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NEWS BRIEFS

UBC PLAN TO BUY ISLAND LAND STALLED

UBC has been negotiating with Western Forest Products (WFP) to purchase up to 12,000 hectares of forestation on Vancouver Island, reported *The Vancouver Sun*. However, talks have slowed down for a variety of reasons, making the possibility of a UBC-owned research forest remote.

The area, which stretches from Sooke to Port Renfrew, has been on sale for over a year. UBC planned to do light forestry on the area, without touching old-growth areas, but the economic climate and provincial government's lack of interest in buying the land has slowed the deal.

In addition, intense logging has since occurred in the area, and UBC VP External, Legal and Community Relations Stephen Owen told the *Sun* that "conditions on the ground are not as they were two years ago."

"I think the situation would have to change dramatically for us to be in discussions now," he added.

CRIME WATCH

JANUARY 27 A theft from Koerner Library between 3pm and 9pm. Police are still investigating.

JANUARY 28 Complainant reported that while having a 20-minute nap in Koerner Library, her backpack containing her laptop, textbooks and purse were stolen. Police are still investigating.

JANUARY 29 Complainant reported that her backpack was stolen from an unlocked locker at the SRC. Police are reminding students to secure their belongings with a lock at all times if left unattended.

JANUARY 29 Police are investigating an assault on a UBC Campus Security member. A suspect was arrested and later released. Charges are being recommended.

FEBRUARY 1 Complainant reported that sometime over the weekend, there had been an attempted break and enter to one of the storage rooms in the Neville Scarfe Building. Police are still investigating.

FEBRUARY 1 Attempted break and enter at an office in the Henry Angus Building. Pry marks noted on door. Police are still investigating.

FEBRUARY 1 Theft from vehicle from North Parkade. The vehicle window was smashed and pry marks were noted along the door frame. Police are still investigating.

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Stranded on the island, Ginny Kloos and Spencer Toffoli woke in a haze. Bryce Warnes tore through the jungle to save Sophie Raider from the smoke monster. Samantha Jung and Sarah Chung tried to follow, but the mysterious Ashley Whillans whipped out her gun, causing the two to become LOST. Meanwhile, Regina Nyamekye, Mairead MacKinnon, and Andrew Bates formed an alliance to take over the others. Spencer Rasmussen, Trevor Record and Kasha Chang. The others had taken children Austin Holm, Jason Chu, Adrick Brock, baby Adeeb Tawseef and little Tara Martellaro. Andrea Breden and Chibwe Mweene never fed them anything other than turkey strips. In the alternate universe, Kritana Khurana ran from the police, forcing Nessa Aref and Matthew Wetzler to form a bond over their love of Kate Barbaria. Jonny Wakefield and Wilson Wong had a tough time getting through customs because sneaky Virginie Menard put wood in their luggage. Jealous Anthony Goertz then decided to prank Ian Turner by hiding jello in his jacket. Stay tuned to find out if Gerald Deo and Katarina Grgic go back to the island, and if Paul Bucci makes the smoke monster evaporate.

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VAGINA MONOLOGUES • UBC V-Day is proud to present their 2010 benefit productions of *The Vagina Monologues* and *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer*. • *Feb. 9-13, 7:30pm-11:30pm, Freddy Wood Theatre, \$15 for either show, or \$25 for both productions, tickets selling until Monday Feb. 8 outside the SUB main entrance.*

NOON "FUN" RUN • Run for fun! Walk for fun! Get healthy and come run or walk the UBC REC Noon "Fun" Run, hosted by the UBC REC Health Promotions Department which takes participants throughout many of UBC's most scenic areas on a course ranging from 3 to 5km. • *Every Thursday, 12:30pm, meeting outside the doors of the Student Rec Centre.*

CHINA • William Yang's compelling storytelling, photography and reflections about culture and belonging against a haunting live score for the erhu and pipa create an unforgettable theatrical experience. Presented by Theatre at UBC with the 2010 Cultural Olympiad & PuSh Festival of the Performing Arts. • *Feb. 2-6, 7:30pm, Freddy Wood Theatre, \$10 UBC Rush student tickets, \$30 regular tickets.*

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MUSIC & MEAL • Like to play music? Just want to listen? Looking for a sense of community? This is for all members of the UBC community who want to have a good meal and great conversation. All meals are home-cooked and are vegetarian-friendly. • *Every Monday, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Chapel of the Epiphany (6030 Chancellor*

Blvd), more info revnathanwright@mac.com.

DRIPPYTOWN: VANCOUVER'S COMIC ARTISTS ON DISPLAY • Want a different take on Vancity? The collection features contributions from six local comic artists whose work provides a look at life in Vancouver. • *Continues until Jan. 31, Rare Books and Special Collections in IKE, more info at puddingsock.livejournal.com.*

CARDIAC CARE WEEK • The ladies of Alpha Phi invite you to have a heart, and help fight cardiovascular disease during Cardiac Care Week! There will be a booth in the SUB, complete with Heart and Stroke pamphlets, merchandise, Wellness and Nutritional Store info, and (possibly) roses and chocolate for sale. All donations collected will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon. • *Feb. 1-4, 10am-3pm, SUB.*

TANTRAMAR GOTHIC ART EXHIBIT • Regent College Lookout Gallery presents *Tantramar Gothic*, a collection of work by Dan Steeves. • *Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5pm, Sat. 12pm-4pm, Regent College, 5800 University Blvd., runs until Monday, Mar. 1.*

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF • The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of UBC in partnership with John Oliver Secondary School is pleased to present *Fiddler on the Roof*, the beloved Broadway classic about family and community, prejudice and perseverance, love and duty, new ideas and of course, tradition. • *Runs until Saturday, Feb. 6, 7:30pm with a 2pm Saturday matinée, John Oliver Theatre, 530 E. 41st Ave (at 41st and Fraser), \$20 general admission, \$15 students, more info at info@gsubc.com.*

THURSDAY, FEB. 4

ALPHA PHI PRESENTS: THE DATING GAME • Part of Cardiac Care Week, the Alpha Phi Women's Fraternity is holding their annual Dating Game. Prizes from many wonderful sponsors including Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Canucks Team Store and Personal Training. Proceeds go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. • *6:30pm-9:30pm, Woodward 2, \$2 tickets with draw entry at Cardiac Care Booth in SUB Feb. 1-4, 10am-3pm, or \$4 at the door.*

STAND FOR THE DEAD CAMPAIGN • Join STAND Canada in launching the Stand For The Dead campaign with the tour of the new film *Darfur*, starring Billy Zane, Edward Furlong and Kristanna Loken.

The campaign engages and inspires Canadians to stand for the life of one Darfuri victim of genocide. Students across Canada will have the opportunity to purchase and proudly wear T-shirts with a Darfuri victim's name across their chest. Screening will be followed by a Q&A session with STAND leaders and a special guest. • *7pm, SilverCity Metropolis (Burnaby), \$10 tickets can be purchased at standcanada.org/darfurfilm or at the theatre on the night of the show.*

COOKING WITH BEER • Part of UBC E-Week, sample some of the various beer-containing delicious creations made by each of the E-Week departmental teams. • *12pm-1:30pm, The Cheeze.*

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

LOUIS RIEL OPERA • UBC Opera Ensemble presents *Louis Riel* by Harry Sommers, Libretto by Mavor Moore with Jacques Languir. In this presentation we introduce cousins and countrymen of Louis Riel, and describe how they fit into the Métis world that he died trying to defend. Pre-show talk takes place from 6:30-7:30pm. • *8pm-11pm, Royal Bank Cinema (Chan Centre), \$15 students, \$20 seniors, \$27 adults.*

PIRATE RADIO • The UBC Film Society presents *Pirate Radio* (PG, 116 minutes). • *7pm-9pm, Norm Theatre, SUB, \$4 general admission, \$2 members.*

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOP • The Instructional Skills Workshops (ISWs) are designed for graduate students interested in developing their instructional skills. It caters to individuals new at teaching as well as those who wish to refresh and enhance their skills. • *ISWs run for three days from 8:30am-5pm each day, or four days from 10:30am-5pm, 2nd floor, IKBLC, \$25 deposit.*

