THREE MORE YEARS FOR HARRIS

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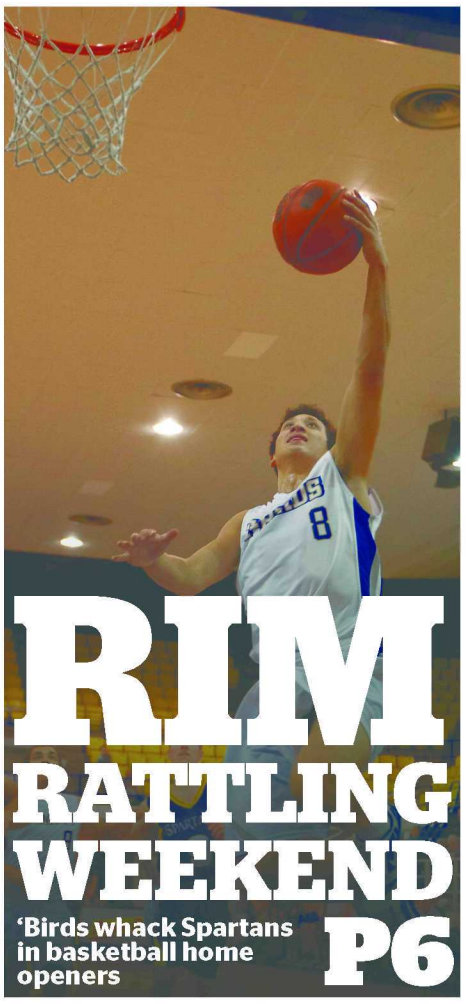

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'Birds whack Spartans in basketball home openers

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THE UBYSSEY

"I always considered myself a UBC student. It's a great feeling. It's like coming home."

Mits Sumiya
Former UBC student, interned Japanese-Canadian

Micki Cowan
News Editor

After much hesitation and public criticism, UBC has decided to give interned Japanese-Canadian students honourary degrees—a decision which Mits Sumiya says gives him closure on a dark incident from 70 years ago.

"With the presentation of this honourary degree, it feels like UBC has opened their arms and said, 'You are part of our alumni, you're welcome, come on in,'" said Sumiya, who was interned at 18 and not allowed to return to his studies at UBC. "It's a great feeling of belonging."

The Senate decided they will present 76 Japanese-Canadian who were UBC students, including Sumiya, with the degrees to recognize those who were interned and unable to complete their studies at the institution during WWII. This follows a course of action that many other universities in North America have already taken.

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What's on This week, may we suggest...

21 MON — UBC MUSIC»

UBC Composer's concert: 12 pm @ Music Building

If you're one of the first people picking up today's paper, RUN to the music building to catch some live works from UBC composers. Seriously, get moving!

22 TUE — CiTR»

CiTR Shindig Semi finals: 9pm @ The Railway Club

CiTR's annual, months long battle of the bands winds down with performances by Sleuth, Philoceraptor and Man Hands. Check out the next big thing in Vancouver music.

23 WED — GREEN»

A night for Burns Bog: 6:30pm @ Buchanan MASS

A movie night and discussion panel on the threatened bog in North Delta. It's important for the health of the region that it not be destroyed. Snacks will be provided!

24 THU — THEATRE»

In Brief: A Little Creation by Vanessa Imeson: 7:30 @ Freddy Wood

This MFA project uses large scale puppets to tell a number of Aboriginal Canadian creation stories.

25 FRI — PARTY»

World Vision Bright Lights: 8pm @ Buchanan MASS

World Vision is hosting a semi-formal party at MASS to raise money for CLICK, an organization that works with disadvantaged youth. Feel good about dressing up and drinking beer.

Got an event you'd like to see on this page? Send your event and your best pitch to **printeditor@ubyssey.ca.**

Our Campus

One on one with the people who make UBC

The Canadian karaoke champion

Catherine Guan
Staff Writer

For most, singing, dancing and optometry would seem like an odd triple threat.

"Ever since I was young, I really wanted to go into optometry," said UBC alumnus Jerrica Santos. "Concurrently, I've always been doing music. I've been singing and dancing since I was a little girl."

She was just a small town girl, livin' in a lonely world.

An aspiring optometrist, a Polynesian dancer and a die-hard Gleek, Santos is a woman of many talents. And she just added another accolade to her reel of accomplishments—karaoke champion.

After completing her BSc in biology this past May, Santos entered a local contest on a whim and went on to win the Canadian Karaoke Championships. In September, she represented the country at the World Karaoke Championships in Ireland, finishing third.

A singer in a smoky room. A smell of wine and cheap perfume.

"It was really exhilarating. I couldn't believe it. A big world competition with 46 singers from 25 different countries," she said, still reeling from her unexpected success.

She had never heard of the World Karaoke Championships before this summer. "One of my singing mates at the Metropolis Glee Club...he kind of started in this local competition, just a local bar, you know how karaoke kind of is," Santos recalled. "He encouraged me to come out and try it, so I thought, you know, why not?"

Some will win. Some will lose. Some were born to sing the blues.

This isn't the kind of Journey-butchering karaoke that most are accustomed to. "It definitely wasn't a piece of cake," she said of the competition. "I probably went to seven to ten rounds, to get to where I was. There was a lot of competition, 50 to 100 people each time."

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Santos takes karaoke a little more seriously than your average university student.

Her win at the Canadian competition led her to Killarney, Ireland. "It was kind of like an *American Idol* style competition," Santos explained. She made her way through elimination rounds to enter the top twenty, top ten, top five, to finally place third in the world.

More than the trophy, Santos is grateful for the memories. "What was amazing was, since it's karaoke...it was a lot of songs that everybody knew and everybody was kind of singing along."

Oh, the movie never ends. It goes on and on and on.

Her new status as a karaoke champion has changed her life in other ways as well. While she has been accepted to a number of American graduate schools for optometry, Santos is now seriously considering a future in music. Following her success in Ireland, Santos was signed to Vancouver record label Get Right Music, and is now touring to promote her seven-track debut, *Dilemma*. Her dream: "To be an internationally recognized R&B musician." As any karaoke regular can tell you, don't stop believin'.

