporter of the party during each civic election since the party's inception.

The party promises to be transparent to the public when making decisions about Vancouver, and believes the city needs a competitive business edge—but it has to be more than just tax cuts.

www.cope.bc.ca

Dance Party Party (DPP)

Created in April 2002 by Sarah Albertson, the Dance Party Party (DPP) is one of Vancouver's newest civic parties. The DPP seeks to make civic politics appealing and interesting for the average Vancouverite. Running for city council positions are Sarah Albertson and Ryan Miller, who both admit politics can be quite lame.

"Vote Dance Party Party," Miller said in an interview. "But most importantly, vote!"

The DPP says they are dedicated to social justice, the environment, supporting youth initiatives and celebration. Both candidates are former UBC students, and say they are in touch with what it's like to be students. "We're more in touch with students than politicians," said Miller.

The DPP is mostly about including all Vancouverites in civic decisions, and making sure that Vancouver's government is run fairly by council members that the public wants to be there.

"We're fun, but we both have a good handle on the issues that are in this election," said Miller.

www.dancepartyparty.com

Non-Partisan Association (NPA)

Established in 1938, the NPA has been in power on and off for the last 64 years. Most recently, they were elected three years ago, with Mayor Phillip Owen holding the reins. The party is currently dealing with internal problems such as allegations that they forced Owen's departure from the NPA, as well as his own refusal to endorse his former party.

The NPA relies on the idea of non-partisanship, which has tenets including supporting the election of the most suitable candidates for civic office, and opposing the introduction of party politics into the elected boards.

The NPA feels that healthy economies create strong communities, and a large part of the party's focus is on how Vancouver can compete for businesses and investment.

On their website they detail an action plan to continue building Vancouver as the number one place in the world to locate a business, making it—they say—the sort of liveable city that attracts and holds the people and talent that creates jobs and inspires investment.

www.npa.bc.ca

Vancouver Civic Action TEAM (vcaTEAM)

This party's presence in the 2002 election represents the return of a party that dissolved two decades ago. The Electors Action Movement (TEAM) was originally formed in 1967, in opposition to a proposed freeway in Gastown. The party was consistently represented on city council in the early 1970s, but dissolved in the early 1980s.

Since that time, said vcaTEAM candidate for council Nancy Chiavario, the political gap between the traditionally left-leaning COPE and the increasingly right-wing (NPA) has widened. The vcaTEAM hopes to gain support by filling that gap.

The three founders of vcaTEAM—Art Cowie, Alan Herbert and Chiavario—are all former NPA councilors who feel that that party's control of civic politics has become too great.

www.vcateam.ca

Vancouver Green Party

The Vancouver Green Party's platform focuses on environmental and social sustainability. In 1984, one year after the BC Green Party was founded, the Vancouver Green Party ran in a Vancouver civic election for the first time.

In civic elections up to and including the one held in 1999, the Green Party ran candidates as a joint slate with COPE, with the intent of mounting a more effective challenge to the NPA.

The Vancouver Green Party does not accept financial support from large corporations nor unions, relying instead on its membership and other private donors. Described in its campaign literature as a "grassroots party," the Vancouver Green Party seeks to increase community participation in civic decisions.

www.vangreens.bc.ca

Vancouver Marijuana Party

The BC Marijuana Party was established in March 2001 and the Vancouver Marijuana Party (VMP) was established in April 2002. Marc Emery, who is running for Mayor, is the party's only candidate this year.

One idea that is central to the VMP's platform is legalising hardcore drugs for addicts, providing treatment for addicts.

Students should vote for the VMP, says Emery, because the party supports the legalisation of marijuana. The party advocates licenses for coffee shops to sell marijuana, he said, and this will be implemented if he is elected to city council. The party feels it's important that young people who are exposed to illegal substances be able to buy them in a shop where people aren't selling harder drugs, and where alcohol isn't being served as well.

www.marc4mayor.com/



MR PEANUT

One conspicuous absence from this year's ballot will be the lack of joke candidates. While some might argue that any one of the 13 candidates after the three frontrunners are jokes, none of them are on par with Dr Evil, who came in fourth in the 1999 elections, securing a respectable (and evil) 1434 votes.

The most famous, and successful, joke candidate ran in 1974. The brainchild of Vincent Trasov and John Mitchell, Mr Peanut ran against incumbent Art Phillips on a platform that consisted of P for performance, E for elegance, A for art, N for nonsense, U for uniqueness and T for talent. Mr Peanut, who received a candidacy endorsement from William S. Burroughs, went on to receive 3.4 per cent of the vote. ✓

Voting guide

by LAUREN EMBERSON

On Saturday, November 16, from 8am to 8pm, Vancouver is holding its civic elections. Participating is easy as pie and you, too, can be a part of our glorious (cough) democracy by showing up with some ID and an opinion. Here are the nuts 'n bolts of voting.

Who?

The first step towards voting bliss is a self-examination, facilitated by three easy questions.

1) Are you 18 or older on November 16th 2002? Yes? Please continue.

2) Are you a Canadian citizen? Unfortunately, landed immigrants and international students are unable to vote. If you are a Canadian citizen, please go to the next question.

3) Have you lived in Vancouver for longer than 30 days on November 16? This is the trick question of this exam because if you live on campus, you are technically not considered a resident of the City of Vancouver. This is because UBC is located on crown land and is considered part of British Columbia but not Vancouver. So, even though you have been going to school at UBC and living in Gage, you will not be considered a registered voter.

However, the electoral office does recognise that UBC residents have a voice and will allow students to place votes for school trustees. There will be polling stations in the SUB, University Hill Public School (5395 Chancellor Blvd) and University Hill Secondary School (2896 Acadia Crescent). If you have lived off campus but within the city limits, you will be considered a full voter and can then proceed on to the second step of voting bliss.

How?

The second step is registration. Since it is past the deadline for early registration, you need to register at the place where you'll be voting. Being a serious process, you will need not one but TWO pieces of identification. Within the long list of identification that will be accepted, most common to a student's wallet are: a credit or debit card, BC driver's license, BC Care Card, BC ID card, social insurance card, and/or a utility bill for electricity, telephone or cable service. If you do not have a document that has your Vancouver address on it, not to worry; you will have to sign a "Declaration of Residency" form when you are registering.

Now for step three, locating a place to vote, or in electoral lingo, a polling station. If you are not a pre-registered voter, you can vote at any of the polling stations around Vancouver. There are nearly 100. In order to narrow down the search, the election web site has a handy-dandy search feature that will find a polling station with just the right fit. At www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/cycle/elec2002/elecindex.htm, you can just enter your address to find the polling station nearest you. You can also give the election office a call at 604-873-7681. Aside from the three polling stations within UBC grounds mentioned before (that are only for Endowment-Land residents), the polling station nearest to campus is at St Helen's Anglican Church (4405 W. 8th Ave at Sasamat).

Why?

While voting is not a hugely complicated process, it will still take some time out of your Saturday. So, why should you bother? Here are a few reasons for you to ponder. Firstly, the electoral office has put a significant amount of effort into urging people to vote, and you wouldn't want all that work to go to waste. Secondly, your grandfather complains that "Your generation is good for nothing and self-centred." Thirdly, the municipal elections are where your vote can make the most difference. Chances are that city hall—more than Victoria or Ottawa—is most likely to make the decisions that will affect your daily life, whether through transit, education, environmental issues or even the problems on the Downtown Eastside. It is important to exercise your right to vote. Lastly, don't you give up your complaining rights when you don't vote in the first place? ✓

The Major Issues:

No fun City?

by MICHAEL SCHWANDT

Magazine articles, travel guides and word of mouth assure us, as residents of Vancouver, that our city is one of the best places on earth to live. So why doesn't it always seem that way? Certainly, our ocean city is home to a tremendous amount of artistic talent and cultural diversity. Compared to many other urban centers, however, the rules surrounding entertainment in Vancouver can be very restrictive.

Bars and clubs just close too early, too often, and liquor licensing procedures are painfully frustrating for those who would promote arts and entertainment events in this city. Many assert that municipal rules and regulations are keeping Vancouver from becoming the arts and entertainment mecca that it could be.

Groups like Funcover suggest that institutionalised attitudes in city hall are turning Vancouver into a "No Fun City." The group is actively pushing for civic leaders who will work to solve this problem, to transform Vancouver into a truly world-class city. The Funcover campaign has endorsed the can-

didacy of Valerie MacLean, who is running for mayor with the Vancouver Civic Action Team (vcaTEAM) party. The group has also selected ten city council candidates to support during the election, and will be handing out cards with their names to patrons in various entertainment venues. Interestingly, not one incumbent candidate received the Funcover endorsement.

The vcaTEAM has several plans to address the "no fun" stigma associated with Vancouver. Statements from the party emphasise the need to promote not only large events (such as the Celebration of Light fireworks competition, a.k.a. the Symphony of Fire), but also ongoing community projects. The vcaTeam has proposed holding more parades in Vancouver, and restoring cultural events such as Greek Days and Chinese New Year street parties. The party would also increase funding to local arts bodies, as well as the PNE. Candidates for vcaTEAM envision a revitalised downtown entertainment district with Granville Street as a hub. Increasing and improving pedestrian traffic with car-free zones and open-air cafes are vcaTEAM's suggested ideas.

While Funcover's organisers—Vancouver bar and restaurant owners—clearly stand to make financial gains through the election of their entertainment-friendly candidates, they feel that the election of a pro-entertainment city council will benefit anyone who values a thriving cultural scene in this city. The Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE),

despite having controversially received no support from Funcover, made many commitments to increasing fun levels in Vancouver. According to a recent press release, "COPE candidates and supporters will party on through to election day and beyond."

Jim Green, a COPE candidate for city council, has stated that COPE supports longer bar hours, open-air concerts in parks, and plans to launch a "love parade" modeled after the famous annual street festivals in Berlin and Amsterdam. The party also gives tentative support to the Indy in Vancouver, with the qualification that neighbourhoods adjacent to the race should be consulted. COPE feels that 24-hour bus and Skytrain service, which the party promises to push for, would encourage Vancouver residents to enjoy more of what the city has to offer.