MONDAY, FEB. 8

THE ASTRONOMY HUMAN ORRERY PROJECT • The Human Orrery Project involves 40 students placing sticky notes on the floor of the Irving K Barber Learning Centre to trace the orbits of Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Students then take turns acting as the planets in orbit, while another team maps out other planets along with the Voyager spacecraft, the most distant man-made object. The third-year course is designed for non-science students at the university. • *11am-12pm, IKBLC.*

LUCITERRA: TRIBAL FUSION BELLY DANCE PERFORMANCE AND PRESENTATION • This academic event hosted by Green College is open to the University community and general public without charge. Those interested in attending dinner at Green College before the talk are asked to purchase a dinner ticket at least by noon the business day before. • *8pm-9pm, Coach House, Green College, 6201 Cecil Green Park Road, UBC, more info at gc.events@ubc.ca and greencollege.ubc.ca, or call 604-822-8660.*

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

RESUMES 1 ON 1 • Looking for work? Career Services can provide you with personalized strategies and styles to make your applications stand out in the stack. Small groups of students will meet with a resume expert and get ten minutes of personal feedback as well as the opportunity to learn from their peers – picking up tips, tricks, and techniques along the way. Don't forget to bring a copy of your resume! • *2pm-3pm, ANGUS 295.*

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CHARLES DARWIN • Greg Bole is a Biology Instructor at the University of British Columbia and also has an interest in acting. He has been portraying a young Charles Darwin for the past four years to classes and conferences in a wide variety of locations. Come watch as he tells the story of the man behind the idea. • *7pm-8:30pm, AERL auditorium.*

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

THE BLIND SIDE • The UBC Film Society presents the critically acclaimed film *The Blind Side* (PG, 128 minutes). • *Feb. 10-14, 7pm-9pm, Norm Theatre, SUB, \$4 general admission, \$2 members.*

SWEET VALENTINE'S FAIR • Get something nice and sweet for that special someone! Shop the SUB for the latest jewellery, clothes, gifts, linens and more! • *Feb. 10-12, 10am-5:30pm, SUB Main Concourse, more info at conco3@ams.ubc.ca.*

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

ANNUAL AMS GENERAL MEETING • The AGM is a great opportunity for you to get a glimpse of your student union's direction for the year to come as well as meet and connect with other students, UBC & AMS staff, and elected student representatives over free hors d'oeuvres and drinks. • *3pm-4pm, SUB 207, more info at facebook.com/event.php?eid=304224564594.*

BIG SCREEN VIEWING OF THE OPENING CEREMONY • Part of the More Than Gold Westside Events, this is the first in a series of activities being hosted during the Olympics ice hockey games. Watch the opening ceremony on the big screen! • *6pm-9:30pm, University Chapel, 5375 University Boulevard.*

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • Part of the More Than Gold Westside Events, Regent College is hosting a number of activities for the Olympic ice hockey games, including a welcome center with an internet café, pin trading, photo station, prayer room and chapel series. • *10am-4pm, Regent College, 5800 University Blvd.*

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UBC-O STUDENTS HOLD BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HAITI

An impromptu group of UBC Okanagan students working to collect donations for victims of the Haitian earthquakes successfully held a benefit concert over the weekend in Kelowna.

The event was one of several that has been organized over the past week by Students for Operation OneLove, a group of friends and relatives who got together to work with a national NGO called the Humanitarian Coalition. At the concert, everyone from

the Rock and Roll club to the Latin Dance club performed to help contribute to relief efforts after the earthquakes left an estimated one million homeless.

The group said they have only received assistance from the UBC Students' Union Okanagan because they wanted it to be a student effort, although their contributions will count towards donation matching from the federal government.

—Andrew Bates, CUP Western Bureau Chief

Barn gets another “lease on life”

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If all goes as planned, UBC's only freestanding restaurant, The Barn, will close on March 31.

This popular lunching spot for Engineering and Forestry students will stop serving rice bowls and burgers and instead serve parents and their children when it becomes a temporary daycare facility.

The café will re-open in January 2011, adding 24-hour care spaces for toddlers and three- to five-year-olds. The \$700,000 renovation is part of a larger project aiming to increase the amount of daycare services available for students on campus.

“We've already opened 108 new spaces this year. The total spaces we are looking to open through these renovations is 148 additional daycare spaces,” explained Managing Director of Student Housing and Hospitality Services Andrew Parr.

According to Parr, The Barn has not been “financially viable” for some time. He believes that the conversion makes good logistical and business sense.

So why a childcare centre? “The demand for childcare is very high and we were challenged with the task of looking for more short-term and



This photo was taken from outside The Barn, as it is currently closed. GERALD DEO PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

long-term for the campus,” said Parr.

“With the growth of food [services] in other areas and the demand for childcare I see this as a very positive move for UBC,” said Parr.

Not everyone is as optimistic as Parr about the change. UBC student Jake Malone, who eats at The Barn regularly, is worried that the loss of The Barn will mean less original eating options on the south side of campus.

“There are a few other places on the south side within

existing buildings to serve eating purposes, but they are smaller and more indistinct. They lack the qualities that allow for the inclusiveness of The Barn and its atmosphere within,” he explained.

There will be food places opening up on the south side of campus for students like Malone, assured Parr.

New restaurants and cafés are set to open shortly after The Barn re-opens, such as the Niche Cafe, which will be located in the Biodiversity Building. The Earth Systems Science Building

HISTORY OF THE BARN

While it may seem drastic, this is not the first time the building has undergone a significant transformation.

Built in 1917 at a cost of \$5250, The Barn is one of the university's original buildings and was first used as a horticulture classroom.

According to a December 1967 issue of *UBC Reports*, The Barn was first given a “new lease on life” in 1967 when it was converted into a cafeteria, at a cost of \$122,322, which included building and interior renovations.

Working from the bottom up

REGINA NYAMEKYE
Contributor

Judy McLean isn't just any professor you may bump into on campus—she works for the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations.

McLean will be spending her Olympic break in Cambodia working with the WHO on “improving child health, nutrition and food security.” Her work is focused on “the development, implementation and assessment of cost-effective evidence based means of addressing malnutrition among young children, adolescents and reproductive-age women and im-

proving pregnancy outcomes.”



JUDY MCLEAN

McLean earned her BSc and PhD in Human Nutrition from UBC. She teaches World Problems in Nutrition (FNH 355),

and Advanced International Nutrition (FNH 490), which focuses on the “analysis of the political, social and cultural complexities of food habits and malnutrition in various cultures around the world.”

McLean also works as an advising consultant on nutrition and food security and promotes nutrition education at the post-secondary level in developing countries.

She plans to use the “train the trainers” model right down to the village level to create more peer nutrition educators.

“There is a desperate need to get a critical mass of people trained in order to effectively address the widespread malnutrition and for these trained persons to educate their fellow Cambodians and Rwandans,” she said.

Looking forward, McLean's 20-year plan includes “building an international nutrition program here at UBC, which would be the only program of its kind in North America.”

“[Working] towards impacting policies at the governmental level that can reduce malnutrition among large numbers of women and children.”

For students who want to venture into her field, she suggests, “Get involved...go as high up the ladder as you can. But more importantly, don't make the mistake of thinking you can save the developing countries you visit.”

McLean is modest about her work. “It is hard to see anything I have done as an accomplishment, because I have just been lucky.”

When asked about her greatest accomplishment thus far, she said, “Being a mother.”

PERSPECTIVE

Was I a one-issue candidate?



SPENCER RASMUSSEN
Contributor

Following two weeks of exhaustive campaigning, students have chosen me as one of their representatives on the Senate, our university's academic governing body. Thank-you.

I made no secret of the fact that I was passionate about, experienced in and running for sustainability. That students placed me fourth out of twelve candidates testifies to the broad support for this vision of UBC. Yet at times, often when people were endorsing me, I was characterized as a “one-issue” candidate.

I see things differently. Sustainability is not an issue, nor a collection of issues. It's a vision for the better world we must create.

To me, sustainability means providing for this generation without screwing over the next. This is an important concept because a) we are screwing over

the next generation, and b) we often don't provide for this one.

For a university, sustainability is both an opportunity and an obligation. UBC educates our future leaders, researches our most pressing problems and has a \$10 billion impact on the BC economy. The potential is enormous.