Jerrica Santos

Jerrica's winning set list

"Hopelessly Devoted to You" (*Grease*)

"I Turn to You" (*Christina Aguilera*)

"Crazy" (*Gnarls Barkley*)

"Who You Are" (*Jesse J*)

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ELECTIONS»

Maria Harris wins second term as director for Electoral Area A

Kalyeena Makortoff
News Editor

The votes are in, and incumbent Maria Harris will be serving a second term as Electoral Area A director.

"Winning was not easy," said Harris. "It was a hard campaign."

Harris had 466 votes, 291 more than runner-up Scott Andrews, who secured 175 votes. Alexandria Mitchell wasn't far behind Andrews, with 159 votes. Mischa Makortoff had 114 and Colin Desjarlais 17.

Harris's incumbency helped her campaign. "I think people know me. People know how I work."

Andrews said he would have done some things differently if he were to run again. "There are a lot of issues relating to zoning and density that appeal to University Neighbourhood Association voters...I would have tried to tap into the UNA a lot sooner."

Andrews said he believes the youth vote was split between him and Mitchell.

"We were hitting the same demographic, strong environmental platform and a student voice," said Andrews.

The total number of votes cast in the district reached 931 this weekend, up nearly 200 from the last election in 2008.

"Quite simply, a lot more people are aware of Metro Vancouver than there used to be, but it's still not enough. Turnout was not what I had hoped," said Harris.

Nonetheless, Harris said the voter increase can be attributed to residents' concerns about transit, land use and development, which "all really resurfaced in the public realm in the last couple of months...so it was actually a good time to engage people."

The first goal on Harris's agenda will be to secure a vote for Electoral Area A on the Mayor's TransLink Council. However, this will require a change in provincial legislation, which Harris said will mean no movement can really be made until 2012 when the legislature reconvenes.

Harris said she's most looking forward to continuing to work on projects that she began in her first term.

However, Andrews had some words of advice for Harris as she continues into her second term.

"I think it's high time to address the democracy deficit and listen to the strong pleas for governance reform.

"She did very well, but she needs to listen to other voices."

HONOURARY DEGREES»

UBC to award 76 honourary degrees

Cont'd from P1

After hearing about similar cases at other universities, Mary Kitagawa of the Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Students Association (JCSA) made the degrees a priority for their Human Rights Committee for the past three years.

"It's been a long struggle. It's been more or less trying to educate people in power to understand the issue and it's taken this long," said Kitagawa.

Student senator Sean Heisler said UBC has wanted to recognize the students all along.

"UBC didn't kick them out or force them to withdraw, but there is still a desire to do some personal recognition for them."

The degrees are part of a three-pronged approach, which includes educational initiatives. Kitagawa said this component of Senate's decision is crucial.

"That's a very important component because I find a lot of people in Canada do not know that such a horrible event happened," he said, adding "It's a lesson of injustice and when democracy broke down and something I feel everyone should know."

Associate history professor Henry Yu is one of several faculty and students who are proposing a minor in Asian-Canadian studies. The program would include existing classes on Asian-Canadian history and literature and two new classes.

"One [class] would be a broad introduction, multi-disciplinary, drawing on the strengths of faculty and students from many different departments," said Yu. "The other would be a 490 [class] and it would really be about community-based research," he said.

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Japanese-Canadians were forced to leave UBC during WWII to forced interment camps in the BC interior.

UBC's libraries also plan to digitize parts of their Japanese-Canadian collections. Yu said that despite the negative publicity UBC received as a result of their hesitation in giving out the degrees, it ultimately helped the university to engage with the community.

"To me, there's a lot of ways in which—as dark as an event it was 70 years ago—our marking it now gives us a chance to actually do things in a way that's going to make the university better and our relationships with Vancouver better."

But according to Kitagawa, her work is not quite over.

Heisler said the Senate will be creating a new title of honourary degree.

"It's not taking the form of an honourary doctorate or an honourary baccalaureate, because this situation doesn't fit into either of those two categories," he said.

"It's not being given for eminence in a field, as honourary degrees typically are."

The exact title has not been decided yet for the newly-created honour, but Kitagawa said she's going to keep pushing for a baccalaureate.

"I did request that they receive an honourary baccelaureate degree because any other name of a degree other than that would to me indicate a second-rate degree," she said.

Sumiya was also uncertain about the new title for the degree rather than a baccelaureate. But he said that he has always considered himself a UBC student, and an honourary degree would mean that UBC was finally acknowledging him as one too.

"There was always the feeling that was my home, but it never really felt as welcoming as it does now," he said.

"I certainly hope that what they decide will include that feeling."

SUSTAINABILITY»

Solar compactors and parking meters come to UBC

NATALYA KAUTZ/THE UBYSSEY

Kevin Zeng
Contributor

At UBC, even parking meters and garbage cans have jumped on the green train.

UBC campus has been redecorated by two new solar-powered gadgets: LUKE parking meters and Bigbelly garbage and recycling units.

Four defunct meters around campus have been replaced with new LUKE solar-powered parking meters, said Tyler Stangier, the facility and project manager with UBC Access Control. The meters are manufactured by Digital Payment Technology, a Vancouver based company.

Since they rely on solar energy, the new parking meters don't require battery replacement.

The solar trash compactors, manufactured by Bigbelly Solar, are located at the bus loop.

The manufacturer claims their compactors are designed to dramatically reduce waste collection, deliver cleaner public space and make for efficient and flexible operations.

Waleed Giratalla, an engineer with UBC Sustainability, spoke on the environmental benefits.

"Garbage compaction is actually a common thing within our buildings...What they do, though, is essentially using grid electricity. You are using mechanical power to compress the garbage, which draws from grid electricity," he said.

"The new technology compresses waste directly inside the bins using electricity from the solar panels, which essentially replaces the grid power used for compression of the waste... [This] reduces the amount of operational staff and resources you need to service the bin," said Waleed.

According to Stangier, more solar-powered units can be expected to come to campus in the future.