The Dance Party Party (DPP), obviously a group focused on celebration, is committed to enhancing opportunities for artists and audiences to come together. Quoting the Beastie Boys in their campaign materials—"You gotta fight for your right to party"—the party promises to support street performers, nightclubs, live theatre, art galleries and festivals in Vancouver.

The DPP would extend hours of transit to promote safe and fun night life. "I personally would like to see the hours of the bars extended," said party council candidate Ryan Miller, acknowledging this would need to be regulated in terms of noise and general disruption to the community. ✓

Downtown Eastside

by JOHN MCCRANK

Drug addiction, drug dealing, HIV infection, prostitution, crime, high unemployment, lack of housing, and the loss of many legitimate business are some of the major issues that plague Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES), Canada's poorest neighborhood. More than ever, these issues are front and centre in this year's civic election.

About two years ago, three-term mayor Philip Owen began to speak out on the drug epidemic that has paralysed the Downtown Eastside, unveiling a plan called the Four Pillar Approach to drug addiction (emphasising education, enforcement, treatment, and harm reduction) that would treat addicts as victims, rather than as criminals. Some say Owen's stance—that included possible safe injection sites for users—was partially responsible for the loss of support from his party, which in turn resulted in Owen being ousted by the NPA.

Larry Campbell, mayoral candidate for COPE, says if elected he would begin implementing safe injection sites by January 1, 2003. "People are dying and we need to be doing something, we've talked long enough," he says.

Jennifer Clarke, NPA candidate, accompanied Mayor Owen to harm reduction programs in Europe says that she

supports the Four Pillar approach, including safe injection sites, as long as supplementary law enforcement and improved addiction rehabilitation service were also included. The vcaTEAM, along with mayoral candidate Valerie MacLean, says it also recognises the virtues of the Four Pillars approach, but is more focused on enforcement to control dealers.

The DTES continues to be a battleground for political rivalries. In her acceptance speech as mayoral candidate, Clarke told onlookers that she "will not be mayor of a city with a ghetto," triggering a rise from Campbell.

"The people of the Downtown Eastside are members of our community, not occupants of a ghetto," said Campbell, the candidate who has been the area's most vocal advocate. Campbell is pushing for stronger penalties for slum-lords, and for incentives to small businesses that set up in the neighborhood and hire locals. Clarke says she endorses a "block-by-block" revitalisation of the neighbourhood, with a focus on economic revitalisation and gentrification.

The issue of Vancouver's homeless has also been under scrutiny lately, with attention generated by the occupation of the old Woodward's building, located on Hastings and Abbott, which has stood vacant since 1993. There are between 300 and 600 homeless people in Vancouver, a large percentage of whom suffer from mental disorders. The COPE website says it would call on the federal and provincial governments to partner with the city in creating more social housing.

Clarke points to the 2000 units of social housing she says have opened up in Vancouver in the last two years. "Many of the [homeless people] are coming in to the city



LISA JOHNSON PHOTO

from other provinces, or municipalities. Vancouver has done a tremendous job of carrying its share of social responsibility for social housing and shelters, but frankly, other municipalities and provinces have to do their part," she said in a recent interview. ✓

Parks

by CHRIS SHEPHERD

There are over 200 parks in Vancouver covering almost 1300 hectares of the city. Parks include everything from Stanley Park, beaches, indoor and outdoor pools, and the classic grassy field with swings and slides.

A budget of around \$75 million a year is allocated for the management, upkeep and supervision of Vancouver's parks, which are managed by the Parks Board—a governing body of seven elected commissioners.

The Parks Board makes decisions regarding community and recreation centres and sports fields. Members of the board also determine when parks are open and allocates money for activities such as park festivals.

The Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE), the Vancouver Civic Action Team (vcaTEAM), and the Non-Partisan

Association (NPA) all state that they support ensuring that parks remain places where Vancouverites can relax and enjoy themselves.

One issue the parties do show a difference on is the issue of accessibility of the Parks Board and its meetings.

COPE Parks Board candidate Heather Deal claims that the current process surrounding the Parks Board meetings does not allow for it to be very open to the public. The public is currently not allowed to ask the Parks Board questions, said Deal, instead they can only make statements about issues on the agenda.

If elected, COPE would change the policy regarding questions and also give people more time to study the agenda before board meetings, Deal said.

Clarence Hansen, a candidate with the NPA and the current chair of the Parks Board, is running for re-election.

Hansen said that when people go to Parks Board meetings they are there to pro-

vide information to help the board make decisions.

"They're not there to question [the board] and staff. They can ask all the questions they want prior to the meeting, though," he said, referring to the fact that people can contact the Parks Board and ask staff and board members questions before a board meeting is held.

Dave Pasin, vcaTEAM Parks Board, candidate, was unclear about the issue of members of the public being allowed to speak at Parks Board meetings.

"I don't know whether it's a rule or not," Pasin said. "It's something we would look at. Certainly the people in the gallery... unless you were a listed delegation, [the Parks Board] wouldn't entertain questions from people present."

Pasin added that if people had an important question that was relevant, then the Parks Board would entertain it.

"What we want is people's involvement in the Parks Board," Pasin concluded. ✓

Schools

by SARAH CONCHIE

Forget King Kong. Although there are a few dubious names on the school trustees candidacy list, like Brian "Godzilla" Salmi, the school board elections are not to be taken lightly.

Nine school trustees are elected to the Vancouver School Board in every municipal election and this year the issues surrounding Vancouver's 109 schools loom large for the 23 candidates.

Although the public school system falls under the legislation of the provincial government, the new provincial School Act returned more discretionary powers over policy issues to the Vancouver School Board. Funding and allocation of resources are now under municipal domain, and school structures, daily operations and methods of learning are vetted and voted upon by the board. With 13,000 teachers set to retire in the next five years, the school board will be involved in the hiring of new teachers, including many UBC graduates. The provincial government provides the money, but the school board decides where it will ultimately end up, meaning that who you elect will have bearing on your children, your community education, and perhaps even your salaries.

The Non-Partisan Association (NPA) has had six members on the board for the past three years, four of whom are seeking re-election. The NPA has ties to the Liberal government, and has voted down every major motion that opposes provincial education cuts.

Some of the current trustees have been on the board for decades. Bill Brown, an NPA candidate running for re-election, has been a trustee for the past 25 years. Others, like first-timer Angele Desrochers, are running on the platform of being experienced parents who have been involved in the school system on all levels.

The Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) has several returning candidates as well. Allen Blakey and Allan Wong are both former teachers who brought several motions concerning provincial funding cuts to the table in the last term, and alongside trustee Adrienne Montano, voted as a block on every major issue brought to the board.

The Vancouver Civic Action Team (vcaTEAM) is notably absent from the list. ✓

Wards vs. at large

by KATHLEEN DEERING

In the upcoming civic elections, people will cast votes and decide who will be on the Vancouver City Council, which is made up of a mayor and ten city councillors (formerly called aldermen). The current electoral system by which we elect these council members is a frequently questioned and hotly debated topic.

City councils in North America are elected according to one of three main systems, which include at-large systems, ward systems, and a mix between the two. Mayors are almost always voted in using an at-large system, whereas for councillors the voting system varies.

Vancouver's city council is currently voted in using an at-large system, and is one of the last municipalities in Canada to still use this system. An at-large system is one where all eligible voters within the city boundaries vote on the same list of can-

didates. A ward system is one where a city is broken down into smaller areas (wards), and voters living in each ward vote on their own list of candidates, who represent their ward on council. There may be more than one member in a ward.

An argument for at-large systems is that voters should choose a candidate based on the issues the candidates feel strongly about, and that the neighbourhood they come from shouldn't affect a voter's decision.

Jennifer Clarke, the mayoral candidate for the Vancouver Civic Non-Partisan Association (NPA) feels that the at-large system is working. Clarke said she doesn't feel changing Vancouver's current at-large system to a ward system would have an impact on the NPA.

But some people feel that the current system needs to change, and that the NPA has remained in power because the at-large system works well for them. Vancouver is a diverse city with diverse people and problems. Ten councillors who live in Point Grey, for example, may not be able to adequately address the issues affecting those in the Downtown Eastside as well as someone from that neighbourhood could.

Often, candidates will end up being elected by voters who choose based on which party a candidate

is running with. Marc Emery, who is running for mayor with the Vancouver Marijuana Party (VMP), said none of his fellow VMP members ran for council this year because they didn't think they would be elected with an at-large system. People are going to vote for council members without scrutiny, he said, because rarely do voters spend the time getting to know each candidate well, and rarely do the candidates make themselves well-known. "Running for council in a city with an at-large system is futile," Emery said. "It's a waste of time and effort."

Emery supports a ward system of ten wards in Vancouver, with two people elected from each ward. The Vancouver Civic Action Team (vcaTEAM) supports a combination of ward and at-large system. They propose that five people should be elected in using each system.

The Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) supports wards because they believe it's the most democratic way the city can be run. "We believe it just represents the city far better to have neighbourhoods voting for neighbourhood representatives," said a media rep from COPE.

COPE plans on implementing an extensive consultation process if elected to council, because deciding how to divide Vancouver into wards is still the subject of contention. ✓

Olympic bid 2010

by HYWEL TUSCANO

Vancouver is one of three competitors that remain on the short-list to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. The Vancouver-Whistler Olympic bid—which has been in development since 1999—is competing with bids from Pyeongchang, South Korea and Salzburg, Austria.

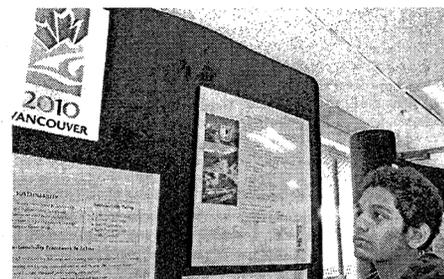
The bid must take into account the needs of tourists, athletes and city residents, including the need for accommodation, transportation and venues for all events. It is estimated that the operating budget of the Games would exceed \$2 billion. The cost of the bid alone is around \$34 million.