But what does this all mean for students? Over my two-and-a-half years on campus, I've produced about two dozen essays, written as many exams and done countless assignments. Each time, I know my work will be seen only by my prof and my recycle bin. Meanwhile, I get passed up by seven buses on the way to campus, grab a crappy lunch at the SUB, and throw away the wrapping. What if we could apply our learning to improve our transit, food and waste? The result would be more meaningful education, a more sustainable campus, and a better student experience.

So sustainability isn't an issue; it's a vision—one shared by a growing number of students, staff and faculty. It's far, far more than the sum total of bottles recycled and lights switched off. Let's make this vision a reality.

NEWS BRIEFS

CORRECTION: FERRERAS EXPLAINS IMPEACHMENT ERROR

In the Monday issue of *The Ubysey*, we described the error in which the Election Committee announced that President Blake Frederick had been impeached, only to retract the announcement the next day, as due to a “miscalculation” of results.

Elections Administrator Isabel Ferreras has informed us that there was no miscalculation. They simply read the results of the referenda questions incorrectly.

“We assigned the correct values to the wrong questions,” said Ferreras.

The Ubysey regrets the error.

UBC AND EMILY CARR STUDENTS DESIGN OLYMPIC FURNITURE

UBC students have teamed up with Emily Carr students to create the outdoor furniture at the athletes' village.

Emily Carr students designed the chairs and tables, while UBC's Centre for Advanced Wood Processing made the designs whole using the blue pine that was destroyed by the mountain pine beetle.

TRINITY WESTERN UNDER SCRUTINY FOR FAITH AFFIRMATION

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) has stated that Trinity Western University does not meet the standard of proper academic freedom, reported *The National Post*.

The university is being scrutinized because it requires its faculty members to sign a statement affirming their Christian faith before they are hired. A few of the points that the statement makes is that there is one God, Christ is God incarnate, and the Bible is the Word of God.

“A school that requires its faculty to subscribe to a particular religious belief or ideology cannot be practising academic freedom,” Executive Director of CAUT James Turk told the *Post*.

Trinity Western President Jonathan Raymond said that it is not a violation of academic freedom. “There is no topic...that can't be raised,” he said. “We assume faculty will have their thinking informed by their Christian faith, but we don't influence it.”

Three other Christian universities are being scrutinized by CAUT.

Out with the old, in with the new

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BLAKE FREDERICK: 2009/2010

ON THE PAST YEAR:

"The role as president has obviously been very difficult for me. From the very beginning I felt very strongly that a lot of people, particularly a lot of people on Council, were out to get me, and the reason I believe that is because I was disqualified before I was even able to take office. That started my term on the wrong note.

I've always had the best intentions to try to stand up for those students who are struggling to get by financially through university, and I had a lot to contend with in terms of trying to deal with Council and I failed to convince Council. And obviously I became frustrated with their lack of action on issues of financial accessibility to post-secondary education.

And I'm in the situation I am in now because of that."

DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS?

"I regret not making the motivations for my actions [clearer] than I did during my term.... If I made [clearer] what I was doing...I think a lot of students would have been more sympathetic and supportive of my actions. But because I failed to do that, it wasn't clear what my motivation was...and as a result, students and Council subscribed their own motivations to me."



"The unfortunate part of the whole impeachment issue is that I did do a lot of good work throughout my term which has now been overshadowed. But I do personally also recognize that, despite my failing on tuition and the UN complaint. I feel that I did do a lot of positive work for students in my term."

NAME ONE SUCCESS FROM THE PAST YEAR:

"Crystal and I have been very successful with our negotiations on the SUB project. We haven't been able to get what we want in all cases, but I think that we have worked very successfully with the university on making sure that the new SUB project will be one that benefits students greatly."

WHY WEREN'T YOU AT FRIDAY'S RESULTS NIGHT?

"I [was] with friends....I thought it would be better to be with friends when I heard the results of the election instead of being at the AMS party."

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR?

"I will be graduating this year, so I am going to be moving on from UBC. I will be looking for new opportunities outside of student politics, and I want to wish the best of luck to those that were elected." 

I'm really excited about this team. Everybody is extremely talented, extremely genuine, in terms of caring for students' interests. They're in it because they care about students....We've known each other for a while. They all come with experience with the AMS.

BIJAN AHMADIAN
2010/2011 AMS PRESIDENT

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2009/2010 AMS PRESIDENT



BIJAN AHMADIAN: 2010/2011

ON THE PAST YEAR:

"I was always flustered by the inability to get things done for students because the AMS was constantly sabotaging students. When the AMS doesn't have a relationship with people who make decisions for students, those people will make those decisions in isolation of the AMS, and students are left out. This past year was the worst of it. We came pretty much to a standstill.

"It came to the point when the UBC president had to write a letter to AMS Council, and pretty much openly say, 'We do not have a constructive relationship.'"

BIGGEST FAILURE OF THIS YEAR'S EXECUTIVE?

"The Olympics. That was the saddest moment for me, knowing that the Games were coming here...it's a one time opportunity, and we didn't go into a strategy on how to engage students."

"[And] the fact that the SUB agreements haven't been achieved yet is another big failure."

NAME ONE SUCCESS FROM THE PAST YEAR:

"Honestly my mind has been so occupied with failure, that I'm having a tough time coming up with something I can

identify as an achievement." "There wasn't anything that would stand out...I'm sure there have been some things that were here and there."

WHAT ARE SOME SOLUTIONS THAT YOU HAVE?

"We have to identify who the people out there are who make decisions for students. And the two big ones are obviously UBC and the provincial government. So we need to start contacting them...let bygones be bygones...and [find out:] how do we move forward? Then we have to move to other stakeholders on this campus."

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS SO FAR ON THE NEW EXECUTIVE?

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HOW WILL YOU INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY?

"Accountability also extends to students-at-large....One of the commitments that I am making this year is to make sure that we are accessible to the media, that we give them information when they need it." 

GERALD DEO FILE PHOTOS/THEUBYSSEY

GRAND OPENING: FEBRUARY 6

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Mixed reaction on BC cell phone ban

MAIREAD MACKINNON
Contributor

As of February 1, drivers caught talking on a hand-held phone will face a \$167 fine. Those found texting or e-mailing will also receive penalties. Hands-free devices, or those that are activated with a single touch, are authorized, except for drivers without their Class 5 licences. *The Ubyyssey* presents opinions from students and local politicians about their thoughts on the new law and provides you with a few facts. ☺

OTHER PROVINCES

Saskatchewan, PEI, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland also have legislation banning the use of hand-held devices while driving.

UBC STUDENT MARLEY MACVEY

"The government hasn't banned cell phone use outright because banning it in stages helps them to remain favourable amongst the public."

BC LIBERAL MLA FOR ABBOTSFORD-MISSION RANDY HAWES

"The niece of a friend of mine was texting while driving and left the road and hit a tree. She died on impact. This girl was 17-years-old, finishing Grade 12, an Honours student with a huge potential."

IS THE LAW EFFECTIVE?

New research suggests that cell phone laws do not result in fewer car accidents. An article on CTV said that the study by the Highway Loss Data Institute took collision insurance claims in the US, and compared them with a cell phone ban. The study found that the amount of claims remains almost the same.

UBC STUDENT DUSTIN NIELSEN

"I think the biggest issue with banning cell phones is enforcement....It could be hard for police to prove who was on their phone."

KASH HEED, BC MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

"While the focus of this new law is on cell phones and other electronic devices, my hope is that people will think twice from now on about changing their other dangerous distracted driving behaviours."
"Driver distraction is associated with 25 per cent of crashes, which, in BC, translates to 117 deaths each year and 1400 hospitalizations. Texting while driving is associated with a 23-times increased crash risk."

BC LIBERAL MLA FOR ABBOTSFORD SOUTH JOHN VAN DONGEN

"This legislation will reduce the number of accidents on the road and it will reduce the severity of accidents, particularly when pedestrians are involved."

UBC STUDENT ELIE WOLPERT

"[I] can't believe that some people would actually take their eyes completely off the road to respond to a text."