News briefs

UBC student sent to hospital Friday afternoon

At about 2pm Friday afternoon, an ambulance was called to the SUB main floor after a young woman fainted by one of the kiosks across from the Lucky Market.

According to a source on scene, the woman in her early 20s fainted and hit her head on the side of a table.

Paramedics arrived within minutes, and by 2:30pm she was moved to a stretcher and was placed in an ambulance bound for Vancouver General Hospital accompanied by another student. According to a source at the scene, she was responding well and her vitals appeared to be fine.

UBC profs make suggestions for climate change aid

Three professors at the University of British Columbia are recommending how to manage the $100 billion annual commitment made by the international community last year.

The money is meant to help the developing world respond to climate change.

UBC professors Simon Donner, Milind Kandlikar and Hisham Zerriffi recommend guidelines which include instituting an "adaptive" regulatory system to close funding loopholes, employing a decentralized network of third-party auditors and adopting a scientific approach to evaluating program effectiveness.

UBC to use donation for mental health web portal

A $1 million donation to UBC from Bell Canada will be used to develop an interactive web portal for children and young adults with mental health issues, but it has raised concerns that it may duplicate sites already built.

The website will offer information about depression, anxiety and mood disorders and will offer online, self-guided assessment tools and consultations between patients and experts using Skype, Google Plus, chat rooms, email and text messaging.

"Our hypothesis is that kids are using the web and social media but maybe not the right websites," said UBC psychiatry professor Michael Krausz.

UBC researcher moves closer to creating headache-free wine

Through genetic manipulation, a UBC research team has created a yeast that stops the production of headache-inducing allergens in wine. The researchers have also found a yeast that reduces the presence of a carcinogen, and are close to finding a way to reduce alcohol levels while enhancing flavour and body.

Hennie van Vuuren, a South African-born microbiologist, holds the Eagles Chair in Food Biotechnology at UBC, and is the founding director of the university's Wine Research Centre. The focus of van Vuuren's research is the yeast cell, one of wine's essential building blocks.

ALUMNI »

Fotheringham a boy from nowhere, by way of UBC

Famed political commentator talks about his hell-raising days on campus in his memoirs

The engineers ran the campus. One day, they threw me in a car, took me to Georgia and Granville and chained me to a clock.

Allan Fotheringham

Justin McElroy
Coordinating Editor

Before he was the most prominent political writer in Canada, before he gave long-lasting nicknames to every person and institution in Canada, before he began his 27-year run as the back page columnist at *Maclean's*, Allan Fotheringham made fun of engineers in *The Ubyssey*.

"The engineers sort of ran the campus. They were all big, tough, beer-drinking guys and we hated them. So I wrote columns taking the mickey out of them," he said.

"And one day, I was walking out the office and six of these goons jumped me, threw me in a car and took me to the corner of Georgia and Granville, and chained me to a clock and left me there. The cops had to come and cut the chains down.

"I spent the rest of the three years at *The Ubyssey* sticking it to the engineers."

Fotheringham was in Vancouver last week to promote his memoirs, *Boy from Nowhere: A Life in Ninety-One Countries*. The celebrated writer, who graduated from UBC in 1954, isn't exactly from nowhere, but it's close.

"I'm a kid from the little wee town of Hearne, Saskatchewan," he said. "It had a blacksmith shop, a church, two grain elevators, 26 people. The town was so small, we couldn't afford a village idiot. Everyone had to take turns."

From Hearne, his family moved to Chilliwack, which led Fotheringham to UBC, where he took classes in the Faculty of Arts, played for the junior varsity basketball team and became head editor of *The Ubyssey* in 1953. The campus was smaller and more intimate then—enrollment the year he graduated was 5500—and Fotheringham's column, titled "Campus Chaff," was required reading.

In addition to all of this, Fotheringham points out with pride that he received his degree.

"When I was there, I was one of the few *Ubyssey* editors who ever graduated. Usually, the head editor just gave up for the year. He knew he didn't have time to go to class because all of the work at the paper, and the partying and the crazy things," he said. "I imagine it still happens."

(Editor's Note: Yup.)

Following graduation, Fotheringham got a job with the *Vancouver Sun*, beginning a path that would see him become an ever-present figure in media for years. He used wit and wordplay in his columns, and the names he gave his targets became part of the national dictionary. Vancouver became "Lotusland," the CBC became the "Mother Corp," and the Liberals became "the Natural Governing Party."

He tormented politicians of all stripes too, including UBC's only prime minister: John Turner. The man who succeeded Pierre Elliot Trudeau in 1984 was the big man on campus in the late 40s, groomed for greatness even at that young age.

"He had everything going for him," said Fotheringham. "He was handsome, 100-yard sprint champion in Canada, Rhodes scholar, danced with Princess Margaret, and looked to be someone who was definitely going to be something in life."

The two graduates became friends over the years, even as Fotheringham tormented him in print.

"He's not happy with how I treated him in previous books, because I told the truth," he said. "In the end, he was a Greek tragedy, only lasting four months as prime minister."

But the days of a national columnist having a degree of chumminess with leaders has past.

"You could have drinks with cabinet ministers, and you weren't told, 'Now this is off the record, this is on the record,' because I was smart enough, if he said something nasty, I had the brains not to put that in because it would destroy the relationship," he said.

"But now, you've got so many, you can't have five or six reporters with Stephen Harper, and you'd never have a columnist sitting down with a cabinet minister. They're surrounded by aids and PR agents and flacks who write their speeches, so the relationship has changed completely.

"It's made [politics] more artificial, you read speeches by a prime minister and you know damn well they didn't write a word of it."

Of course, as the book's title makes clear, Fotheringham didn't spend all his time in press galleries.

"I had five employers: *Maclean's*, a sydincated column across the country, I was on Front Page Challenge for ten years, I was on the lecture circuit and I was writing books. Five employers, five expense accounts," he said with a chuckle.

Fotheringham never forgot UBC, organizing an annual alumni event in Toronto with Pierre Berton, also a Ubyssey alum, and former Turner. He received the Great Trekker award in 1989. And his advice for students, unsurprisingly, is to see the world.