Most events and venues are planned for Vancouver and would involve upgrades to four of Vancouver's stadiums: BC Place, GM Place, Pacific Coliseum and the Agrodome. There are also plans for the construction of sporting venues or the upgrading of current facilities at UBC, SFU and Hillcrest Park.

Recently, university and community groups expressed concerns over the planned Olympic rinks at UBC, which would replace the four current rinks with two and reduce ice time.

Upgrades for easy transportation between venues is also in consideration. The construction of additional lanes on the Sea-to-Sky highway connecting Vancouver and Whistler would cost around an additional \$600 million. A Vancouver-Richmond Skytrain connection has also been proposed to connect the airport and downtown Vancouver, costing approximately \$1.8 billion. Spectators will be encouraged to use public transit for the duration of the Games.

While an athletes village planned on False Creek across from the



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Cambie St. bridge takes care of athlete accommodations, the large influx of tourists and organisations must also be planned for. Concerns have risen over the Olympics' possible effect on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, where possible evictions may occur to accommodate tourists and increase profits during the games. During Expo 86 the community lost more than 1000 housing units and eviction-related deaths occurred in the impoverished community.

Public consultation thus far has consisted of public opinion polling which has shown 65 per cent of Vancouverites in favour of the Games. Most civic parties are happy with these numbers and promote enthusiastic platforms for responsible planning for the Games; however, Larry Campbell and Jim Green, Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) candidates for mayor and city council respectively, have supported a call for a referendum on the issue. They believe that a referendum will open financial and business plans to the public. They also believe a successful referendum would strengthen the bid as a firm demonstration of support. ✓

Transit

by LAUREN EMBERSON

The other day, while heading to UBC on the number 25 bus, the bus driver asked if there was a lot of talk going on at the university about the upcoming elections. No one answered—at first. Getting a response took some prodding from the bus driver. In fact, she had to jokingly criticise university students for not caring about civic politics before someone asked her, "If you had \$2 million to put into public transit where would it go?"

When looking at where to place your vote on November 16, consider transit funding. Each party wants to make transit better in Vancouver, but each party has a different take on how to improve our transit system. Take a look at some of the political platforms...

If re-elected, the Non-Partisan Association (NPA) is not going to focus on the old bus system, but would look into a \$65 million investment to build a traditional trolley system, much like in San Francisco. This trolley system would connect Granville Island, Science World, Chinatown, Gastown and Waterfront Station with the downtown core. The NPA foresees that this trolley line would stimulate business growth in these regions and make Vancouver more accessible to tourists and downtown commuters. NPA Mayoral candidate Jennifer Clarke is also the city's chair for its transportation committee, so she knows the existing transit system inside and out.

The Vancouver Civic Action Team (vcaTEAM) would look into building a trolley line as well. This line would work along with light rail transit, streetcars and ferries in order to support the existing bus routes. The vcaTEAM promises to consider increasing public transportation from downtown to the Vancouver International Airport, as well as to the areas surrounding Vancouver, like the Fraser Valley Regional District and regions towards Whistler. The philosophy of vcaTEAM is that a good transit system will help the growth of a community.

While both the vcaTEAM and the NPA are focusing on new forms of transit, the Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE) has looked at expanding the existing bus system. COPE's mayoral candidate, Larry Campbell, says that he is primarily concerned with the immediate needs of bus riders. He has promised to restore and expand late night bus service. Another major change planned is to focus more transit attention on UBC since it is the second most popular destination in the city, next to the downtown core. COPE claims that they will increase service to the #49, #41, #25, #4 and Broadway lines in order to help out UBC commuters. COPE is also looking into a fare freeze and possibly a fare reduction over time.

The stance taken by the Vancouver Green Party is to emphasise more cost-effective and sustainable methods of transportation: walking, cycling and public transit. One of the Green Party's nominees for city council, Richard Campbell, is a long time transit and cycling activist who promises to increase safe cycling in Vancouver.

Keep in mind that Vancouver's public transit system affects when, how and where you move



EMILY CHAN PHOTO

around the city. While Translink is directly responsible for buses, the civic government oversees Translink and also provides them with funding. When voting on November 16, keep bus schedules and your transit ideals in mind and reflect that with your pen. ✓

The candidates:

Larry Campbell

by CHRIS SHEPHERD

Who is Larry Campbell? In former incarnations he's been a member of the RCMP, chief coroner for BC, scriptwriter, consultant and now...mayor?

Larry Campbell is the mayoral candidate for the Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE). Campbell has lived in Vancouver since 1969 when the RCMP first stationed him here.

He was awed by the city when he first saw it.

"I'll always remember driving over the Port Mann Bridge when they had the lights on the rail and looking to my left and as far as I could see were lights and I thought 'I've made it; this is so beautiful.'"

Campbell's love for the city continues. Along with the citizens, and the view of the mountains, Campbell enjoys the wide variety of cultures found in Vancouver.

"I love the idea that we have so many diverse cultures here that I can eat a different national dish every single night for a month and never run out of it," he laughed.

Campbell served for the RCMP for 12 years. In 1981 he became a coroner in Vancouver. He worked as a coroner for 20 years, the last four as chief coroner for BC. He retired in 2000 and until the civic election, worked as a consultant and scriptwriter for *Da Vinci's Inquest*, a television show about a coroner in Vancouver.

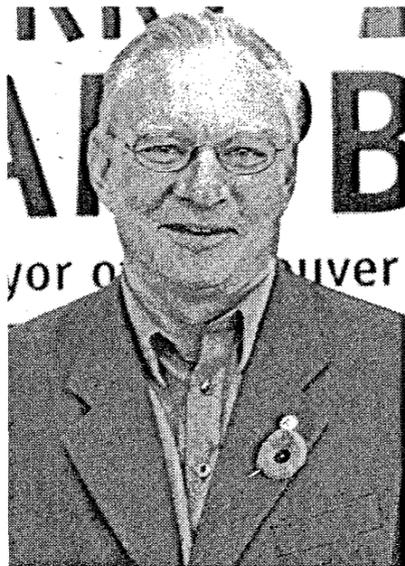
"It's so different than anything I've ever done," Campbell says of working with the show. "It's like running off and joining the circus."

Campbell believes that these past experiences will help him in the mayor's office, should he be elected. Campbell also says that being a coroner in Vancouver gave him insight into the city that most people don't get. In the course of his work he dealt with the police, the fire department, engineering, planning (because of building design) and—most importantly he said—the people of Vancouver.

"When you're investigating the deaths of the people of this city, you meet families, friends, co-workers," he says. "There's probably 2000 deaths a year; add that up and figure it over 20 years...I've met a lot of people in this city."

One criticism of COPE has been that they are not fiscally responsible, but Campbell says this is not true.

Campbell has a Masters of Business Administration, and in conjunction with running the coroner's office, he says his background makes him a good candidate for mayor.



CHRIS SHEPHERD PHOTO

"I understand fiscal responsibility. I'm very much a fiscal conservative," Campbell says. "None of us can spend more than we get, or you go bankrupt, it's as simple as that and that's how we have to think."

Campbell became involved in civic politics after he ran for Police Chief of Vancouver. After coming third in that electoral race, Campbell started receiving calls from various people saying that he should get into politics. He was unconvinced at the time, but after meeting people from COPE, Campbell began to change his mind.

"I was just very impressed with the number of people with diverse ideas," he said.

Campbell said students should vote for him and COPE because two of the main issues his party is addressing—transit and education—are some of the biggest concerns facing students today.

Campbell would like to see more B-line bus routes in the city and a general improvement in planning for the transit system.

Campbell acknowledged that civic government does not play a large role in post-secondary education but added that he feels a responsibility because students are members of the city.

"If the issues affect your citizens, then you have a civic responsibility to step forward and act on behalf of those citizens," he said.

When asked with the most closely identified from the *Sesame Street* duo of Bert and Ernie, Campbell chose Bert.

"I always liked Bert. I think he has a deeper intellect of the two. I think he was kinder too." ✓

Jennifer Clarke

by ANNA KING

Optimism and the ability to broker effective solutions are what make Jennifer Clarke stand out, according to the journalist-turned-politician and mother of three.

Born and raised in Vancouver, Clarke talks with great enthusiasm about the opportunities she sees for her hometown. She would like to see Vancouver as the number one business destination in Western Canada, and says UBC students should consider themselves part of that plan, as employed workers in the burgeoning local economy she hopes to create.

Clarke became interested in municipal politics while a reporter and producer for CBC television. She then had children and became a small business owner, running audio tours at Expo '86 and working on land development projects. Always interested in community issues, Clarke was a trustee at



ANNA KING PHOTO

the Vancouver Art Gallery, worked on a transit steering group and became involved in mediating a controversial rezoning plan in her Shaughnessey neighbourhood.

"I got involved in brokering a compromise with some other people who were on the opposing side of what was being proposed," she says. She found she had a knack for working out solutions with people and after being told she probably wouldn't get elected on her first attempt, Clarke found herself being sworn in as a city councillor. "I was suddenly a councillor with a two, four and eight year old!" she laughs.

Nine years later, Clarke has gotten to know city hall well, and feels that her experience as a councillor has laid a solid base

for a term as mayor.

"I think I have proved that I can listen to people, implement things, do my homework. No one has ever accused me of not being prepared, knowing what the facts are and being able to do the kind of difficult trade-offs, but also being able to do it in a way that was respectful, often of very differing points of view," she says.

It's this ability to work closely with wide varieties of people that Clarke says makes her effective. "I think most people who have worked with me would say I'm able to diffuse volatile situations, and I'm able to take tough stands when I have to. I think you have to be a person of principle. Principle, integrity, passion, and hard work—you have to be able to work very hard."

Clarke highlights her work on opposing the province's attempt to expand gambling casinos as an issue she's taken a leadership role on. "I became the city's chief witness at the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal and won. And I got the rest of the municipalities of the province together...to campaign that this is a local community decision...and that policy has finally been adopted throughout the province."