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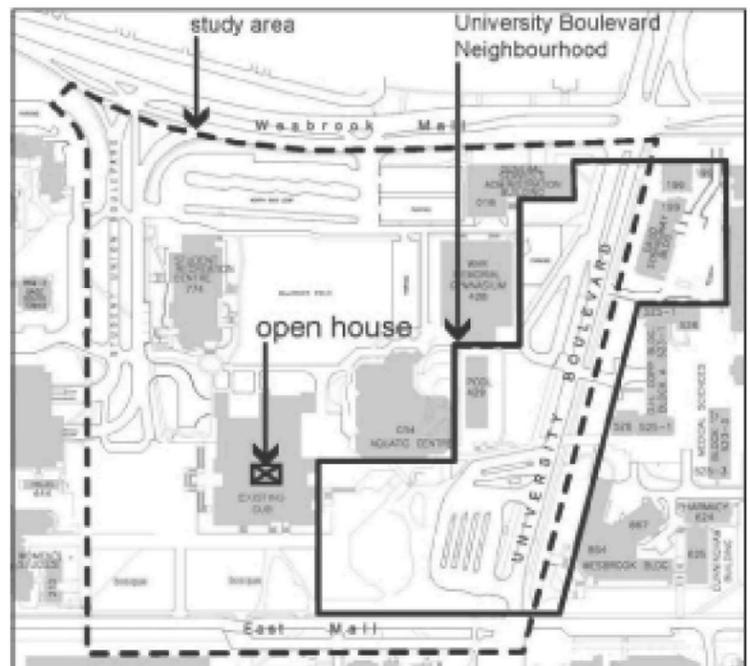
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CULTURE

THE ENGINEERS

are the only faculty holding aloft the flickering flame of school spirit. This is evident in E-Week, the annual celebration of the Engineering undergraduate Society (EUS), which often features parades, arrests and the placing of heavy stuff on top of tall things. While the Engineers

have yet to pull one of their signature stunts as of press time, the week is young, and the bar is high after last year's botched attempt to hang a VW from the Second Narrows Bridge. Expect Beetles in strange places.

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Standing proud

The many lives of the near-mythical Cairn

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26 JAN 1966: First Cairn built of stones and cement in front of the Main Library as a monument to Engineers' "diversified and continuing contribution to campus life." The following day it was removed by UBC Plant Operations.

SEPT 1968: Second Cairn constructed in front of what is now Koerner Library. The slab of concrete embossed with an "E" was soon destroyed by order of the UBC Board of Governors.

FEBRUARY 1969: Science students crown the Cairn with a toilet.

E-WEEK 1969: Third Cairn erected. Modeled, legend has it, after a military tank diverter. It was rumoured that they had reinforced the foundation with re-bar buried underground.

1970: When university administration announced construction of the Sedgewick underground library at the location of the Cairn, the Engineers paid UBC \$1000 to dig up the cairn and use a crane to transfer it to its current location.

1970's: Vandalism against the Cairn becomes common practice among other faculties and clubs, notably Forestry.

1980: Arts students drive a forklift into the Cairn.

1981: Cairn makeover. The Cairn is enveloped in a new layer of cement, adding several inches to its girth.

"This bigger and better monument stood firm against the continued onslaught of paint, fire, and other assorted indignities. It was once even tarred and feathered. A particularly nasty trick was 'necklacing.' This specialty of the foresters involved a ring of flaming tires held together with a cable choker, which was thrown over the top of the Cairn in freezing weather, in hopes of cracking the concrete."
—wikipedia.org

MARCH 1988: Forestry students demolish the Cairn with a backhoe.

SUMMER 1988: Current Cairn built with a substantial concrete and re-bar foundation. Christened with a bottle of beer broken against it.

The revenge of the nerds

UBC Engineering law, lore and larceny

WILSON WONG
Contributor

Engineers at UBC have always had a reputation for having the strongest faculty pride and the silliest traditions. To those not part of this faculty, the stuff Engineers get themselves into seems odd, alien and geeky. Whether you're a first-year Engineer who wants to know more about the social side of Engineering, or you're just another Arts kid looking for some kind of explanation, this short guide will go over three of the infamous traditions of Engineering.

ENGINEERING CAIRN

Although it's known by non-engineers as a great communal alternative to canvas, the Cairn is a great source of pride for Engineers. As Arjun Veer Tuli, one of the three Keepers of the Cairn, chosen to defend and continually restore the Cairn to a respectable state, proudly describes, "When every Engineer passes by the Cairn, that Engineer just has a feeling inside—a feeling of spirit."

Many students see the Cairn as a kind of metaphor for life as an Engineer. The stumpy shape serves as a dysfunctional, impotent phallus.

KEITH MACKAY
FOURTH-YEAR ENGINEERING STUDENT

Keith MacKay, a fourth-year Engineering student portrays it in a rather different light. "I think many students see the Cairn as a kind of metaphor for life as an Engineer. The stumpy shape serves as a dysfunctional, impotent phallus, representing the shame and emasculation felt by many Engineering students. The continual vandalization of the Cairn by other faculties represents the humiliation and mockery an Engineer undergoes before his or her peers. Even the location of the Cairn itself, starkly placed in the middle of West Mall, with no other structures to the north or south, is representative of the

isolation and social ostracization one feels as an Engineer. Never become an Engineer."

The Cairn has been the setting for myths. The most common is that the Cairn was built with a propane tank buried within it to deter anyone considering digging it up. Other myths about people being Saran-wrapped to it in their underwear contain some truth.

REDS

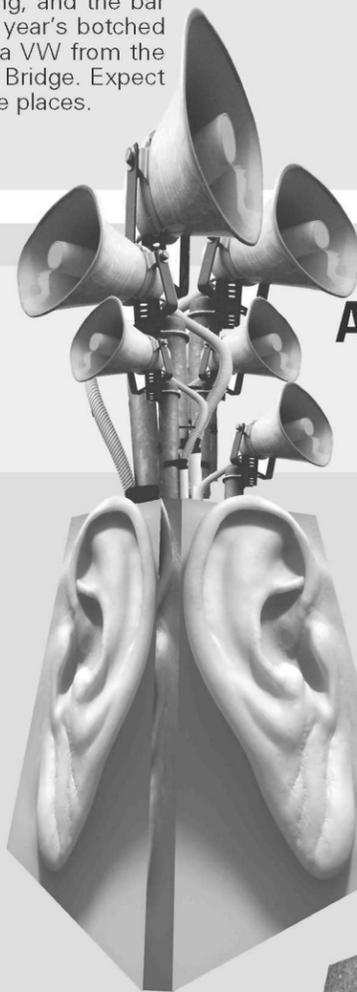
Undoubtedly you have seen the engineers who wear their bright-red Engineering jackets or "Reds" a little too often, commonly sprinkled with an obnoxious dose of Star Wars patches and a peculiar stench of dried beer and grease. Reds have their own system of rules and traditions, the most prominent of which is an extensive variety of patches that one has to earn, either for dedication towards a charity, or (arguably) less prestigious ones recognising consuming an idiotic amount of alcohol. Supposedly, all faculties in the past used to don their equivalent of the Engineering Red, but all except Engineering have since lost this tradition.

It is a cardinal sin to wear a "naked" Red, or one without patches. The perpetrator of said sin is tanked in a disgusting UBC fountain upon sighting.

TANKING

A popular tradition in Engineering is "tanking." What may seem like a barbaric act actually involves a carefully regulated ritual of throwing fellow Engineers into the designated "Tanking Pond" conveniently located outside the Cheeze, the engineering hideout behind Kaiser.

There exists an entire system of rules set up and a speech to be read during a tanking. Eric Pospisil, a fifth-year Mechanical Engineer (mechanics option) and former head "tanking" representative whose role included identifying appropriate targets to be "tanked" details the proper procedure: "There's a specific speech you need to read. You need five people to carry out a tanking—four to carry and one to read charges. So they'll go and ambush the someone at the end of class, bring them down to the tanking pond, rotate them pi radians, strip them down to their underwear and toss them in." ☹



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Posters or talent
Self-importance

LADY GODIVA

JONNY WAKEFIELD
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In 11th century England, a noblewoman rode nude through the streets of Coventry in protest of high tenant taxation.

Several centuries later, UBC Engineers caught wind of this and decided that their annual celebration of the Applied Science was lacking in both public nudity and horses. E-weeks of yore were marked by such a procession, called the Lady Godiva Ride, in which a nude woman on horseback was paraded around campus—an homage of sorts to the patron saint of Engineers.