"The best education you can get is travel. And what I've learned by traveling to 91 countries is that I live in the best one."

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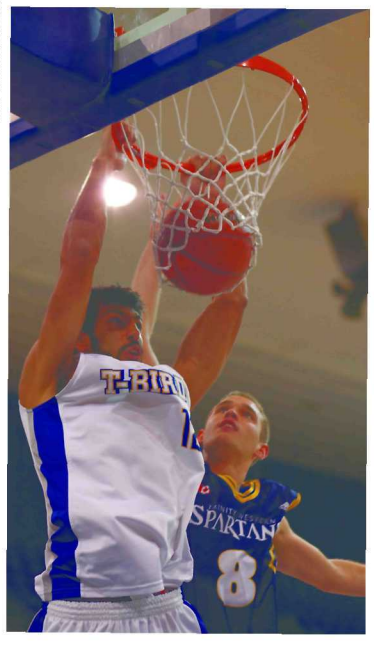

T-Bird Standings

Game notes

HOCKEY »

McCrae's path, from small town to the Memorial Cup

Alison Mah
Contributor

JOSH CURRAN/THE UBYSSEY
Justin McCrae has taken a long road to become the T-Birds captain. One that's seen everything from broken trophies to busted knee's.

Growing up as a boy with not much else to do in the cold, flat lands of Cochrane, Alberta, there is a certain inevitability that you will fall into hockey. And yet, just as hopes of playing in the NHL begin to take hold and your veins begin to pump with puck passion, your dreams of playing professional hockey usually end. Realistically, not many young players will make it out of the midget level and move on to play in one of the three Canadian major junior leagues.

Justin McCrae, now captain of the UBC Thunderbirds hockey team, took that next step out of midget when he was only 15 years old. He was uprooted from his hometown in Cochrane to play for the Saskatoon Blades and the Spokane Chiefs in the WHL for the next five years.

"I knew it was coming," says McCrae. "To play hockey at a high level, you have to move away unless there's a junior team in your hometown, but that doesn't happen for very many people."

During that stretch of time, McCrae experienced moments of both light and dark, highs and lows, a Memorial Cup championship and a crippling knee injury that kept him out ten weeks and jeopardized his hockey career.

The good moments, though—there were many—came when he was drafted by the Carolina Hurricanes in 2007, and then in 2008 when he was traded mid-season from a sputtering Saskatoon team to high-flying Spokane, where they eventually captured the Memorial Cup.

"The feeling in the dressing room was a complete 180 from what we had in Saskatoon. It was almost like we expected to win, and win everything. That was the only acceptable goal," he says. "Going into the Memorial Cup it was a pretty crazy feeling. We got to fly out there on a private jet, and we were riding the high of our finals in the WHL. We went in there, won our first game and just kept rolling. It was a wild experience and something I'll definitely never forget."

The elation of the moment after the final buzzer rang was humourously punctured in the championship ceremony after captain Chris Bruton raised the trophy and went to pass it to a teammate, where it abruptly broke in two.

The crowd erupted in one big "Oh!", and the two players, looking like young boys who just got caught stealing cake from the fridge, looked sheepishly around for someone to blame.

"It was surprising," McCrae says, smiling. "It was weird. Everyone was standing on the blue line and you had a weird feeling like you knew it was going to break the way it was...I don't know. You didn't know how to respond to that.

"It was something that obviously wasn't supposed to happen. But they fixed it with enough time for us to drink out of it."

The season after that, McCrae was named captain of the Chiefs, and then things took a turn for the worse.

"My last year of junior, I faced quite a bit of adversity. I went to the Carolina Hurricanes camp and had every hope of playing professionally, maybe not at the NHL level at the time, but the AHL level," he says. "I got sent back from camp, so it's obviously disappointing when you get cut from a team. My first game back I wrecked my knee and missed ten weeks and basically half the season.

"It's almost depressing when you're out that long. I think that would be my lowest point, but I feel like things happen for a reason."

Playing professional hockey never stayed a dream for McCrae as it did for others; it always remained a distinct possibility. There was hope, hard work, and then a bit of bad luck that perhaps prevented him from realizing what could have been.

"Honestly, my goal the whole time I was in junior was to get drafted and then eventually move on and play professional hockey. I guess I didn't really look at it as being realistic or not. I felt confident enough in my abilities to one day accomplish that."

After that, McCrae moved out to UBC, visiting Cochrane in the summer and returning to play hockey in Vancouver every winter. More importantly, he's content with the choices he's made in life so far. The regrets aren't there. "It's a pretty good lifestyle, just worrying about hockey."

UBC wins fourth quarter thriller

Women's basketball team takes down Trinity 66-61

Posting Up

Henry Lebard

CHRIS BORCHERT/THE UBYSSEY
UBC's Kristjana Young helped propel UBC to victory with a 24 point effort Saturday.

Drowning in doubt and watching as the game and their No. 3 CIS rank was about to slip through their hands, the UBC women's basketball team needed a dramatic shivers-down-your-spine comeback.

Trailing 51-37 to the Trinity Western Spartans in the fourth quarter, the Thunderbirds were being outplayed by a less-talented squad.

Head coach Deb Huband had seen her players turn the ball over and allow easy baskets nearly all evening. There appeared to be no sign of hope. Yet if this game teaches us anything, it's that appearances can only tell so much.

There certainly was a hope, and it turned into a furious fourth quarter rally that saw the 'Birds become victors in a 66-61 court battle, improve to 3-1 on the season and keep their CIS ranking intact.

Huband asked her players at the start of the final frame, "What do you see, what do you feel, what do we need to do, what's going on out there?" If that's not a coach putting trust in her players, I don't know what is.

The 'Birds responded in the only fashion that a championship-calibre team would know how. They fought back hard.

Hustling for every loose ball, making nearly every defensive stop and draining all but of one of their free-throws (18 for 19 from the charity stripe for the game) UBC marched off the court with their heads held high and full of smiles after closing the gap, and stealing the win.