Developing an Official Community Plan that expanded housing options in the UBC area is something else she's proud of. "Planning affordable housing, that's something I've been involved with for a long time," she says. "Because students, when they're starting out, need affordable housing."

She also says overcoming transportation problems, particularly those UBC students face, is a key part of her platform. She is currently chair of the city's Transportation and Traffic Committee.

Although she says she doesn't know whether she identifies more with Bert or Ernie from *Sesame Street* as she doesn't know their characteristics well enough, Clarke has lots to say about why she loves Vancouver and why she would make a good mayor.

"It sounds like an obvious thing to say, but I love people," she says. "You wouldn't be seeking this kind of office if you didn't love people, if you weren't an optimist [in] believing that by working with people in communities you could get things done."

She says beyond the natural beauty, cultural diversity and growth potential of Vancouver, what draws her to the city is the commitment and optimism of its inhabitants. "People of this city and government really get involved together to build better communities for everyone, whether that's improving a community centre, having a neighbourhood festival or developing a plan for more housing choices," she says. ✓

Valerie MacLean

by SARAH CONCHIE



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Valerie MacLean laughs heartily as I ask her what prompted her to run for mayor. "I keep asking myself that. I didn't approach the party—it's a new, independent party. They came to me."

The vcaTEAM asked MacLean to consider running as their banner candidate in what some have called the first competitive municipal election in years, and although she agreed with the party's independent stance, MacLean wasn't quite convinced.

The clincher was one of those off the cuff comments that MacLean says have made the difference in her life before.

"You know what did it? The one thing that got me—because I kept demurring, saying I'm not a political animal, I speak my mind, I'm not into attack-

ing people...someone said, 'Well Val, there's been no female mayor ever, so even if you don't win, you'll be a part of political history.'"

She may not describe herself as a political animal, but MacLean has had plenty of experience in dealing with governments.

Currently on leave from the Better Business Bureau (BBB), MacLean serves as the vice-president for Consumer Affairs, bringing her into contact with several levels of government. Before that, she served with the Ministry of Health, targeting pharmacare and welfare fraud. She is also a laymember of the BC Law Society, having been appointed this July.

Getting into local politics seemed a natural thing for MacLean, who has been living in Vancouver since 1977. She spent her university days at McGill University in Montreal, and then joined the RCMP at the age

of 23, serving in Maple Ridge from 1977-1979.

"I felt very strongly about law and order, and I think my father instilled that in me. Someone said to me once—'Well, if you feel that strongly, why don't you get off your duff and do something about it?'" MacLean says. "It was another one of those off the cuff comments. I've got to stay away from those!"

When it comes to Vancouver, and UBC students in particular, MacLean immediately brings up the issue of transit. A bus rider herself—who sold her car two years ago—MacLean is in favour of a 24 hour bus system. Tuition also made it onto her list, and she points to her lack of provincial party affiliation as an asset in dealing with provincial government policy.

"Provincial cutbacks have affected students, and I would not cowtow to the provincial government...my com-

mitment, and I only have one, other than to my son, is to Vancouverites, not to the Liberal government, not to the NDP government."

MacLean thinks she would also fit into the mayor's chair because of her experience in mediation.

"I'm not confrontational or combative, and you cannot negotiate with a government body by fighting. You cannot come to a consensus through confrontation. It's only through conciliation and listening to both sides that you can resolve things."

On lesser matters—such as whether she is more similar to Bert or Ernie from *Sesame Street*—MacLean is equally emphatic. "Bert's the perfectionist? I'd have to say Bert, then," concludes MacLean. "You said Bert likes pigeons? I love all animals, so why not pigeons, too? I think I like everything in its place—I'm very neat." ✓

Ex-premier comes to UBC

Dosanjh speaks about his life



UJJAL DOSANJH Telling it like it is.
CHRIS SHEPHERD PHOTO

by Megan Thomas
NEWS WRITER

Former BC Premier Ujjal Dosanjh spoke Tuesday night in Main Library's Dodson Room and clearly enjoyed the opportunity to come and talk about his life and career with students.

"It's flattering to an old defeated political ego for someone to ask you to come and talk about your career," said Dosanjh.

Dosanjh was brought to UBC as part of the Centennial Speaker and Debate Series, created by the UBC Debate Society to commemorate its 100th anniversary.

The talk began with Dosanjh speaking about his past and his eventual move to Canada. He spoke of a middle-class upbringing in a small village in India. At the age of 17, with very limited English skills, Dosanjh left for England to pursue a higher education.

As a visible minority, Dosanjh found educational opportunities were difficult to come by in England. A coincidental visit to the Canadian High Commission in London eventually led Dosanjh to Vancouver in 1968.

"It has been a sheer delight and a wonderful personal journey for me, and I have been able to live my life to the fullest possible," said Dosanjh of his immigration to Canada.

Dosanjh took questions from students, discussing issues relating both to his life and politics in BC.

When asked what drew him to politics Dosanjh spoke of how his family was involved politically, especially in the struggle for the liberation of India. His grandfather was jailed for eight years in England for attempting to further the cause of Indian independence.

"I grew up in an environment where politics was the thing," said Dosanjh of his childhood.

Dosanjh also felt that his status as a visible minority was valuable politically because it put him in a position to understand minority issues and bring them to the forefront of BC politics.

A student also questioned Dosanjh about the proudest moments of his political career.

Dosanjh spoke of becoming the premier of BC because this moment symbolised for him how far Canadian society had progressed. He felt it was a huge step for a visible minority immigrant, with English as a second language, to be elected as the premier of BC.

"What moved me to tears was that it was a tribute to the society in which we live. We have come such a long distance," explained Dosanjh.

He also related what he considered to be the most stressful moment of his career. When he was serving as the Attorney General for BC, Dosanjh found it difficult to make public the criminal investigation into the activities of then-Premier Glen Clark.

"It was very difficult because you know that it has a devastating impact on the life of another human being," said Dosanjh.

Are there politics in Dosanjh's future? He says that up until six months ago he would have said absolutely not, but right now he cannot say for sure. What he does know is that he wants to put his skills to use, in whatever way he can.

Spencer Keys of the UBC Debate Society, who organised the talk, was pleased with the interest in Dosanjh as a speaker.

"I think that on this campus there isn't quite so much of an establishment of speakers and coming to see speakers...but really this encourages me quite a bit," said Keys.

Students who attended were also enthusiastic about Dosanjh's talk.

Dave Sidhu, a first-year Law student, was glad he took the time to attend the talk.

"I like the man himself. I'm not NDP but it was worth seeing him. I was just curious about what he was going to do next," explained Sidhu.

Similarly Michael Kortly, a fourth-year economics student, liked the fresh perspective on BC politics.

"I was just really glad to see something about BC politics that didn't have to do with Gordon Campbell," Kortly explained. "[It was nice to look] instead at his life, how he got here, and not some bitter, petty political thing that seems to be the sort of [trend] of the UBC campus." ♦

Panel resists war on Iraq

Svend Robinson and others discuss the possible war on Iraq

by Chris Shepherd
NEWS EDITOR

Around 150 students surrendered their lunch hour yesterday to attend a panel discussion about the possible war on Iraq. Thursday's event was hosted by the campus group Coalition Against War on the People of Iraq.

Svend Robinson, NDP member of Parliament for Burnaby-Douglas and a UBC alumnus, started the panel by discussing issues of peace, justice and environmental sustainability facing Canadians today.

"Certainly, many of the issues that we were dealing with when I was [at UBC] are issues that unfortunately are still outstanding."

Robinson spoke very strongly against possible war in Iraq.

"We know the consequences, in human terms, of a war would be absolutely catastrophic to the people of Iraq," said Robinson, who has visited the country three times since the Gulf War.

Robinson also asserted that the US has been applying double standards to the Middle East region.

"Bush is talking about the importance of respect of resolutions of the UN Security Council. One could only hope that he'd show



SVEND ROBINSON takes the mic and rocks the house. CHRIS SHEPHERD PHOTO

the same kind of respect for resolution after resolution after resolution directed at Israel."

At times the US and Israel alone have shown contempt for the UN resolutions, Robinson said.

Robinson finished his talk by addressing what he thought of the United States's reasons for a war on Iraq.

"This is not about human rights. It's not about weapons of mass destruction. What it is about is oil, the second largest oil reserves in the world in Iraq, and getting control of that," Robinson claimed.

Robinson also said that the US was concerned with regime change and removing Saddam Hussein from power.

"I believe if we need regime change anywhere we need regime change south of the border in the United States of America."

Robinson would like to see the US immediately lifting the economic sanctions against Iraq, giving totally independent inspection teams full access to Iraq, addressing the regional injustices in the area in terms of human rights and finally ensuring that there are no weapons of mass destruction in the region.

After Robinson spoke, David Morgan, president of Veterans against Nuclear War, detailed the history of nuclear war.

The final speaker to address the crowd was Gail Davidson from Lawyers against the War, an international organisation of lawyers opposed to the U.S. Intervention in Afghanistan and which advocates the use of international law to settle disputes.

"I'm not actually going to talk a lot about the law because it's pretty self-evident and even if [the war] were legal, it still would be wrong, wouldn't it?" Davidson asked the audience.

Davidson encouraged people to buy a copy of the UN Charter and to become familiar with it because she believes that the US has been violating it.

"Article two of the Charter contains an absolute prohibition against inter state use of force and the threat of force, so you can see that [President] Bush and [British Prime Minister] Blair have been making illegal threats since a year ago September."

Davidson suggested that individuals write to their member of Parliament and to Minister of Foreign Affairs Bill Graham and let them know how people feel and what direction they would like the government to take.

Robinson recommended people participate in a march for peace that is scheduled to take place in Vancouver and cities across the country.

The march starts at 12pm, both at the Peace Flame Park (at the south end of the Burrard Street Bridge) and at the Sea Bus Terminal at Richards and Cordova. ♦



Remembrance Day

A ceremony held at War Memorial Gym (WVG) on November 11 will commemorate the thousands of Canadians who sacrificed their lives or participated in wars during the

last century.