The parade began to step on the toes of the AMS, the UBC Senate and even the provincial legislature in the 80s, when people became less tolerant of the "boys will be boys" attitude towards the EUS' antics. In 1982, then AMS President Marlea Haugen wrote to the RCMP "calling for Godiva's arrest and for fire hoses to be turned on the Engineers attending the ride."

The RCMP apparently decided against such measures, and the ride continued until 1986, when the parade was permanently called off in response to the murder of 14 women at Dawson College in Montréal. ☹

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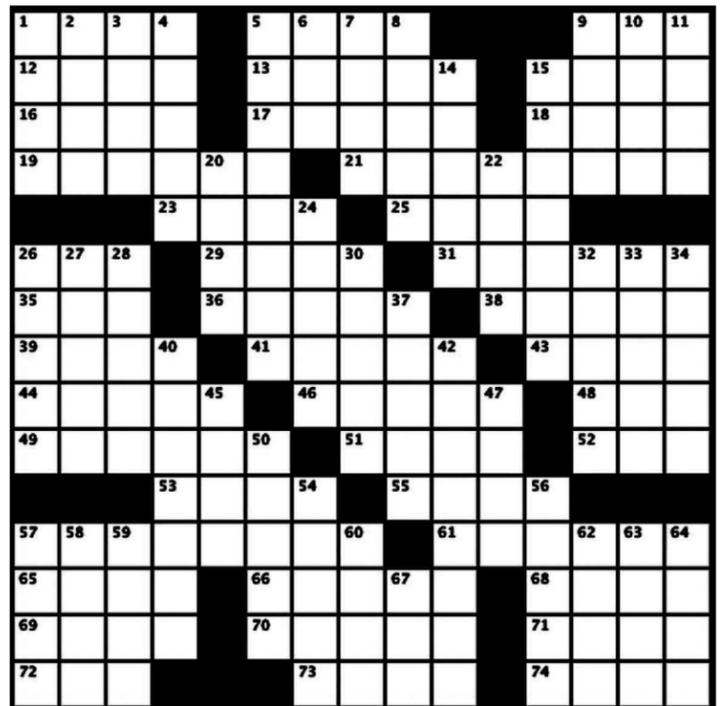
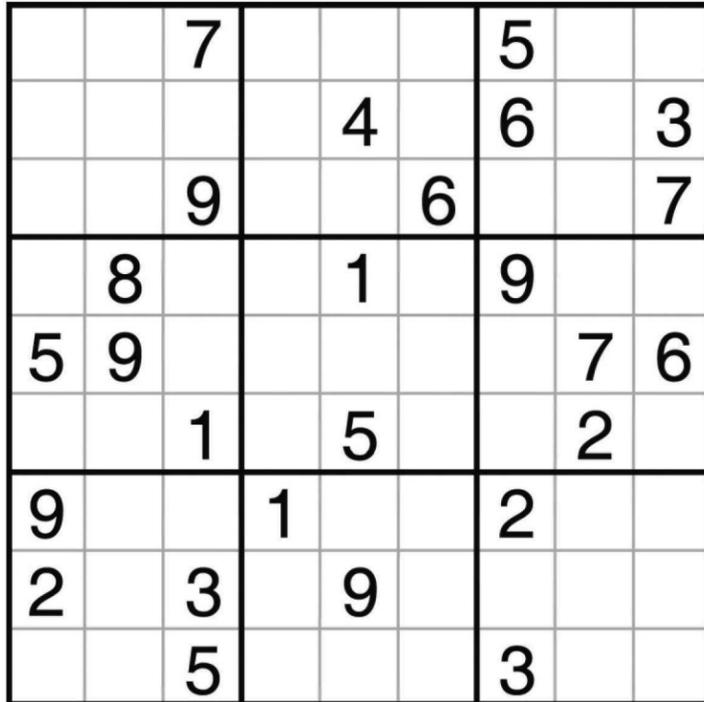
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- 5. Trojan War hero
- 9. Half a fly
- 12. Bunches
- 13. Capital of Japan
- 15. Gaucho's weapon
- 16. Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy
- 17. Inclined
- 18. Wall St. Debuts
- 19. Mender of pots and pans
- 21. Birth of Christ
- 23. Dutch cheese, wrapped in red wax
- 25. Emperor of Rome 54-68
- 26. Parisian pal
- 29. Former spouses
- 31. Russian money
- 35. Armed conflict
- 36. Saltpeter
- 38. Nostrils
- 39. Arguing
- 41. Lofty nest
- 43. Hair untangler
- 44. Of the kidneys
- 46. Rise to one's feet
- 48. ___ little teapot
- 49. Stage plays
- 51. ___ boy!

- 52. Back muscle, briefly
- 53. Drug-yielding plant
- 55. Has a bug
- 57. Utter
- 61. Sharp reply
- 65. Arizona Indian
- 66. Plain writing
- 68. Culture medium
- 69. Make ___ for it
- 70. Brewer's need
- 71. "All The Way To ___", song by REM
- 72. Connections
- 73. Deuce topper
- 74. Etta of old comics

- 20. Biblical garden
- 22. Golf club which can be numbered one to nine
- 24. Doles (out)
- 26. Give merit
- 27. Alma _____
- 28. One of Chekhov's *Three Sisters*
- 30. Simmons rival
- 32. Oven option
- 33. Helping theorem
- 34. Convocation of witches
- 37. Lasso
- 40. Marmoset
- 42. Completeness
- 45. Composer Schifrin
- 47. Broad valley
- 50. Dense
- 54. Everglades bird
- 56. Grim
- 57. Baht spender
- 58. French, e.g.
- 59. Literary work
- 60. Rime
- 62. Arch type
- 63. Tirade
- 64. Horse's gait
- 67. Compass dir.

DOWN

- 1. Germinated grain used in brewing
- 2. Et ____
- 3. Ripped
- 4. Post
- 5. Tranquillity
- 6. Scribble (down)
- 7. Analogous
- 8. Treegum
- 9. Pith helmet
- 10. Narrow opening
- 11. New Orleans is The Big ____
- 14. Aquatic mammal
- 15. Camp

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The road to respectability

“There are no quick fixes,” admits Olson as he begins reign as football coach

IAN TURNER
Contributor

UBC's football team didn't get the turf field they were promised.

They won one game last year, if you exclude retroactive defaults.

Their head coach, Ted Goveia, was fired.

Their interim coach and former defensive coordinator, the well-liked Dino Geremia, quit after not getting the head coach position.

So who'd take this position?

An alumni, of course.

“Oh God. There are no quick fixes,” said Shawn Olson, UBC's new football head coach, of how he'll turn the program around.

[Olson's new direction] is demanding and expects a lot from us, and that's how it should be.

SPENCER BETTS
T-BIRDS WIDE RECEIVER

Hired by UBC last month, Olson has an uphill climb, not only with turning around the program, but having a successful offseason. Hired two months after the offseason began, his priority right now is



Olson, pictured here, knows that improving the football program won't be a quick fix. GERALD DEO PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

bringing “positive energy to the program” by establishing trust with players and getting sought-after recruits.

But there are plenty of other things for him to juggle: alumni relations, recruiting, workout schedules—to name a few.

“[I'm] going crazy,” said Olson of recruiting. He's used to the grind, though. For three years, he served as SFU's offensive coordinator, where he frequently recruited.

While some have speculated that Olson may bring some

of his past Clan recruits from Burnaby Mountain to Point Grey, he doesn't foresee many following him to UBC.

“Most kids who I recruited at SFU wanted to go to SFU for a specific reason. The two schools are very different, so I'm pretty much starting new again.”

So far, the Athletic Department has been responsive to his needs. After his hire, at his request, they increased the number of dorm rooms UBC sets aside for footballers. By August 1, Thunderbird

stadium will have the long-promised turf field.

But as a former player, he's also looking for help elsewhere: alumni. Many have contacted him offering help and praise. As he's busy putting together a skeleton recruiting class, he's hoping for more than financial support.

But even though Olson is new to the position—he's only been on the job 13 days—the team is very satisfied.

“Hiring Coach Olson was a great decision. He is young,

passionate and really knowledgeable about the game. It's great that he played here and won here as well, which will bring experience that our team needs,” said quarterback Billy Greene, just one of the players who will need to step up his game—Olson made it clear that all positions are up for grabs.

“The team has responded very positively, everyone is excited to get back to work now that he is here. It's going to be a tough offseason requiring a lot of work, but we all know that it is going to pay off next season,” said defensive back Jeff Burt in a Facebook message.