The home team's full-court press led to a plethora of turnovers by the Spartans, many of which led to quick points for the T-Birds. The benches, along with the home crowd could feel the tides changing in favour of UBC. All of the Spartans' confidence had seemingly been transferred to the 'Birds. For all of the things UBC can take from this game, however, there are negatives.

Those smiles I spoke of—they were smiles of relief. This team must focus on their next opponent and keep their eyes on the prize. There are high expectations for this team, and with two of their premier players (Zara Huntley and Alex Vieweeg) nearing the end of their UBC playing days, the door for a championship may not be open next year.

The team cannot afford to start slow against opponents or take low-ranked teams for granted. Hopefully the momentum of this victory will endure into next weekend's games in Alberta, where they'll face Lethbridge and Calgary on back-to-back nights. That same momentum will be needed going forward into January's games against fifth and sixth-ranked Alberta and Saskatchewan, respectively.

From what I saw in their two most recent games, the team needs to have more confidence in their shooting and needs to gel offensively. Individual players cannot always be relied on to make their own plays and bail out dissolved offensive possessions. While open shots are at times missed, players cannot lose confidence.

The premier teams in the Canada West will make them pay for tentative decision-making, and make them pay dearly.

Men's hockey relies on goalie to split series

Snap Shots

Alison Mah

Friday night at Doug Mitchell arena, UBC Thunderbirds goaltender Jordan White stopped 40 of 41 shots en route to a tight 2-1 UBC victory over the dominating Manitoba Bisons.

On Saturday, the Bisons overwhelmed the Thunderbirds for most of the night, peppering White with 39 shots and winning 4-2 in a game that was marred by missed chances and defensive relapses by UBC.

"[Friday] night, our penalty kill was six for six and that was the difference," said UBC head coach Milan Dragicevic. "They scored two power play goals tonight and they jumped on us early. Even though we scored two power play goals, which is a big positive, we just couldn't recover. When you get outshot two to one, you're not going to win many of those games."

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Milan Dragicevic
Head Coach

For the second night in a row, White was the anchor in net that kept the Thunderbirds competitive when the rest of the UBC squad wasn't functioning as smoothly.

"I thought White gave us that opportunity to win tonight," said Dragicevic. "Once again, there's no way we should be giving up 40 shots. You can't rely on the goaltender every night. White stole us two points last night, he gave us that opportunity tonight. We didn't help him at all offensively."

While the Thunderbirds began the season with 26 goals in 8 games, they've now netted only 6 in their last 4 games and in that time have been outscored by a margin of 6 to 13.

UBC is getting opportunities, but their lack of consistency on the power play is killing any momentum they may gather and putting monumental pressure on White and the backend to keep games close.

"We're not doing the little things right now to get to the blue paint," said Dragicevic. "Unless we start paying the price in front of the net, we're only going to score one or two goals a game. If we start going hard to the net and start getting second and third shots and our power play starts capitalizing, we'll get back to scoring some more goals."

This brief four game stint of offensive impotence could be just that: a blip in the radar of what, in the grand scheme of things, has been a relatively consistent offence thus far. And yet it could also be the emergence of a dangerous theme that plagued the Thunderbirds late last season and ultimately cost them a playoff spot in a competitive Canada West conference.

There's still more than half the season to be played, and UBC is far from out of it in the standings. Even a moderate increase offensively, with the strength of White in goal, should hopefully smooth out some of the inconsistencies the 'Birds have been dealing with as of late.

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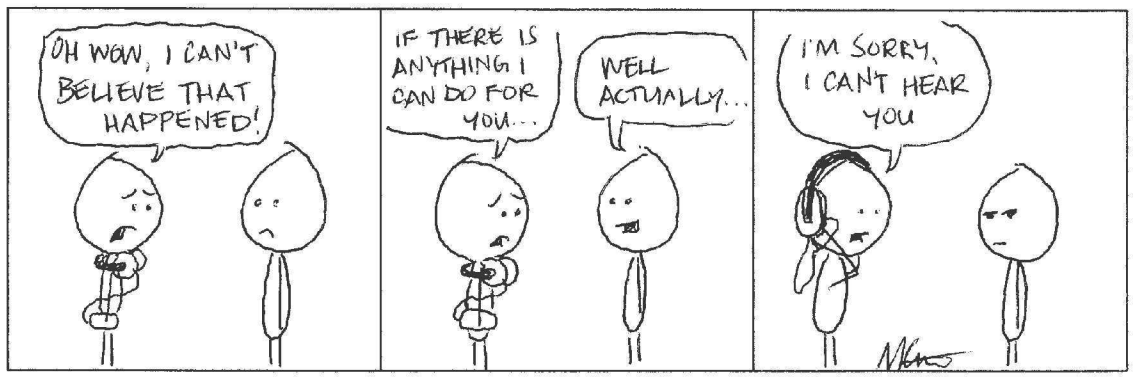

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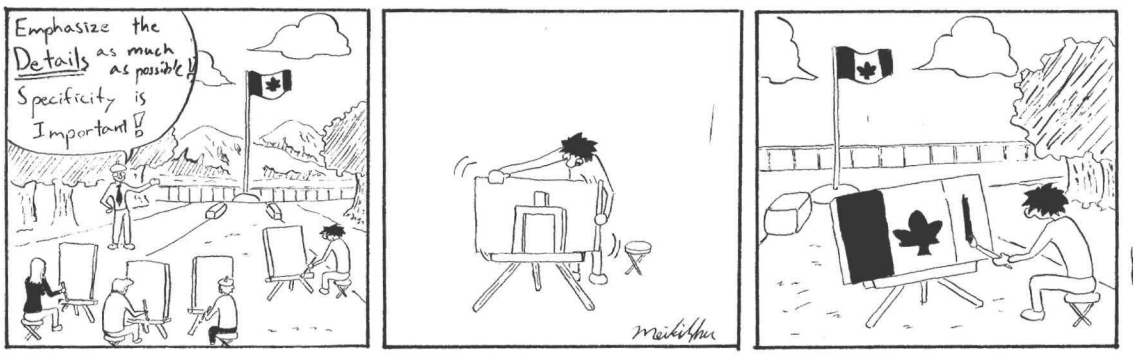