The service for this event begins at 10:45am in the foyer of WMG, which is a campus landmark built as a memorial for British Columbians who have died in wars. All UBC faculty, staff, and students as well as members of the off-campus community are invited to attend the event, which is expected to draw around 350 people.

With the possible impending war on Iraq by the United States, the subject of war is of much interest to many university students these days. To bring it home—697 UBC students participated in the First World War, and 78 of them lost their lives. During the Second World War, 1680 students enlisted and 169 were killed.

Power CUP

Over 100 student journalists from BC to Manitoba will invade the SUB this weekend, when the *Ubyyssey* student newspaper hosts

the Prairie and Western Regional Canadian University Press (PWR-CUP) conference.

A number of speakers have been lined up to give a series of skill-building seminars and talks. Speakers include David Beers, a UBC school of journalism professor and former editor of *The Vancouver Sun*, Rob Mickleburgh, BC bureau chief for *The Globe and Mail*, and Bill Tielman, who currently writes a weekly column for *The Georgia Straight* called "Political Connections," and who appears regularly on CBC TV's *Canada Now* show in BC.

Many UBC student media alumni will also be present to give talks at the conference. Former *Ubyyssey* staff include Katherine Monk, entertainment reporter and movie critic for the *Sun*, Chris Nuttall-Smith, freelance magazine writer and former *Sun* staff, Richard Lam, professional photographer, and Sarah Galashan, who worked at the *National Post* and the *Sun* before moving on to her current gig at CTV

National.

Cultural icon and long-time CiTR DJ Nardwuar the Human Serviette will also be speaking.

All UBC students are invited to attend the conference as day delegates for a fee of \$14 a day on Saturday and Sunday in SUB 214/216.

"It should be good times," said Conference Co-ordinator Laura Blue.

"We're already placing bets on how much alcohol is going to be consumed," agreed Duncan M. McHugh, features editor for *the Ubyyssey*, who will also be speaking at the conference.

We want a liquor store

Employees from the British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch (BCLDB) will be frequenting the SUB throughout November, ask-

ing students to sign a petition supporting opening a BC liquor store in the University Marketplace.

The liquor store was stocked, staffed and ready to open in September when the provincial government ordered it to remain closed, a move employees said was never explained.

Opening a store will benefit the entire university community, said Cathy Rutherford, a BCLDB employee. She said a liquor store located close to campus would prevent students from drinking and driving to get alcohol.

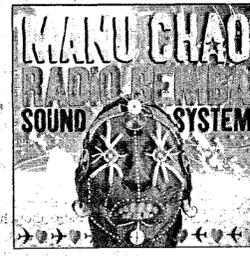
The BCLDB is also gathering support to prevent the BC government from privatising liquor stores, a move they say would lead to less selection and higher prices for alcohol.

Yesterday was the first day the petition was available, and it had over 100 signatures in its first hour at the SUB. Rutherford said there has been much support for opening the liquor store from the university, staff and students alike. ♦



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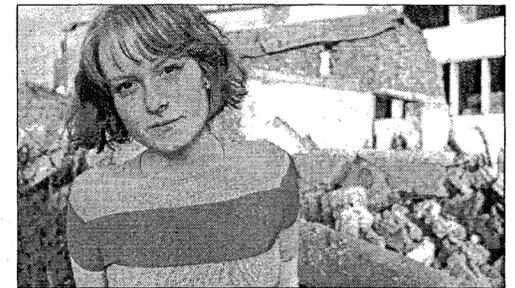
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Cinema with a conscience

Amnesty Film Festival mixes pleasure with the business of human rights

Amnesty International Film Festival at Pacific Cinematheque Nov. 8-10

by Michael Schwandt
CULTURE EDITOR



Amnesty International, a worldwide organisation that works to promote human rights, is holding its seventh annual film festival this weekend. Organised by local staff and volunteers, the festival will run from Friday November 8 to Sunday November 10 at Pacific Cinematheque (1131 Howe Street).

A total of 20 films will be presented at the festival, exploring a wide variety of issues both in Canada and abroad. Don Wright, festival director, says that despite the diversity of the subject matter in the films, the works are very much linked together.

"What ties them together is that they're all examining some aspect of the state of human rights around the world," he says, adding that although most of the works presented are documentaries, fictional works also have a place in the festival. "If it's an appropriate dramatic work, it can certainly carry a message, and maybe in a more subversive way," he explains. "You're going to enjoy the movie, but there's also a message that will stick with you at the end of it."

Don Wright cites Academy Award-winning film *No Man's Land* as such a film, saying that the story is a dark comedy that also brings attention to the absurdity of war.

In addition to bringing many films to Vancouver for the first time, this year's Amnesty International Film Festival will feature the world premiere of a National Film Board documentary entitled *Kosovo: Fragile Peace*.

"I'd had a lot of curiosity, for a long time, about what happens to these war-ravaged lands after camera crews leave," says Vancouver's Moira Simpson, the director of the film.

Fragile Peace, filmed in the months leading up to Kosovo's first democratic election, follows the work of a Canadian lawyer, Carolyn McCool, with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). McCool, Director of Democratisation for OSCE, is faced with the difficult task of ensuring the participation of both Serbs and Albanians in the vote.

"She's so passionate about Kosovo, and the possibility that Albanians and Serbs can live together in the future," says Simpson of McCool. "She was a constant inspiration for me. I would get up every morning and film all day, as the story revealed itself."

However, the atmosphere in Kosovo during the making of the film presented challenges as she documented events. Simpson says, "There was military everywhere, and that whole element was sometimes difficult," she describes. "I'd get tapes confiscated, and couldn't film everything I wanted. There's always a presence, to me, of danger and of what happened during the war."

Kosovo: Fragile Peace features camera work by UBC Arts student Kate Oja, McCool's daughter, who participated in and documented efforts to raise support for the election among young adults in Kosovo.

The director of the film was pleased to work with the younger filmmaker. "She was fabulous. It was a great pleasure to get to know her in Kosovo," says Simpson, a veteran cinematographer. "Kate has a wonderful eye."

Simpson and McCool will be in attendance at the screening of the film, Friday November 8 at 7pm, and will be answering questions from the audience afterwards. For more information on the Amnesty International Film Festival, see www.amnesty.bc.ca or www.cinematheque.bc.ca.

Boy behaving badly

BADLY DRAWN BOY
at The Vogue
Nov. 1

by Anthony Woo
CULTURE WRITER

Badly Drawn Boy may not yet be as well known on this side of the ocean as he is in his native UK. Perhaps his biggest claim to fame in North America comes from a Gap commercial in which his wonderfully ethereal tune "The Shining" plays over images of flogging jeans or some other crap.

Badly Drawn Boy, born Damon Gough, is instantly recognisable for his unkempt facial hair and his trademark wool toque. In spite of this lazy slacker look, Gough has recently been anything but. In the past two years alone, he has released two albums, scored Hugh Grant's *About A Boy*, and won the prestigious Mercury Prize for his 2000 effort, *The Hour of Bewilderbeast*. Not bad.

Despite his many accolades, Gough gave little evidence for them when he played *The Vogue* on November 1 in support of his latest album, *Have You Fed the Fish?* Then again, "support" may be the wrong word to use. Instead, Gough might as well have been touring against his album with the lacklustre performance that he put on.

Badly Drawn Boy is well known for speaking at length between songs. That is part of what makes his shows fun. However, as well as lengthy diatribes between songs, I expected actual songs. Instead I was sorely disappointed to discover the music concert that I paid for had more or less

become a spoken-word event. The little music he did play was very good—taking the best from his previous two works and the new songs from his latest album were welcome selections. Add to that a very long two-hour set and you have the makings of a great show. Sadly, far too much of those two hours consisted of Gough's complaining, and consequently any momentum he had built up would quickly come tumbling down.

The majority of his complaints were technical in nature. There were obvious equipment problems, but instead of taking them in stride like a professional, Gough dissolved into a whiny child, repeatedly interrupting songs to stalk off to the corner to swear, only to return to the mic to curse even more.

It is very difficult to review this concert because it is so hard to remember anything but Gough's prima-donna behavior. I suppose I could summarise the show into this simple dichotomy: at best, Gough demonstrated his musical prowess in an amazing display; at worst, Gough showed that he would have been better off at home, spending time with his infant children, since he was about as mature as them.

To provide readers with a short summary, Gough's stage antics included (but were not limited to) kicking the piano, flicking a lit cigarette into the audience, biting his microphone to cause an unbearable screeching noise, stopping the show to gripe about how much his fingers hurt, and—finally, my personal favorite—replacing every lyric to one of his songs with the catchy (and oh, so very original) phrase "fuck-off." Fuck off—indeed. ♦

Tegan and Sara

Freaks of the mainstream

TEGAN AND SARA
at Richard's on Richards
Nov. 2

by Jennifer Wong
CULTURE WRITER

Looking at Tegan and Sara it's hard to imagine that they were ever raging Backstreet Boys fans. With multiple tattoos, piercings and the mouths of sailors, both musicians have a rugged punk appeal that would make most other acoustic performers run for cover.

The Calgary-born twins started off the first leg of their "Born in the Eighties" tour strongly on Saturday night, playing a charismatic show to a sold-out house. Tegan and Sara have definitely gone back to their punk roots with their latest material. The two tag-teamed an acoustic and electric guitar, switching up every couple of songs. Richard's on Richards was an odd venue for the event. The crowd, mainly university-aged women, with their casual sweaters, dreads and baggy toques, seemed strangely out of place in the nightclub.

The band played a range of harsh power-chord punk and mellow acoustic guitar songs. Their lyrics varied according to the song: some were poetic and introspective, while others were three or four words yelled over and over again to a frenzied, distorted electric guitar.

Playing electric and acoustic together is a challenge. It's like shooting tequila and drinking wine at the same time—a very delicate balance and difficult to pull off. Few musicians are able to exploit the thrill of the electric without overpowering the acoustic. Tegan and Sara haven't quite gotten the hang of it yet. On a number of songs, the sister on the electric would end up standing around looking awkward or would latch onto a face-saving tambourine, while the acoustic soloed the song, and at other times, the sister playing the acoustic would pick unenthusiastically at her instrument, while a howling electric carried the song through. On a few occasions, they achieved a decent balance, with a confident simple solo or cool, layered rhythm from the electric.