It's clear from Burt that Olson's message has sunk in already. In his “State of the Union”—Olson's words—to the team during their second meeting, he laid out the new direction: conditioning in the offseason will be key to success on the field.

“It turned some heads,” admitted wide receiver Spencer Betts.

“It is demanding, and expects a lot from us, and that's how it should be. Guys on the team understand that it will be difficult, but I think there is a sense of excitement, and many guys like the opportunity that is being given to them to get better alongside their teammates.”

Olson makes no excuses though, for what he is doing to turn the team around.

“Football is a tough sport. I'm going to ask them to do things that are going to hurt a lot.”

WEEKEND PREVIEW

CAN THE 'BIRDS EXTEND WINNING STREAK TO 33?

Fresh off a two-game sweep of the Manitoba Bisons, the women's volleyball team (17-0) travels to Edmonton today for a series against the University of Alberta Pandas (12-6). Both UBC and Alberta have already clinched playoff spots, but coach Doug Reimer isn't concerned about a lack of effort for either team this weekend.



KEEGAN BURSAW FILE PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

“Both our programs are competitive, proud and will enter this game not thinking it's a preseason game,” he said. “It is slightly different for us knowing so early what our playoff route is, which we normally wouldn't know. For me, this has meant working to maintain our focus, maintain our competitive edge and use this to our advantage.”

With 32 straight wins, Reimer is doing all he can to ensure the team doesn't

become complacent in the team's final three games before the playoffs begin.

“I've been harder on them this week...when you don't have matches you feel you have to win, it is human nature to get a little complacent, and then when you have to suddenly crank it up in the middle of a match, it becomes problematic.”

BASKETBALL LOOKS TO GET BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL

After their first loss of the season last weekend, the road to the playoffs doesn't get any easier for the men's basketball team this weekend, as UBC (14-1) faces their arch-rivals from Victoria (8-7) in a two-game home series (8pm start time). The UVic Vikes have made the Pacific Division playoffs each year since 2004, but are currently in fifth place in the division and in danger of missing the playoffs.

“With their backs against the wall, and their playoff changes on the line, they're



MICHAEL THIBAUT FILE PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

going to play like animals against us,” said UBC men's head coach Kevin Hanson.

Fans of high scoring games may want to stay away: UBC has the no. 1 ranked defence in the Canada West conference (68.6 points allowed per game), while UVic is second (69.7 per game). Hanson hopes that the expected struggle doesn't deter his team.

“I think if you ask a player, they'd prefer a free-style flowing game and take shots and get into a rhythm. But the big thing is, we got to get our guys not as frustrated against such a good defensive team,” he said.

The women (10-5) also play the Vikes (11-4) this weekend, with the second place—and a home playoff series—in the Pacific Division on the line.

Mike Danton: school first, hockey second

Ex-convict and former NHL forward grateful for a second chance

CHRISTOPHER CAMERON
THE BRUNSWICKAN

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Making his return to hockey after more than five years in prison, Mike Danton is back—but the game isn't his main focus.

Although he's already scored a goal for the Saint Mary's Huskies, his main focus is on the books.

Danton is keeping himself busy, learning to handle the balance of hockey and school. The former St Louis Blues player spent over five years in prison for conspiracy to commit murder, and chose to go to school at Saint Mary's University in Halifax because their program was geared towards ensuring that academics fit in with what he needed.

"They don't put the focus on hockey, and that was one of the things I [liked] from the start," Danton said in an interview.

"It wasn't 'Hey, let's get him here because he can help the hockey team.' It was 'Let's get him here so we can give him a second chance at life.' Its been school first and hockey second. Like I said a few weeks back, I'm a student-athlete, not an athlete-student."

Danton joined the Huskies in early January, making his Atlantic University Sport (AUS) debut on January 27 versus the Acadia Axemen.

On January 29, he talked about the adjustments he's had to make with both school and hockey on the go.

"It's just getting the routine down," said Danton. "Having to figure out how to study and when to study, when to go to the gym and how to have everything work in my favour."

He is succeeding on the ice,

but was quick to point out his successes in the classroom.

"School is going really well. Everyone has been welcoming and supportive," he said. "I'm doing well in school and I'm actually having fun—even though I'm a little older than everybody, but it's fun."

Starting off his AUS career, Danton took on the top two teams in the conference, putting his skills and Saint Mary's play solidly under the microscope.

In his second game with the Huskies, he hit the road to take on the number-one ranked University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds. The Reds beat the Huskies 3-1; Danton said they were a challenge to play, but it wasn't quite like facing a major-league team.

"There are a lot of skilled guys, but it's not as quick as higher-up levels," said Danton. "That's the difference between the levels of play as the skill level increases."

Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg has been pleased with Danton's play thus far.

"I'm surprised he's as conditioned as he is, for him to handle as much time as he has with that long off," said Stienburg. "He hasn't played in six years. His legs aren't allowing him to do what he wants right now, but he's going to will himself into shape."

Danton agreed, but said there were no excuses.

"There's lots of room for improvement, obviously, especially with my timing a little bit off," he said.

"I'm just getting used to new line-mates, getting used to new rules and making no excuses. The only thing I can do on a consistent basis right now is bring work ethic, and everything else should fall into place." 



Danton scored a goal for the Saint Mary's Huskies in his first game with the team. COURTESY OF THE BRUNSWICKAN

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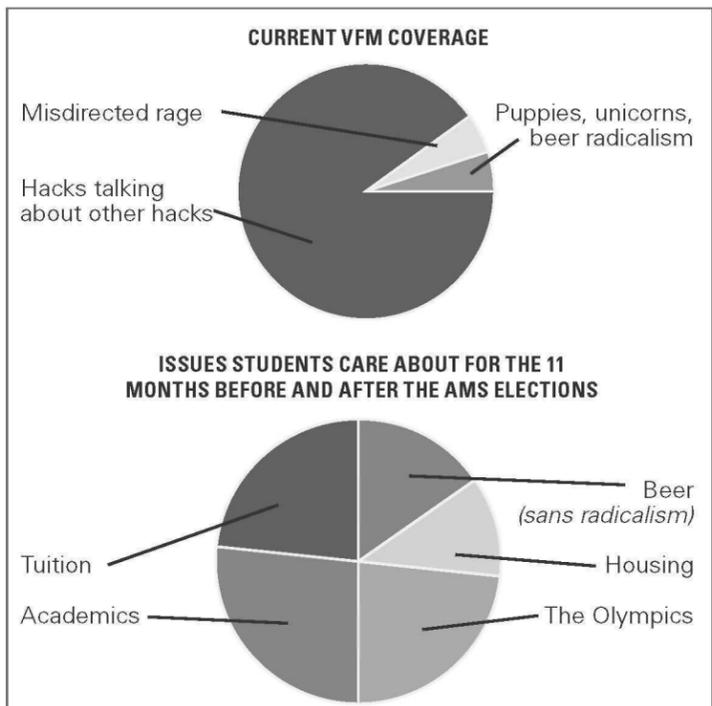
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VFM SHOULD BE CONTINUOUS

Every AMS election season, the AMS' Voter Funded Media (VFM) contest pours \$8000 of your money into student blogs.

This has a number of good effects besides keeping *The Ubyyssey* on its toes. It provides coverage of the elections and editorial opinion from multiple sources. It gets new students involved with the AMS and makes it viable for independent student journalists to put a significant effort towards reporting. And finally, it gives students a chance to express what sort of media coverage they prefer.

VFM culminates in a payout based on student votes, which is announced along with the election results. But once the elections are over, something eerie occurs. With the exception of *UBC Insiders*, VFM blog activity goes from a continuous and unending downpour to a modest trickle overnight, with occasional spikes when the odd scandal occurs.

Why? Firstly, there is generally a lot less easy reporting available after the elections. But more importantly, there isn't as much of an incentive to write multiple posts per week.

There is another option. While the AMS was running its VFM contest, the original creator of the contest, Mark Latham, was running his own one. However, Latham's was a continuous model. People voted every day on which blogs provided value to students—and he paid out a percentage of a \$50 daily pot to the blogs which received the most votes. Why couldn't the AMS adopt this style of VFM, and keep up funding throughout the year?