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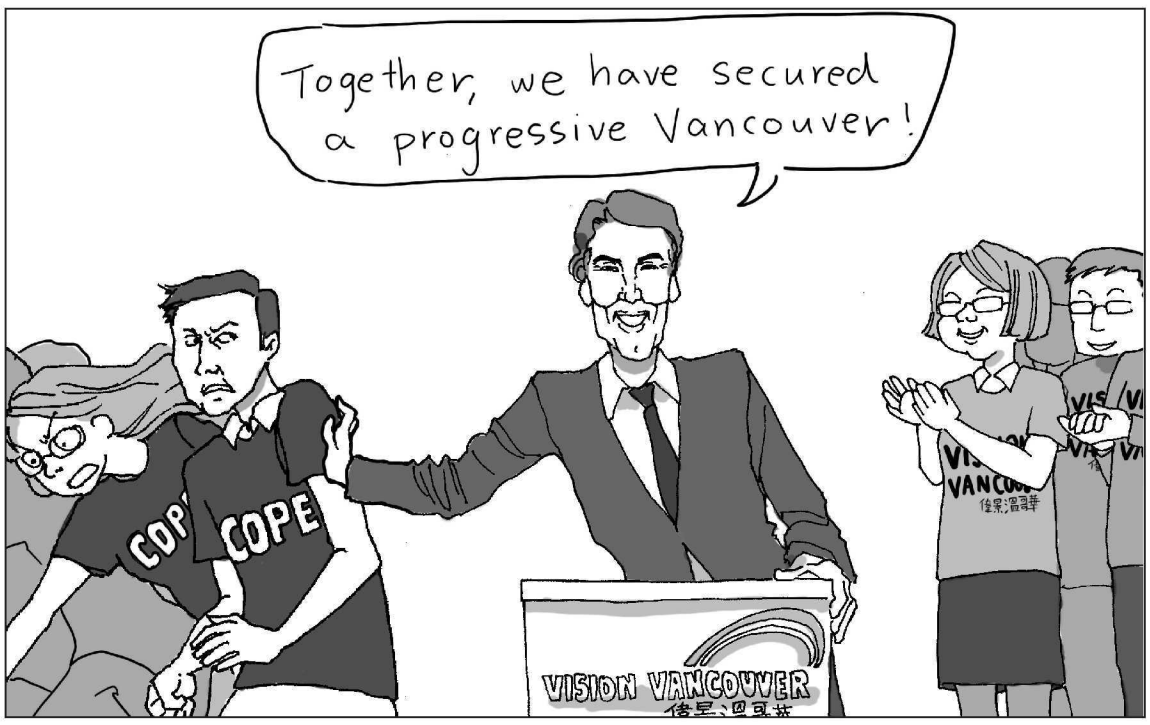

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The Last Word

Parting shots and snap judgments on today's issues

In celebrating Vision, don't forget about COPE

The re-election of Gregor Robertson and further entrenchment of Vision Vancouver as the dominant political party in Vancouver was celebrated by many UBC students last night, and that's not surprising. Your typical politically-minded student is idealistic, socially progressive, fiscally conservative (but hates political labels), pro-environment, loves talking about how awesome Vancouver is and loves Twitter. For them, Vision is a perfect fit.

But yesterday's results also wiped COPE off the map, which is unfortunate even if you don't own a Che Guevara shirt. On development and affordability issues, Vision is essentially NPA-lite: while their commitment to stopping homelessness is to be commended, for those of us looking for homes to rent—and one day, maybe buy—the last three years haven't been kind. A COPE councillor speaking up on the cost of living in Vancouver wouldn't have changed the plans of Vision and NPA, but it at least would have made them stop and listen.

If students want to not only love Vancouver, but also be able to afford to live here post-graduation, Saturday's results won't help their chances.

Three more years for Harris as Electoral Area A director

While Saturday's civic election made a good number of students excited that their favourite juiceman was given another term by the voters of Vancouver, there's another politician that deserves congratulations: Maria Harris, re-elected to a second term as director of Electoral Area A.

In the race to be the only municipal representative of the UBC area, Harris ran a solid campaign, and the combination of her incumbency and the inexperience of her competitors led to an easy win.

Turnout increased from 743 in 2008 to 931 this year, which shows that while interest in our quasi-democratic systems is growing, the number of people who care are still vastly eclipsed by those who don't.

But for those who do care how the lands west of Blanca are governed, Harris is your representative for another three years. She's been elected by students and permanent residents to fight for us on the Metro Vancouver board. While we haven't been thrilled with her lack of focus on student issues the last three years, we hope that will change this time around. We wish her well.

The Senate took too long to come to the right decision

After many months, UBC has finally come to the conclusion that all but the most pedantic guarders of academia minutia had already figured out: that Japanese-Canadian UBC students who were forced out of the university during World War II should be awarded honourary degrees.

The announcement should have been one of unequivocal celebration and remembrance. Instead, it came about after a prolonged *in camera* discussion by the Senate, which was preceded by months of awkward posturing by the university.

Indeed, UBC's response to this, while well-meaning, was not exactly sure-footed. First, there was the rejection of the original wish for honourary degrees. Then, there were ham-fisted attempts to explain that honourary degrees had very set criteria around them. Finally, there was an acknowledgement that the university had to move to accommodate this unique request—but it would be done in secret, only to be announced after they had put a fancy bow on the proceedings.

The internment of Japanese-Canadians, one of the darkest moments in the history of this province, was one that this university was wholly complicit in. When the ceremony happens in May, it will provide closure to many and be an emotional and uplifting moment for all. For that, the university deserves credit. We just wish it hadn't taken them so long.

All Board of Governors reps should play by the same rules

If Bill 18 passes in the BC legislature, the Board of Governors (BoG) at all universities in the province will be able to remove members elected by students and faculty if they can get a two-thirds majority vote. Provincial appointees will not be subject to this. Student politicians are outraged over this prospect, and we are too.