The sisters' eclectic stage presence, however, made up for any lack of coordination between guitars. With their quirky taboo stories and often comic sibling rivalries, they captured the crowd, making the night a worthwhile event. ♦

Strictly twisted

Animation festival appeals to the worst in us

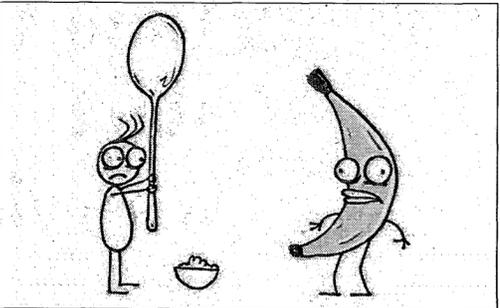
SPIKE AND MIKE'S SICK & TWISTED FESTIVAL OF ANIMATION
at The Ridge Theatre
until Dec. 10

by Greg Ursic
CULTURE WRITER

Animated cartoons have entertained children ever since everyone's favourite rodent whistled across the screen in *Steamboat Willie* in 1928. It wasn't until 1972 that animators turned their attention to the adult market with *Fritz the Cat*. In the decades since, animated features have run the gamut from *The Care Bear Adventures* to the dark world of Japanese anime. The duo of Spike Decker and Mike Gribble realised, however, that one demographic wasn't being served. They quickly filled this niche, and now the pathologically degenerate have a film festival they can call their own.

The content for this year's *Spike and Mike's*—the 12th festival of debauchery for Spike (Mike recently passed away)—is all-new and varied. For those with a penchant for *South Park* "Oh my God they killed Kenny!" stylings, there are eight episodes of *The Happy Tree Friends*. These cartoons feature cute and cuddly woodland creatures being horribly—and humorously—eviscerated. Each segment ends with a catchy motto such as "Don't forget to floss" or "Read a book." Very warped and giggle-worthy.

In a totally different vein is *Roof Sex* which features two randy armchairs caught in flagrante delicto as they run through the Kama Sutra on a rooftop, in broad daylight. The clever scoring and sound effects add to the atmos-



phere. Stick figures play a role in two features: *Refrigerator Art*, where a child illustrates his dysfunctional home life with drawings, and Don Hertzfeldt's hilarious *L'Amour*, a young man's confusing search for love and fulfillment.

For those with a darker side, there is the demented and disquietingly funny *The Inbreds* (the longest short of the presentation), which celebrates the misadventures of a *Deliverance*-style genetic throwback family. You'll cringe even more next time you hear a banjo.

Unfortunately, as with any compilation, there are going to be those segments that don't make the cut. *Five Fucking Fables* is a strangely surreal piece that evokes virtually no emotional response, except maybe confusion. *Teach Me* is a decidedly bizarre and unsettling look into amphibian sex and dismemberment. The most notable weak entry, however, is *A Father and Son Chat*, with its decidedly creepy, unfunny and nasty version of the birds and the bees. Ewww.

If you take a date and you both enjoy it, you're definitely soul mates. Or possibly future cell mates. Remember to leave your good taste at home, and you'll likely have a good time. ♦

Seinfeld's movie about everything

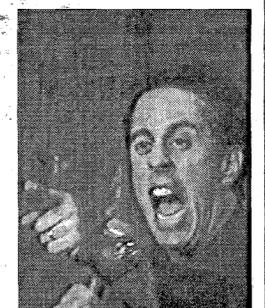
COMEDIAN
in theatres now

by John Hua
CULTURE STAFF

What's better than a sitcom about nothing? Well, how about a film about something, from those who brought you the sitcom about nothing? No, the film about something isn't about the sitcom about nothing, because that would make the film ultimately about nothing. Unless it was about what happens after one makes a sitcom about nothing—then you would get a film about something. Add Jerry Seinfeld to the confusion, and your answer is a wonderfully funny and well-crafted film titled *Comedian*.

Stand-up comic Jerry Seinfeld, after finding success with his hit sitcom *Seinfeld*, retired his recent stand-up routine on the HBO special *I'm Telling You for the Last Time*. The film *Comedian* reveals the painstaking process the comedian goes through in order to reconstruct a one-hour stand-up act of brand-new material. This task, one that takes many their entire careers to create, polish and perform, Jerry Seinfeld attempts to do twice. Seinfeld literally starts from square one, touring comedy clubs all over the United States in order to nurture his fledgling 20-minute routine.

The film also documents the career of Orny Adams, a confident rookie comedian whose stand-up routine catches the eye of renowned manager George Shapiro, who also represents Seinfeld. The contrast between Seinfeld and Adams is like night and day. Seinfeld, who has already reached the top, finds himself back at the beginning, but now possessing the experience and humility of a veteran. Adams uses his passion and intensity to drive himself into the industry in hopes of



finding fame and fortune. Although both men are polar opposites, they are driven by the love/hate relationship with their common livelihood, the gift of making people laugh.

The documentary style of the film presents a candid and raw look at the trials and tribulations of Jerry Seinfeld's journey. The film brings nothing less than total immersion of emotion, perfectly portraying the frustration of fumbles and failures, as well as the joy of laughter, comedy and achievement. The film also includes several celebrity cameos, including Chris Rock, Ray Romano, Colin Quinn and Bill Cosby. The simplicity of the film is supported and strengthened by its content, which offers the true story of a comedian and actor who has the ability to mesmerize his audiences again and again.

Comedian is simply an enjoyable movie, being both extremely hilarious and heart-warming. Stripped away from the glam, lighting and make-up of a TV Star, Jerry Seinfeld is still able to capture the hearts of his viewers with his humanity, personality and famous sense of humour. The film is about something, something great, and is by no means brought to you by those who have been doing nothing. ♦

The Ring not precious



THE RING
in theatres now

by Greg Ursic
CULTURE WRITER

It's that time of year again, when the leaves are turning kaleidoscopic colours, the air is tinged with the crisp scent of winter and brain-busting midterms are almost a distant painful memory. It also means that we will be bombarded with ads for halfbaked horror flicks that have been gathering dust on studio shelves, in the vain hope of scaring up some cheap thrills. Worse yet, the gullible masses will inevitably take the bait.

In *The Ring*, everyone is shocked when Rachel Keller's teenaged niece literally drops dead for no apparent reason. An investigative reporter, Rachel's curiosity is piqued when she is hears that Katie and three of her friends died after watching a cursed videotape. Determined to debunk an urban legend and make great copy in the process, Rachel inadvertently stumbles upon a sinister secret. If she doesn't solve the ensuing mystery in seven days, not only will she blow her deadline, she dies. Nothing like a little incentive.

Based on the 1998 Japanese film of the same name, *The Ring* rises above its contemporaries: it doesn't rely on elaborate eviscerations, naked nubile teenagers or multimillion dollar CGI effects. The first hour

of the film is a pure Hitchcockian-style thriller with a supernatural bent, mixing disturbing surreal imagery with quick cut-away shots and an eerie score to devastating effect (there were moments where the hairs on the back of my neck literally stood on end). It's too bad that the remaining 50 minutes are a different movie.

The second half of the film serves as a caveat for film-makers on what not to do: introduce irrelevant characters, lose sight of your plot and allow it to ramble aimlessly, have a fake climax (that's never a good thing), and wrap up with a predictable ending. The biggest glitch, however, is the 'villain' of the piece.

Whether demon, psycho, monster or serial killer, there needs to be some underlying motivation that drives the antagonist to seek vengeance. While the killer in *The Ring* was indeed wronged, it is never fully explained why this happened, and the victims are in no way associated with these events. Consequently, the antagonist's actions make no sense within the context of the film, especially when efforts to ameliorate these injustices only serve to magnify her rampage.

Regardless of whether you prefer the thinking person's subtle horror stylings of *The Sixth Sense* or the pea-soup expectorant head-spinning of *The Exorcist*, *The Ring* will leave you unfulfilled and annoyed for having let you down. ♦

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Ian Duncan the III of York, Ayumi Yamazaki, Michelle Furbacher and Laura Blue were shipwrecked on a desert island. Soon they met one of the natives; they discovered her name was Lauren Emberson. She asked them if they were hungry. "We're starving!" they replied. So she offered them some fresh Sarah Conchie, pickled Anna King and char-grilled Jose Velasquez. When they unanimously replied "No thank you!" She offered them a side of Hywel Tuscano, sprinkled with bits of Chris Shepherd's handlebar mustache, glazed with some Greg Ursic vinaigrette. Still, the stranded friends refused her offer. So she teased them with some sauteed Nic Fensom, marinated Michael Schwandt, roasted Duncan M. McHugh, and baked Shawn Jeffords. But they cautiously refused. Finally she offered them some boiled Rob Nagai, and a stew of David He, with a draught of red Megan Thomas, dry Lisa Johnson, and some decaf Graeme Worthy. These they also refused. So she offered them a plate of Jena Wong, Johnny Hua and Anthony Woo, but they wanted something more nutritious. So the four friends swam across to a neighbouring island and went to McDonald's.