It create an incentive for blogs to do work throughout the year, and increase coverage of issues beyond the AMS elections. If there is more media reporting on governance issues, campus culture and academic issues, students will be better off. This could attract more bloggers as well—there were few VFM entrants this year, and most were already involved with the AMS.

The Ubyyssey would be more than happy to welcome the competition for breaking stories that year-round continuous VFM would bring in. Or, at the very least, we'd welcome the photoshopped pictures of Joe Stott surrounded by glittery unicorns. ☹

WHERE'S MY WOLVERINE?

Despite the abundance of big white film crew buses filled at UBC this week, the movie industry is in decline in BC.

BC NDP leader Carole James has one theory why: Ontario. Last year, Québec and Ontario expanded the scope of their tax credits for films to include all production costs. James claims that productions have been moving to Ontario, leaving the BC film industry in the dust. On the other hand, Paul Klassen, IATSE Local 891 representative, claimed that it was the unusually strong Canadian dollar that has been doing the most damage in a *Georgia Straight* article.

Don Cayo of *The Vancouver Sun* called for a decreasing the support we give the industry. He asserts that film is strong enough to maintain itself, and that if it isn't, we shouldn't be propping it up anyway.

The Ubyyssey disagrees. Canadian film needs all the support it can get; it's a valuable creative industry with plenty of ongoing potential for growth. Tourism in BC generated \$13.8 billion in 2008; film generates about \$1 billion annually. In a province whose economy is still dangerously resource-based, we need to encourage industries that aren't based on exploiting natural resources. The creation and support of always expanding industries such as video games, software development and film will be important for surviving the new millennium.

Finally, the film industry helps UBC. In addition to giving UBC some quick funds with only slight inconveniences, filming at UBC supports the film production program. Which is awesome. ☹

TOO SEXY

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Scholarly readership,

Too Sexy is here, yet again, to answer your strange and wonderful letters. This week's letter contains a question about the merits of presumably unsolicited graffiti advertisement for anal sex. Read on, if you dare!

Too Sexy,

On a recent trip to the restroom, I was unsurprised to find writing on the stall, but didn't expect what I read. While I am paraphrasing, it essentially said "name girls you know who like anal." Well, there were some names. Being a curious person, I found some of the people online. Given that there is nothing wrong with anal sex, should I do anything about this? The easy solution was to erase it, but my efforts failed. Should I leave it alone? Should I inform the people about this so they know someone is trying to slander them? I have no way of ascertaining the motivations for each person writing a name, of which there weren't many (so far). However, I think it's fair to assume their intentions were not to provide their female friends a large supply of potential anal sex partners.

Sincerely,

—A Horny Archfiend Ruining
the Population's Environmental
Resources

Howdy HARPER,

There are three questions here. Let's go through them.

First off, given that there is nothing wrong with anal sex, should you do anything about this? Well, HARPER, that depends on you. There are two possible futures in front of you. In the first future, some other 'curious persons' also look up this list of alleged anal aficionados and harass them for anal sex. In the second future, you get off your lazy ass, inform whomever owns, administrates or is otherwise responsible for the shit shack in question, and get the graffiti cleaned off or painted over. So my question to you, sir, is this: how do you feel about standing idly by while people are possibly being harassed by horn dogs for sexual preferences they may not even have?

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Should you tell them? Probably not. How would you feel to learn that your name was on a similar list? Save them the

embarrassment and just get rid of the graffiti.

Should you leave it alone? Maybe. Maybe you shouldn't have read it. Maybe you shouldn't have e-stalked the ladies in question. But it's a little late for that. We're past leaving it alone.

And sure, HARPER, you've no way of knowing the motive of the writers. But like you say, I doubt any of them were just trying to pass along a little man meat to their female friends with lax backdoor entrance policies. I doubt more than a third (if that) of the ladies listed actually have a stated preference for poop-chute pleasure. For the sake of argument, let's assume everyone on that list loves anal sex. Let's assume that they spend their days casually mentioning to their male bathroom stall frequenting friends how hard it is to find anal sex partners.

I doubt more than a third (if that) of the ladies listed actually have a stated preference for poop-chute pleasure.

It's still got to come down.

Just because you like something does not mean that you want that information to be available to every man/boy/genderbender on campus who has to take the occasional squat on the porcelain throne. This is because people usually like to have their first impressions take place in situations that don't involve having someone learning their sexual preferences as they defecate.

So unless that list was written solely by the women themselves, creeping into the bathroom in the dead of night to scrawl their predilections on the walls, and then disappearing back into the sexually liberated ether from whence they came, it probably wasn't their idea. It's a quaint belief perhaps, but "Oh, I've read about you. Aren't you that girl who likes anal" is probably not the response most people are looking for after telling someone their name.

Well, that's it for this week. Remember, standing idly by while people are slandered makes you just as guilty of malicious misinformation as those who started it. It doesn't take more than a sharpie and ten seconds to save a list of girls a lot of sexual harassment. ☹

Send your questions, quandaries, queries, and Quaaludes to toosexy@ubyssey.ca or the anonymous web form at ubyssey.ca/ideas. And if there are any young women reading this with an authentic zest for the anal pleasures of life, remember: *Craigslist is a better place to advertise than a campus stall.*

STREETERS

WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING READING BREAK?



NAZANIN MOGHADAMI *Arts 4*
I'm staying in Vancouver...I'm hoping to get to Whistler for one day, and study for my midterms...I don't have any plans for the two weeks.



ORION KOBAYASHI *Forestry 2*
Originally I planned on going home, I guess I'm still somewhat doing that. I'm withdrawing from UBC, so I actually start classes [back home] next Monday, on the 8th. So I am heading home, which is the south suburbs of Philly...



ALANNA WOOD *Science 1*
I'm a hostess so [I do] just basic hostess stuff like greeting people and that kind of stuff...I work at Cactus Club, so basically I seat guests and clear off tables and that kind of stuff...I don't have tickets for any of the Games but I plan on going down to some of the venues.



KYONG-MIN LEE *Arts 4*
I'm going to go up to Whistler for a couple of days...and then probably study for my midterms...[I'm going to Whistler] to snowboard. If I get a chance to watch the Games [I will] but because the tickets are so expensive I don't think I'll be able to do anything that's related to the actual events.

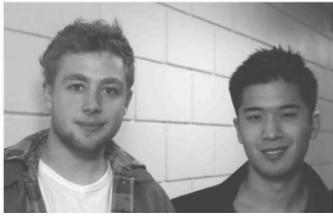


(JENNY) EVN JOO KIM *Arts 1*
I don't have plans but I'm probably going to volunteer a lot, in Surrey...I'm going to go to homeless shelters and probably just serve soup and sandwiches. ☹

Coordinated by Chibwe Mweene, Kritiana Khurana and Tara Martellaro

PERSPECTIVES

Get the guys on board early, sexual assault is a men's issue too



**JASON CHAU
& ADRICK BROCK**
AlliesUBC

Most men hear the words "gender issues" and shut down. It's a dangerous and emotional realm that they frankly would rather not deal with.

Jackson Katz is an educator and cultural theorist whose life goal is to bring men into the discussion on gender violence. He visited UBC last week

as the keystone speaker for the university's first Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Katz asserts that the term "gender issues" is problematic: it automatically causes men to tune out, because it has become synonymous with "women's issues." But sexual violence is definitely not just a "women's issue."

Men are the perpetrators in 99 per cent of reported sexual assault cases.

Women are told not to walk alone late at night or wear short skirts, and we put up signs that say "Drink Spiking Happens—Watch Your Drink" in order to "prevent" rape. But this is not prevention, this is risk-reduction. And there is a big difference there, because the impetus is put on the victims and not the perpetrators.

Obviously, this does not mean 99 per cent of men assault women. The issue is not controlling the behaviour of individuals, it's revising the system that allows sexual assaults to happen.

We need men to help. The answer is not going to be as simple as being a nice guy and treating your girlfriend well. This will be tough. Men need to end their silence. Men often won't speak up against sexist behavior for fear of being ostracized. People tend to watch their mouths when women are present, but it's time to end the old boy's club.

How does that change happen? The old model where activists meet and discuss solutions is not enough.

Change must come at an institutional level, not simply from individual activists. We need to make training workshops that deal with sexual assault awareness mandatory. This is not a far-fetched idea. In order for seat belts to catch on, laws requiring seat belts needed to be made. Why not make sexual assault awareness a part of orientation for first year students?