Anyone on the BoG should be entitled to serve their full term. But if we are going to allow people to be removed, it should only be done by those who got that person on the board in the first place. For elected members, only the electorate should be able to remove them. For appointed members, only the appointers should have removal power.

At the very least, all BoG members should be subject to the same rules. It is completely unfair, not to mention undemocratic, that student and faculty representatives could be voted out but not the provincial appointees. Bill 18 must not be allowed to pass in its current form.

The Grey Cup isn't the only game in town this weekend

With the BC Lions's victory over Edmonton today, we have the chance for a home team victory in the Grey Cup. Unfortunately the game has been sold out for weeks, so none of us will be able to go.

But don't forget the Vanier Cup, which pits Laval against McMaster for the top prize in Canadian university football. It's too bad the T-Birds weren't able to make it past Calgary, but tickets are still available and quite cheap. This is a great chance to see high quality football in a beautiful new venue. And, you know, get really drunk with all your friends in public.

The Senate shouldn't hide their work

Editor's Notebook

Brian Platt

Last Wednesday, the UBC Senate voted to give special degrees to Japanese-Canadian students who, during World War II, were kicked out of university due to the forced internment of all Japanese-Canadians. Yet we can't tell you what the deliberations were like, or whether there was any significant dissent, or even the details of the vote. That's because all of the proceedings on this matter were done behind closed doors.

According to Senate procedures, the Tributes Committee's work is generally done *in camera*. When honourary degrees are considered for specific people, senators need to be able to discuss the issue honestly but in private to avoid harming that person's reputation.

But that doesn't apply in this case. No personal reputations were at stake; it was simply a debate over a policy decision of great interest to all Canadians with a sense of history and justice.

I've talked to a few senators who were involved with this, and two things are clear. One, there was no pressing reason why this debate had to be sealed from public view. Two, the Tributes Committee handled the issue in a very thoughtful and responsible manner and came to the right answer in the end—which to me only reinforces the first point.

The main justification for secrecy was that due to fear of public backlash over their comments, it was better to shield senators from observers. To which I say: tough beans. You're on the senate of a public institution. People may get upset over your stance on some things. Deal with it.

But even if you accept the argument that this was a particularly sensitive topic, it's a dangerous habit to allow public bodies to get away with. It's the same argument used by the Gage South Working Group to keep their meetings protected from public scrutiny. When the options were presented last week for what to do with the bus loop area, we have to take their word for it that any options left off the table were "unviable." If that's really true, then why weren't we allowed to see the work? What's the harm?

I'm not one of those dopes who think that all information should be public all the time. Wikileaks, to take the obvious example, actually hurt the cause of transparency with its indiscriminate document dumps. Sometimes there are legitimate reasons for secrecy, and violating that privacy can prevent public institutions from functioning effectively.

But the default position for public institutions must be that their work is open and transparent, unless there are strong justifications to do otherwise. That people might be afraid to speak up is a weak excuse, except perhaps in a few extreme cases.

In the 1970s, Svend Robinson, the former NDP Member of Parliament, was a student member of the UBC Board of Governors. He got so mad at the board's penchant for going *in camera* that he'd drop off those secret minutes at *The Ubyssey*'s office.

I don't expect current Board of Governors and Senate members to start leaking minutes, but I do wish they would do more to combat needless secrecy. Transparency builds respect for the university and allows dissent to be seen in full. Most importantly, it ensures everyone can truly be held to account for their words and actions.

Let the camp stay

Perspectives

>> Conrad Compagna

There's a story commonly told about Occupy Vancouver. It goes like this: the first few marches were led by rosy-cheeked, middle-class college students, rational if misguided, but they all left because they had jobs and school, so the only ones remaining are drifters, junkies and "black-masked" anarchists, in the words of Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu. According to this story, Ashlie Gough's overdose two weeks ago was proof the camp needed to go.

Except it's not.

First of all, Ashlie defied right-wing stereotypes about protestors. I knew her personally, and although she was a recreational drug user, she was bright, talented and artistic. In many ways, she was actually representative of our generation. She lived in subsidized housing because the cost of living was so high and she was having trouble finding work—issues anyone who just graduated from high school can sympathize with. Occupy Vancouver seeks to address those issues, and it should be allowed to continue doing so.

I respect the fact that Mayor Gregor Robertson wanted a peaceful solution with the court injunction, which would spare Vancouver the counter-revolutionary mayhem seen in Oakland. But why do he and his supporters want Occupy Vancouver shut down? Is it really because they're afraid the camp is a fire hazard, or is it because they're tired of having a group of marginalized people whose lives are messy and sometimes tragic in their midst? Would they rather Ashlie had overdosed on the Downtown Eastside, out of mind and out of sight?

The camp needs to stay as well as the protestors.

Robertson has said the protestors can stay, but the camp needs to go. That's no compromise. There's power that comes with occupying a public space. The Egyptian Revolution never would have happened without Tahrir Square, and decision-makers know it. When Wall Street billionaire and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg evicted protestors from Zucotti Park last Monday, he was not spring cleaning. Police came in the night with floodlights, sound cannons and a fleet of garbage trucks, with which they carted away $100,000 worth of donations, including an entire library. They effectively eviscerated the birthplace of the Occupy movement, and it's unclear whether it will rebound. To use Ashlie's name to do the same to Occupy Vancouver is to slander it.

LIVING»

Screw braving the elements; I'm hibernating

Seasonal Affective Disorder is no match for TV, grilled cheese and masturbation

Melodramatic Musings

Will Johnson

I was driving through the slush as snow drifted down when I spotted a particularly determined girl hiking to school through the ankle-deep mush.

She was wearing a short skirt, a pea coat and high heels. Her legs were pink, blotchy and bare. She was smoking a cigarette angrily and looked like she wanted to put it out in somebody's eye.

If I had my way, I would never have to leave the house in anything other than a pair of shorts and some flip flops.

It's official: people on the West Coast hate snow.

Traffic gnarls up, residents look out their windows despondently and the city devolves into chaos.