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Time to start worrying

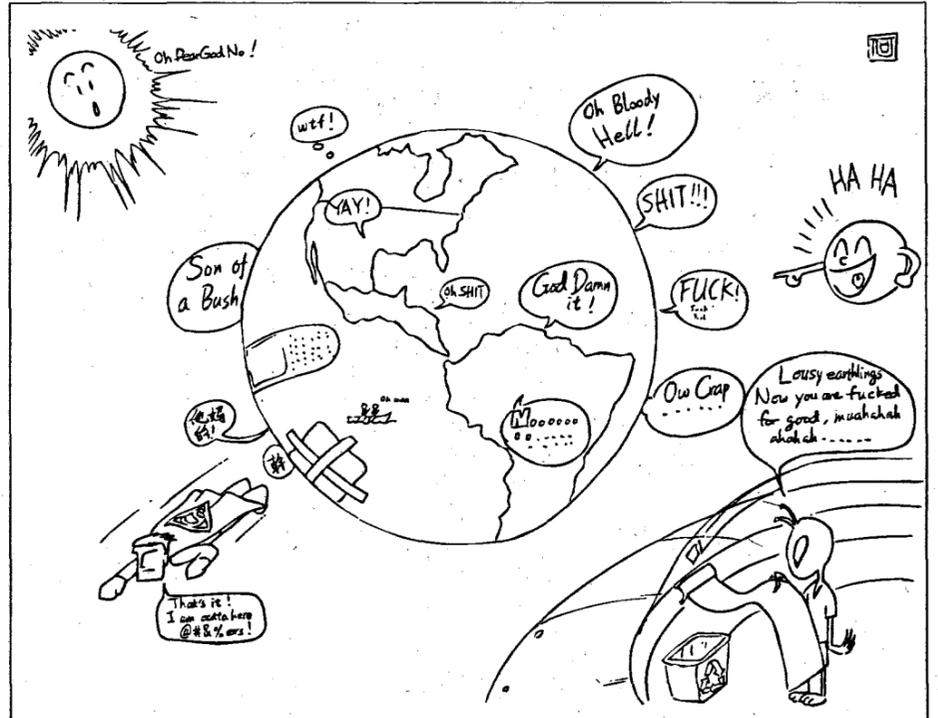
This was not a very pleasant week for those of us concerned about the direction that US President George W. Bush is taking his country. In a stunning victory, Bush led his Republican party through a midterm election that saw him maintain control of the House of Representatives and gain control of the Senate. This was not supposed to happen.

Traditionally, midterm elections—when all of the House of Representatives seats and one third of the Senate's come up for re-election—are when the president's party takes a hit, as backlash for the previous two years in office. Bush managed to gain two seats in the Senate (enough to give Republicans a slim lead) and padded his lead in the House of Representatives with three extra seats.

This was quite the accomplishment for Bush. Not since 1934 has a first-term president made midterm gains in both Houses of Congress. Further, he's the first Republican president in 50 years to have control of both the House of Representatives and Senate. Of course Bush worked hard for these results, raising \$180 million for his candidates.

So what happened? Where did all that dissent go? So much for the American public's resistance to a war on Iraq. With these results, Bush has been given the go-ahead for his planned takeover of Iraq. But that's only where the ramifications of Tuesday's results begin. With Bush's new found power we can look forward to a very different—and much more conservative—second half to Bush's term.

When the Democrats had control of the Senate, they had been able to oppose Bush's more conservative nominees for federal judge positions. Senior administration officials told *The New York Times* last week that Republicans would renominate all of the nominees that the Democrats had rejected in the



past year and a half. This includes Justice Priscilla R. Owen of Texas, whose original nomination was dismissed by the Judiciary Committee because it felt that her anti-abortion views had influenced her rulings. And be sure that Bush, who opposes abortion, will be making several of these kinds of appointments. Hell, his attorney general, John Ashcroft, is anti-contraception (that's right: anti-contraception). Of the 849 federal judgeships, there are currently 79 vacancies.

What compounds the issue of judicial nominees is the fact that two of the US's federal Supreme Court's nine judges are looking to retire. This is bad news. While Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor are both Republican appointments (meaning that new appointments would not affect the balance of power), Supreme Court appointments are for life. This means the Democrats are going to need a bunch of dead or near dead Republican Supreme Court justices before they can undo what Bush will may do in the next two years.

While the judicial situation is dire, so too is that of the environment. Bush, as well as US Vice President Dick Cheney, are former oil tycoons

and have—since the 2000 election campaign—been salivating over the possibility of tapping Alaskan oil deposits. The deposits would provide roughly six months of oil supplies and would take ten years to harvest. The hitch is that these oil deposits are located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, a 19.5 million acre park—the size of South Carolina.

Should we really trust a man like Cheney who, as CEO of Halliburton, controlled the largest oil services company in the world—a company in which he still own a sizeable amount of stocks? Is Cheney really going to do what's best for one the largest remaining tracts of land on the continent? Of course, these questions don't matter much after Tuesday's election. The Republicans will do what they want to and the destiny of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge does not look promising.

Then, of course, there is the issue of a war on Iraq. In many ways, this election was a litmus test for Bush's approach to Iraq. The war became the central issue of the election and, with such a hearty endorsement from his constituents, you had better believe that the US will not waste any time making the most of their new mandate; Bombs over Baghdad indeed. ♦

LETTERS

Save the squirrels

My name is Dustin Ballard and I am president of the Albino Squirrel Preservation Society at the University of Texas (UT). Our goal is to promote squirrel equality worldwide, and we currently have three chapters: UT Austin, North Texas and the University of Pennsylvania. The reason I'm writing is because our club would like very much to start a chapter at the University of British Columbia and further strengthen our fight to protect these rare and beautiful creatures. I would like to encourage any students interested in registering such a club to visit our website at <http://www.geocities.com/albino12345> or contact me directly at dustball@mail.utexas.edu. Thank you so much!

—Dustin Ballard
Austin, Texas

Bad driving at UBC—an accident waiting to happen

An article in the latest *Ubyyssey* ("Bicycling accidents on campus," News Briefs (Nov.8)) reported on an accident in which a cyclist was injured. The article pointed out that cyclists and pedestrians are often putting themselves at risk by either failing to wear helmets and obey traffic signs (in the case of cyclists) or failing to cross safely in the case

of pedestrians.

It should also be pointed out that poor operation of vehicles on campus is a major contributor to accident risk here at UBC. Speeding, failing to stop at intersections and failing to use indicators are all widespread driving vices, but seem even more prevalent on campus. The situation is not improved by some of the strange intersection designs such as that at University Blvd and East Mall (the bookstore corner) that are confusing to navigate, nor the large amount of vehicle traffic that drives on pedestrian walkways. This latter issue is especially a problem around Biochemistry/IRC/Dentistry where Plant Ops, couriers, delivery and private vehicles routinely drive and park, creating a dangerous mix of vehicles and pedestrians that will surely lead to a serious accident sooner rather than later.

UBC administration should be called upon to improve traffic safety all over campus and remove all vehicles from pedestrian right-of-ways.

—Hugh W. Davies,
Graduate student-
interdisciplinary studies

You got it wrong, Preston!

I would like to clarify some of the points made in Graham Preston's Perspective piece ("A take on Paul Martin's 'democratic deficit'") in

the November 5 publication of *the Ubyyssey*. I question which of Mr Preston's points are relevant and which of his statements are true.

Firstly, I fail to see the relevance of Mr Preston's hearsay regarding membership forms. Form limitations are applicable to all members and any discrimination may be appealed. In addition, any citizen of British Columbia may call provincial party headquarters and request to become a party member. I fail to understand how this process "seals the party within its current boundaries."

Misguidedly, Mr Preston's warning to the student body about selective recruitment is based also on hearsay. His statement, "students have been known to ask other students if they support Martin," is irrelevant. I would suspect that students in political science classes talk about their political opinions quite frequently. Leadership is a highly debated topic at present.

A club formed solely by Martinites would indeed be in "democratic deficit." However, the UBC Federal Young Liberals (FYL) fostered a policy written by an Allan Rock supporter all the way to Ottawa last year. Where would we get the opinion of this individual when, according to Mr Preston, he would not have been allowed membership or input?

The last UBC-FYL annual general meeting was attended by the general membership and scrutinised by the UBC Student Administrative

Commission. The UBC-FYL executive was chosen according to the rules of democracy. Furthermore, he presents no evidence of the executive acting "without transparency and without regard to the club." Again, it is hearsay.

Although there have been several e-mails debating leadership within the club (I would be happy to provide examples), Mr Preston claims suppression. To address his claim, that members have been denied access to volunteer activities based on anti-Martinism, I encourage his continued volunteering.

Mr Preston's attendance at the last UBC-FYL policy meeting, despite repeated false statements against the executive, was not questioned. Any UBC student is welcome regardless of the opinions of the executive.

Lastly, if Mr Preston had looked behind him at the convention in October during voting, he would have seen a number of UBC young Liberals voting against some of the proposed constitutional amendments. These members are still welcome and active within the club.

I will not deny that there is a place for corruption in any political organisation. However, I fail to see any clear evidence presented by Mr Preston of "democratic deficit" at UBC caused by Paul Martin's ambition.

—Kristen Read
VP Membership,
UBC Federal Young Liberals

How to survive a long distance relationship

The unabridged and almost complete guide

by John Currie
FEATURES WRITER

A long distance relationship (LDR) is like:

- "a VCR without a TV."
- "firewood without a fire."
- "walking on a tightrope with a bungee cord around your waist."
- "watching someone eat your favourite flavour of ice cream and not being able to taste it."

Yep, my friends who have had or are having LDRs gave me few good thoughts about them. Jenny from Australia says an LDR is "a never-ending plane ride to a destination...I don't know, but hopefully somewhere good. The takeoff is always great, the ride can hit turbulence here and there, but there's always good bar service to help ease the trip."

Poor Jenny doesn't know the double meaning I take from this. From talking to her ex-roommate I hear that between flights to see him, she missed her guy so much she sometimes got pissed and brought other boys home. But that's okay, some would say. Jenny got her man in the end and they've set a wedding date.

But why the hell would anyone choose an LDR? Usually they happen because of school, younger people tell me. One person lives in this city, the other in that city. One Japanese woman I spoke with lives in Vancouver and sees her husband in Victoria every weekend. They've been doing this for two years after a 25-year marriage. The kids stay with him. "On Fridays, everyone is really happy to see each other," she says. After the weekend, they've all had enough of each other. "You really enjoy the time because you never fight."

She says she appreciates her husband more than ever, that in Victoria they walk together and that they talk much more than when they lived together. An LDR is like chocolate, she says, because you enjoy it more when you don't have it that often.

Micheline, 32, says an LDR is "a long boat ride away from shore alone, but it's kinda sunny because you're paddling it by yourself."

Indeed you are. As Cynthia put it, "John, are you seeing anyone LD right now? Hey, if I could do it, you can do it too." The 'it' in this case is phone sex.