We can change groupthink if we have institutional support. The people who have the power to create ongoing and sustainable change are the people in power at UBC: the president, the heads of the residences and the newly elected president of the AMS.

Do you hear that, future AMS President Bijan Ahmadian?

If you want to integrate the Resource Groups into the AMS, as you claim you do, this is the way to do it.

Make sure our leaders take sexual assault awareness training. I assure you, anyone who takes a workshop with Jackson Katz will come out better for it. With their education, and grassroots dedication, true change can come.

Jason Chau is the president and Adrick Brock is the treasurer of AlliesUBC, a men against men's violence against women Resource Group on campus. Office: SUB 245F. E-mail: alliesubc@gmail.com.

For more information on Jackson Katz: www.jacksonkatz.com.

85.1 per cent of the student body doesn't care about the AMS? I disagree.



ADEEB TAWSEEF
Contributor

Last week the AMS concluded the election for its new executives. I would like to congratulate all the elected members. And to those who didn't win; no nominee went home with zero votes, which means there are students who support you and want you to be their voice. I hope you continue to represent those voices through discussion and open dialogue and try to bring positive changes to the AMS.

Today I am writing regarding something that I think is

very worrisome and alarming to the UBC community. Despite having the highest voter turnout in 25 years, only 15 per cent of the student body voted in the AMS elections. I believe there is an important message in the figures which all newly elected AMS members should take note of, especially the newly elected AMS President Bijan Ahmadian.

In any democracy the main source of opinion, dialogue and suggestions come from the voters. When the soul of democracy—in this case the majority of students—don't vote or express their opinion, it is likely that the elected leaders will not act on the interest of the wider population.

Why did only 15 per cent of the student body vote? Doesn't the rest of the student body care what their AMS does or works towards? UBC students *do* care and there are common

concerns among students regarding various issues.

I believe that the next big challenge for the AMS Council is not to create a new SUB or decrease tuition and fees. Rather, the AMS should narrow the gap between Council and the student body. The 85.1 per cent who did not vote represent a majority of students whose voices are not being heard. The AMS should open dialogue, encourage discussion and most importantly communicate with the student body, especially those that they are in contact with the least.

Since a small number of students voted this election, AMS council members may feel that they are not accountable to the whole of UBC. And when the AMS makes tough decisions it is likely to face more obstacles because of low student engagement. The AMS is not a useless or incompetent body, but they

don't engage most students in their day-to-day activities. They have often sent a cold message to students who are looking to the AMS for representation.

The AMS should narrow the gap between the council and the student body.

A good example—one which is important to me—is the way which international students' issues have been dealt by the AMS. In order to address the concerns of international students, the AMS created a non-voting International Student Representative seat in the council, which they later attempted to eliminate. International students will naturally feel that a

non-voting status in the AMS council is useless and an insult to them. Perhaps that explains why only 447 students voted for the International Student Representative post. So what is the AMS doing for international students?

In my opinion, a democracy will only be able to trust and rely on its leaders if the majority votes. That is when leaders feel the pressure to be accountable. As a UBC student myself I would like to see the AMS campaign stronger in the next year's election so that more students actually vote. If I were the President of AMS my top priority would be to find a way to open channels of communication to increase that voter turnout from 15 per cent to at least 50 per cent. Once you have a large portion of the student body expressing their voices through votes you will have a true Alma Mater Society.

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OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVE



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As I got off my flight from Castlegar in Vancouver the other day, the bright ads plastered in the airport drove home the fact that the 2010 Olympic Games are almost here.

Like many other British Columbians, I'll be watching my favourite sports on TV and cheering on our athletes

when the Games begin later this month. At the same time, I am disappointed with the way the BC Liberal government has mismanaged this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Here is one glaring example: rather than using the Games as way to invest in the next generation, the BC Liberal government chose to spend almost a million dollars on free Olympic tickets for themselves and their friends.

As one of the youngest MLAs in the legislature—still strapped with a load of student debt—I find this particularly appalling coming from a government that promised to protect education during last spring's provincial election and only weeks later and slashed \$17 million in funding for student aid.

These cuts to student aid

have been devastating for many students, particularly coming on top of years of cuts and skyrocketing tuition.

When the government removed caps on tuition while at the same time cutting funding in 2002, universities and colleges had no choice but to raise fees. So up they went—since 2001, when the BC Liberals were first elected, tuition fees climbed from the second-lowest in Canada to ten per cent over the national average.

After eight years under the BC Liberals, it isn't much of a surprise that our students graduate with the second-highest debt load in the country.

You might have heard the BC Liberals claim that they are spending a record amount on post-secondary. Sounds good—just like it's supposed to. But the

truth is, when you take into consideration inflation and enrolment increases, the BC Liberal government has cut per-student funding. Real per-student funding has decreased 15 per cent over the last 9 years, forcing schools to raise tuition simply to keep the lights on and pay instructors' salaries.

At the end of the day, the BC Liberals are spinning numbers and hoping that you don't notice.

After the Olympic Games are over, we'll see another budget from the provincial government. Don't be surprised if even more cuts are made to student aid, post-secondary funding, and other vital services such as health care and affordable housing.

New Democrats are strongly opposed to these cuts to

education and will continue to stand up and advocate for students, but we cannot do this alone. Write to your MLAs, call their constituency offices, and remind them that they are elected representatives and their job is to represent your interests. Let the public know how you feel by organizing rallies and events. All British Columbians should have a right to affordable education.

You have the choice to either quietly accept these cuts, or to stand up and make your voice heard. Just like the athletes who are visiting our beautiful province in the hopes of winning a gold medal, let's work together to make sure that post-secondary education is accessible to all—so that no one is left out from a golden opportunity.

LETTERS

REFLECTIONS OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE [INSERT INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC HERE]

Congratulations to everyone who ran in the AMS elections. Win or lose, that took guts. I commend you all for the effort and I hope it was a valuable learning experience. I know it was for me.

I wish Bijan all the best in leading the executive team in their pursuit of meaningful initiatives. Jeremy's goals are especially important, in creating a provincial student group and finding a pragmatic approach for students to finance their education. I also encourage everyone who invested time and passion into the SUB project,

campus equity, governance issues and sustainability initiatives to stay involved! The repercussions of decisions made this year will be felt for many years to come.

So what's next for me? Over the next year, I will bring UBC students together to make their university experience more meaningful by connecting students in the natural sciences programs. I am also more than happy to apply my knowledge of the AMS to help student initiatives move forward, so come talk to me!

I would like to thank everyone who supported me, including past student leaders, current students, faculty, staff and friends. I would especially like to thank my campaign manager, Tracy Wooten and volunteer coordinator Chantelle Chan.

All the best and have a great year,

—Natalie Swift
UBC student,
BSc Natural Resource
Conservation

RE: VIOLENCE IN THE UBYSSSEY

Dear *Ubysssey*,

Over the last few months, I have noticed the frequent appearance of extremely inappropriate images of violence accompanying articles. The images I am referring to include the image of a bound and blind folded representation of Blake Frederick on the cover of an issue discussing the UN complaint; an image of a student head first in a recycling bin in the SUB, a student with a gun to his head

encouraging students to write for *The Ubysssey*, the realistic looking starting pistol advertising AMS elections, and most recently, the young naked man lying in a dumpster full of cardboard. These images, first and for most, are staged. They are fabricated images of violence that often have very little to do with the actual article.

When I open up *The Province* or *The Vancouver Sun* and see an image of violence, that image is a real depiction of an event. When I open *The Ubysssey* and see a violent image it is something irresponsibly contrived by *The Ubysssey* team in order to make their stories seem more important. In my opinion this is not only a pathetic attempt to hook readers, but journalistically irresponsible. So, thank-you, *Ubysssey*, for

making violence and exploitation a joke. And thank-you for providing students with yet another reason to doubt the integrity and legitimacy of your "news" paper.

—Emily Griffiths

RE: TIMKACHU

Dear *Ubysssey*,

I'm so glad to see that the Timkachu jokes are ending. I think those things lack originality and communicate nothing other than personal insults. Good job putting an end to it and please, please give us something that's funny, if not meaningful in the future.

Best regards,

—Alexia Xu

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