"Since when does it snow in November?" everyone asks, as if winter is a completely unprecedented phenomenon. The fact that the snow usually doesn't really stick and only lasts about two days is entirely irrelevant. People are completely lost.

The Edmontonians among us scoff at our ineptitude. The Toronto natives can't figure out what the big deal is.

But all of us who grew up in Vancouver are as helpless as abandoned kittens in the face of winter. It seems like every year we forget that cold weather exists.

I don't even own gloves, an umbrella or any sort of winter jacket. As soon as my feet get wet, I just want to murder someone.

This is where most columnists would encourage people to suck it up, to enjoy the majestic beauty and slap a pair of snow tires on your car. But not this guy. I say we should all start hiding inside where it's nice and warm.

I've never been diagnosed, but I'm convinced I have an extreme case of Seasonal Affective Disorder.

If I had my way, I would never have to leave the house in anything other than a pair of shorts and some flip flops. I haven't ruled out the possibility of moving to Thailand or Australia someday—somewhere I can hide from snow for the rest of my life.

However, I also welcome the excuse to sit around my house and spend an exorbitant amount of time watching TV and surfing Facebook. I pad around in sweatpants, make myself grilled cheese sandwiches and sleep unreasonably long hours. Every Christmas, I put on 5, 10, even 15 pounds of insulating fat. This, my friends, is the art of hibernation.

Winter is also a great time to catch up on sex, assuming you have a special someone kicking around. If not, a warm shower and a laptop connected to the Internet should do the trick.

So while other people go snowboarding or tobogganing, I recommend that you cancel all your immediate plans, catch up on your reading, go buy a couple of TV show box sets (I recommend *Mad Men*, *Breaking Bad* or *The Wire*) and stock up on groceries and beer for the long haul.

You'll be glad you did.

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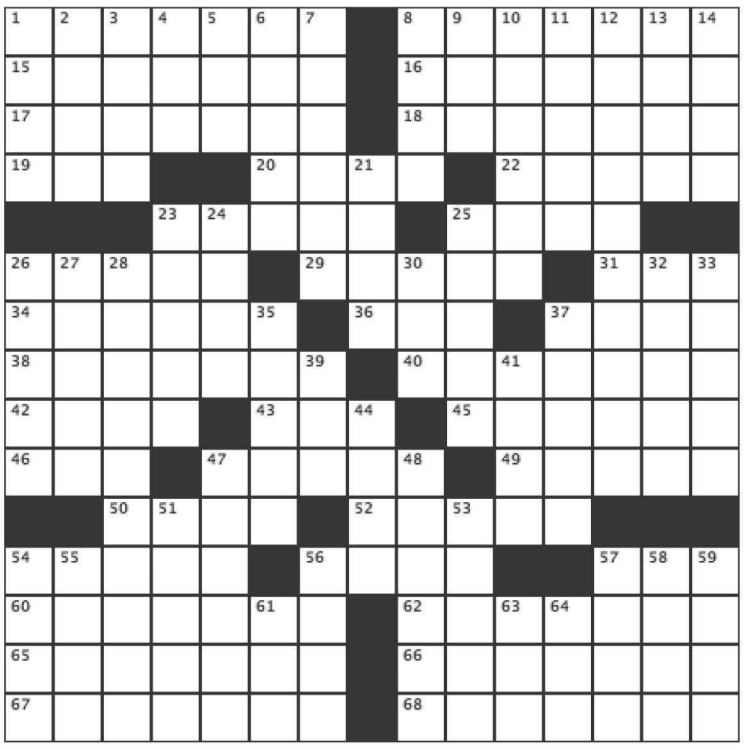

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Across

1— Love affair
8— A chewy candy
15— High-spirited horse
16— Function
17— One of the Furies
18— Cornmeal mush
19— Enzyme ending
20— Comply
22— Syrian leader
23— Small hand drum
25— Westernmost of the Aleutians
26— HI hi
29— French school
31— Dash lengths
34— Majestic
36— Boater or bowler
37— "South Park" kid
38— Floating mass
40— Ecstasy
42— "Judith" composer
43— Cycle starter
45— Person with a paper, perhaps
46— O.T. book
47— African wader
49— Summit
50— Slippery _____ eel
52— Plumber's tool
54— Carries on
56— 3:00
57— French possessive
60— Listener
62— Hard to define
65— Kitchen gadgets
66— Narc
67— Cooked but still firm
68— Wrap with bandages

Down

1— Avatar of Vishnu
2— Metal containers
3— Merlin, e.g.
4— Attorney's org.
5— Never, in Nuremberg
6— Chocolate substitute
7— Allow
8— Reproduction
9— GI mail drop
10— Narrate
11— Give it _!
12— Gentleness
13— Blues singer James
14— Be in front
21— "From _ according to his abilities..."
23— Monetary unit of Botswana
24— Bern's river
25— Communion table
26— Continental identity of a Chinese person
27— "Filthy" money
28— Liberal
30— Boat propeller
32— Nostrils
33— Hagar the Horrible's dog
35— Boston hockey player
37— Blank look
39— Econ. indicator
41— Quarter bushel
44— Res _ loquitur
47— Hurry
48— Beginnings
51— Subway turner
53— Attorney follower
54— ___ Nui (Easter Island)
55— *The Clan of the Cave Bear* author
56— Celtic tongue
57— Immature herring
58— Daredevil Knievel
59— Parched
61— Leftover
63— *Respect for Acting* author Hagen
64— Avg.

OCCUPY»

The tents are coming down for Occupy Vancouver

After losing a court battle to maintain physical presence in the plaza outside the Vancouver Art Gallery, activists dismantled the tent city that had occupied the square since October 15.

The movement's website asked volunteers to assist with cleanup as it moved to "Occupy 2.0," but over the weekend few of the site's nearly 100 tents had been dismantled, according to the *Vancouver Sun*.

There is currently no indication of where the movement might go next, although City Hall is an option. According to a *Sun* reporter on Twitter, a proposal came to the general assembly to keep the next location secret until the last minute.

A rally in support of the movement is scheduled at noon on Monday. The deadline to remove the tents is 2pm.

—*Andrew Bates*

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