Which brings us to our Necessary Equipment List of things you'll need no matter what size or flavour your LDR comes in.

Necessary LDR equipment:

- a phone
- phone cards and/or long distance plans (shop locally for the best

ones)

- pen, paper, envelopes, stamps and a card once in a while.

In my survey, communication kept coming up as the number one thing to surviving an LDR. Phone reigned as people's preferred medium. Most people spoke once a day. Many say they liked the odd handwritten letter or postcard to show up too. A letter every two weeks should do it, combined with e-mail and phoning. Don't stick with just one medium.

What you'll need most in an LDR is communication money. Computers can save you some. Get with it. Start downloading Microsoft, AOL or Yahoo's free Messenger. With it you can chat by typing in a window, talk on Internet phone or send naughty pictures in an instant.

Tech stuff you'll need:

- a computer with an Internet connection (if you have a dial-up service you will have to endure time lags for all but chatting and e-mail)

- an e-mail account (there are lots of free and fairly reliable e-mail services, such as Hotmail or Yahoo! Mail if you don't mind ads and junk mail)

- a headset with a mic for Internet phoning

- a web cam

Messenger allows you to have 'video conversations' with your web cams. Apparently, these are private. Internet phoning with Messenger PC to PC is free. Also, at phone-free.com you can talk PC to PC for free after downloading their software. With your web cam, you can



engage in their 'video calling' for free too. Long distancing never had so many pixels.

Sex, dating and relationships diva Josey Vogels, of mymessybedroom.com, says good phone sex means "lots of sweet talk and a soft low voice." One of my friends, after spending all of her 20s in LDRs, says she couldn't be with someone who isn't good on the phone, even in a regular relationship. "You really learn to adapt to having someone's voice console you," she says. And let's face it: some people just aren't good on the phone. Poor listeners and impatient people need not consider LDRs.

Bedtime LDR equipment:

- an extra pillow to hug or better

yet a body pillow

- a vibrator (plus a second, different type of vibrator according to one horny respondent)

The vibrator made the list because so many of my female friends suggested it. Wrote one: "Please don't think I'm some kind of pervert, I'm really not."

So what do you really need in an LDR? Let my people speak.

The top ten not-so-tangible important LDR ingredients (in no real order) are:

- establishing some regularity, scheduling your significant other in
- not harping on every little thing as it will do your head in
- not forgetting to have fun where you're at/having a life of your own
- patience
- trust
- establishing who is going to move where
- being really up front about what each other is about and what you each need from a relationship
- letting go and not trying to control someone from a distance
- not doing an LDR unless you're absolutely sure you want to be with someone

Of course, there are the risk factors with LDRs. For Janet, a 24 year-old, her worst LDR moment was "getting dumped and having to sit on the train for five hours without screaming with a train-full of strangers."

My 43-year-old friend Bernice, still hurting from the sting of an LDR gone bad when she was 21, says she'd never have an LDR again. Her guy wrote a letter every day, then every second day, then once a week, then once a month. He'd even asked her her ring size. In her thick Jamaican accent Bernice now says, "Better deh devil beside me dan deh angel far away."

But outnumbering sad stories

are the happy ones.

People's best LDR moments:

- "His cheesy 'I love you and can't live without you' postcards. All the roommates looked forward to his postcards."

- "Kurt surprising me with roses. He came to my house and hid in the apartment."

- "Racking up VIA rail points." That was Janet.

The contenders for the best unexpected benefit of having an LDR are Janet and Jenny. Janet says that she learned there's a whole contingent of people doing LDRs: "We would sit on the train in a little four-seater every weekend and chat. When someone disappeared you knew they'd broken up." I certainly had no trouble finding people to survey. We're everywhere. We're a trend that's not going away. We're pathetic.

Jenny, who can say so since she made it and has set a wedding date, says her unexpected benefit was discovering that, "when you get through it, it's a pretty good sign you're meant to be together." I think the key word here is unexpected.

LDR resources:

- longdistancecouples.com: lots of advice and some as a weekly e-mail service

- cyber-loving.com: good for the cybergeek in both of you

- longdistanceromance.com: offers a survey for you both to participate in

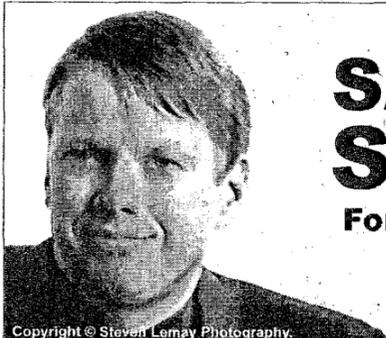
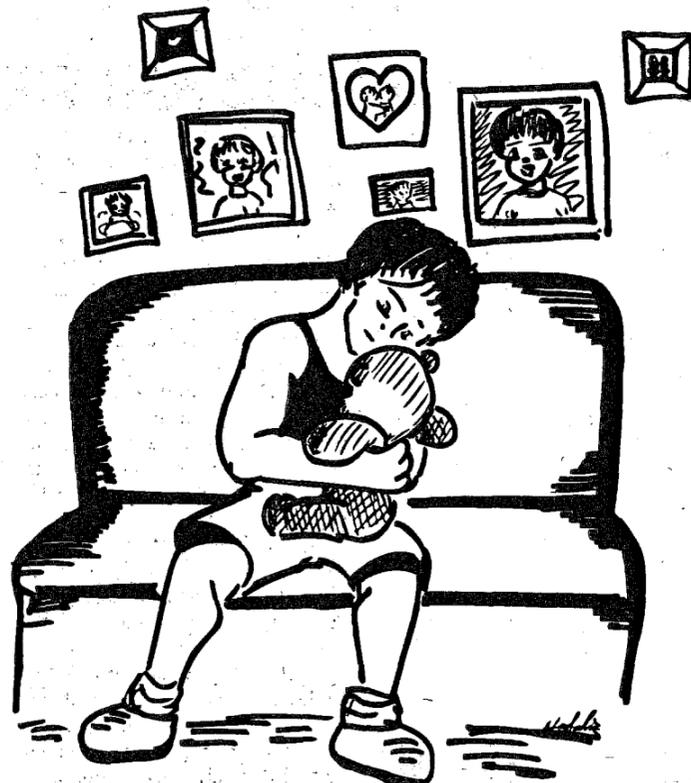
Good luck to you in your LDR experiments. I'm officially into the third month of my second LDR, without the vibrator. Don't forget...

What else my friends say a LDRs is:

- "torture, for people who are really in love"

- "a really good way to end a relationship that shouldn't be happening"

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Open season for basketball Birds

by Rob Nagai
SPORTS WRITER

The men's basketball team is hungry for wins this year. Heading into this weekend's home opener with a pre-season 5-1 record, UBC has added a lot of new talent to the roster. But the biggest thing about the Birds this season is their size.

Coach Kevin Hansen is very optimistic about the team's future. Several pre-season injuries, however, could plague the team. "My expectations are very high, and once we get healthy I will be ecstatic," stated Hansen. "Right now we can't have a true measure of how good we're going to be because of all the injuries we've had."

But so far injured Birds have been gritting their teeth and playing through. Corey Ogilvie still posted 20 points in the last pre-season game against McMaster University despite a broken rib.

Perhaps the most burning injury question lies with whether or not Kyle Russell—UBC's top player and in his final year of eligibility—will be fit enough to play.

Russell is recovering from knee

surgery, and is still only at 70 per cent. Incidentally, Russell was a dominant presence on the court last year after the same assessment. Although UBC's leading scorer last season describes his injury as "day to day," Russell has high hopes for this season.

Scott Locke, the team's general manager, thinks that nationals are closer than ever for the Birds. Locke describes the goals of the team over the last two years as merely making the playoffs. "It's about winning now. [To] go out every night and win, not hope to win," says Locke. "We've changed the mentality from a country club, to win now." He emphasises the "win now."

Last year the Thunderbirds ended the season tied with SFU for first place in the Pacific division of the Canada West conference, but they ended up second due to the point spread, falling 25 short of SFU's 1575 team points.

While there were great moments and flashes of brilliance, the team didn't hit their stride until mid-season.

They staggered at the free throw line—becoming one of the worst free



UNITED FRONT: Veteran Pat McKay and newcomer Bryan Banks are ready to soar for the Birds.
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throw teams in the conference. Many of their losses came from splitting weekend games—they would play strong on Friday nights, only to struggle on Saturday.

This year, the team has more leadership from its veterans, complimented by some very promising

rookies. 5'2" guard Karlo Villanueva adds speed and is expected to start this Friday. Casey Archibald—an all-star rookie from Salmon Arm—has stepped into Kyle Russell's shoes, leading the team in scoring while Russell recovers. In their last pre-season victory over McMaster, Archibald

put 18 points on the board. No matter who starts and who sits, UBC has the attitude to make this a winning season. Look for the Birds to shake the War Memorial Gym and the University of Alberta Golden Bears this Friday. Tip-off is at 8pm. ♦



Jameson

The titles just keep pouring in for UBC's third-year midfielder Stephanie Jameson. After being named the CIS Women's Field Hockey Championship MVP for her three goal performance, and selected for the All-Canadian team, Jameson received a nod as the Canada West Player of the Week.

Jameson is also a member of the national field hockey team, and will play at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England this summer.

Glatt glory

That grin must keep getting bigger as genial UBC linebacker Javier Glatt was named a Canada West All-Star in Regina. But although the season is over, Glatt still has plenty of photo-ops left. He was the Canada West's unanimous nominee for the President's Trophy, which will be awarded at the Vanier Cup in Toronto. In his four-year career with the Birds Glatt took down 226 opponents and this year led the CIS with 54 tackles.

Spiking the charts

The women's volleyball team is still the number-one team in Canada after going 4-0 this weekend.

The men's team squeaked into tenth place, after being trounced by Manitoba.

Both teams will play in Alberta over the Remembrance Day weekend, where the women venture into Calgary Dino country and the men take on the top-seated Golden Bears in Edmonton. ♦

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